

Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Calendar Year 2019 Annual Commitment and Release Report

2019 Commitments

In calendar year 2019 there were a total of **12,975** commitment events, a decrease of 1.5% from the previous year.

Commitments are counted as **events** rather than people. The 12,975 total commitment events recorded in CY2019 represents 8,073 people, as 937 people were committed twice and 644 people were committed three or more times.

<i>Commitment Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Awaiting Trial	8,022	1,701	9,723
Civil Purge	186	12	198
Sentenced	2,687	367	3,054
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	2,543	360	2,903
<i>Parole Violators</i>	124	4	128
<i>*Other</i>	20	3	23
Total	10,895	2,080	12,975

**Other includes out-of-state return, transfer from other states and transfers from Eleanor Slater Hospital Forensic Unit.*



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 33%. During that same time period, releases have decreased by about 31%. Pictured above is the Anthony P. Trivisono Intake Service Center (ISC). The ISC only houses male offenders and was consequently responsible for processing the vast majority of all commitment and release events during CY2019.

2019 Releases

In calendar year 2019 there were a total of **12,879** release events, a moderate decrease of 2% from CY2018.

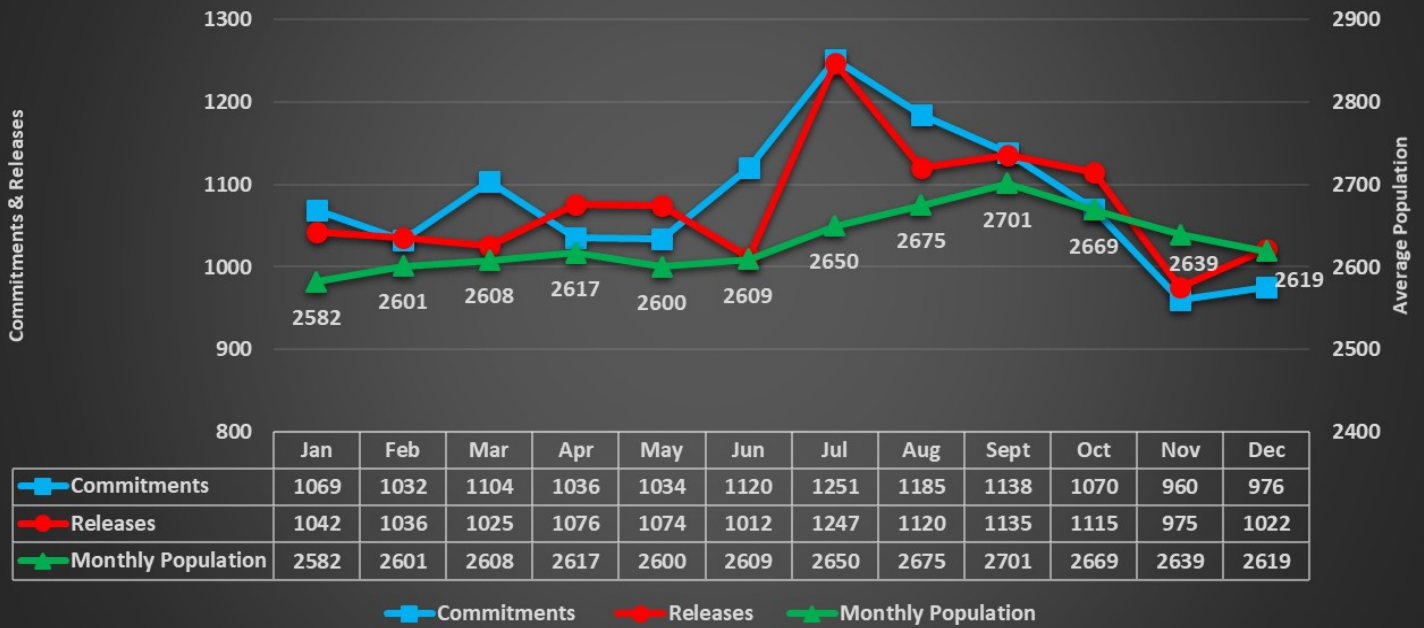
Since releases are counted as **events** rather than people, the 12,879 total release events recorded in CY2019 represents 8,253 people, as 873 people were released twice and 617 people were released three or more times.

<i>Release Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Awaiting Trial	7,896	1,679	9,575
Civil Purge	179	12	191
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	1,725	213	1,938
<i>**Other</i>	6,171	1,466	7,637
Sentenced	2,737	376	3,113
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	2,415	354	2,769
<i>Parole</i>	244	14	258
<i>***Other</i>	78	8	86
Total	10,812	2,067	12,879

***Other includes bail, discharge at court and discharge per court order.*

****Other includes death, escape, transfer out-of-state, and released on case.*

The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY19

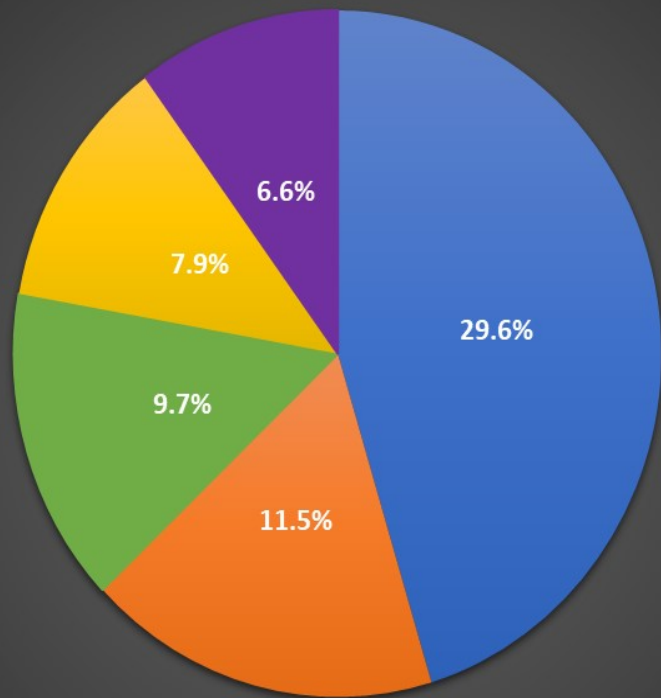


Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on RIDOC's population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, an increase/decrease may be evident in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments/releases impacted the population in CY2019. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the RIDOC FY2019 Annual Population Report, which can be found on the RIDOC webpage at www.doc.ri.gov. Since male and female figures were relatively close together, they have been expressed below as combined*.

- ◆ The average age of those committed and released was 35*.
- ◆ Thirty-two percent (32%) of men and forty-eight percent (48%) of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Fifty percent (51%) of those committed and released were white, twenty-five percent (25%) black; twenty percent (20%) Hispanic*.
- ◆ Only sixteen percent (16%) of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, sixty-one percent (61%) were newly sentenced and thirty-four percent (34%) were committed due to a probation violation, yielding a seven percent (7%) decrease from last year where forty-one percent (41%) of sentenced commitments were probation violations*.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, thirty-eight percent (38%) were new commitments and twenty-five percent (25%) were committed for "failure to appear" (for court)*.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2019, sixty-six percent (66%) of males and eighty-one percent (81%) of females were sentenced to six months or less.

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Geographic Representation of RIDOC Population



■ Providence ■ Pawtucket ■ Woonsocket ■ Cranston ■ Warwick

The pie chart (shown above) highlights the self-identified place of residence at the time of a CY19 release:

1. Providence (29.6%)
2. Pawtucket (11.5%)
3. Woonsocket (9.7%)
4. Cranston (7.9%)
5. Warwick (6.6%)

Data Caveat: Please note that this includes sentenced release events from RIDOC or Home Confinement. The data excludes those who self-identified as living out-of-state. Offenders self-identify address of residence upon commitment to RIDOC.