

Rhode Island
Department of Corrections
Planning & Research Unit



Annual
Commitment &
Release Report
CY 2008

Commitments 2008

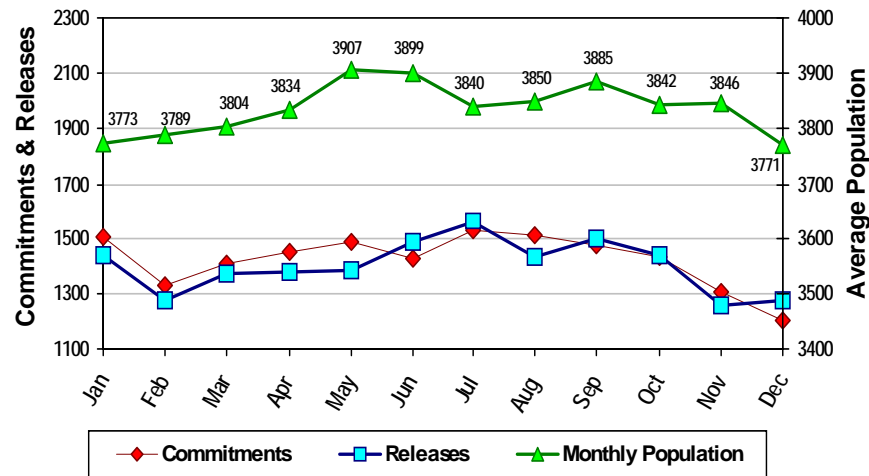
	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial Population	10,650	1,998	12,648
Sentenced Population	3,705	512	4,217
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	3,485	491	3,976
<i>Parole Violators</i>	176	14	190
<i>Other (return from OOS, transfer from other states or IMH, etc.)</i>	44	7	51
Total	14,355	2,510	16,865

Releases 2008

	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial Population	10,508	1,997	12,505
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	2,511	309	2,820
<i>Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)</i>	7,997	1,688	9,685
Sentenced Population	3,706	536	4,242
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	3,020	426	3,446
<i>Parole</i>	553	73	626
<i>Other (death, escape, transfer OOS, and released on case)</i>	133	37	170
Total	14,214	2,533	16,747

Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. Commitments have primarily driven the RIDOC's population, as length of stay has remained relatively stable. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, we often see an increase/decrease in the population. The graph on the next page demonstrates how commitments are linked to changes in the population.

The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY08



Interpreting the chart: The average monthly *population* is plotted on the *secondary axis* to the right, while commitments and releases are plotted on the *primary axis* to the left.

Fun Facts

- The average age of those committed and released was 33.
- 56% of those committed and released were White, 25% were Black and 17% were Hispanic.
- Only 15% of those committed and released were female.
- 42% of men and 58% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- Of the awaiting trial commitments, 58% were new commitments and 24% were committed for “failure to appear” (for court).
- Of the sentenced commitments, 66% were newly sentenced and 28% were committed due to a probation violation.
- Of the 4,217 sentenced commitments in CY08, 58% of males and 74% of females were sentenced to 6-months or less.
- The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (29%).
(For additional city information, please see the back cover).

Where Does RIDOC's Population Come From?

City	%	City	%	City	%
Barrington	0.2	Jamestown	0.1	Smithfield	0.6
Block Island	0.05	Johnston	2.0	S. Kingstown	1.2
Bristol	0.8	Lincoln	0.8	Tiverton	0.5
Burrillville	0.7	Little Compton	0.05	Warren	0.7
Central Falls	3.9	Middletown	0.7	Warwick	5.5
Charlestown	0.3	Narragansett	0.5	Westerly	1.8
Coventry	2.1	Newport	2.3	W. Greenwich	0.2
Cranston	4.7	N. Kingstown	1.5	W. Warwick	4.1
Cumberland	1.2	N. Providence	2.2	Woonsocket	6.7
E. Greenwich	0.4	N. Smithfield	0.3	Out-of-State	5.4
E. Providence	2.8	Pawtucket	8.7	Missing	0.8
Exeter	0.4	Portsmouth	0.4	No Permanent Address	4.6
Foster	0.1	Providence	29.4		
Glocester	0.3	Richmond	0.4		
Hopkinton	0.4	Scituate	0.3		

The city an offender lives prior to commitment is usually the same city which an offender returns to upon release.

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