

Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Calendar Year 2018 Annual Commitment and Release Report

2018 Commitments

In calendar year 2018 there were a total of **13,172** commitment events, an increase of 1.7% from the previous year.

Commitments are counted as **events** rather than people. The 13,172 total commitment events recorded in CY2018 represents 8,049 people, as 972 people were committed twice and 656 people were committed three or more times.

<i>Commitment Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Awaiting Trial	8,036	1,631	9,667
Civil Purge	224	11	235
Sentenced	2,867	403	3,270
<i>Sentenced from Court</i>	2,726	396	3,122
<i>Parole Violators</i>	130	5	135
<i>*Other</i>	11	2	13
Total	11,127	2,045	13,172

**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 31%. During that same time period, releases have decreased by nearly 30%. 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 CY2018.

2018 Releases

In calendar year 2018 there were a total of **13,137** release events, a marginal decrease of 0.4% from CY2017.

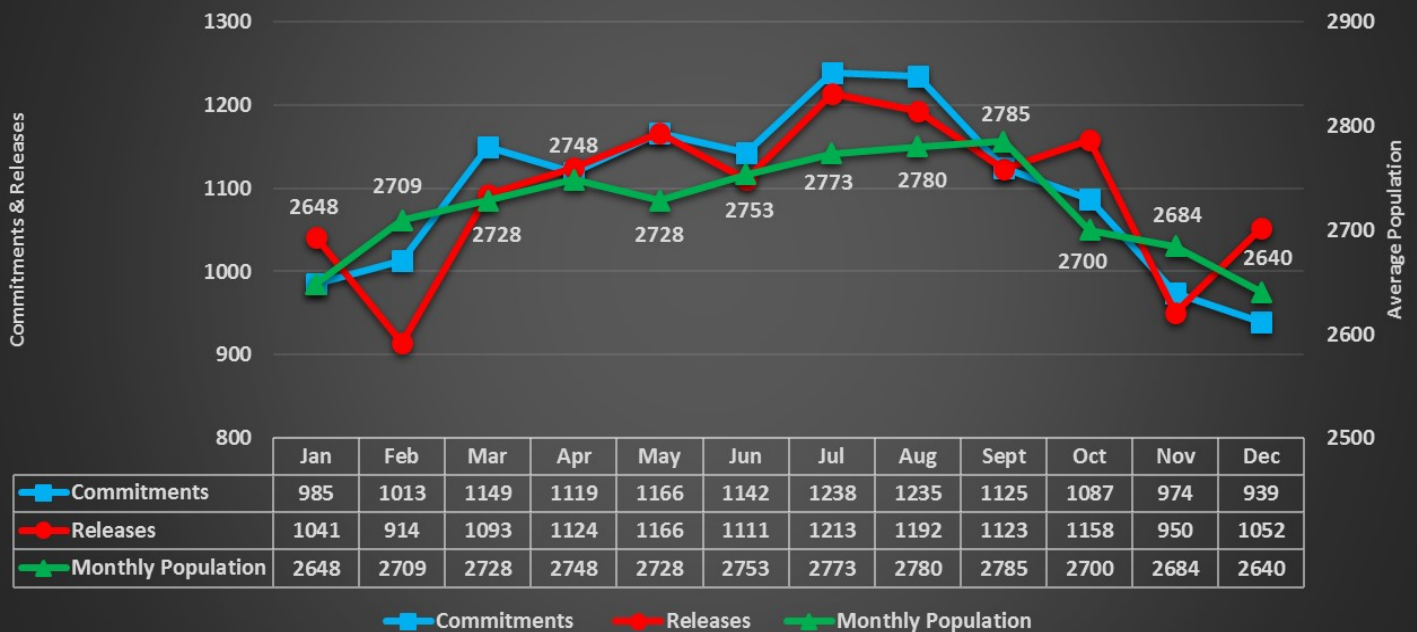
Since releases are counted as **events** rather than people, the 13,137 total release events recorded in CY2018 represents 8,361 people, as 898 people were released twice and 634 people were released three or more times.

<i>Release Type</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Awaiting Trial	7,924	1,619	9,543
Civil Purge	198	11	209
<i>To Sentenced Status</i>	1,887	221	2,108
<i>**Other</i>	6,037	1,398	7,435
Sentenced	2,966	419	3,385
<i>Expiration of Sentence</i>	2,601	393	2,994
<i>Parole</i>	258	14	272
<i>***Other</i>	107	12	119
Total	11,088	2,049	13,137

***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 CY18

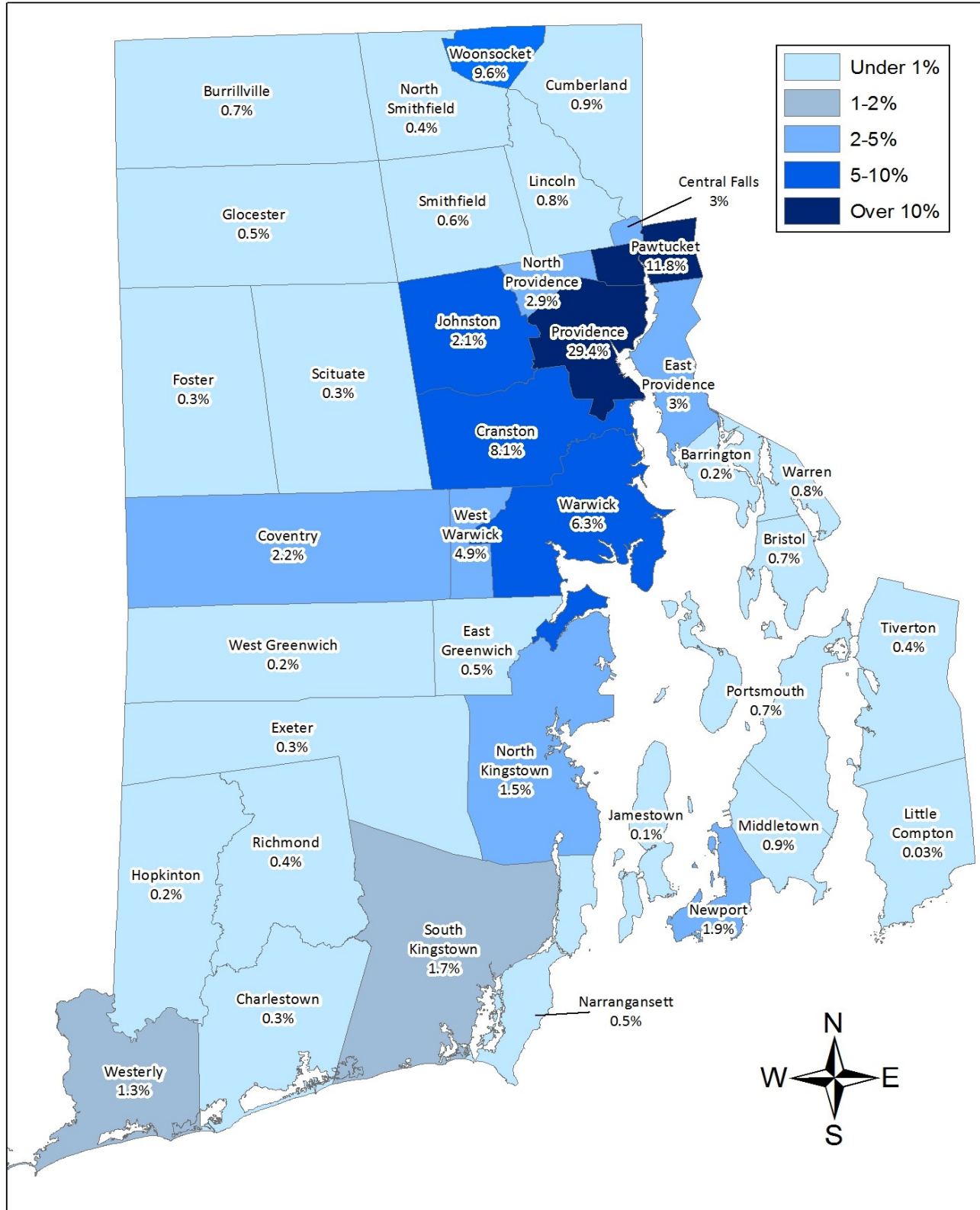


Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on RIDOC’s population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, an increase/decrease may be evident in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments/releases impact the population in CY2018. For more information regarding changes in length of stay, see the RIDOC FY2018 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*. *Due to limitations found within the existing database, statistics displayed below have been computed utilizing a sample of 13,056 commitment and 13,116 release events.*

- ◆ The average age of those committed and released was 35*.
- ◆ Thirty-four percent (34%) of men and 48% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Fifty percent (50%) of those committed and released were white, 25% black; 20% Hispanic*.
- ◆ Only 16% of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, 55% were newly sentenced and 41% were committed due to a probation violation, yielding a 6% increase from last year where 35% of sentenced commitments were probation violations*.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, 38% were new commitments and 25% were committed for “failure to appear” (for court)*.
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2018, 68% of males and 87% of females were sentenced to six months or less.

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Geographic Representation of RIDOC Population



◆ The largest number of offenders were released to Providence (29.4%) or Pawtucket (11.8%).