The state of Rhode Island processed 3,706 releases representing 3,306 people during Fiscal Year 2012. Pawtucket received the second most releases, 362 releases representing 322 people.* This accounts for about 10% of the total sentenced releases for the state of Rhode Island.

The map illustrates density clusters, or the areas where the population volume of those released is highest. The darkest areas indicate the higher number of released offenders per square mile. The most notable areas are in Woodlawn as well as the northwest corner of Quality Hill.

The majority of released offenders were white (41%), single (79%), males (90%), averaging 33 years old, who expired their sentences (86%) from the Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI).

Most released offenders had been serving a sentence for a non-violent (36%), violent (34%), or drug-related (22%) crime. The remaining 10% had been sentenced for a sex crime or breaking and entering.

Five sex offenders were released to Pawtucket during FY12. Releasees had been sentenced to serve between 10 days and about 35 years with an average sentence of about 1.4 years.

Those offenders who were released from the ACI with an expired sentence had a length of stay between ten days and 10 years with an average of 7 months. Offenders typically served about 78% of their total sentence.

*All data contained henceforth is specific to the number of people released to Pawtucket unless otherwise noted. In the above data released offenders are counted only once even if they were in and out of the ACI multiple times during the fiscal year.
According to the 2010 Census, Pawtucket, RI is home to about 7% (71,148) of the state’s total population.

In FY12 forty percent (40%) of offenders released from sentence status at the ACI and returning to Pawtucket reported living in Quality Hill or Woodlawn neighborhoods.

The FBI’s 2010 Uniform Crime Report cites Pawtucket recording a total of 289 violent crimes and 2,281 property crimes over the year. These account for 11% and 9% respectively of the total violent and property crimes for the state of Rhode Island.

In Fiscal Year 2012 it cost the state of Rhode Island over $65 Million to incarcerate sentenced offenders. Pawtucket alone cost $5.6 Million, 9% of the total incarceration cost for sentenced offenders. Almost half (46%) of the total cost comes directly from the Woodlawn and Quality Hill neighborhoods.

The 2010 census reports 17.8% of individuals were living below poverty level in Pawtucket between 2006-2010. The average household income was $40,198, approximately $15,000 less than the average income for the state of Rhode Island.
On September 30, 2012, there were 1,921, or 1 in 28 Pawtucket residents, under Probation and Parole (P&P) supervision. This is roughly 224.8 per square mile. Woodlawn holds 33% of the total P&P population for Pawtucket, twice as much as any other neighborhood in the city. As you can see in the map above the density in this neighborhood, noted by the darker color areas, is far greater than any other. On that day it cost the state about $7,300 to supervise those offenders ($3.79 per offender a day).

Special conditions for probation, given by the judge upon sentence, include restitution, both mental health and substance abuse counseling, community service, and no contact orders among others.

The Pawtucket Regional office is located on Roosevelt Avenue in the downtown area of the city.

Fifty-four percent (54%) of the thirteen caseloads supervised out of the Pawtucket Office are generic supervision, while 31% are either domestic violence or sex offender specific.

Most offenders are white (46%) males (81%) with an average age of 38. More than half of female offenders are white (56%) with an average age of 40.

Over three quarters of Pawtucket offenders were under supervision for a violent (38%), non-violent (28%), or drug related (27%) offense. The remaining offenders were under supervision for committing a sex crime or breaking and entering.

Seventy-one (71) sex offenders are under Pawtucket P&P supervision as well as 27 self-identified military veterans.