Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Calendar Year Population Update
December 31, 2007
Director Ashbel T. Wall II
There was a 39% increase over the past fifteen years in the total population.
The average total population increased by 0.4% during CY07. However, from January to September 07, the average total population increased by 4.2%, reaching an all time high monthly average of 3937 in September 2007.
Population Trends During CY 2007
Sentenced & Awaiting Trial, Civil Purge & Detainees

Sentenced & Awaiting Trial

Jan, 2007: 840
June, 2007: 697
Dec, 2007: 626

Civil Purge & Detainees

Jan, 2007: 9
June, 2007: 11
Dec, 2007: 6

Jan, 2007: 1
June, 2007: 6
Dec, 2007: 6

Jan, 2007: 1
June, 2007: 2
Dec, 2007: 6

Legend:
- **Sentenced**
- **Awaiting Trial**
- **Immigration**
- **Civil Purge**
- **US & Other Hold**
The RI Sentenced population increased by 8.2% during CY07.

The RI Pretrial population decreased by 26.2% during CY07.
The sentenced population increased by 8.2% during CY07, reaching the highest average sentenced population in RIDOC history (3228) in October 07.
Average Monthly Awaiting Trial Population
Calendar Year 2007

The Pretrial population decreased by 26.2% during CY07.
The RI Sentenced population at the ISC increased by 28.0% during CY07.

The RI Pretrial population at the ISC decreased by 27.1% during CY07.
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**RIDOC Total Commitments**  
**CY 1994 – 2007**

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<th>Calendar Year</th>
<th># Commitments</th>
<th>+/- Change</th>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>13,113</td>
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<td>1995</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>14,820</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>15,828</td>
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<td>17,682</td>
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<td>19,287</td>
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<td>17,764</td>
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*All figures include INS detainees, where applicable.*
Population vs. Operational & Federal Capacity
December 2007

Total Average Population for December 2007 = 3796
94.8% of Operational Capacity (4004) and 89.0% of Federal Capacity (4265)
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Average Total Probation & Parole Population
CY 1996 to CY 2007 (up to November 2007)

*Total population includes active and suspended supervision cases.

As of December 31, 2007, there were 20,424 RI offenders under the supervision of Adult Probation & Parole living on the streets of RI.

The remaining 6,899 offenders are:
- currently incarcerated (2301)
- residing in another State (1867)
- 461 out of state offenders being supervised in RI
- another 183 offenders for whom a residential location was unable to be determined.
- 328 with other addresses (ACI, No Permanent Address, etc.)
- 23 offenders under the age of 18 under active supervision
- being supervised by another State (1239)
- have been deported (441)
- paroled to immigration or other jurisdiction (56)

Over the past 12 years the Probation and Parole population has increased 46.5%, although it has moderated over the past 6 years.
How does the RI Probation Population compare?

**# Probationers per 100,000 Adult Residents**

- US Avg.: 1868
- Northeast Avg.: 1657
- RI Avg.: 3142

**Average Probation Caseload Size**

- US Sep 06*: 239
- RI Sep 06*: 239
- RI Nov 07: 111

RI ranks 5th in the nation and 2nd in the Northeast in the number of probationers per 100,000 adult residents. Massachusetts ranks 1st in the Northeast with 3396 probationers per 100,000 adult residents.

In 2006 (most recent year for which there is national data available), the RI average was more than twice the national average.

*Data provided by Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin: *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2006*  

*Data provided by the American Correctional Association Directory, 2007 based on 10 of 50 jurisdictions reporting.*
Number of Offenders on Community Supervision per Square Mile as of December 31, 2007

- **Woonsocket**: 178.9
- **W.Warwick**: 96.6
- **Providence**: 364.8 (1 in 7 men aged 25-29 & 40-44)
- **Pawtucket**: 237.6 (1 in 7 men aged 25-29)
- **Newport**: 74.4
- **Central Falls**: 652.5 (1 in 6 men aged 25-29)

**Total RI**: 19.5

- 1 out of every 39 adult residents in RI is on probation or parole
- 1 out of every 22 men in RI is on probation or parole
- 1 out of every 116 women in RI is on probation or parole
There has been a 144.4% increase over the past twelve years in this population. However, from CY2003 to CY2007, this population saw a 58.5% increase in population, or an additional 120 offenders.
On December 31, 2007 there were 165 Rhode Island inmates serving a Life Sentence (23 were serving out-of-state).

On December 31, 2007 there were 27 Rhode Island inmates serving a sentence of Life without Parole (3 were serving out-of-state).

Since 1990, there have been 4 inmates who died while serving a Life sentence and 2 who died while serving Life without Parole.