Rhode Island Department of Corrections

Calendar Year Population Update

December 31, 2008

Director Ashbel T. Wall II
Average Total Population
CY 1994 to CY 2008

There was a 31% increase over the past fifteen years in the total population.
The average total population decreased by 0.1% during CY08. However, from January to September 08, the average total population increased by 3.0%.
Population Trends During CY 2008
Sentenced & Awaiting Trial, Civil Purge & Detainees

**Sentenced & Awaiting Trial**

- **Jan, 2008**: 3103
- **Jun, 2008**: 3138
- **Dec, 2008**: 3047

**Civil Purge & Detainees**

- **Jan, 2008**: Immigration: 1, Civil Purge: 8, US & Other Hold: 1
- **Jun, 2008**: Immigration: 2, Civil Purge: 5, US & Other Hold: 2
- **Dec, 2008**: Immigration: 3, Civil Purge: 7, US & Other Hold: 0
The RI Sentenced population decreased by 1.8% during CY08.

The RI Pretrial population increased by 8.2% during CY08.
The Sentenced population decreased by 1.8% during CY08.
The Pretrial population increased by 8.2% during CY08.
The RI Sentenced population at the ISC decreased by 9.8% during CY08.

The RI Pretrial population at the ISC increased by 10.2% during CY08.
## RIDOC Total Commitments
### CY 1994 – 2008

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<th>Calendar Year</th>
<th># Commitments</th>
<th>+/- Change</th>
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*All figures include INS detainees, where applicable*
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Population vs. Operational & Federal Capacity
December 2008

Total Average Population for December 2008 = 3771
94.1% of Operational Capacity (4004) and 88.4% of Federal Capacity (4265)
Average Total Probation & Parole Population
CY 1996 to CY 2008

As of December 31, 2008, there were 21,041 RI offenders under the supervision of Adult Probation & Parole living on the streets of RI. The remaining 6,954 offenders are:
- currently incarcerated (2285)
- residing in another State (2015)
- 484 out of state offenders being supervised in RI
- another 180 offenders for whom a residential location was unable to be determined.
- 386 with other addresses (ACI, No Permanent Address, etc.)
- 3 offenders under 18 years under active supervision

Over the past 13 years the population has increased 48.9%

*Total population includes active and suspended supervision cases.

Calendar Year
How does the RI Probation Population compare?

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

- **US Avg.**: 1873
- **Northeast Avg.**: 1657
- **RI Avg.**: 3167

**Average Probation Caseload Size (Active Supervision)**

- **US Sep 07***: 88
- **RI Sep 07***: 245
- **RI Nov 08**: 238

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 3484 probationers per 100,000 adult residents.

In 2007 (most recent year for which there is national data available), the RI average was almost three times the national average.

*Data provided by Bureau of Justice Statistics Bulletin: "Probation and Parole in the United States, 2007"

*Data provided by the American Correctional Association Directory, 2008 (calendar year 2007 data), based on 13 of 50 jurisdictions reporting.*
Number of Offenders on Community Supervision per Square Mile as of December 31, 2008

- **Woonsocket**: 178.4
- **W. Warwick**: 101
- **Providence**: 374.9 (1 in 7 men aged 25-29)
- **Pawtucket**: 241.3 (1 in 7 men aged 25-29)
- **Newport**: 72.5
- **Central Falls**: 665.8 (1 in 6 men aged 25-29 & 45-49)
- **Total RI**: 20.1

1 out of every 38 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 113 women in RI is on probation or parole.
There has been a 135.3% increase over the past thirteen years in this population. However, from CY2003 to CY2008, this population saw a 52.7% increase in population, or an additional 108 offenders.
On December 31, 2008 there were 173 Rhode Island inmates serving a Life Sentence (24 were serving out-of-state).

On December 31, 2008 there were 27 Rhode Island inmates serving a sentence of Life without Parole (2 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.