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Annual Commitment and Release Report

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In calendar year 2011 there were a total of 14,895 commitment events.

Although RIDOC saw 11,286 Awaiting Trial commitment events in 2011, this only represents 8,616 people, as over 2,500 were committed multiple times. In fact, 1,924 people were committed twice and 205 people were committed three or more times.

Similarly, 3,324 people account for the total 3,609 Sentenced commitment events. Three hundred thirty-three (333) people were sentenced twice and 43 were sentenced three or more times.

2011 Releases

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<th>Release Type</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>Female</th>
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<tr>
<td>Awaiting Trial</td>
<td>9,519</td>
<td>1,652</td>
<td>11,171</td>
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<td>To Sentenced Status</td>
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<td>213</td>
<td>2,352</td>
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<td>Other (bail, discharge at court/period, court order, civil, purge, etc.)</td>
<td>7,380</td>
<td>1,439</td>
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<td>Sentenced</td>
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<td>Expiration of Sentence</td>
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<td>347</td>
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<td>Parole</td>
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<td>42</td>
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<td>Other (death, escape, transfer out of state, released on case)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>12,810</td>
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In calendar year 2011 there were a total of 14,868 Awaiting Trial release events.

Although RIDOC saw 11,171 Awaiting Trial release events in 2011, this represents only 8,581 people as almost 2,600 inmates were released multiple times. One thousand eight hundred seventy-eight (1,878) inmates were released twice and 712 inmates were released three or more times.

Just as with commitments, 3,324 people represent the 3,697 Sentenced release events. Three hundred fifty-four (354) inmates were released twice and 53 inmates were released from sentenced status three or more times.
The average age of those committed and released was 33.

Fifty-six percent (56%) of those committed and released were White, 24% were Black, and 18% were Hispanic.

Only 14% of those committed and released were female.

Thirty-seven percent (37%) of men and 54% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.

Of the Awaiting Trial commitments, 41% were new commitments and 31% were committed for “failure to appear” (for court).

Of the Sentenced commitments, 69% were newly sentenced and 25% were committed due to a probation violation. This is a significant decrease when compared to 6 years ago when 44% were newly sentenced and 48% were committed due to probation violations.

Of the Sentenced commitments in calendar year 2011, 60% of males and 73% of females were sentenced to 6-months or less.

The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (28%).