Rhode Island Department of Corrections Annual Commitment and Release Report

Calendar Year 2013

2013 Commitments

In calendar year 2013 there were a total of **14,789** commitment events.

Although RIDOC saw 11,418 Awaiting Trial commitments in 2013, this only represents 8,685 people, as about 1,600 were committed multiple times. In fact, 1,151 people were committed twice and 448 people were committed three or more times.

Commitment Type	Male Female		Total
Awaiting Trial	9,703	1,715	11,418
Sentenced	3,023	348	3,371
Sentenced from Court	2,839	339	3,178
Parole Violators	162	6	168
Other (Out of State Return, transfer from other states or IMH, etc.)	22	3	25
Total	12,726	2,063	14,789

Similarly, 2,951 people account for the total 3,371 sentenced commitment events. Three hundred twenty-four (324) people were sentenced twice and 44 were sentenced three or more times.



Commitments to RIDOC were at an all time high in 2006. Since then commitments have decreased 21% while releases have decreased 20%. Pictured above is the Anthony P. Travisono Intake Service Center (ISC). The ISC was responsible for processing over half of all commitment and release events during CY13.

2013 Releases

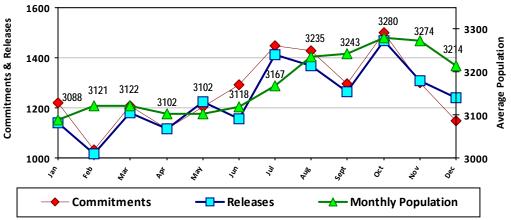
In calendar year 2013 there were a total of **14,847** release events.

Although RIDOC saw 11,303 awaiting trial releases in 2013, this only represents 8,665 people, as over 1,500 were released multiple times. In fact, 1,157 people were released twice and 417 people were released three or more times.

Release Type	Male	Female	Total
Awaiting Trial	9,597	1,706	11,303
To Sentenced Status	2,089	200	2,289
Other (bail, discharge at court/per court order, civil purge, etc.)	7,508	1,506	9,014
Sentenced	3,177	367	3,544
Expiration of Sentence	2,799	333	3,132
Parole	278	13	291
Other (death, escape, transfer out			
of state, released on case)	100	21	121
Total	12,774	2,073	14,847

Just as with commitments, 3,134 people represent the 3,544 sentenced release events. Three hundred six (306) inmates were released twice and 45 inmates were released from sentence status three or more times.

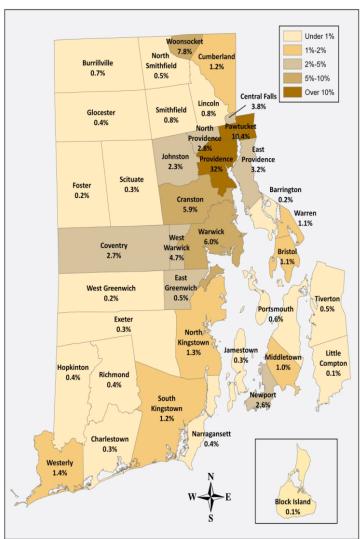
The Impact of Commitments & Releases on the Population in CY13



Interpreting the chart: The average monthly **population** is plotted on the **secondary axis** to the right, while commitments and releases are plotted on the primary axis to the left.

Prison populations are influenced by commitments and length of stay. In RI, commitments have a great effect on the RIDOC's population. When commitments exceed/fall below releases, we often see an increase/decrease in the population. The graph above demonstrates how commitments impact the population. For information regarding changes in length of stay, see the Population Report FY2013.

Where does the RIDOC population come from?



- -The average age of those committed and released was 33.
- -Fifty-five percent (55%) of those committed and released were white, 24% black, and 19% Hispanic.
- -Only 14% of those committed and released were female.
- -Forty-one percent (41%) of men and 59% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- -Of the awaiting trial commitments, 28% were new commitments and 35% were commited for "failure to appear" (for court).
- -Of the sentenced commitments, 57% were newly sentenced and 37% were committed due to a probation violation. This is a significant decrease when compared to 7 years ago when 48% were committed due to probation violations.
- -Of the sentenced commitments in calendar year 2013, 61% of males and 76% of females were sentenced to six months or less.
- -The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (32%).