



RIDOC AT A GLANCE

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FACILITIES

Maximum Security

- * Opened: 1878 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 432 * Capacity: 466
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$50,779 *

Donald Price Facility (Medium II)

- * Opened: 1932 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 333 * Capacity: 360
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$52,366 *

Minimum Security

- * Opened: 1978 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 687 * Capacity: 710
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$34,467 *

High Security Center

- * Opened: 1981 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 87 * Capacity: 166
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$107,910 *

Intake Service Center

- * Opened: 1982 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 1,103 * Capacity: 1,148
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$36,030 *

Gloria McDonald Women's Awaiting Trial & Medium Security Facility

- * Opened: 1984 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 137 * Capacity: 154
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$58,756 *

Dorothea Dix Women's Minimum Security Facility

- * Opened: 1990 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 101 * Capacity: 195
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$58,756 *

John J. Moran Facility (Medium I)

- * Opened: 1990 * Ave. Population (FY '07): 890 * Capacity: 1,066
- * Cost per inmate, per year: \$37,446 *

Reintegration Center

- * Slated to open in 2009 * Capacity: 175

COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT

Community Confinement includes Probation & Parole, inmates sentenced to Home Confinement, and inmates awaiting trial on Home Confinement. The RIDOC has a Home Confinement program for parolees, but not probationers. ~ There has been a 116% increase over the past 11 years in the number of men and women on community confinement. ~ Between CY '02 and CY '06, however, this population rose only 31.7%, or an additional 69 offenders.

PROBATION AND PAROLE

- ◆ One of every 39 adult residents in RI is on probation or parole.
- ◆ One of every 22 men in RI is on probation or parole.
- ◆ One of every 116 women in RI is on probation or parole.
- ◆ In Providence, 1 in 7 men aged 25-29 and 35-44 is on probation or parole.
- ◆ In Pawtucket, 1 in 7 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- ◆ In Central Falls, 1 in 6 men aged 25-29 is on probation or parole.
- ◆ From FY '97-FY '07, the Probation & Parole population increased by 36%.
- ◆ RI ranks 2nd in the nation and 2nd in the Northeast in the number of probationers per 100,000 adults residents.
- ◆ Based on the 2007 ACA Directory, RI has the highest generic probation case loads in the country and more than twice the national average case load size.

HOME CONFINEMENT

- Over 10,000 people have participated in the program since records became computerized in 1995. These include those adjudicated, civil purges, parolees, and pre-trial. The program actually began in 1989.
- The recidivism rate for inmates whose sentences were completed on Home Confinement is 24% over two years vs. 46% for those who remained inside the prison walls.
- From FY '97- FY '07, the Home Confinement population increased by 108%.

OFFENDER STATISTICS

ETHNICITY

	Females		Males		Total
Black	44	4%	1,063	96%	1,107
White	140	8%	1,685	92%	1,825
Asian	0	0%	38	100%	38
Hispanic	32	4%	767	96%	799
Amer Ind	4	17%	19	83%	23
Other	3	21%	11	79%	14
Missing	0	0%	2	100%	2
TOTAL	223	6%	3,585	94%	3,808

This is stock data as of 6/30/07. **Please note:** RIDOC records Hispanic as race rather than ethnicity. Thus we can't determine whether inmates identifying themselves as Hispanic are white or black. Those identifying themselves as white or black may also be Hispanic.

SENTENCE LENGTH (SENTENCED COMMITMENTS)

The following offender statistics are based on FY '07:

- 39% of inmates are sentenced to serve 90 days or less.
- An additional 22 % are sentenced to serve 3-6 months.
- In total, 61% of inmates are sentenced to serve 6 months or less.

LIFERS

- ★ On 6/30/07, there were 166 RI inmates serving a Life sentence; 24 were serving out of state.
- ★ On 6/30/07, there were 26 RI inmates serving a sentence of Life without Parole; two were serving out of state.
- ★ Since 1990, there have been five inmates who died while serving a Life sentence and two who died while serving Life without Parole.

RECIDIVISM

- ◆ 46% of released inmates under sentence return within 24 months of release.
- ◆ The recidivism rate for offenders who complete substance abuse treatment is 7% lower than the rate for the general population.

POPULATION TRENDS (During FY '07)

- The average total population increased by 3%.
- The sentenced population rose by 10%.
- The pre-trial population decreased by 21%.
- From FY '93 to FY '07, there has been a 36% increase in total population.

FROM FY 1976 - FY 2005 (30-year period)

- The population increased by 457%, or 15.2% annually.
- The male inmate population increased by 440%.
- The female inmate population increased by 1,140%, however females still constitute only 5% of the total RIDOC population.

COMMITMENTS & RELEASES

- ◆ In CY '06, there were over 19,000 commitments (almost 15,000 pre-trial and over 4,500 sentenced).
- ◆ In CY '06, there were 18,600 releases (14,200 pre-trial and 4,400 sentenced).
- ◆ The average age of those committed was 33.
- ◆ 55% of those committed and released were white; 25% were black; 18% were Hispanic.
- ◆ Only 15% of those committed and released were female.
- ◆ 44% of men and 60% of women were committed for non-violent offenses.
- ◆ Of the awaiting trial commitments, 44% were new commitments and 32% were committed for "failure to appear" (for court).
- ◆ Of the sentenced commitments, 54% were newly sentenced and 41% were committed due to a probation violation.
- ◆ In CY '06, RIDOC saw a historically high number of commitments; approximately 19,179.
- ◆ The majority of offenders came from and were released to the City of Providence (33%).



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RIDOC's DIRECTORS

Anthony Trivisano	07-01-1972 to 08-02-1974
Donald Taylor*	08-03-1974 to 02-28-1976
Bradford Southworth	03-01-1976 to 02-11-1978
John Moran	02-12-1978 to 07-28-1990
Donald Ventetuolo*	07-29-1990 to 01-12-1991
George Vose	01-13-1991 to 10-01-1999
A.T. Wall**	10-02-1999 to present

*Temporary Directors during the search for a new director. **Director Wall was temporarily assigned as Director from 10-02-99 to 3-8-00. He was officially appointed to Director on 3-9-2000.

RIDOC's WORKFORCE

As of 9/07:

- Total # of employees: 1,498
- # of Bargaining Units represented by workforce: 6
- # of employees who self report as minorities: 220
- # of employees who are military: 72
- # of employees currently on military leave: 16

HISTORIC EVENTS

Riots: 1969, 1978, 1985, 1988, 1991, and 1992

New All Time High (Inmate Population):

4,000 on 9/16/07

A LOOK BACK IN TIME - INMATE POPULATION ON 11/4/76

Maximum	343	302 sentenced	41 awaiting trial
Medium	120	52 sentenced	68 awaiting trial
Minimum	68	68 sentenced	0 awaiting trial
Work Release	35	35 sentenced	0 awaiting trial
Women's	14	7 sentenced	7 awaiting trial
TOTAL	580	464	116
Escapes	8		
GRAND TOTAL	588		

RIDOC TIMELINE

A sampling of significant events in the RIDOC's history

→ 1972

The Rhode Island Department of Corrections was created by statute with formal jurisdiction over the Adult Correctional Institutions and Probation and Parole.

→ 1980s

The DOC embarked on long-term building /construction campaign to increase the number of beds to meet the needs of the increasing prisoner population.

The RI population started to see steady increases in population from year to year.

→ 1981

The High Security Center opened, with a capacity of 96 cells.

→ 1982

The Intake Service Center opened, with a capacity of 168 cells.

→ 1984

The Gloria McDonald building was opened as a women's prison

→ 1986

The War on Drugs intensified in RI with the introduction of crack. There was an increase in penalties for minor drug violations. RI Parole Guidelines were modified to increase the amount of time served until parole eligibility for drug offenders.

→ 1988

The General Assembly passed legislation making possession of as little as 1 oz. of heroin or cocaine subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years. Voters amended the State constitution to permit denial of bail in cases of drug offenses carrying a sentence of 10 years or more. As a result, the RI population begins a sharp climb, growing 85% from 1986 to 1990.

→ 1990

The Price Medium Security facility opened as a special needs unit.

The Medium I (now Moran) facility opened in November with a capacity of 576 beds.

→ 1992

The Intake Service Center (North side) was opened, with a capacity for 900 offenders.

→ 1993

The Price facility, was closed due to budget cuts.

→ 1996

Medium I was dedicated to former Director Moran and renamed the John J. Moran Medium Security facility.

→ 1997

The Price Medium Security facility was reopened.

→ 2003

Governor Carcieri issued an executive order that establishes a Governor's Steering Committee on corrections reform and prisoner reentry. This committee was established to create a comprehensive plan and systematic approach to promoting reentry strategies for all offenders prior to release from incarceration with continued support from Probation and Parole, community-based agencies, and all other State agencies after release.

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