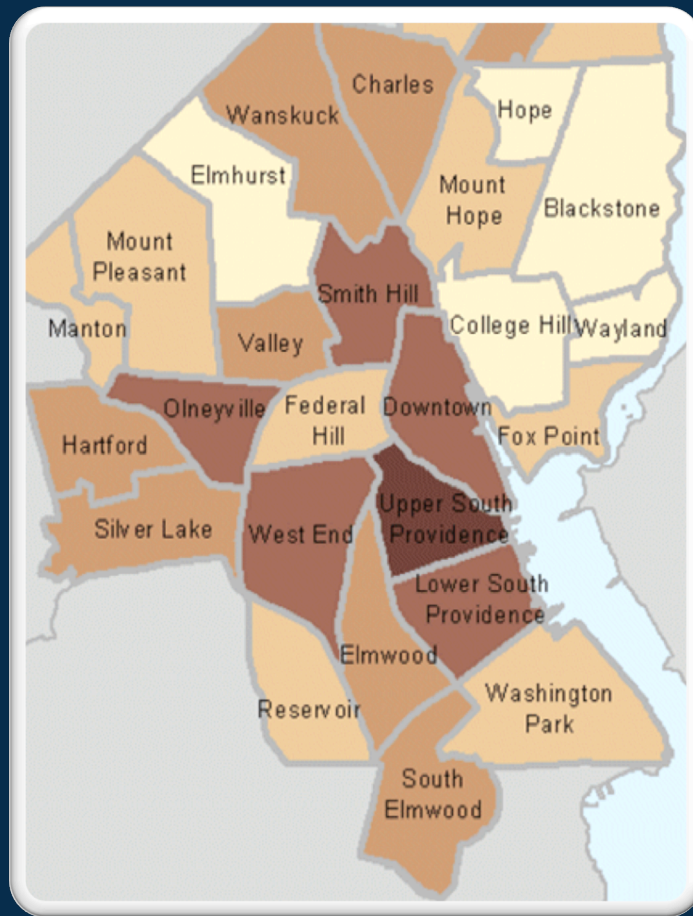


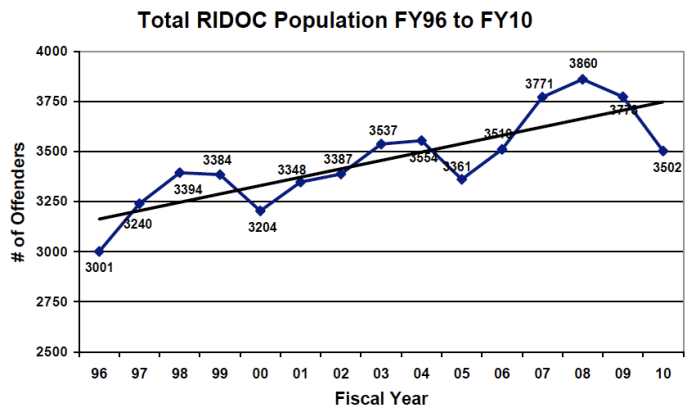
PROVIDENCE, RI

Million Dollar Neighborhoods

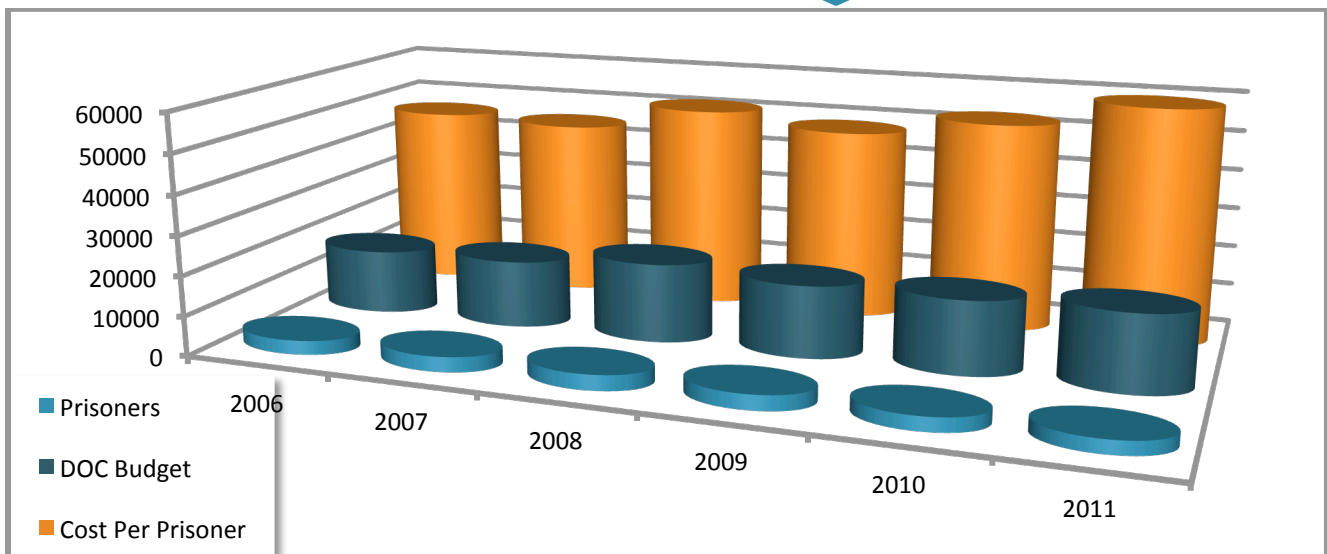


Executive Summary

The number of prisoners at the ACI has steadily risen for the past fifteen years, although the RI population has been stagnant. The average prison population in 2010 (3,350) represents an intentional reduction via *Good Time Laws* (revised in 2008), and a slight increase in community supervision. Recent proposals passed in the RI Legislature threaten to spike these numbers.



- The RI Department of Corrections (RIDOC) 2011 Budget of \$194 million shows a tri-partisan support for incarceration.
- The budget represents **prisoners**, as they are the DOC's "commodity", justifying increases or decreases on incarceration.
- **Each prisoner represents \$57,910 of the budget.**
- The cost per prisoner rises at a rate higher than the DOC budget; the DOC budget rises at a rate higher than the population of the ACI.



Investing in Communities

Rhode Island invests over \$137 million in Providence, for the purpose of arresting and incarcerating residents.

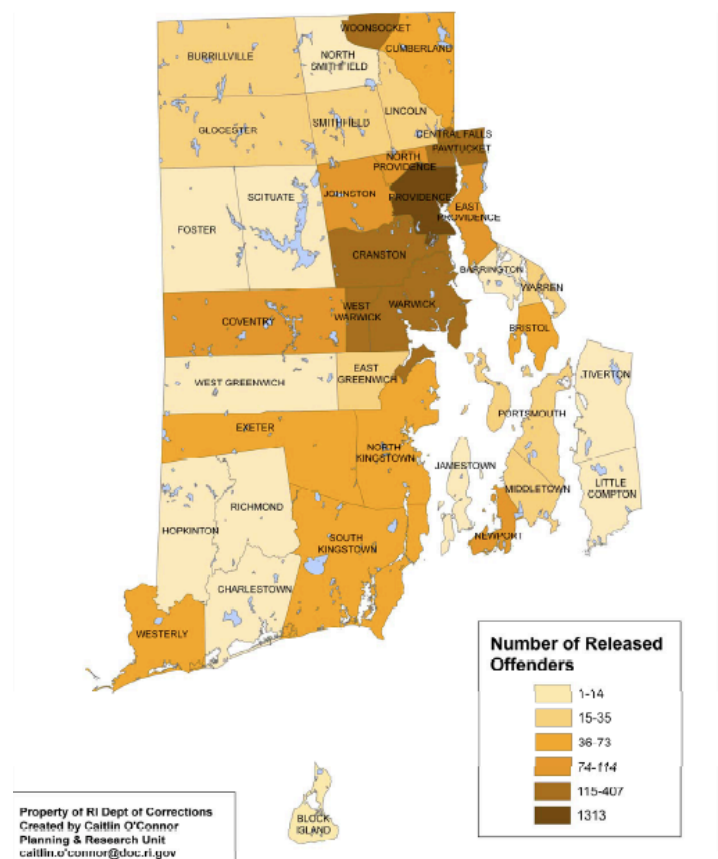
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The city of Providence, in terms of released prisoners, represents \$68 million of the DOC budget. This report reflects the 1176 prisoners released back to Providence in 2004, as reported by the Providence Plan. Prisoners from Providence, representing one third of the people confined at the Adult Correctional Institutions, should also include the hundreds of children who are in some form of government custody due to contact with the criminal justice system.

The RIDOC has released a map of 2010 released prisoners, indicating 1313 people returning to Providence, however, the below reports provide a breakdown by neighborhood.

Distribution of 2010 Released Offenders in Rhode Island



All people are transient to some degree, but a large enough statistical model can be an accurate measure of trends. The within data for years 2004, and 2006-08 show the dispersal of released prisoners in Providence is relatively consistent from year to year.

\$82,340,000 is spent on seven of the 25 neighborhoods in Providence.

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The Providence Police budget for FY2011 is \$69 million. The three-year average for 2008-2010 was \$63 million. The budget is roughly 95% salaries and benefits. The police budget reflects more than the number of prisoners, and it is difficult to draw a direct correlation between policing and prisoners. For example, if police in some neighborhoods are more lenient regarding suspected criminal activity (i.e. letting someone go for having a small bag of marijuana), then that neighborhood's number of prisoners would be artificially low. Similarly, if there are any leniency (or severity) trends within the judiciary, this would also complicate the sense of imprisonment reflecting criminal activity... and the money spent with the stated goal of stopping criminal activity.

It is harder to quantify the total "impact" on the communities being recipients of this police and prison investment. This impact includes the amount of money families spend on lawyers, bail, prison commissary, prison phone rates, tickets, fines, towed vehicles, lost wages for an incarcerated parent, lost parenting, lost utility/rent payments, interrupted educations, seized property, lost revenue from local business, 2nd Class Citizenship upon release, and the level of misery and bitterness from police/prison contact whether one was innocent or guilty.

There are 13 State Representatives, 7 State Senators, and 15 City Councilors vested with the political leadership on the issue of arrest and incarceration. Together with Mayor Angel Taveras, they must influence or decide the \$82 million dollar investment... and must weigh them in a time when the capital city of Providence hinges on the verge of bankruptcy. The current climate is one of failing schools, layoffs, and elimination of services.

This report does not reflect percentages of the RI Judiciary, RI Attorney General, RI Public Defender, nor RI Sheriffs Department. Nor the DCYF budgets for incarcerating children, or providing support for those with a parent in prison averaging 1400 in recent years.

Negative impacts should be be offset by the level of "safety," whether actual or perceived. However, the public's safety, actual and perceived, is inversely proportionate to the investment in police and prisons; i.e. Where there is more money spent, the people feel less safe.

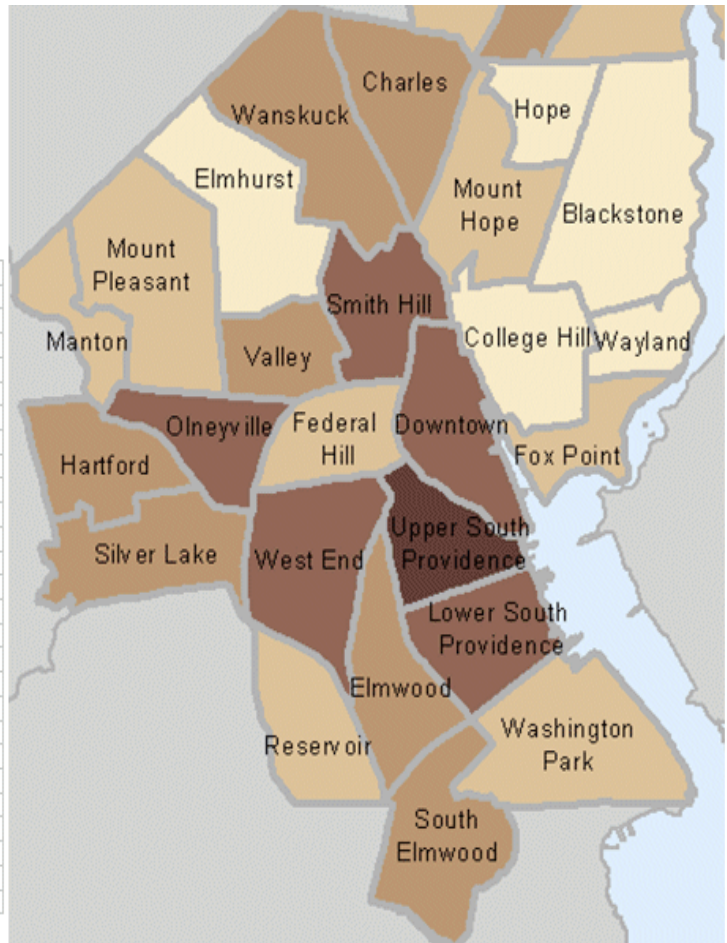
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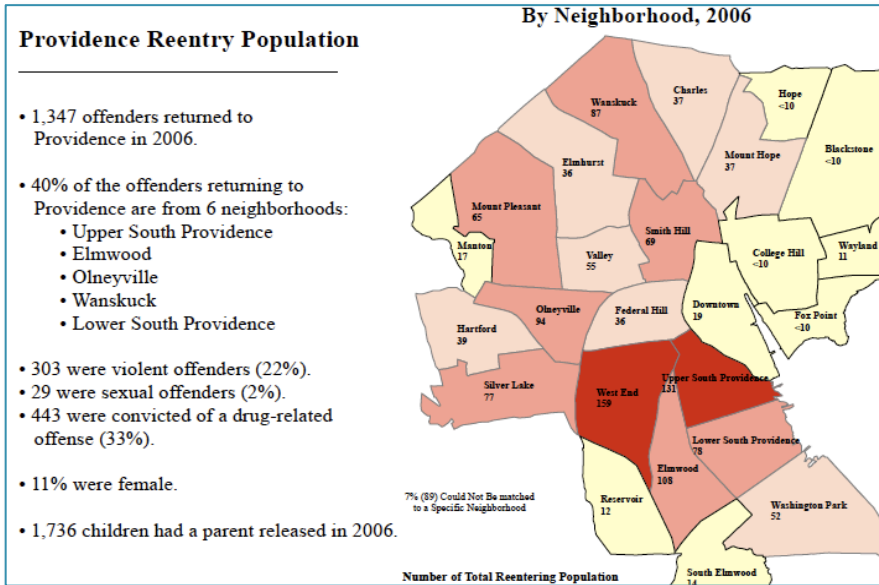
Million Dollar Neighborhoods of Providence... For The Prison Cellblocks

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Neighborhood	#	%
Blackstone	6	1%
Charles	46	4%
College Hill	8	1%
Downtown	25	2%
Elmhurst	21	2%
Elmwood	91	8%
Federal Hill	39	3%
Fox Point	20	2%
Hartford	38	3%
Hope	7	1%
Lower South Prov.	70	6%
Manton	13	1%
Mount Hope	29	2%
Mount Pleasant	54	5%
Olneyville	80	7%
Reservoir	12	1%
Silver Lake	84	7%
Smith Hill	57	5%
South Elmwood	18	2%
Upper South Prov.	144	12%
Valley	34	3%
Wanskuck	71	6%
Washington Park	35	3%
Wayland	6	1%
West End	168	14%
Total Providence	1176	100%

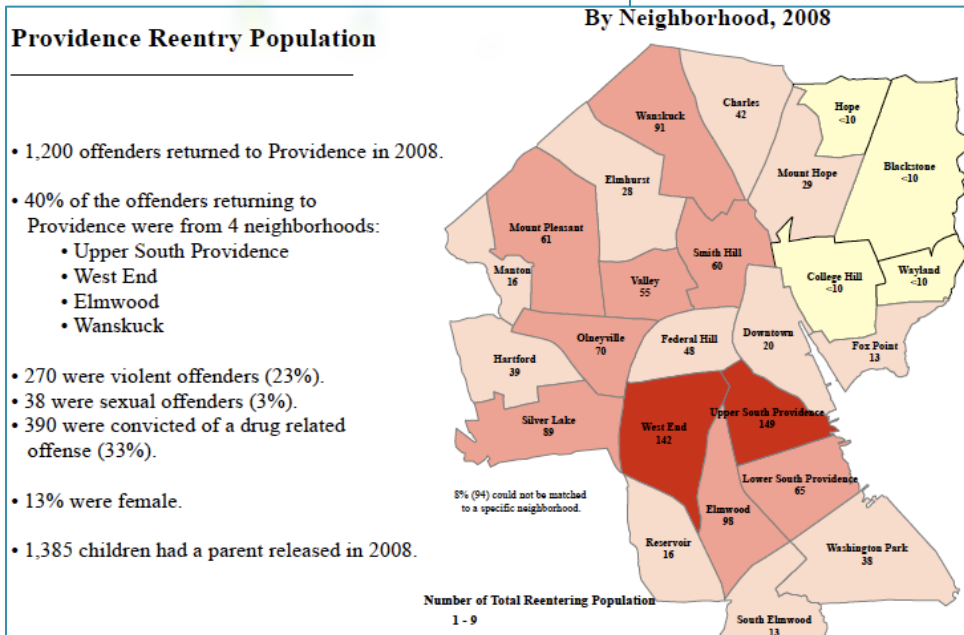
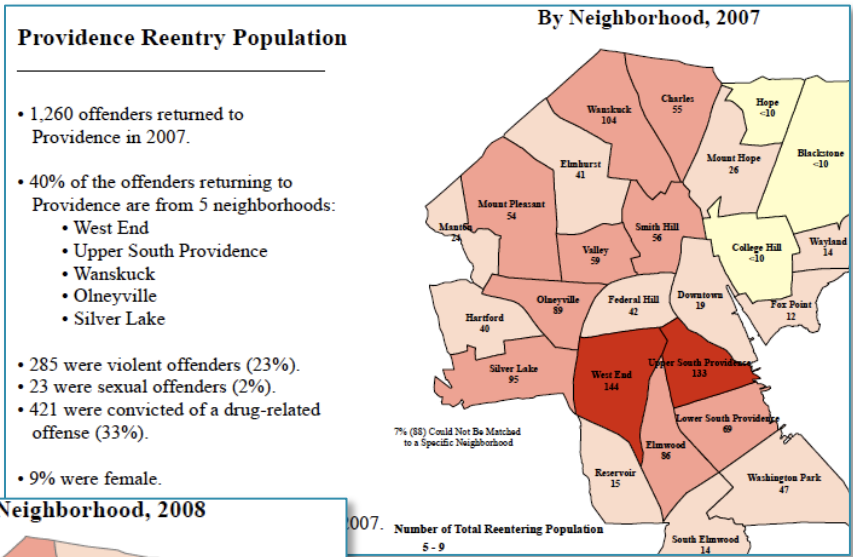
Released Offenders, 2004





Providence residents return home from prison every year, as thousands are arrested to take their place.

2004 to 2006
"Investment" increased
\$9.9 million



007. Number of Total Reentering Population
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West End - \$19,340,000

The West End is the mostly highly imprisoned neighborhood in Rhode Island.

Reps. Michael Tarro,
Anastasia Williams, Scott Slater
Sen. Juan Pichardo
Cms. Wilbur Jennings, Bryan Principe,
Sabina Matos

168 Released prisoners represent \$9.74 million dollars leaving the ACI and returning home. This “money” is replaced- either by imprisoning new residents, or re-incarcerating the same. These formerly incarcerated represent 14% of all returnees to Providence in 2004. 14% of the police budget is \$9.6m.

Upper South Providence - \$16,630,000

144 released prisoners represent \$8.35m
12% of the police budget is \$8.28m.

Reps. Grace Diaz, Anastasia Williams
Sen. Harold Metts
Cm. Davian Sanchez

Elmwood - \$10,800,000

91 released prisoners represent \$5.28m.
8% of the police budget is \$5.52m.

Rep. Grace Diaz
Sen. Juan Pichardo
Cms. Miguel Luna, Davian Sanchez

Silver Lake - \$9,700,000

84 released prisoners represent \$4.87m.
7% of the police budget is \$4.83m.

Reps. John Carnevale,
Anastasia Williams
Sens. Frank Ciccone, Paul Jabour
Cms. John Iglizzi, Sabina Matos

Olneyville - \$9,470,000

80 released prisoners represent \$4.64m of the DOC budget.
7% of the police budget is \$4.83m.

Reps. Michael Tarro,
Anastasia Williams, Ray Hull
Sen. Paul Jabour
Cms. Sabina Matos, Michael Correia

Wanskuck - \$8,260,000

71 released prisoners represent \$4.12m.
6% of the police budget is \$4.14m.

Reps. John DeSimone,
John McCauley
Sens. Dominick Ruggiero,
Maryellen Goodwin
Cms. Nicholas Narducci,
David Salvatore

Lower South Providence - \$8,140,000

70 released prisoners represent \$4m.
6% of the police budget is \$4.14m.

Rep. Leo Medina
Sen. Harold Metts
Cm. Luis Aponte

Smith Hill - \$6,750,000

57 released prisoners represent \$3.3m.
5% of the police budget is \$3.45m.

Rep. John McCauley
Sen. Maryellen Goodwin
Cm. Terry Hassett

Mount Pleasant - \$6,550,000

54 released prisoners represent \$3.1m.
5% of the police budget is \$3.45m.

Reps. Ray Hull, Maria Cimini
Sens. Frank Ciccone,
Maryellen Goodwin
Cms. Michael Solomon, Terry Hassett
Michael Correia, David Salvatore

Charles - \$5,146,000

46 released prisoners represent \$2.7m.
4% of the police budget is \$2.76m.

Reps. Gordon Fox, John DeSimone,
John McCauley
Sens. Dominick Ruggiero,
Maryellen Goodwin
Cm. Nicholas Narducci

Federal Hill - \$4,370,000

39 released prisoners represent \$2.3m.
3% of the police budget is \$2.07m.

Rep. Michael Tarro
Sen. Paul Jabour
Cm. Bryan Principe

Hartford - \$4,270,000

38 released prisoners represent \$2.2m.
3% of the police budget is \$2.07m.

Rep. John Carnevale
Sen. Frank Ciccone
Cm. John Iglizzi

Washington Park - \$4,100,000

35 released prisoners represent \$2.03m.
3% of the police budget is \$2.07m.

Reps. Leo Medina, Grace Diaz
Sen. Harold Metts
Cm. Luis Aponte, Miguel Luna

Valley - \$4,040,000

34 released prisoners represent \$1.97m.
3% of the police budget is \$2.07m.

Rep. Michael Tarro
Sen. Maryellen Goodwin
Cmz. Sabina Matos, Terry Hassett

Mont Hope - \$3,080,000

29 released prisoners represent \$1.7m.
2% of the police budget is \$1.38m.

Rep. Gordon Fox
Sens. Harold Metts,
Maryellen Goodwin, Rhoda Perry
Cms. Nicholas Narducci, Kevin Jackson

Downtown - \$2,880,000

25 released prisoners represent \$1.5m.
2% of the police budget is \$1.38m.

Reps. Chris Blazejewski, Leo Medina,
John McCauley, Michael Tarro
Sens. Harold Metts, Maryellen Goodwin
Cms. Seth Yurdin,
Davian Sanchez, Bryan Principe

Elmhurst - \$2,600,000

21 released prisoners represent \$1.22m.
2% of the police budget is \$1.38m.

Reps. Ray Hull, Maria Cimini,
John DeSimone
Sens. Dominick Ruggerio,
Maryellen Goodwin
Cms. Michael Solomon, David Salvatore

Fox Point - \$2,540,000

20 released prisoners represent \$1.16m.
2% of the police budget is \$1.38m.

Rep. Chris Blazejewski
Sen. Rhoda Perry
Cm. Seth Yurdin

South Elmwood- \$2,380,000

18 released prisoners represent \$1m.
2% of the police budget is \$1.38m,.

Reps. Scott Slater, Grace Diaz
Sen. Juan Pichardo, Harold Metts
Cms. Miguel Luna, Wibur Jennings

Manton - \$1,433,000

13 released prisoners represent \$754k.
1% of the police budget is \$689k.

Rep. Raymond Hull
Sen. Frank Ciccone
Cm. Michael Correia

Reservoir - \$1,385,000

12 released prisoners represent \$696k.
1% of the police budget is \$689k.

Rep. Scott Slater
Sen. Juan Pichardo
Cm. Wilbur Jennings

College Hill - \$1,153,000

8 released prisoners represent \$464k.
1% of the police budget is \$689k.

Rep. Edith Ajello
Sen. Rhoda Perry
Cms. Seth Yurdin, Sam Zurier

Hope - \$1,095,000

7 released prisoners represent \$406k.
1% of the police budget is \$689k.

Rep. Gordon Fox
Sen. Rhoda Perry
Cm. Kevin Jackson

Blackstone - \$1,037,000

6 released prisoners represent \$348k.
1% of the police budget is \$689k.

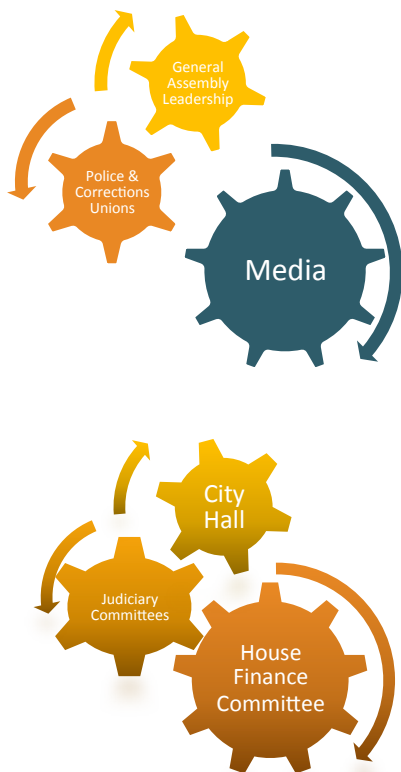
Rep. Gordon Fox
Sen. Rhoda Perry
Cm. Sam Zurier

Wayland - \$1,037,000

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1% of the police budget is \$689k

Rep. Edith Ajello
Sen. Rhoda Perry
Cm. Seth Yurdin

Why? There are many pressures that contribute to rising “Tough” budgets while slashing “Soft” budgets, such as education. A direct connection can be made from an unskilled workforce to unemployment to incarceration. Similarly, many decisions to increase police and prison presence are connected to an exceptional crime and media frenzy. Many forces, including racism and classism (see: history of U.S. Civil Rights struggle) intersect to influence Providence’s leadership over the preceding generations. A look at the City’s current leadership within RI indicates that another direction is possible... if the residents push for it.



ELECTIONS

VOTING BLOC?

Over 6,000 Providence residents are currently on probation or parole. The number ever convicted or incarcerated is tens of thousands.

Politicians earned a range of votes in the last Democratic Primary election, from 3858 (Perry) to 743 (Medina). A bloc of 500 in each district, with a Justice Reinvestment platform, could influence many elections.

Every Providence politician is a Democrat. A Republican candidate needs as few as 23 votes to win the Primary.

General Assembly Leadership includes:

Speaker of the House Gordon Fox
Deputy Speaker John McCauley, Jr.
Chair- Judiciary, Edith Ajello
Chair- Labor, Anastasia Williams
Chair- House Oversight, John DeSimone

Senate Pro Tempore Juan Pichardo
Majority Leader Dominick Ruggerio
Deputy Majority Leader Harold Metts
Majority Whip Maryellen Goodwin
Chair- Health & Human Services, Rhoda Perry

House Judiciary Committee includes:

Chair Ajello, attorney Chris Blazejewski, Asst. Providence Solicitor Michael Tarro, attorney John DeSimone, and Speaker Fox.

Senate Judiciary Committee includes:

Attorney Paul Jabour (Vice Chair), Rhoda Perry, Deacon Harold Metts, MaryEllen Goodwin, and N.E. Laborers Labor Mngmt Coop Trust administrator Ruggerio.

House Finance Committee includes:

Retired Providence Police Officer John Carnevale, John McCauley, Providence City Accountant Scott Slater, and Speaker Fox.

Further Reading:

Providence Plan, 2008 Reentry Analysis:

<http://www.doc.ri.gov/administration/planning/docs/Providence%20Plan%20Reentry%20Analysis%202008.pdf>

Providence Plan, 2007 Reentry Analysis:

<http://www.doc.ri.gov/administration/planning/docs/Providence%20Plan%20Reentry%20Analysis%202007.pdf>

Providence Plan, 2006 Reentry Analysis:

<http://www.doc.ri.gov/administration/planning/docs/Providence%20Plan%20Reentry%20Analysis%202006.pdf>

Probationers & Parolees by Community:

<http://www.doc.ri.gov/administration/planning/docs/P-P%20city-gender%20data%202012-31-09.pdf>

Providence Primary Election Results, 2010:

http://www.projo.com/cgi-bin/include.pl/extra/election/2010/statewide_primary/town_providence.htm

Information on the Wyatt Detention Facility, a for-profit prison with considerable debts the State is considering taking over:

<http://www.rifuture.org/what-you-didnt-know-about-the-for-profit-wyatt-prison-in-cf.html>

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