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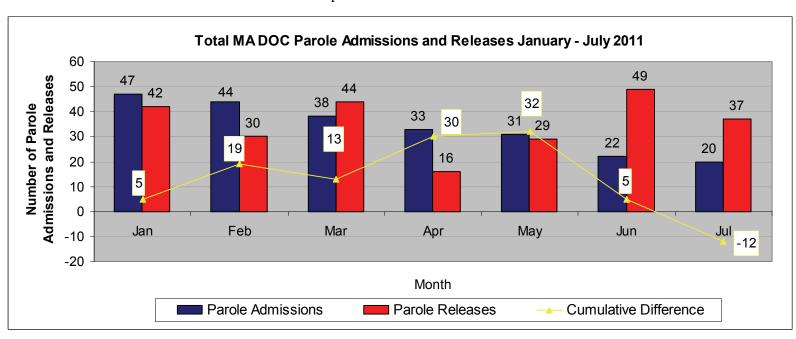
Current Parole Admission and Release Trends¹ at the Massachusetts Department of Correction

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Overview of Parole Admissions and Releases January through July of 2011

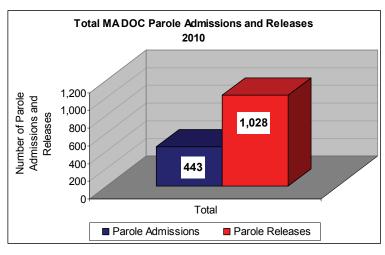
- Monthly parole admissions have been declining from 47 admissions in January to 20 in July
- Monthly parole releases between January and July 2011 have fluctuated between 16 and 49 releases per month
- Monthly parole admissions outnumbered parole releases for four out of the seven months but the monthly totals still resulted in a cumulative decrease of 12 inmates over the trend period



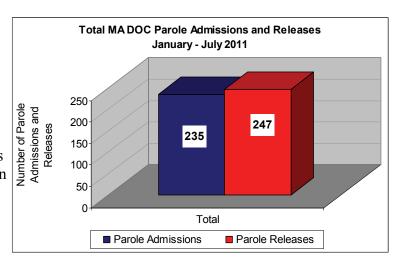
- Parole admissions in 2011 total 235 with a monthly average of 33.6 (compared to 36.9 in 2010)
- Parole releases in 2011 total 247 with a monthly average of 35.3 (compared to 85.6 in 2010)

^{&#}x27;This report refers exclusively to criminally sentenced inmates. Parole Admissions include "In on a MA Parole Detainer" and "Parole Violator" moves. Parole Releases include "Release from a MA Parole Detainer" and "Parole to Street". (So far in 2011, there have only been six Releases from a MA Parole Detainer.) Data for this report is based on data available on August 1, 2011 in MA DOC's Inmate Management System. References for 2010 data are derived from the Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) Research & Planning Division's report entitled "Prison Population Trends 2010" (August 2011).

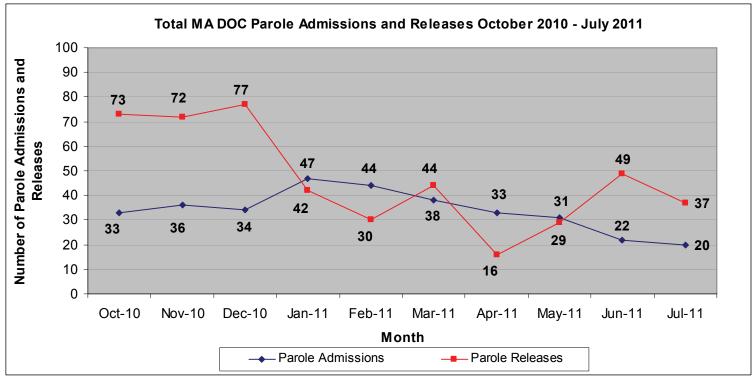
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- In 2010, parole releases outnumbered admissions 1,028 to 443, resulting in an overall decrease of 585 inmates over the calendar year
- If parole admissions and releases continue on the year-to-date's pace, 2011 parole releases will outnumber parole admissions 423 to 403, a difference of 20 inmates

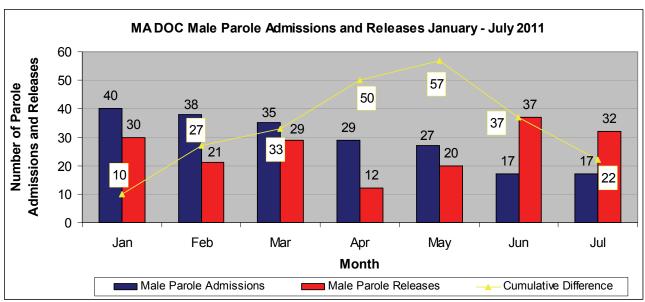


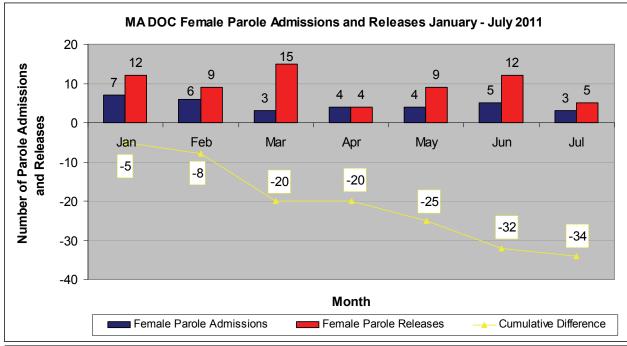
- At the current pace, 2011 parole admissions are about nine percent less than those in 2010 while 2011 parole releases remain about 59 percent less than parole releases in 2010
- June and July 2011 showed parole admissions at their lowest over the trend period at 22 and 20 admissions (compared to the 2010 monthly average of 36.9 and the 2011 average of 33.6 per month)



Male Parole Admissions and Releases

- Male parole admissions outpaced parole releases between January and May of 2011 but the trend reversed in June and July 2011 bringing the cumulative *increase* to 22 inmates over the trend period
- Between January and July 2011, male parole admissions totaled 203 with a monthly average of 29 admissions
- Male parole releases totaled 181 over the same period with a monthly average of 25.9 releases





Female Parole Admissions and Releases

- In contrast to the male trend in 2011, female parole releases have continued to outnumber parole admissions resulting in a cumulative *difference* of 34 inmates
- Between January and July 2011, female parole admissions totaled 32 with a monthly average of 4.6 admissions
- Female parole releases totaled 66 over the same period with a monthly average of 9.4 releases

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