

Massachusetts Department of Correction
Luis Spencer, Commissioner

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

Rhiana Kohl, PhD, Executive Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Research

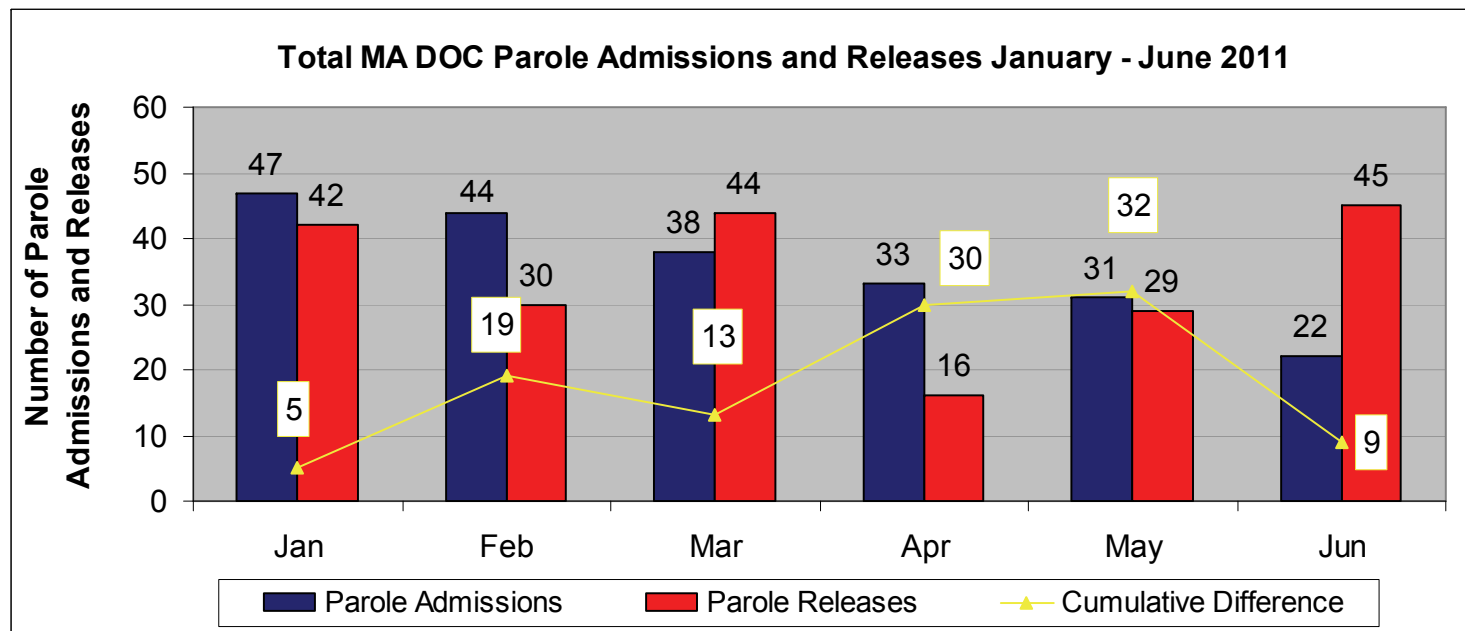
Prepared by:

Karyn Rautenberg, Research Analyst II

July 2011

Overview of Parole Admissions and Releases for the first half of CY 2011 compared to 2010

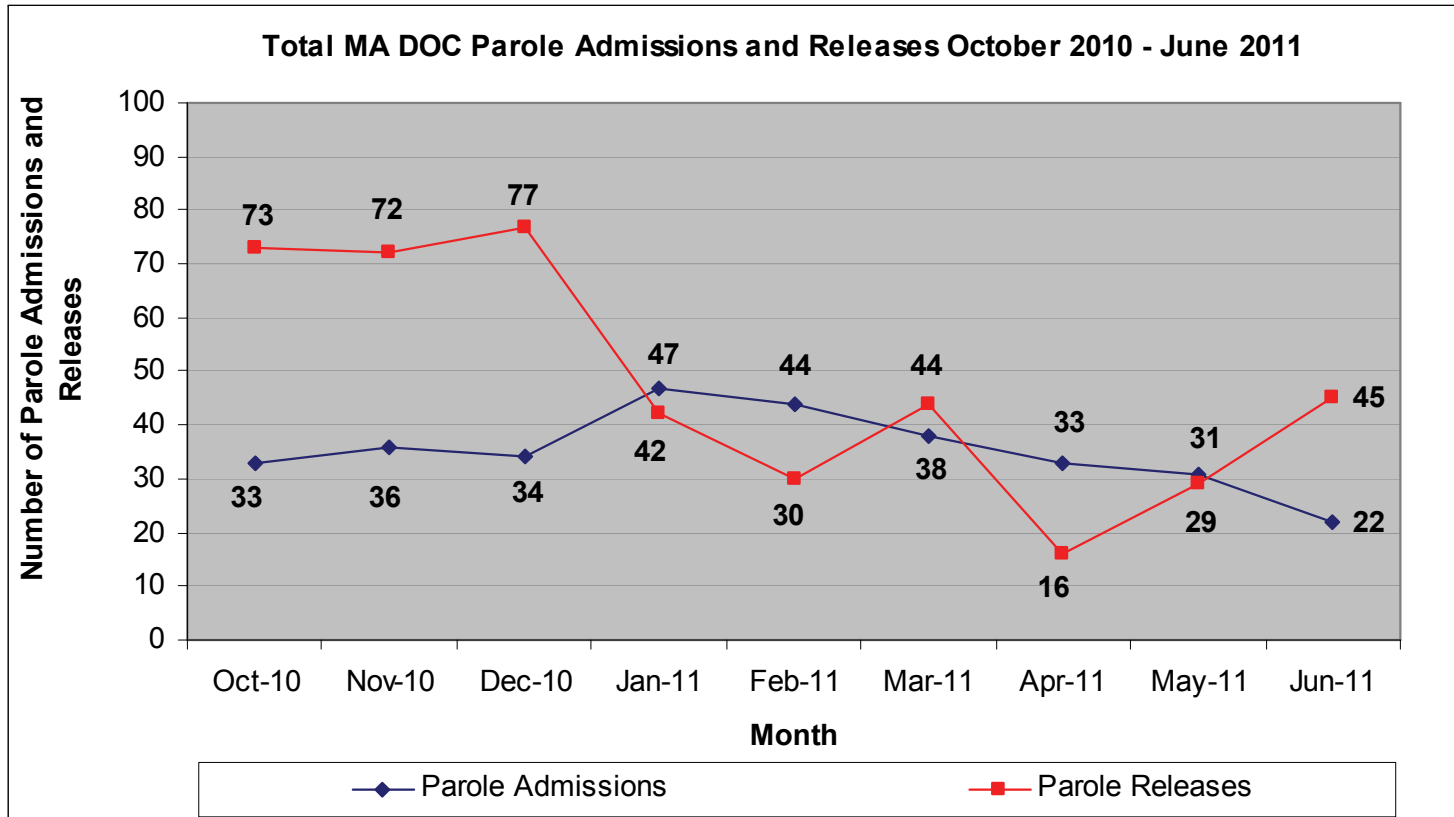
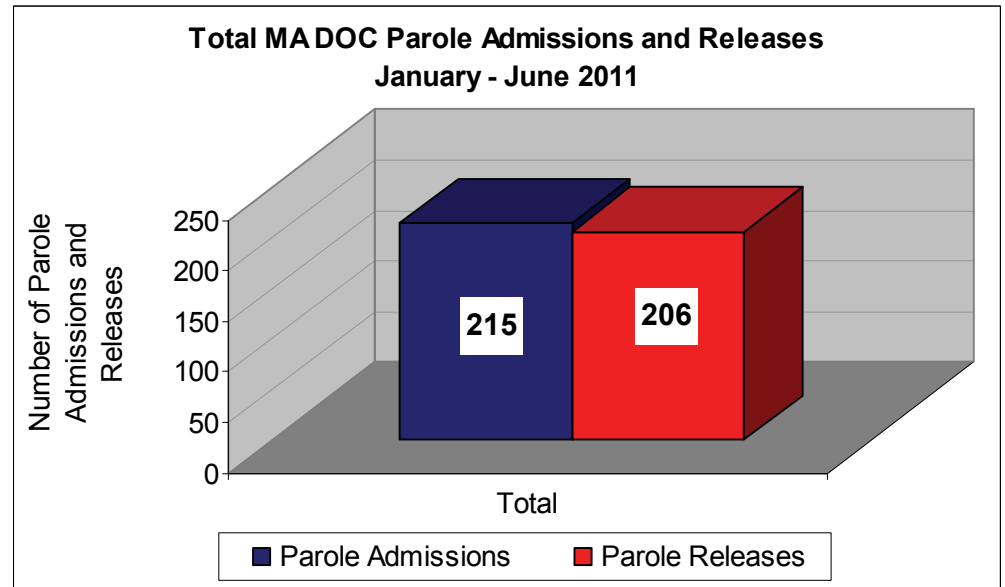
- In June 2011, parole admissions (22) were less than half the number of parole releases (45) bringing the **cumulative increase of inmates to just nine**. March was the only other month in 2011 in which parole admissions were less than releases.
- While June's parole admissions and releases were similar to the ratio in 2010, the half-year totals for 2011 stand in stark contrast to the 2010 numbers when parole releases outnumbered admissions 1,028 to 440, resulting in a **cumulative difference of 588 inmates**.
- Parole admissions in 2011 total 215 with a monthly average of 35.8 (compared to 36.7 in 2010). Parole releases in 2011 total 206 with a monthly average of 34.3 (compared to 85.6 in 2010).



¹ 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. This report refers exclusively to criminally sentenced inmates. Data for this report is based on data available on July 5, 2011 in MA DOC's Inmate Management System.

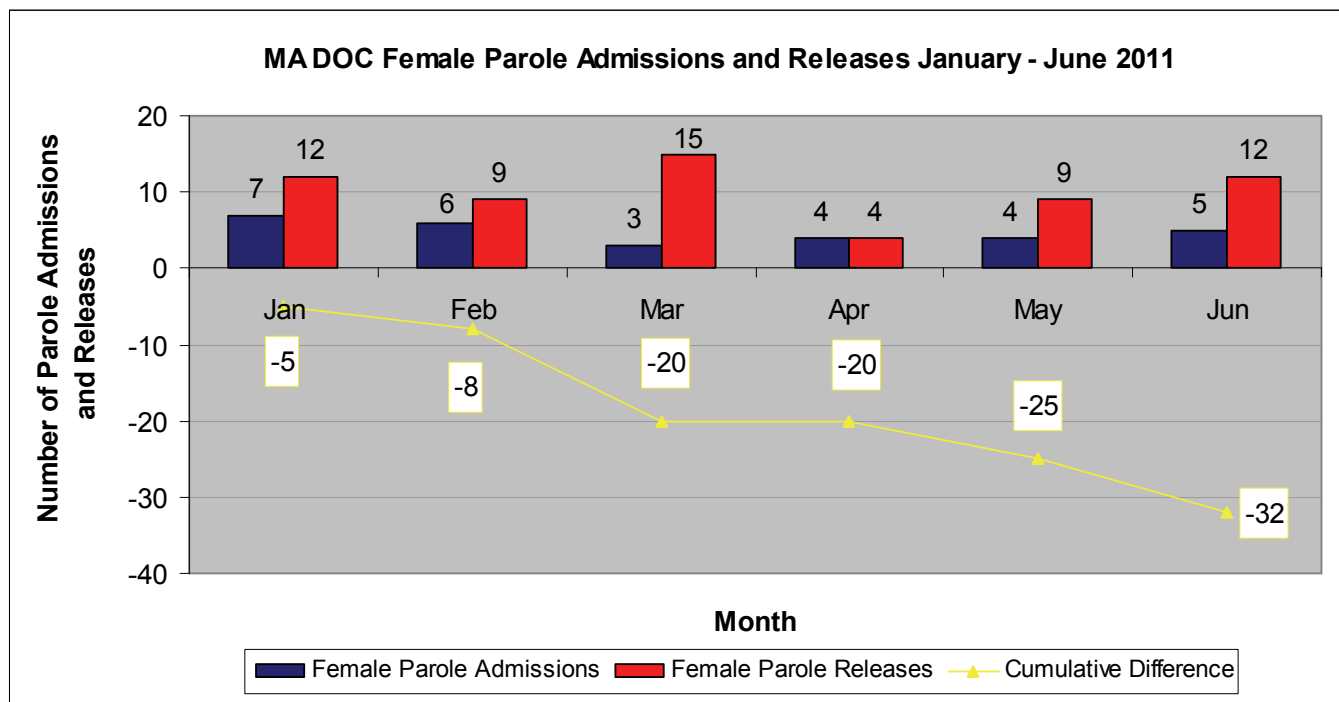
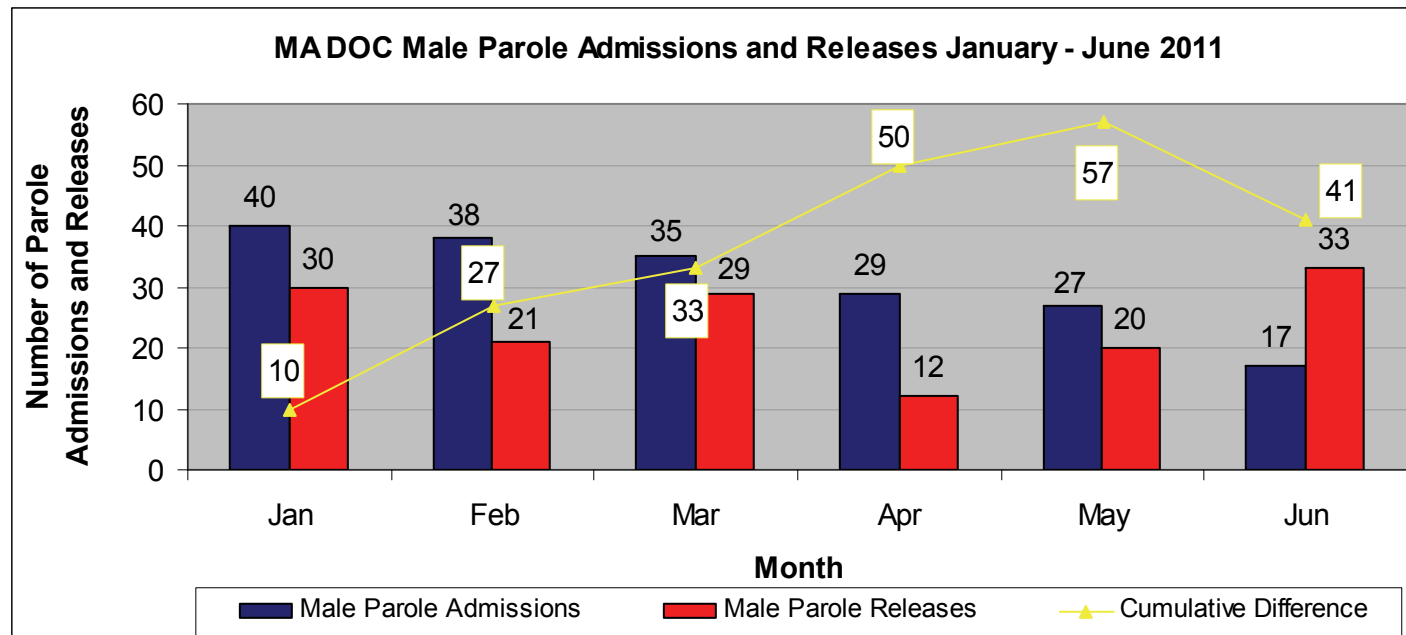
Parole Admission and Release Trends

- January 2011 showed a sharp decline in monthly parole releases and a simultaneous increase in monthly parole admissions compared to the previous three months. Between February and May of 2011, releases remained low while admissions slowly leveled off.
- April 2011 showed the lowest number of parole releases over the trend period at just 16 with parole admissions more than doubling that at 33.
- June 2011 demonstrated a change in the trend; parole releases more than doubled parole admissions. Admissions were at a nine-month low at 22, but releases at 45 were still much lower than the last quarter of 2010 which averaged 74 releases 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 2011 bringing the **cumulative increase down to just 41 inmates**.
- Between January and June 2011, male parole admissions totaled 186 with a monthly average of 31 admissions.
- Male parole releases totaled just 145 over the same period with a monthly average of 24.2 releases.



Female Parole Admissions and Releases

- In contrast to the male trend in 2011, female parole admissions and releases have resulted in a **cumulative difference of 32 inmates** over the trend period.
- Between January and June 2011, female parole admissions totaled 29 with a monthly average of 4.8 admissions.
- Female parole releases totaled 61 over the same period with a monthly average of 10.2 releases.