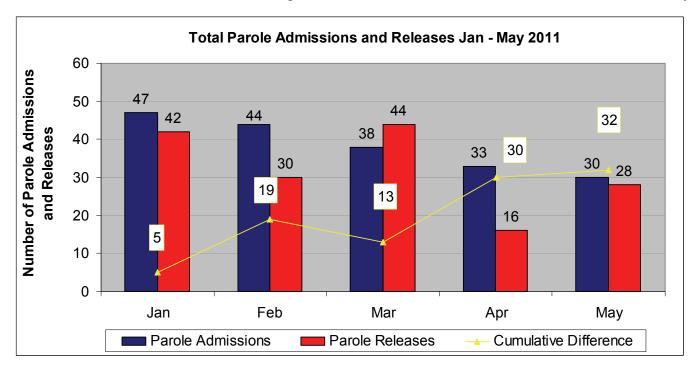
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Current Parole Admission and Release Trends¹ at the Massachusetts Department of Correction

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Overview of Parole Admissions and Releases from January through May of 2011 compared to 2010

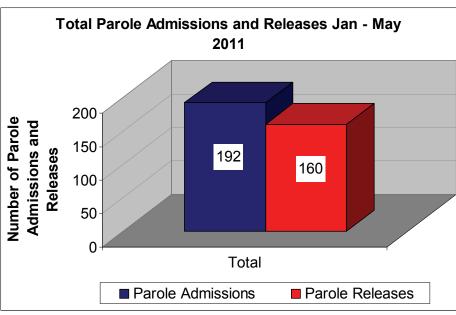
- Parole admissions in 2011 total 192 with a monthly average of 38.4 (compared to 36.7 in 2010). Parole releases in 2011 total 160 with a monthly average of 32 (compared to 85.6 in 2010).
- Parole admissions and releases from January through May of 2011 have resulted in **an addition of 32 inmates**. In stark contrast, 2010 parole releases outnumbered admissions 1,028 to 440, resulting in a cumulative difference of 588 inmates over the calendar year.

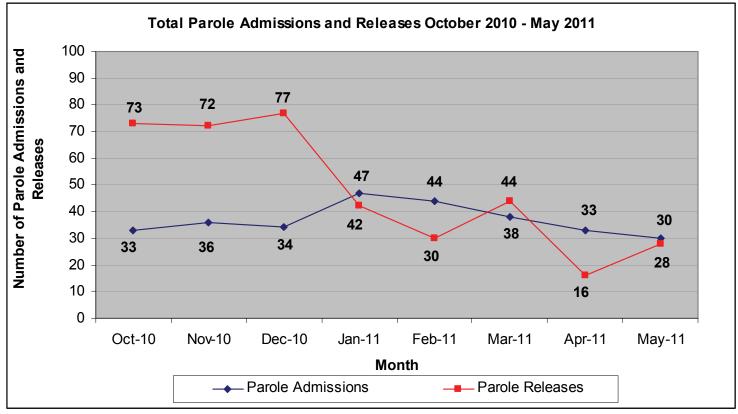


¹ Parole Admissions include "In on a MA Parole Detainer" and "Parole Violator" moves. Parole Releases include "Release from a MA Parole Detainer" and "Parole to Street". So far in 2011, there have only been four Releases from a MA Parole Detainer. This report refers exclusively to criminally sentenced inmates. Data for this report is based on data available on June 6, 2011 in MA DOC's Inmate Management System.

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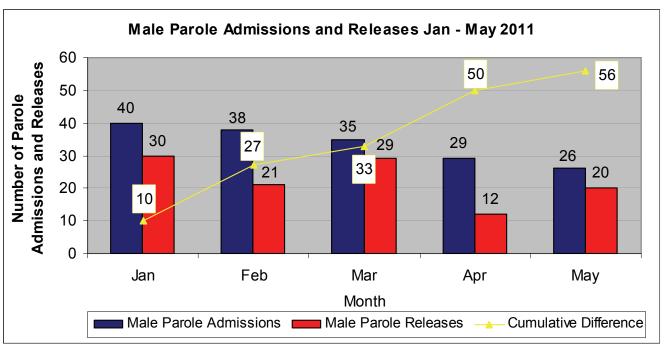
- In the chart below, there is an obvious change in the pattern of parole admissions and releases since the last quarter of 2010.
- January 2011 shows a decline in parole releases, a trend that has persisted through May of 2011.
- Parole admissions increased slightly in the first quarter of 2011 before leveling off in April and May of 2011.

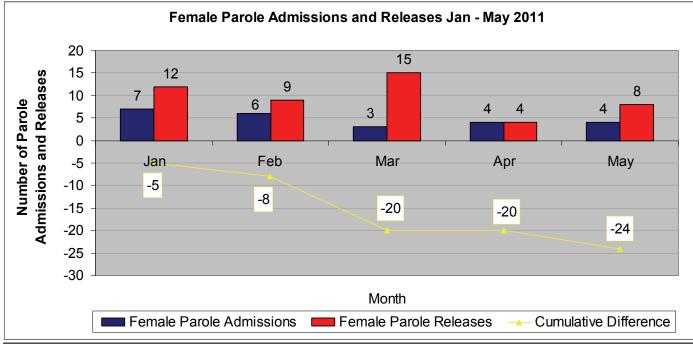




Male Parole Admissions and Releases

- In 2011, male parole admissions total 168 with a monthly average of 33.6 admissions.
- Male parole releases total just 112 over the same period with a monthly average of 22.4 releases.
- Male parole admissions have outpaced parole releases January through May of 2011 resulting in an **additional 56 inmates** over the trend period.





Female Parole Admissions and Releases

- In 2011, female parole admissions total 24 with a monthly average of 4.8 admissions.
- Female parole releases total 48 over the same period with a monthly average of 9.6 releases.
- This trend has resulted in a **difference of 24 inmates** over the trend period.

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