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### **Highlights for the Fourth Quarter 2011**

The custody and jurisdiction populations rose by 2% over the first three quarters of 2011 then dipped slightly in the fourth quarter to 11,488 in custody and 11,754 in jurisdiction (still above first quarter totals). Jurisdiction admissions outpaced releases in the first half of 2011 but in five of the last six months, jurisdiction releases outpaced admissions and decreased the cumulative increase from 502 in June to 354 in December. Jurisdiction admissions were relatively low throughout the fourth quarter driven by relatively low civil commitment and criminally sentenced admissions while jurisdiction releases were slightly above average. The jurisdiction population's cumulative increase was driven by the criminally sentenced admissions and releases which rose to a cumulative increase of 429 in June and fell to 315 by December. Notably, criminally sentenced males had a cumulative increase of 341 while females had a cumulative decrease of 26 over the year.

Criminally sentenced admissions increased modestly from 758 in the third quarter to 832 in the fourth quarter. New court commitments rose from 612 in the third quarter to 702 in the fourth quarter but remained well below first and second quarter totals of over 800. Transfers from other jurisdictions decreased consistently from 69 in the first quarter to 34 in the fourth quarter. Parole violators decreased after the first quarter as well, from 131 to a range of 76 to 87.

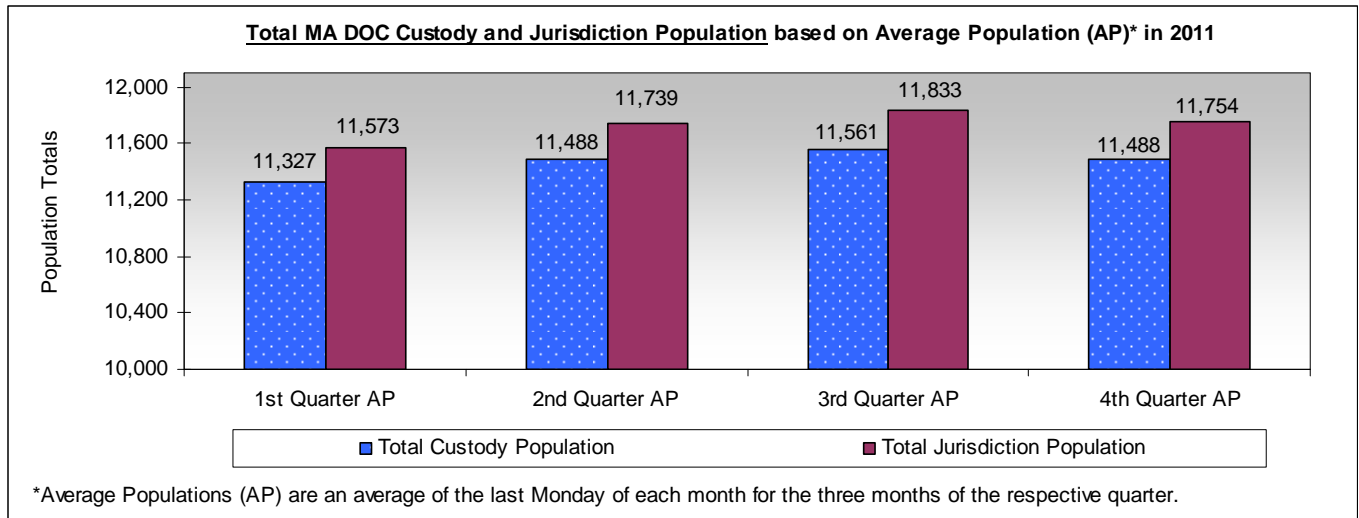
Over the first three quarters, criminally sentenced releases rose 16% from 782 to 882 before falling 10% to 822 in the fourth quarter. One notable change over 2011 was the rise of female non-DOC releases to other jurisdictions that rose consistently from 30 in the first quarter to 73 in the fourth quarter. Criminally sentenced releases to the street are either paroled to the street or released to an expiration of sentence; total releases to the street decreased by 17% between 2010 and 2011. At the same time, releases to an expiration of sentence increased by 8% from 1,710 in 2010 to 1,842 in 2011; releases paroled to the street decreased by 58% from 1,028 in 2010 to 435 in 2011. Additionally, inmates paroled to the street accounted for 19% of total releases to the street compared to 38% in 2010 and 39% in 2009.

Civil commitment admissions and releases both spiked in the third quarter, particularly at MASAC and MCI-Framingham. Fourth quarter totals declined to be more similar to the first and second quarter totals. Civil releases slightly outpaced admissions in the fourth quarter and resulted in a cumulative decrease of 12 inmates in 2011.

Pre-trial admissions and releases spiked in the third quarter then dipped slightly in the fourth quarter. Pre-trial releases outnumbered admissions in the fourth quarter and reduced the year's cumulative increase from 100 in September to 51 by December. Notably, that increase is driven by female detainees which increased by 52 over the year while male detainees decreased by one.

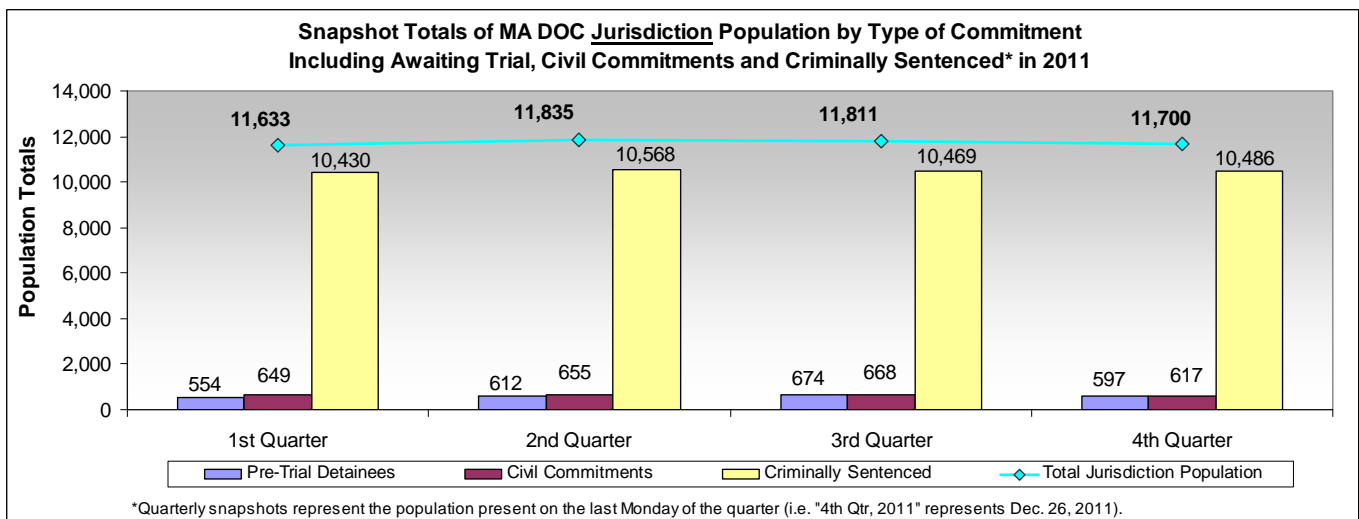
## Section 1. Overview of MA DOC Populations' Admissions and Releases

### 1.1 Total MA DOC Custody and Jurisdiction Population



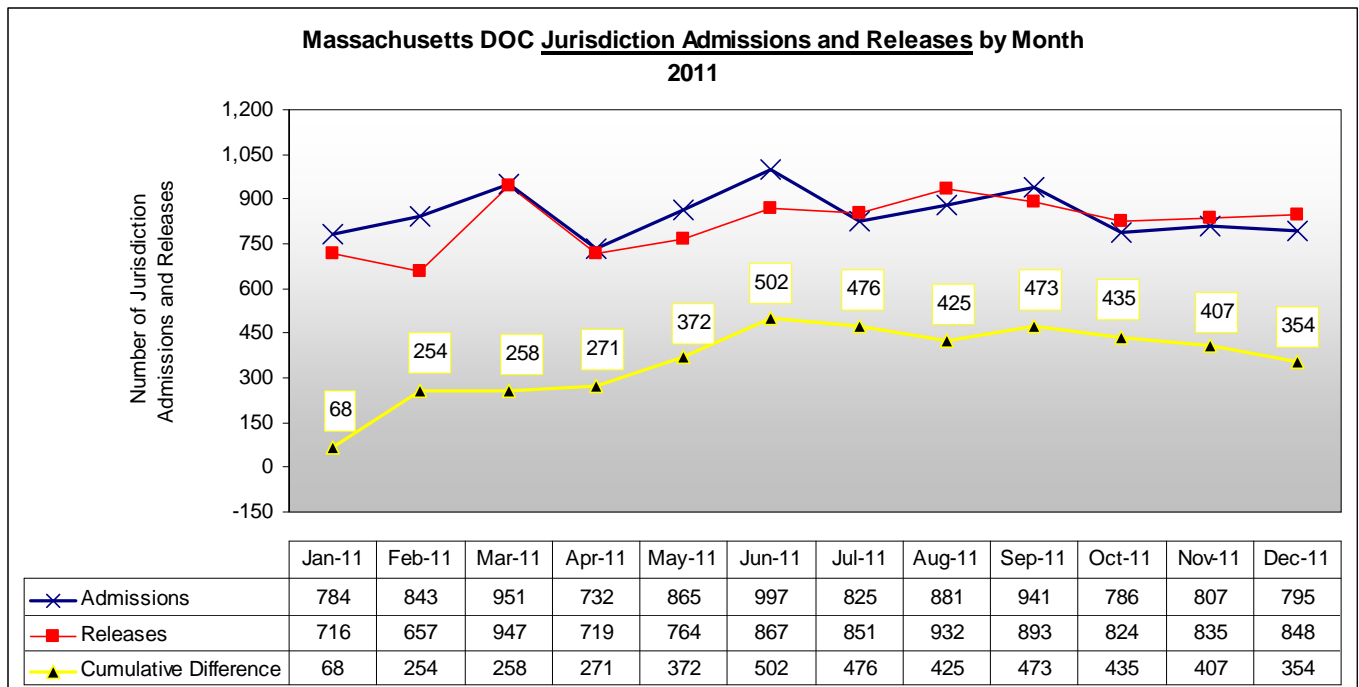
The custody and jurisdiction populations rose in small increments over the first three quarters of 2011 by about two percent. In the fourth quarter of 2011, the custody and jurisdiction populations dipped slightly compared to the third quarter but remained relatively high.

### 1.2 Snapshot Totals for MA DOC Jurisdiction Population by Commitment Type



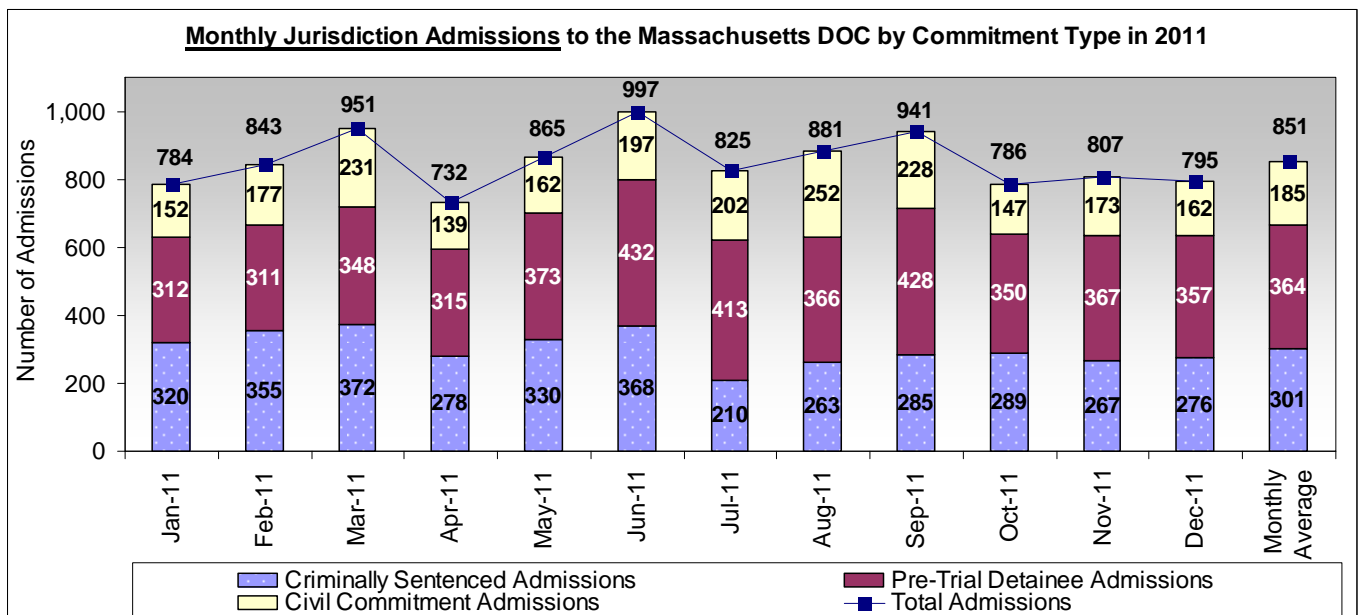
Snapshot totals over the first three quarters of 2011 showed an incremental increase in the pre-trial detainee population (by 22 percent) and in the civil commitment population (by three percent). In the fourth quarter, the populations dipped slightly by 11 percent for pre-trial detainees and eight percent for civil commitments when compared to the third quarter. The criminally sentenced snapshot totals show the highest population in the second quarter at 10,568 compared to an average of 10,462 over the other three quarters. The second quarter also held the highest jurisdiction population of the year's snapshots.

### 1.3 MA DOC Total Admissions and Releases by Month



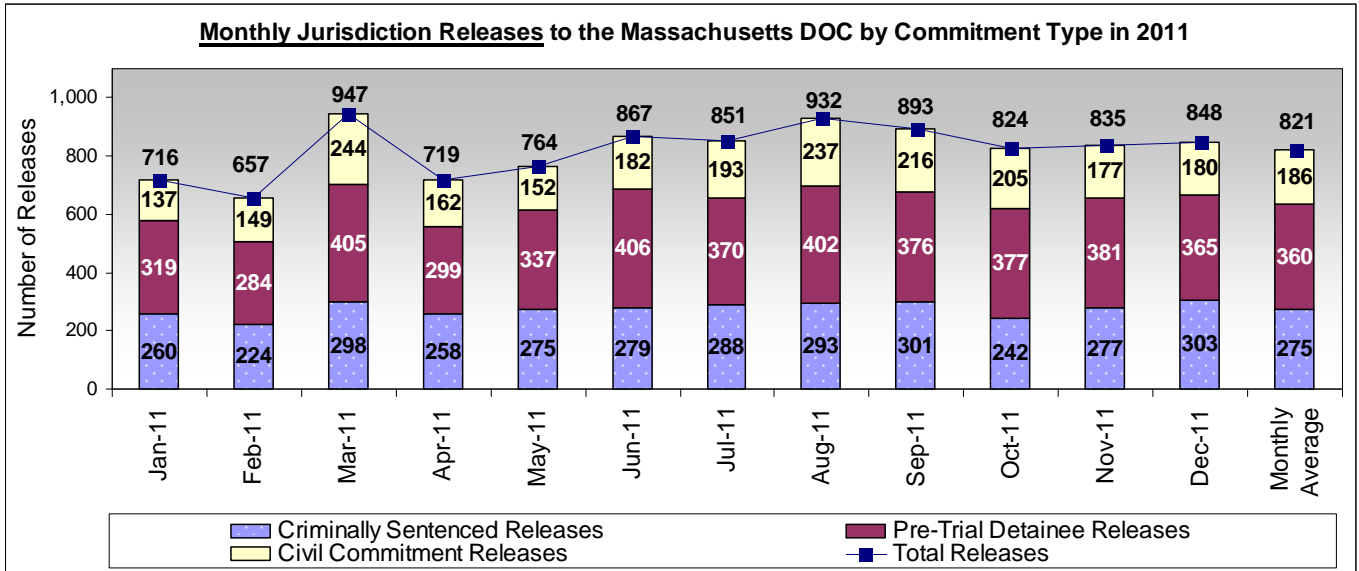
Jurisdiction admissions outpaced releases over the first half of 2011 but that trend reversed in the second half of the year with releases moderately outpacing admissions in five of the last six months. The cumulative increase rose to 502 inmates by June but decreased to 354 by December. Over the trend period, 22 percent of admissions and 23 percent of releases were civil commitments; 43 percent of admissions and 44 percent of releases were pre-trial detainees; 35 percent of admissions and 33 percent of releases were criminally sentenced.

### 1.4 MA DOC Total Admissions



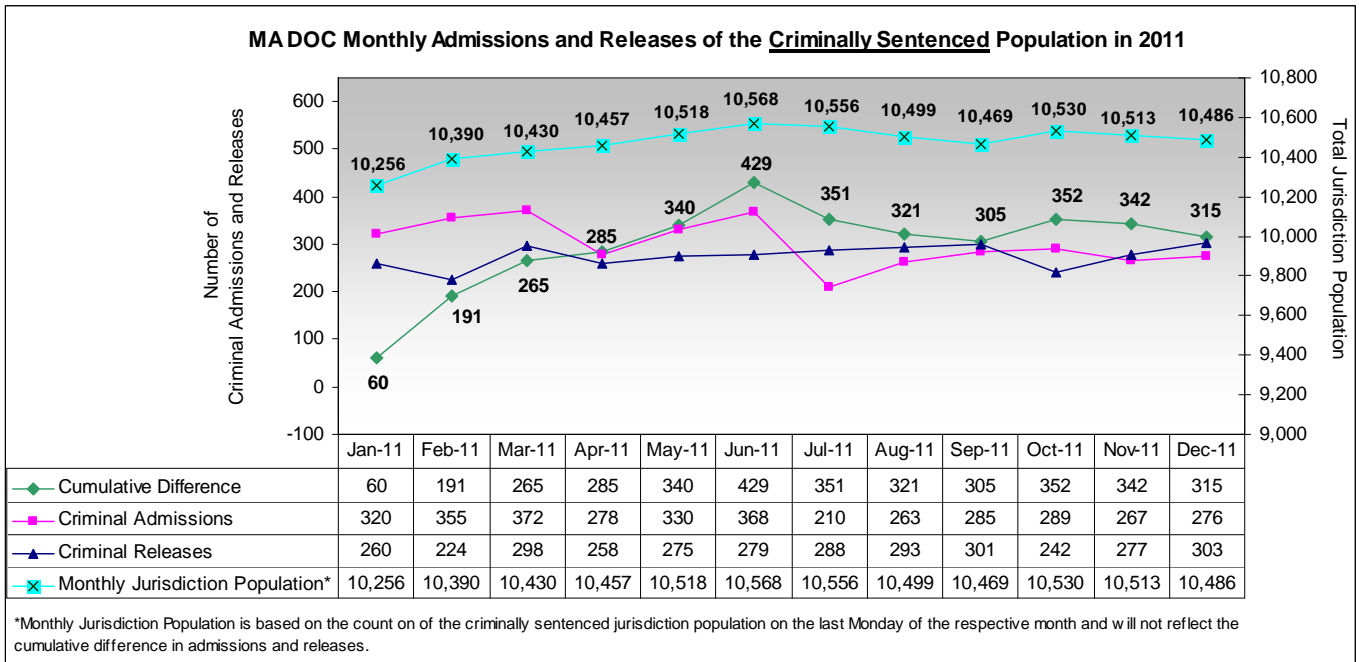
Jurisdiction admissions were over 900 in the months of March, June and September. In the last three months, October through December, both civil and criminally sentenced admissions were consistently below the monthly averages of 185 and 301; these relatively low counts drove total monthly admissions below the monthly average of 851. In the last three months of the year, monthly total admissions were relatively low and ranged between 786 and 807.

### 1.5 MA DOC Total Releases



Jurisdiction releases were above 900 twice in 2011 in March and August; throughout the year, releases fluctuated between 657 and 947 per month. Jurisdiction releases averaged 821 over the twelve month trend period compared to an average of 851 for admissions.

### 1.6 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admissions and Releases by Month

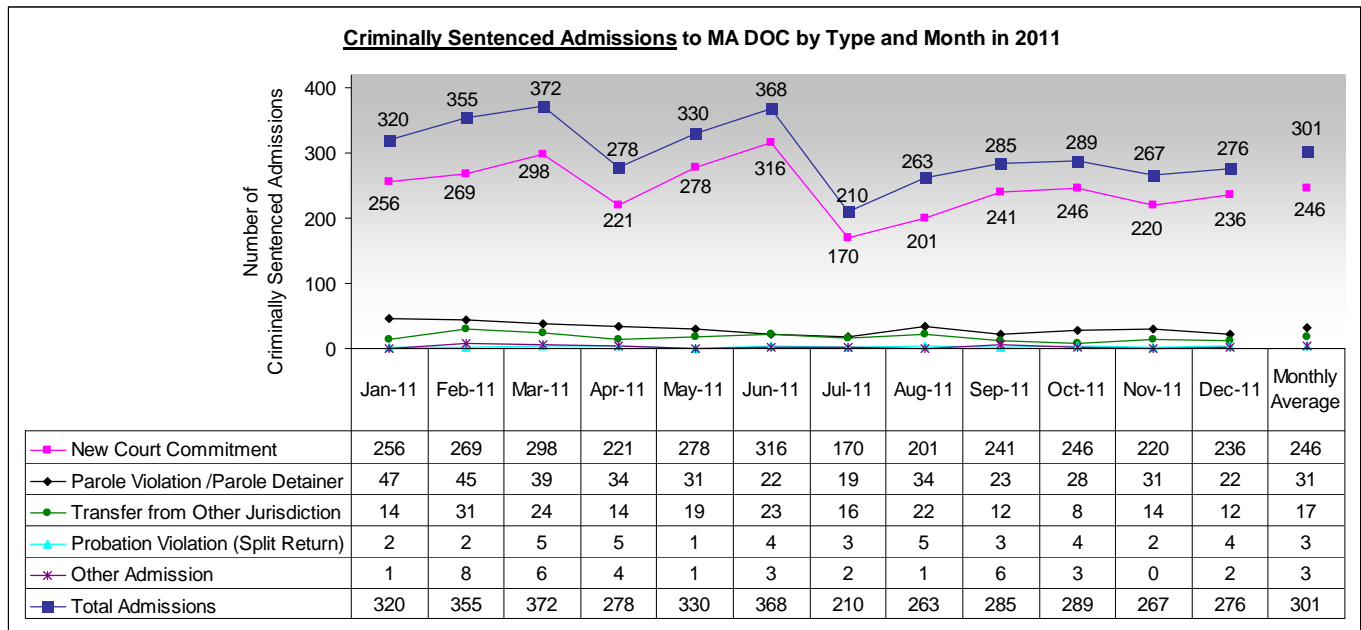


Criminally sentenced admissions outpaced releases over the first six months of the year; in July, releases began outpacing admissions and continued to do so for five of the last six months in 2011. Over the first six months of the year, the cumulative increase rose to 429 inmates (in June) but by December, that cumulative increase declined to 315 inmates. This criminally sentenced pattern drove the jurisdiction admission and release trends and explained the majority of the cumulative increase in 2011.



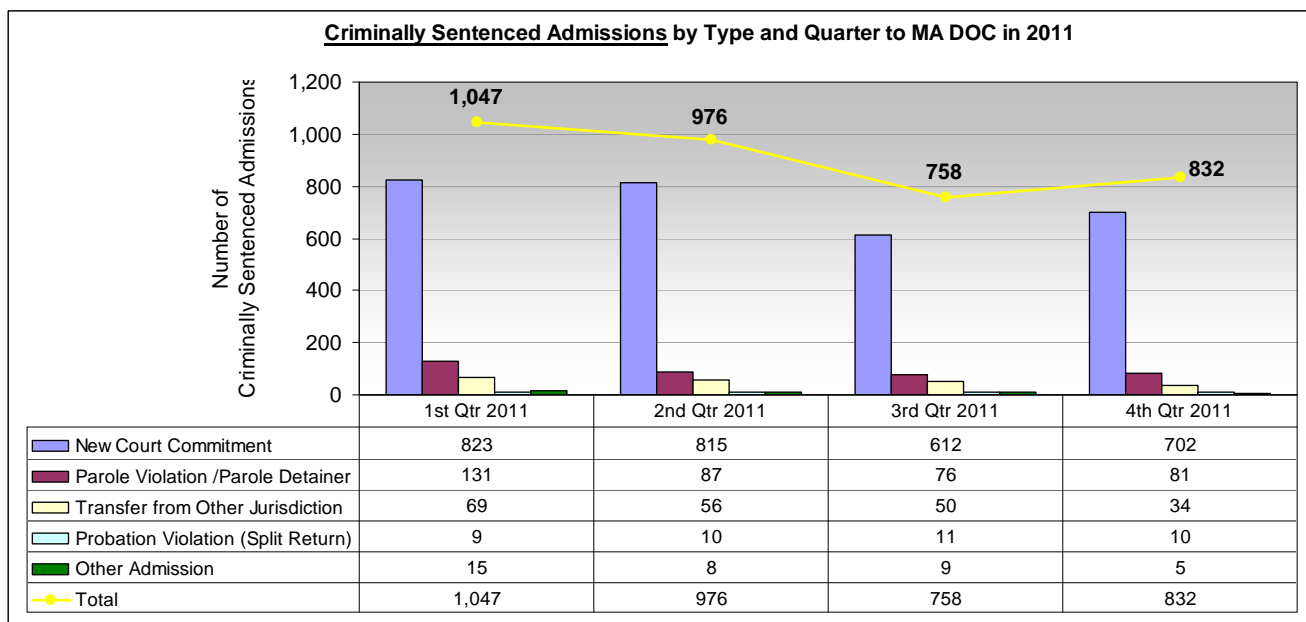
## Section 2. MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admissions

### 2.1 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Month

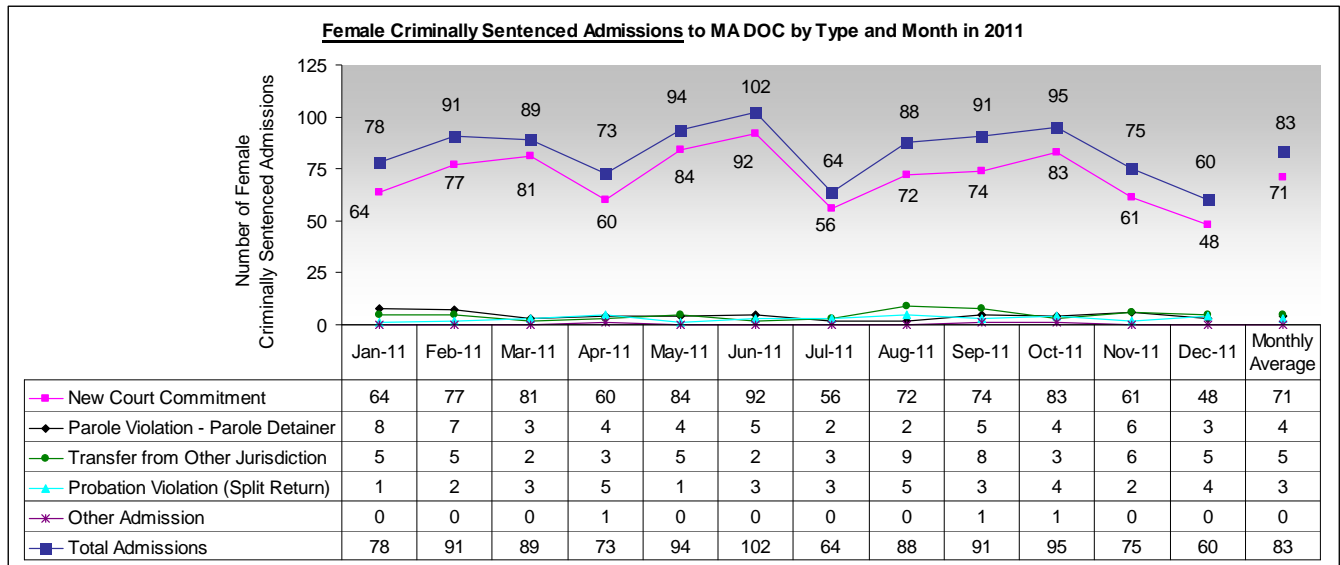


Criminally sentenced admissions ranged between 210 and 372 with an average of 301 admissions per month. The first quarter had the highest number of admissions at 1,047 before dropping by 28 percent to 758 admissions in the third quarter 2011. The fourth quarter showed a modest increase in admissions to 832 due in large part to an increase in new court commitments from 612 to 702. The first and second quarters had over 800 new court commitments each, driving the totals near and over a thousand admissions. Transfers from other jurisdictions decreased consistently from 69 in the first quarter to 34 in the fourth quarter. Meanwhile, parole violators totaled 131 in the first quarter then decreased and ranged between 76 and 87 over the next three quarters.

### 2.2 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Quarter



### 2.3 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Month



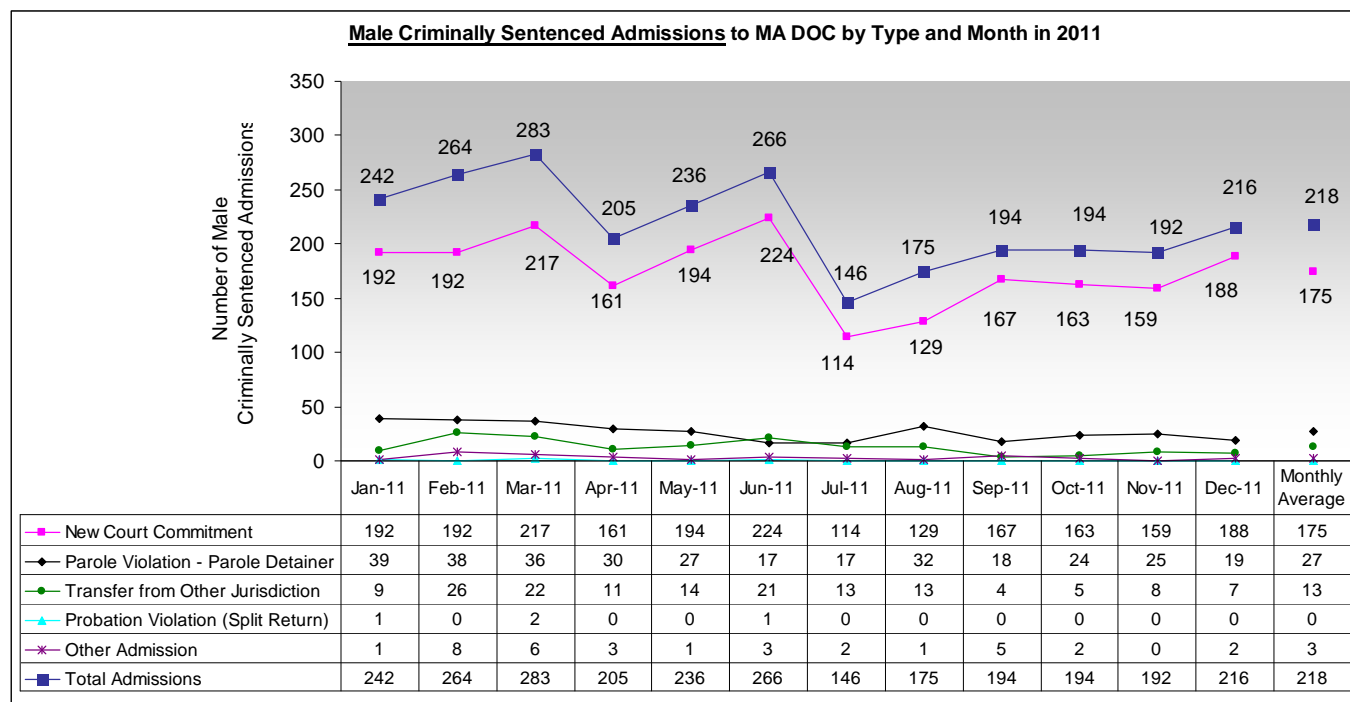
Female criminally sentenced admissions averaged 83 over the trend period and ranged between 60 and 102 monthly admissions. New court commitments ranged between 48 and 92 and accounted for 85 percent of female criminally sentenced admissions in 2011. The second quarter had the highest count of new court commitments at 236 and total admissions at 269 while the fourth quarter had the lowest counts at 192 and 230, respectively.

### 2.4 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Quarter

| Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type* | 1st Quarter 2011 |                       | 2nd Quarter 2011 |                       | 3rd Quarter 2011 |                       | 4th Quarter 2011 |                       | Trend Total |                       |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|   | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Total       | Percent of Admissions |
| New Court Commitment                            | 222              | 86%                   | 236              | 88%                   | 202              | 83%                   | 192              | 83%                   | 852         | 85%                   |
| Parole Violation/Parole Detainer                | 18               | 7%                    | 13               | 5%                    | 9                | 4%                    | 13               | 6%                    | 53          | 5%                    |
| Transfer from Other Jurisdiction                | 12               | 5%                    | 10               | 4%                    | 20               | 8%                    | 14               | 6%                    | 56          | 6%                    |
| Probation Violation (Split Return)              | 6                | 2%                    | 9                | 3%                    | 11               | 5%                    | 10               | 4%                    | 36          | 4%                    |
| Other Admission                                 | 0                | 0%                    | 1                | <1%                   | 1                | <1%                   | 1                | <1%                   | 3           | <1%                   |
| Total Admissions                                | 258              | 100%                  | 269              | 100%                  | 243              | 100%                  | 230              | 100%                  | 1,000       | 100%                  |

\*All percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## 2.5 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Month



Male criminally sentenced admissions widely ranged between 146 and 283 per month with an average of 218 per month. In the first quarter, male criminally sentenced admissions totaled 789 before decreasing by 35 percent in the third quarter to 515 admissions. Total admissions rose moderately to 602 in the fourth quarter. New court commitments drove the total admissions and were at a high in the first quarter at 601 and a low in the third quarter at 410. Parole violator admissions were also high in the first quarter at 113 admissions but dropped to a range of 67 to 74 admissions over the next three quarters. Transfers from other jurisdiction admissions, however, decreased consistently from 57 in the first quarter to 20 in the fourth quarter.

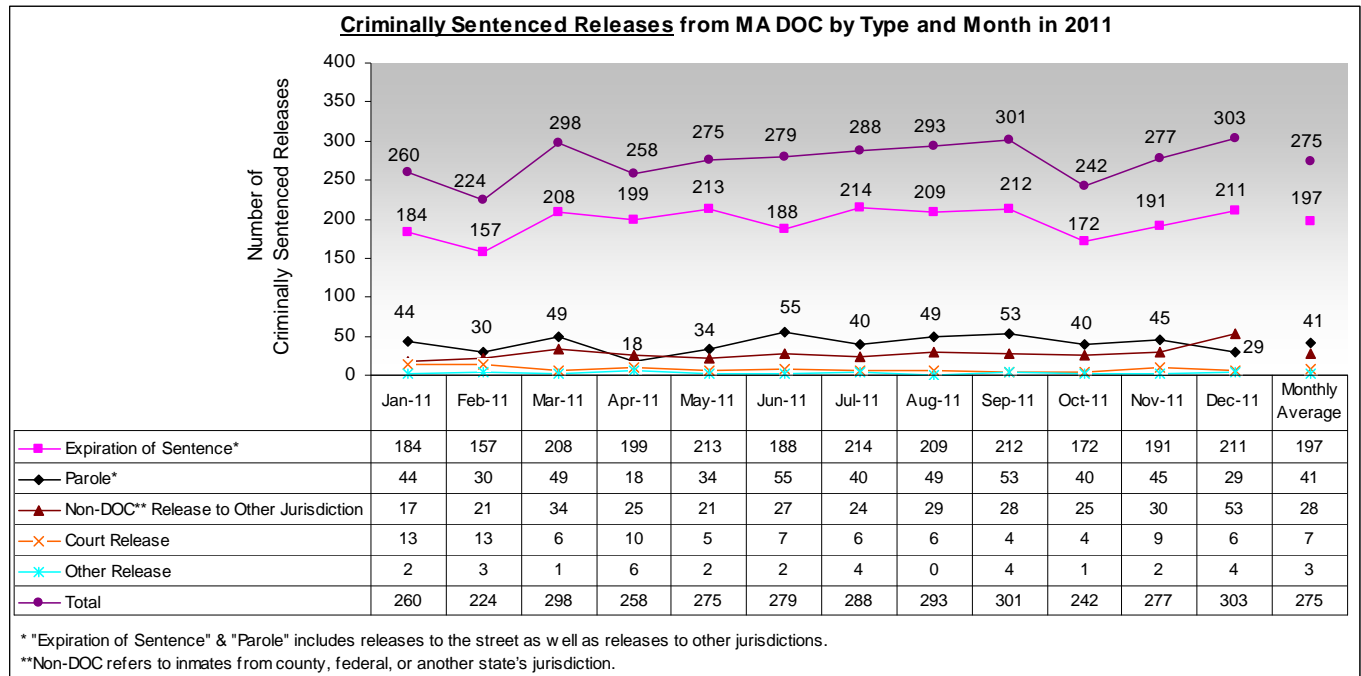
## 2.6 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Quarter

| Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type* | 1st Quarter 2011 |                       | 2nd Quarter 2011 |                       | 3rd Quarter 2011 |                       | 4th Quarter 2011 |                       | Trend Total |                       |
|---|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|   | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Total       | Percent of Admissions |
| New Court Commitment                          | 601              | 76%                   | 579              | 82%                   | 410              | 80%                   | 510              | 85%                   | 2,100       | 80%                   |
| Parole Violation/Parole Detainer              | 113              | 14%                   | 74               | 10%                   | 67               | 13%                   | 68               | 11%                   | 322         | 12%                   |
| Transfer from Other Jurisdiction              | 57               | 7%                    | 46               | 7%                    | 30               | 6%                    | 20               | 3%                    | 153         | 6%                    |
| Probation Violation (Split Return)            | 3                | <1%                   | 1                | <1%                   | 0                | 0%                    | 0                | 0%                    | 4           | <1%                   |
| Other Admission                               | 15               | 2%                    | 7                | 1%                    | 8                | 2%                    | 4                | 1%                    | 34          | 1%                    |
| Total Admissions                              | 789              | 100%                  | 707              | 100%                  | 515              | 100%                  | 602              | 100%                  | 2,613       | 100%                  |

\*All percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

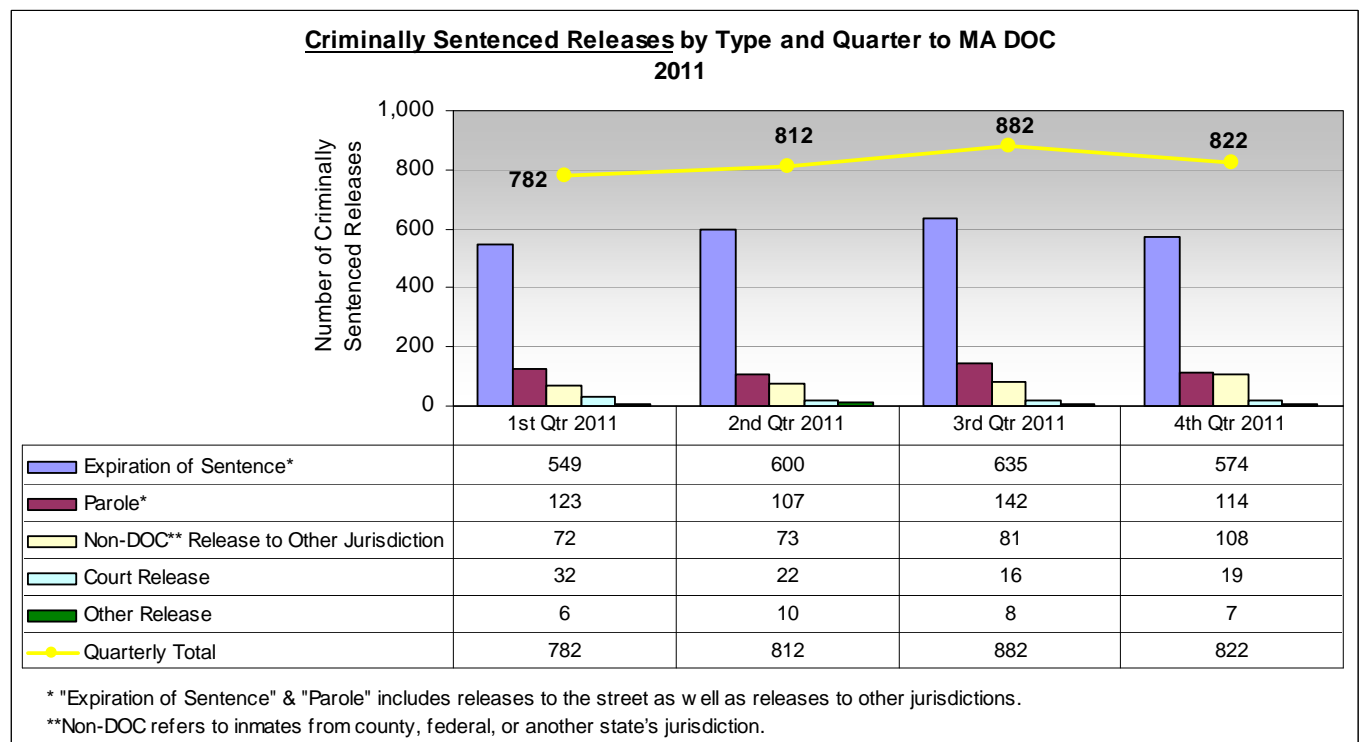
## Section 3. MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Releases

### 3.1 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Month

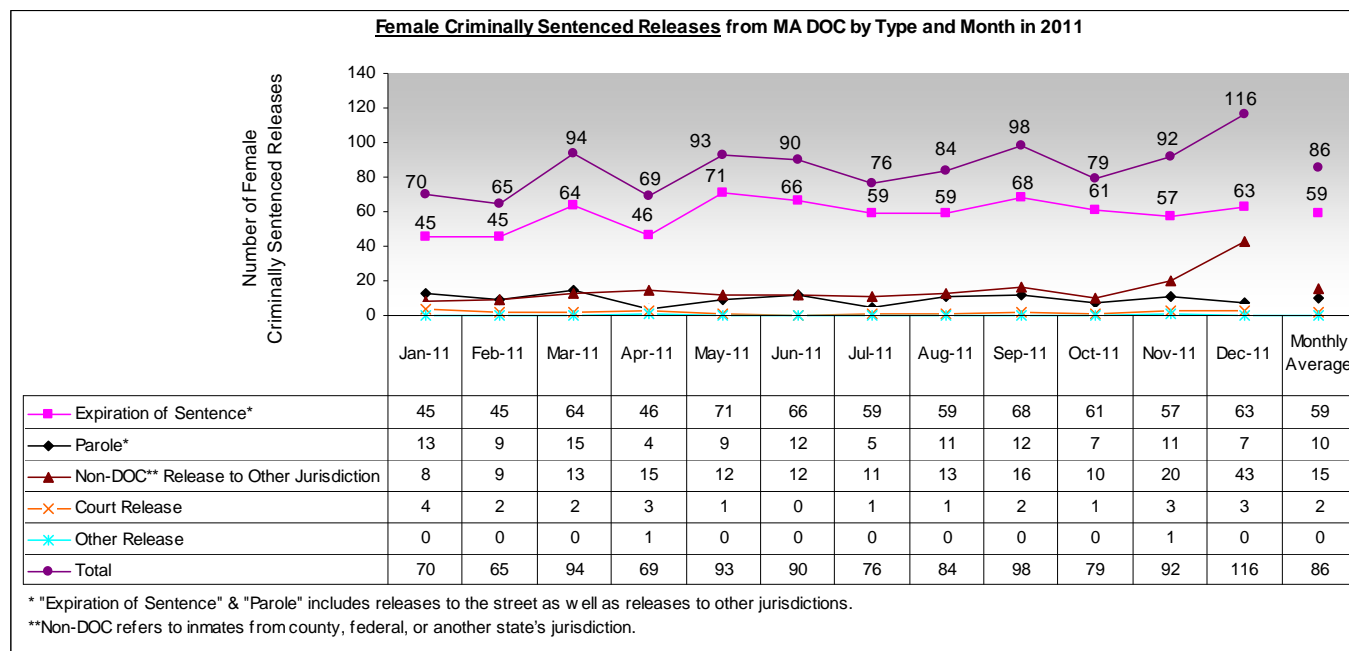


Criminally sentenced releases were more consistent than admissions; releases averaged 275 per month over the trend period and ranged between monthly totals of 224 and 303 (compared to admissions' range of 210 to 372). Quarterly totals rose modestly (by 13 percent) between the first and third quarter from 782 to 882 before decreasing by seven percent to 822 in the fourth quarter. Releases to expiration of sentence drove these totals and followed the same pattern, increasing by 16 percent between the first and third quarter and decreasing by 10 percent in the fourth quarter.

### 3.2 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Quarter



### 3.3 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Month



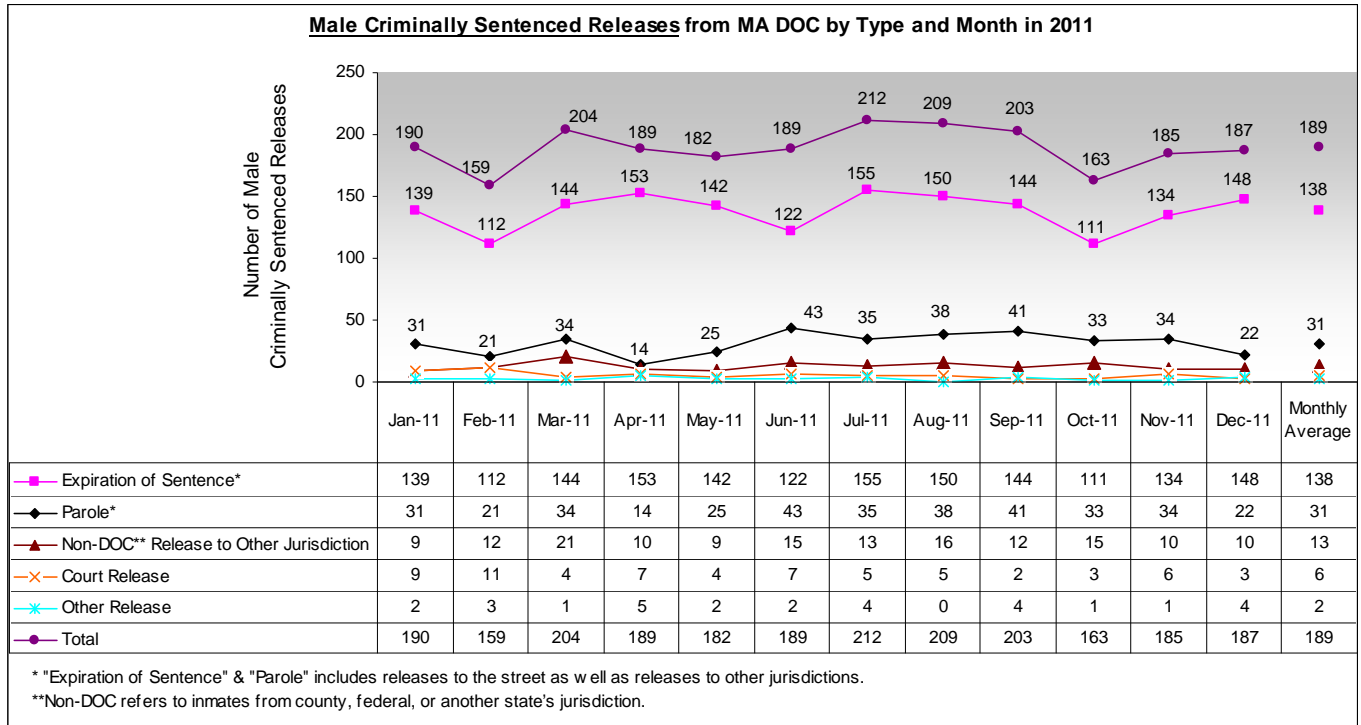
Criminally sentenced female releases averaged 86 per month over the trend period with a range of 65 to 116. Quarterly totals rose throughout the year, increasing by 25 percent between the first and fourth quarter. December's high count of 116 was driven by a dramatic increase in non-DOC releases to other jurisdiction which averaged 15 per month but hit 43 in December. Notably, non-DOC releases to other jurisdiction accounted for 13 to 16 percent of female criminally sentenced releases over the first three quarters but increased to 25 percent of releases in the fourth quarter (which incorporates the December high). Releases to parole decreased somewhat from 37 in the first quarter to a range of 25 to 28 over the last three quarters; as the total releases increased, the proportion of releases to parole dropped from 16 percent to nine percent of total releases.

### 3.4 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Quarter\*

| Type of Release          | 1st Quarter 2011 |                       | 2nd Quarter 2011 |                       | 3rd Quarter 2011 |                       | 4th Quarter 2011 |                       | Trend Total |                       |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                          | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Total       | Percent of Admissions |
| Expiration of Sentence   | 154              | 67%                   | 183              | 73%                   | 186              | 72%                   | 181              | 63%                   | 704         | 69%                   |
| Parole                   | 37               | 16%                   | 25               | 10%                   | 28               | 11%                   | 25               | 9%                    | 115         | 11%                   |
| Non-DOC Release to Other | 30               | 13%                   | 39               | 15%                   | 40               | 16%                   | 73               | 25%                   | 182         | 18%                   |
| Court Release            | 8                | 3%                    | 4                | 2%                    | 4                | 2%                    | 7                | 2%                    | 23          | 2%                    |
| Other Release            | 0                | 0%                    | 1                | <1%                   | 0                | 0%                    | 1                | <1%                   | 2           | <1%                   |
| Total Releases           | 229              | 100%                  | 252              | 100%                  | 258              | 100%                  | 287              | 100%                  | 1,026       | 100%                  |

\*All percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

### 3.5 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Month



In 2011, criminally sentenced male releases averaged 189 per month with a range of 159 to 212. Total male criminally sentenced releases increased by 13 percent between the first quarter and the third quarter before decreasing by 14 percent to the year's lowest in the fourth quarter. Seventy-three percent of these releases were an expiration of sentence; releases to parole represented the second largest group at 16 percent. Releases to parole averaged 31 per month with a low of 14 in April and a high of 43 in June. While court releases made up a small percentage of criminally sentenced male releases (3 percent), it is notable that they declined from 24 releases in the first quarter to 12 releases in the third and fourth quarters.

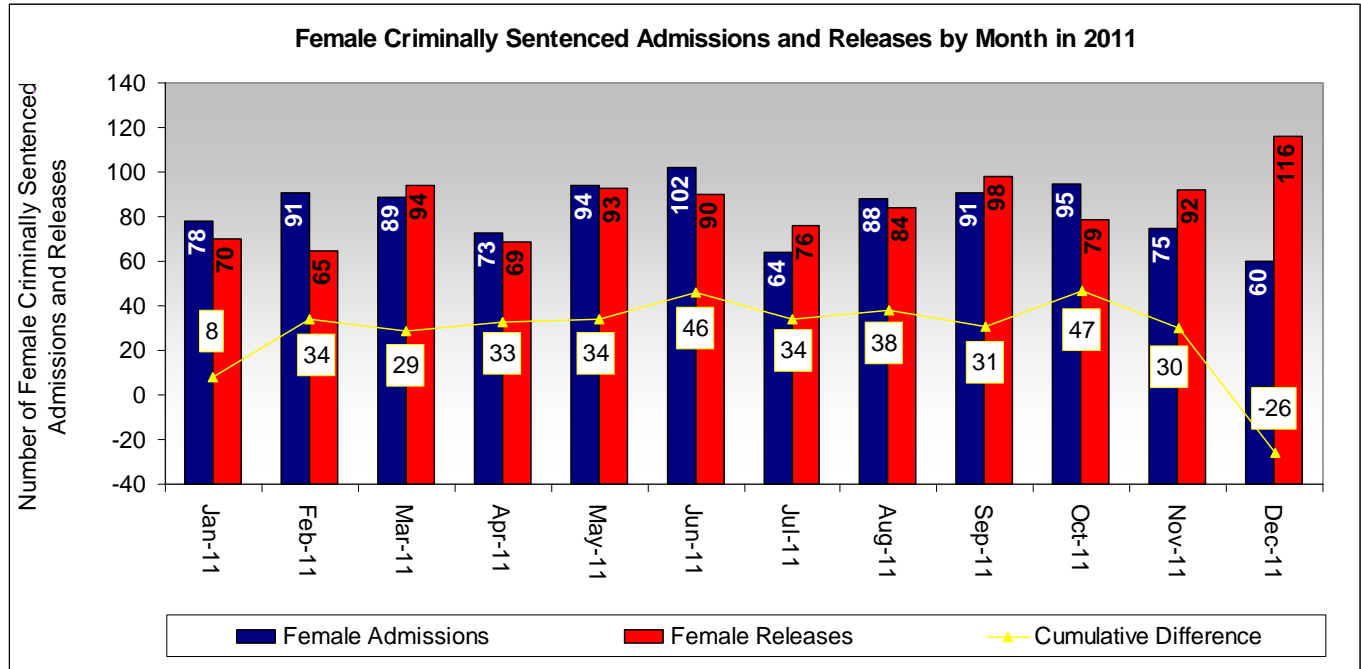
### 3.6 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Quarter\*

| Type of Release          | 1st Quarter 2011 |                       | 2nd Quarter 2011 |                       | 3rd Quarter 2011 |                       | 4th Quarter 2011 |                       | Trend Total  |                       |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
|                          | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Count            | Percent of Admissions | Total        | Percent of Admissions |
| Expiration of Sentence   | 395              | 71%                   | 417              | 74%                   | 449              | 72%                   | 393              | 73%                   | 1,654        | 73%                   |
| Parole                   | 86               | 16%                   | 82               | 15%                   | 114              | 18%                   | 89               | 17%                   | 371          | 16%                   |
| Non-DOC Release to Other | 42               | 8%                    | 34               | 6%                    | 41               | 7%                    | 35               | 7%                    | 152          | 7%                    |
| Court Release            | 24               | 4%                    | 18               | 3%                    | 12               | 2%                    | 12               | 2%                    | 66           | 3%                    |
| Other Release            | 6                | 1%                    | 9                | 2%                    | 8                | 1%                    | 6                | 1%                    | 29           | 1%                    |
| <b>Total Releases</b>    | <b>553</b>       | <b>100%</b>           | <b>560</b>       | <b>100%</b>           | <b>624</b>       | <b>100%</b>           | <b>535</b>       | <b>100%</b>           | <b>2,272</b> | <b>100%</b>           |

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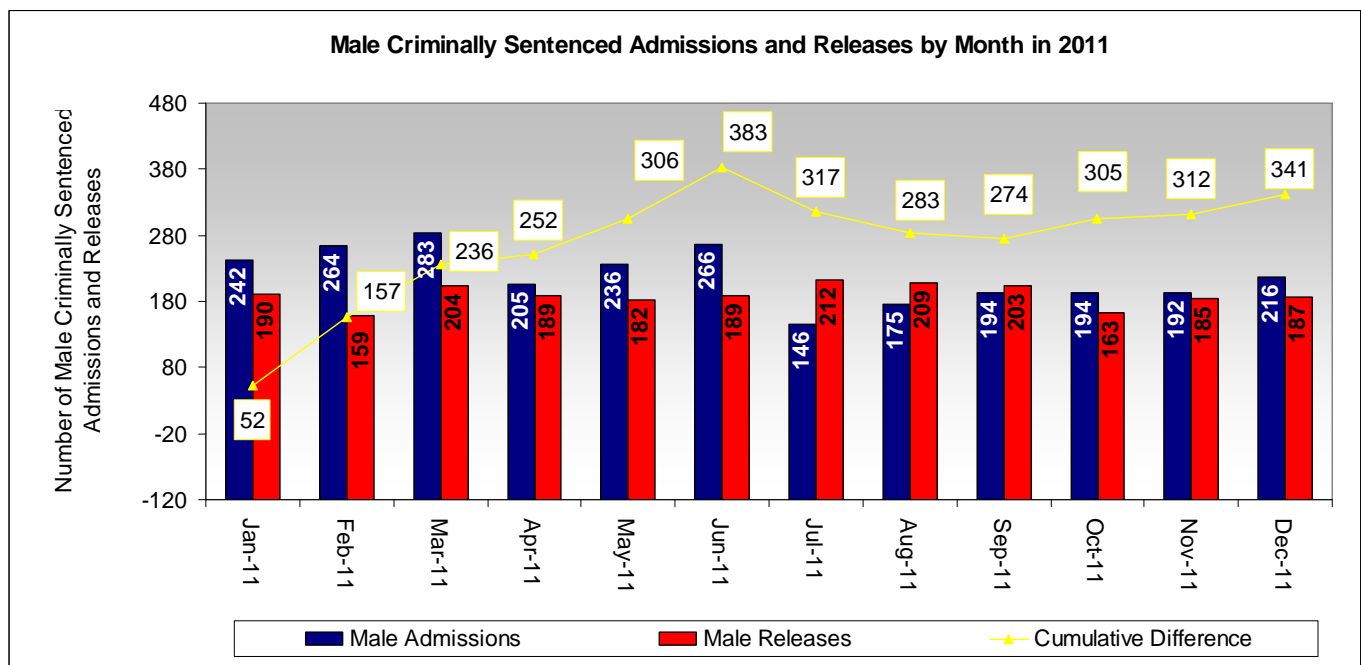
## Section 4. MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admission and Release Trends by Gender

### 4.1 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions and Releases



In 2011, female criminally sentenced admissions were generally outnumbering releases over the first eleven months (by 30 inmates); however, in December, admissions hit a low of 60 while releases hit a high of 116. This ultimately resulted in a cumulative decrease of 26 inmates.

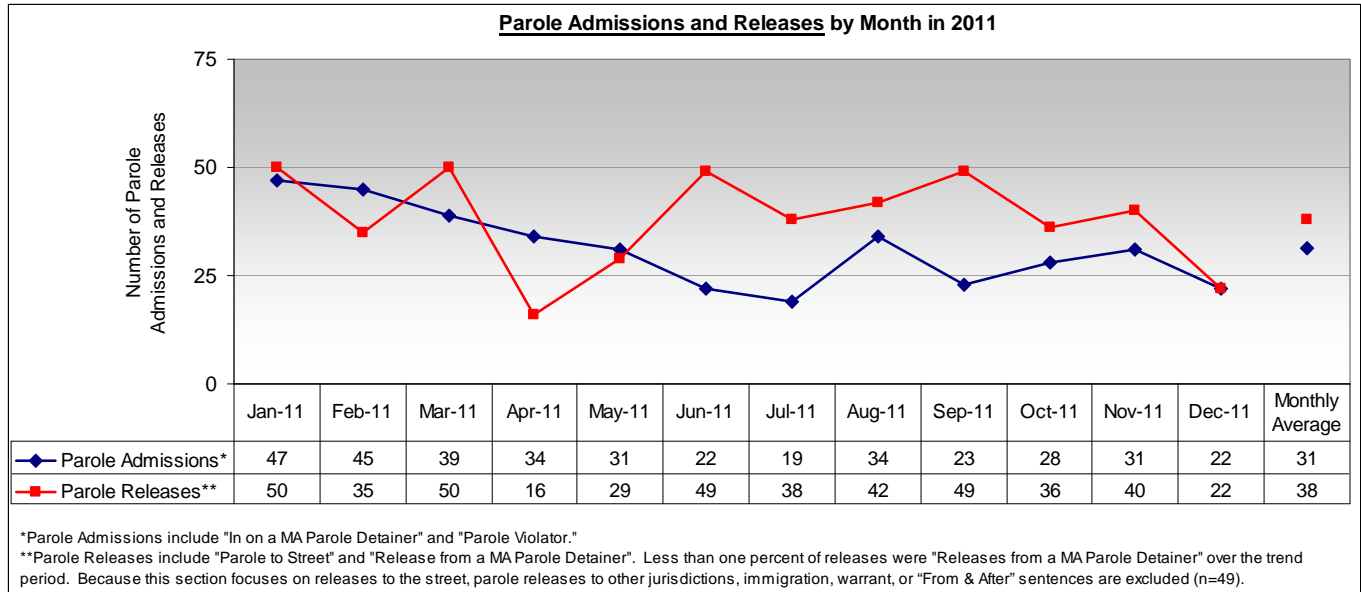
### 4.2 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions and Releases



Over the same calendar year, male criminally sentenced admissions outpaced releases in nine of 12 months. In the last three months of the year (Oct. – Dec.), male admissions outpaced releases by 67 and brought the cumulative increase to 341 inmates.

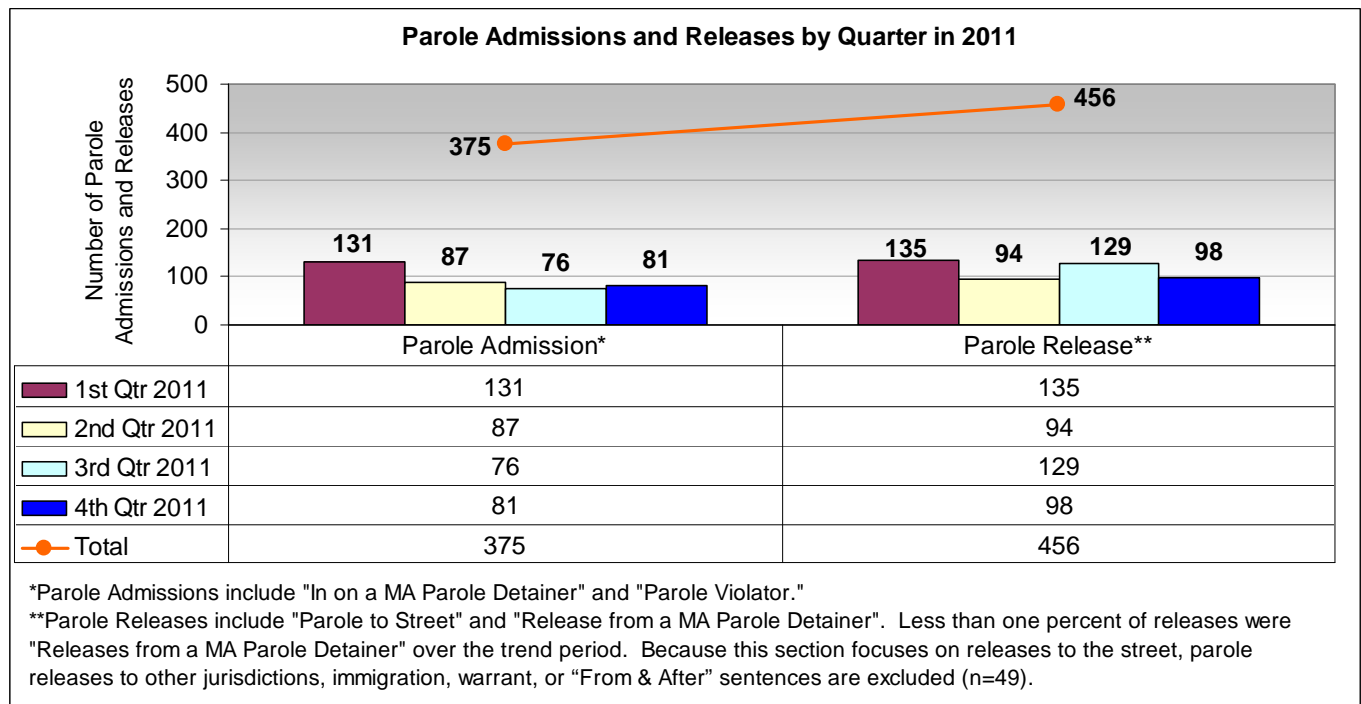
## Section 5. MA DOC Comparison of Criminally Sentenced Parole Admissions and Parole Releases to the Street

### 5.1 MA DOC Parole Admissions and Parole Releases to the Street by Month



Parole admissions averaged 31 per month over the trend period with January, February and March having relatively high counts (39-47). Parole releases averaged 38 per month and were higher than parole admissions consistently in June through November. Parole releases outnumbered parole admissions by 81 inmates over the year. While other quarters had less of a difference, the most notable disparity was in the third quarter where parole releases outnumbered parole admissions 129 to 76.

### 5.2 MA DOC Parole Admissions and Parole Releases to the Street by Quarter





## Section 6. MA DOC Supervision of Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street

### 6.1 MA DOC Total Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Type and Quarter

| Type of Release                 | Total Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Quarter in 2011 |                         |              |                         |              |                         |              |                         |              |                         |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|                                 | 1st Qtr 2011   | % of Releases to Street | 2nd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | 3rd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | 4th Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Trend Total  | % of Releases to Street |
| Paroled to Street               | 114  | 21%                     | 94           | 17%                     | 129          | 20%                     | 98           | 18%                     | 435          | 19%                     |
| Expiration of Sentence          | 419  | 79%                     | 467          | 83%                     | 505          | 80%                     | 451          | 82%                     | 1,842        | 81%                     |
| <b>Total Releases to Street</b> | <b>533</b>   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>561</b>   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>634</b>   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>549</b>   | <b>100%</b>             | <b>2,277</b> | <b>100%</b>             |

The number of inmates released to the street increased between the first and third quarters from 533 to 634 but fell back to 549 in the fourth quarter. In 2011, inmates paroled to the street made up a notably small portion of the total releases to the street, 19 percent, when compared to previous years. Paroles to the street made up 38 percent of releases to the street in 2010 and 39 percent in 2009. Overall releases to the street decreased by 17 percent from 2010 to 2011 while releases to an expiration of sentence increased by eight percent from 1,710 in 2010 to 1,842 in 2011. More notably, *releases paroled to the street decreased by 58 percent* from 1,028 in 2010 to 435 in 2011 (*Prison Population Trends 2010*, MA DOC Research & Planning Division, August 2011).

### 6.2 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Type and Quarter

| Type of Release                 | Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Quarter in 2011 |                         |                     |                         |                     |                         |                     |                         |             |                         |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
|                                 | Female 1st Qtr 2011   | % of Releases to Street | Female 2nd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Female 3rd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Female 4th Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Trend Total | % of Releases to Street |
| Paroled to Street               | 36  | 22%                     | 25                  | 14%                     | 26                  | 14%                     | 22                  | 13%                     | 109         | 16%                     |
| Expiration of Sentence          | 127   | 78%                     | 152                 | 86%                     | 158                 | 86%                     | 145                 | 87%                     | 582         | 84%                     |
| <b>Total Releases to Street</b> | <b>163</b>  | <b>100%</b>             | <b>177</b>          | <b>100%</b>             | <b>184</b>          | <b>100%</b>             | <b>167</b>          | <b>100%</b>             | <b>691</b>  | <b>100%</b>             |

The percentage of female releases paroled to the street has decreased from 22 to 13 percent between the first and fourth quarter. Males were more consistent ranging between 18 and 23 percent of male releases to the street.

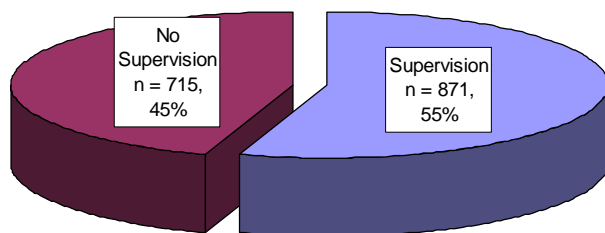
### 6.3 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Type and Quarter

| Type of Release                 | Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Quarter in 2011 |                         |                   |                         |                   |                         |                   |                         |              |                         |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|                                 | Male 1st Qtr 2011   | % of Releases to Street | Male 2nd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Male 3rd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Male 4th Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Trend Total  | % of Releases to Street |
| Paroled to Street               | 78  | 21%                     | 69                | 18%                     | 103               | 23%                     | 76                | 20%                     | 326          | 21%                     |
| Expiration of Sentence          | 292   | 79%                     | 315               | 82%                     | 347               | 77%                     | 306               | 80%                     | 1,260        | 79%                     |
| <b>Total Releases to Street</b> | <b>370</b>  | <b>100%</b>             | <b>384</b>        | <b>100%</b>             | <b>450</b>        | <b>100%</b>             | <b>382</b>        | <b>100%</b>             | <b>1,586</b> | <b>100%</b>             |

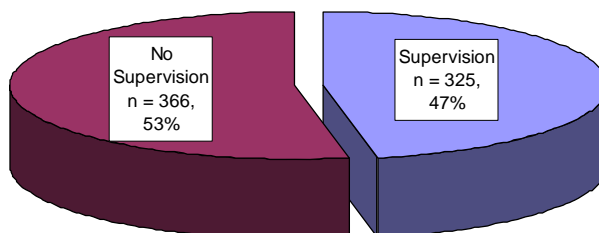
Males were released to the street with supervision at a higher rate than females, 55 percent compared to 47 percent. Overall, there were 1,196 releases to the street with supervision (53 percent) and 1,081 with no supervision (47 percent).

### 6.4 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status and Gender

Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street from MA DOC by Supervision Status in 2011



Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street from MA DOC by Supervision Status in 2011



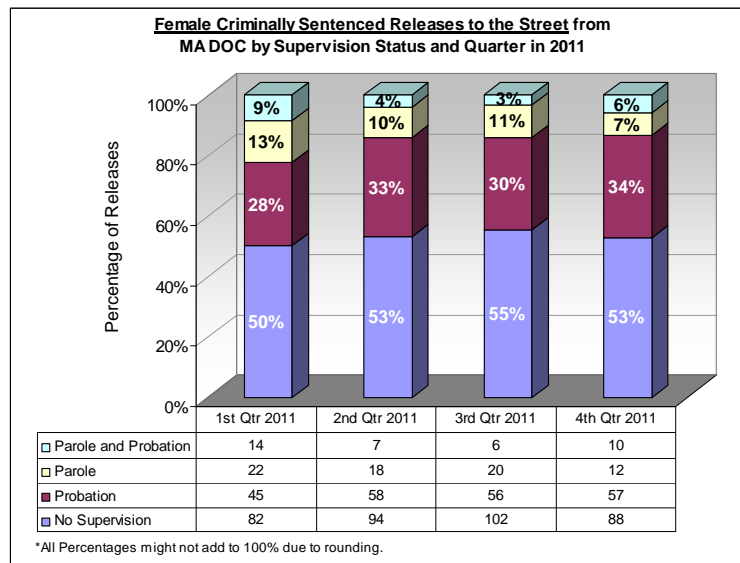
### 6.5 MA DOC Total Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status and Quarter

| Total Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision and Quarter in 2011 |              |                         |              |                         |              |                         |              |                         |             |                         |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Type of Supervision  | 1st Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | 2nd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | 3rd Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | 4th Qtr 2011 | % of Releases to Street | Trend Total | % of Releases to Street |
| Parole and Probation (both)  | 54           | 10%                     | 29           | 5%                      | 43           | 7%                      | 38           | 7%                      | 164         | 7%                      |
| Parole (only)  | 60           | 11%                     | 65           | 12%                     | 86           | 14%                     | 60           | 11%                     | 271         | 12%                     |
| Probation (only)   | 160          | 30%                     | 192          | 34%                     | 222          | 35%                     | 187          | 34%                     | 761         | 33%                     |
| No Supervision   | 259          | 49%                     | 275          | 49%                     | 283          | 45%                     | 264          | 48%                     | 1,081       | 47%                     |
| Total  | 533          | 100%                    | 561          | 100%                    | 634          | 100%                    | 549          | 100%                    | 2,277       | 100%                    |

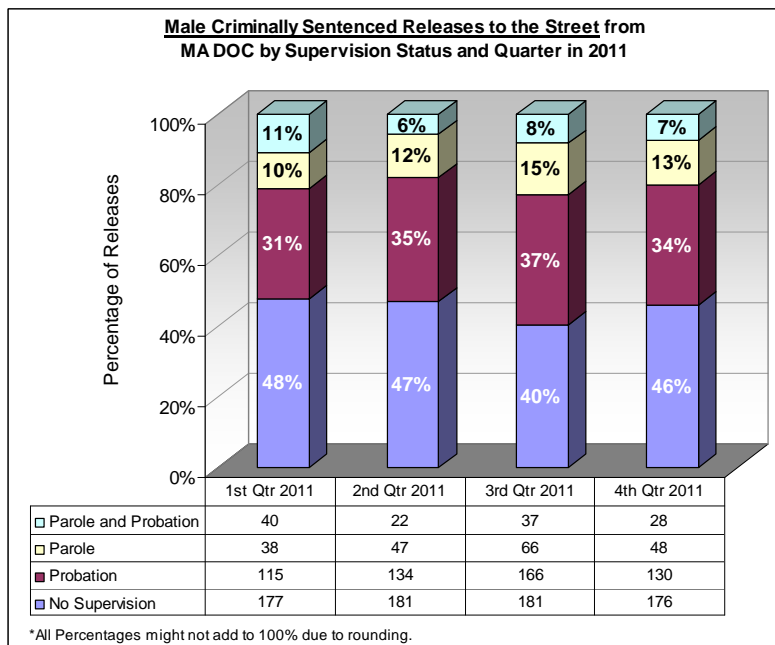
The most prominent form of supervision was probation only (761) followed by parole only (271) while the combination of parole and probation (both) was the least frequent form (164); this was true for both males and females.

The percentage of females being released with no supervision has remained between 50 and 55 percent in 2011. Female releases to probation (only) remained between 28 and 34 percent. The percentage of releases to parole (only) has remained low between seven and 13 percent while releases to parole and probation (both) has been even lower, between three and nine percent over the year.

### 6.6 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status and Quarter



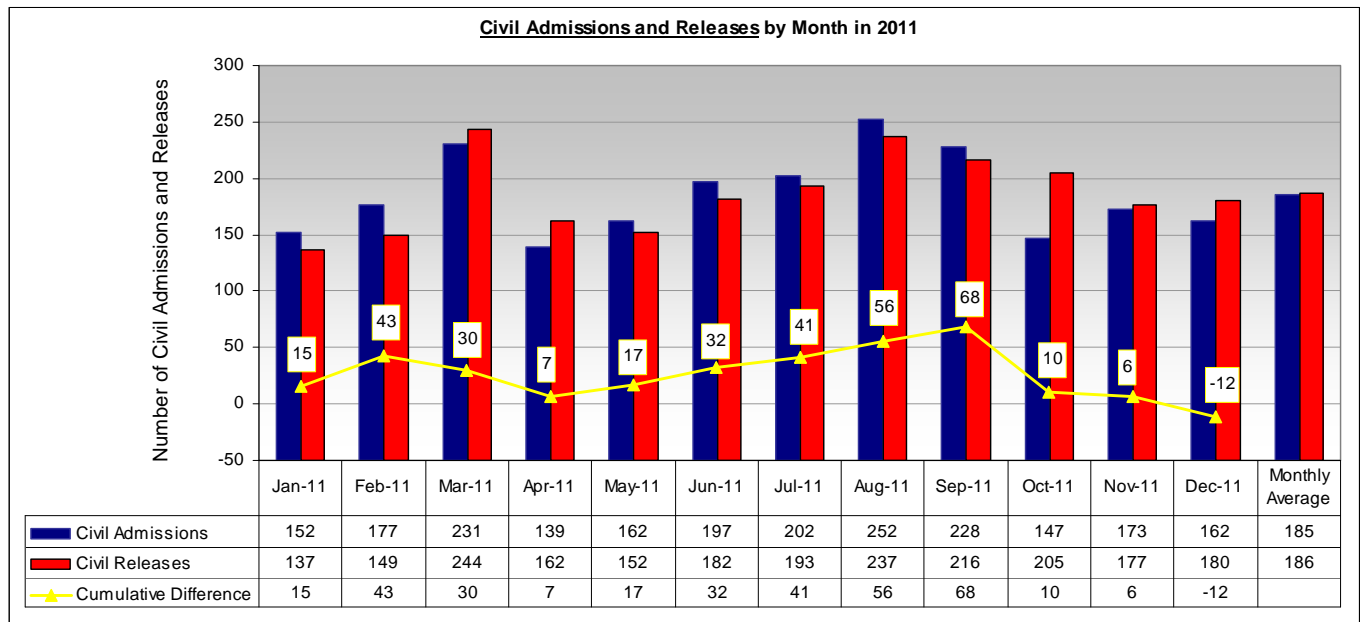
### 6.7 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status and Quarter



The actual number of male criminally sentenced releases to the street with “no supervision” has remained consistent, between 176 and 181, but the percentage of males with no supervision has fluctuated between 40 and 48 percent. This is due in large part to the fluctuation of the number of releases to different types of supervision. Releases to probation (only) fluctuated between 115 and 166 releases; releases to parole (only) were between 38 and 66; releases to parole and probation (both) were between 22 and 40 per quarter.

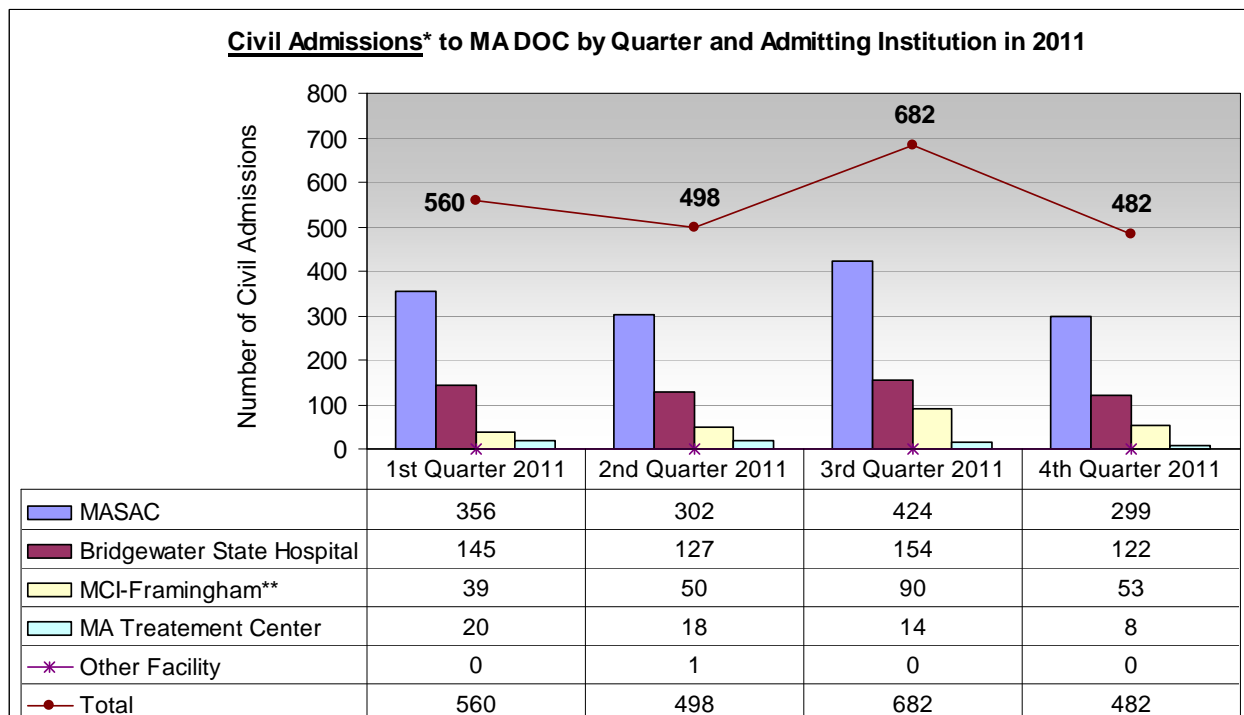
## Section 7. MA DOC Civil Commitment Admissions and Releases

### 7.1 MA DOC Civil Admissions and Releases by Month



Monthly civil commitment admissions and releases were fairly similar over the trend period. Releases slightly outpaced admissions over the last three months (October through December) with a year end result of a cumulative decrease of 12 inmates. Civil commitment admissions ranged from 139 to 252 per month over the trend period with an average of 185; releases averaged 186 per month and ranged from 137 to 244.

### 7.2 MA DOC Civil Admissions by Quarter and Admitting Institution

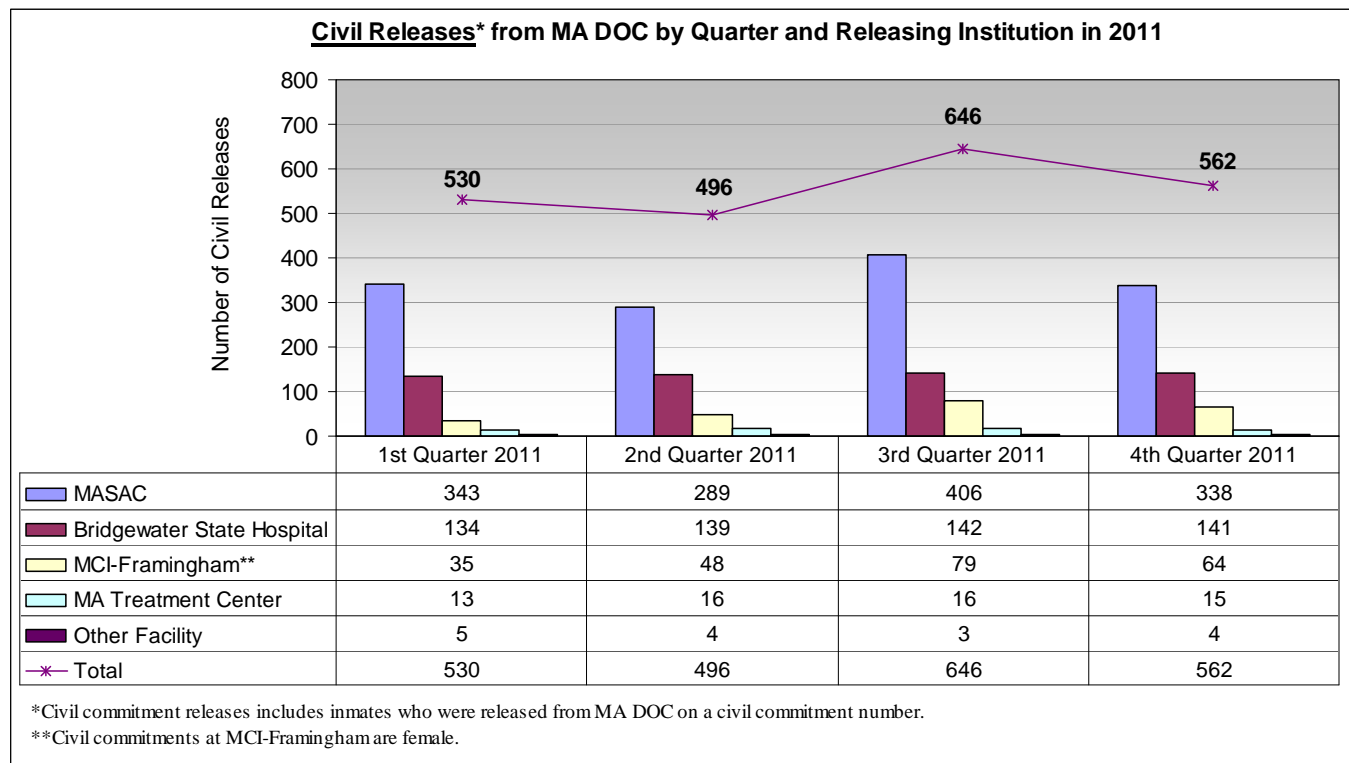


\*Civil commitment admissions only include inmates sentenced to the MADOC on a civil commitment number.

\*\*Civil commitments at MCI-Framingham are female.

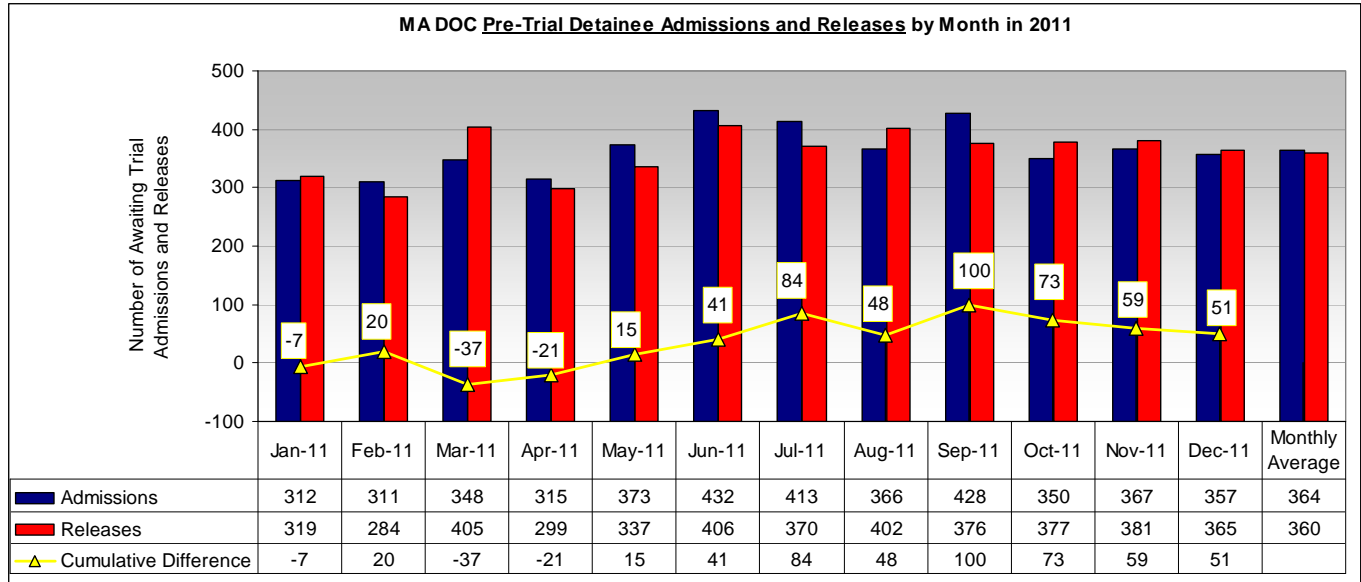
MASAC (Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center) and Bridgewater State Hospital processed about 87 percent of the civil commitment admissions (1,929 out of 2,222) and 86 percent of civil releases (1,932 out of 2,234); these facilities (as well as Massachusetts Treatment Center) exclusively house males. Accordingly, males accounted for 90 percent of civil admissions and releases while females accounted for just ten percent (at MCI-Framingham). The third quarter of 2011 had the highest count of civil admissions and releases of any quarter in the period. Notably higher were admissions to MASAC and MCI-Framingham. MASAC averaged 319 admissions in all other quarters but hit 424 in the third quarter. MCI-Framingham averaged 47 admissions throughout all other quarters but hit 90 admissions in the third quarter. Accordingly, releases from these institutions were also higher in the third quarter.

### 7.3 MA DOC Civil Releases by Quarter and Releasing Institution

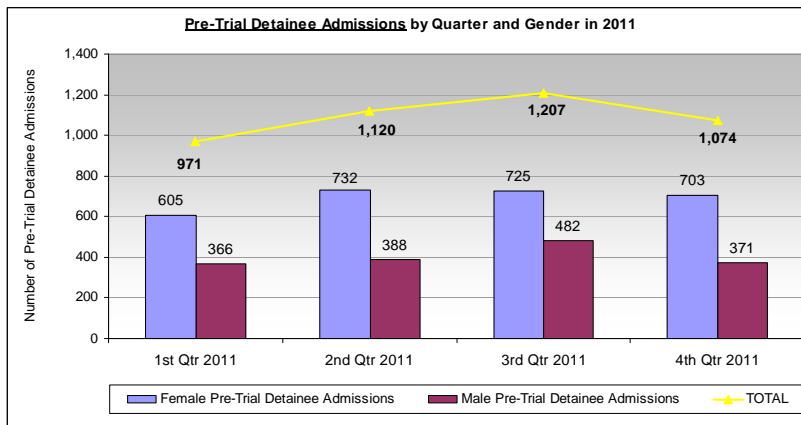


## Section 8. MA DOC Pre-trial Detainee Admissions and Releases

### 8.1 MA DOC Pre-trial Detainee Admissions and Releases



### 8.2 MA DOC Pre-trial Detainee Admissions by Quarter and Gender



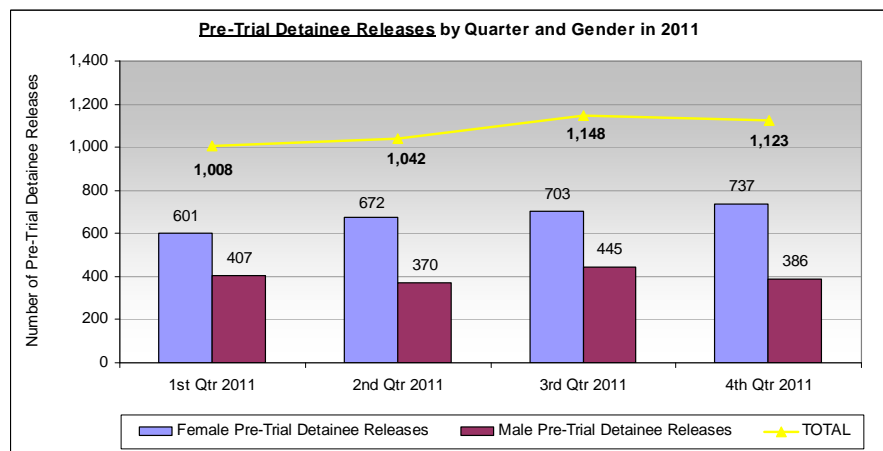
Pre-trial admissions outnumbered releases by 100 detainees by September; after releases outnumbered admissions in the last three months, October through December, the year's cumulative increase was reduced to 51 detainees.

Pre-trial detainee admissions spiked in the third quarter at 1,207; releases were also at a high in the third quarter at 1,148.

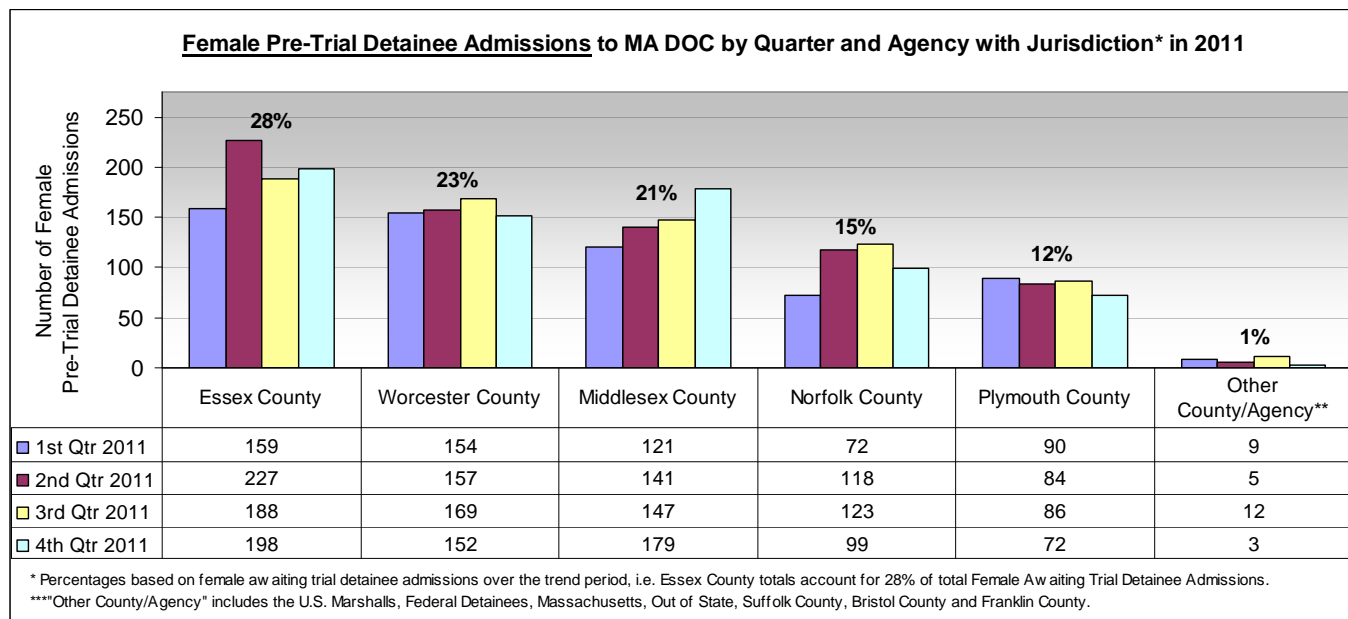
### 8.3 MA DOC Pre-trial Detainee Releases by Quarter and Gender

Female detainee admissions ranged between 605 and 732 per quarter while male detainee admissions ranged from 366 to 482.

Detainee releases fluctuated in a similar fashion, females ranged from 601 to 737 and males ranged from 370 to 445 releases.



## 8.4 MA DOC Female Pre-trial Detainee Admissions



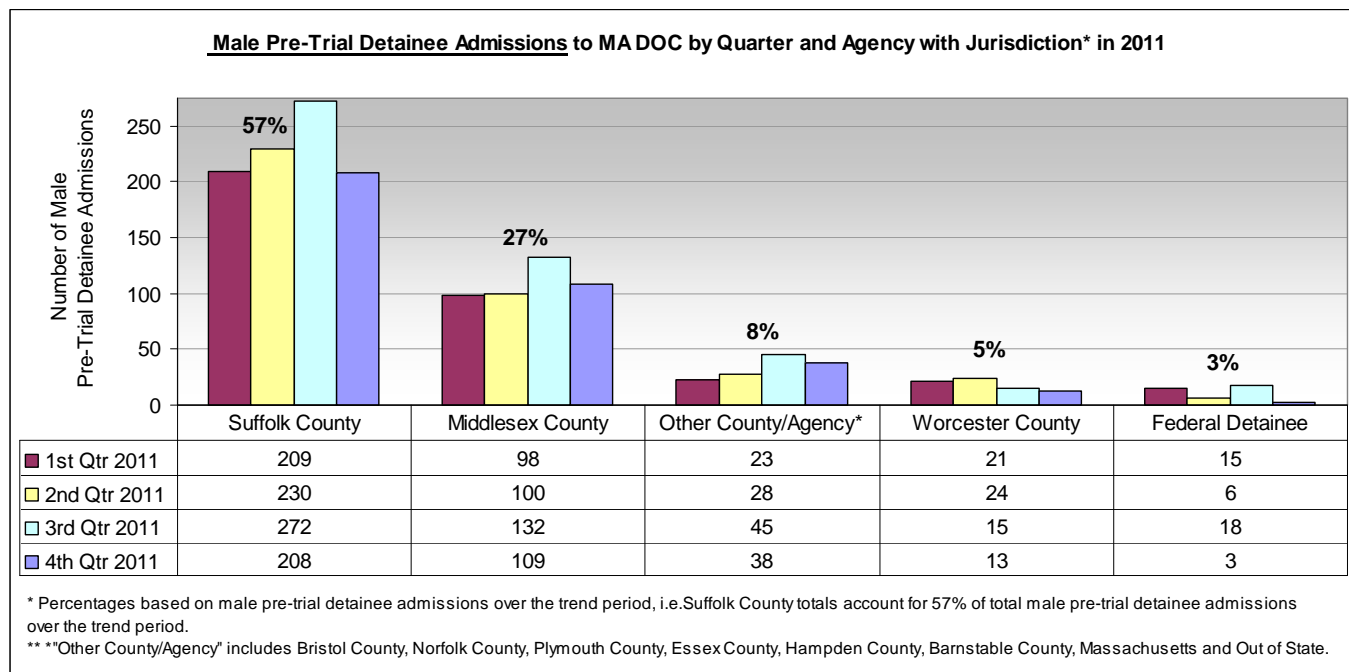
Female pre-trial detainee admissions totaled 605 in the first quarter of 2011 but remained above 700 throughout the following three quarters. Admissions from Middlesex County spiked in the fourth quarter at 179 compared to an average of 136 in the previous three quarters. Plymouth County admissions were relatively low in the fourth quarter at 72 compared to an average of 87 in the previous three quarters. Essex, Worcester and Middlesex Counties each accounted for well over 100 inmates per quarter and were the top three contributors in 2011 with 1,992 admissions or 72 percent of female detainee admissions. Norfolk and Plymouth Counties together contributed another 27 percent of admissions.

## 8.5 MA DOC Female Pre-trial Detainee Admissions by Quarter and Jurisdiction

| Female Pre-Trial Detainee Admissions by Quarter and Agency with Jurisdiction |              |      |              |      |              |      |              |      |             |      |
|--|--------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|
| Agency with Jurisdiction   | 1st Qtr 2011 |      | 2nd Qtr 2011 |      | 3rd Qtr 2011 |      | 4th Qtr 2011 |      | Trend Total |      |
|  | N            | %    | N            | %    | N            | %    | N            | %    | N           | %    |
| Essex County   | 159          | 26%  | 227          | 31%  | 188          | 26%  | 198          | 28%  | 772         | 28%  |
| Worcester County   | 154          | 25%  | 157          | 21%  | 169          | 23%  | 152          | 22%  | 632         | 23%  |
| Middlesex County   | 121          | 20%  | 141          | 19%  | 147          | 20%  | 179          | 25%  | 588         | 21%  |
| Norfolk County   | 72           | 12%  | 118          | 16%  | 123          | 17%  | 99           | 14%  | 412         | 15%  |
| Plymouth County  | 90           | 15%  | 84           | 11%  | 86           | 12%  | 72           | 10%  | 332         | 12%  |
| Other County/Agency  | 9            | 1%   | 5            | 1%   | 12           | 2%   | 3            | 0%   | 29          | 1%   |
| Total  | 605          | 100% | 732          | 100% | 725          | 100% | 703          | 100% | 2,765       | 100% |

\*"Other County/Agency" includes the U.S. Marshalls, Federal Detainees, Massachusetts, Out of State, Suffolk County, Bristol County and Franklin County.

## 8.6 MA DOC Male Pre-trial Detainee Admissions



Male pre-trial detainee admissions hit a high in the third quarter at 482 and accounted for 30 percent of the male detainee admissions in 2011. Suffolk and Middlesex Counties contribute 85 percent of male detainee admissions. The third quarter high count was driven by relatively high numbers from Suffolk, Middlesex and "Other County/Agency".

## 8.7 MA DOC Male Pre-trial Detainee Admissions by Quarter and Jurisdiction

| Male Pre-Trial Detainee Admissions by Quarter and Agency with Jurisdiction |              |      |              |      |              |      |              |      |             |      |
|--|--------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|
| Agency with Jurisdiction   | 1st Qtr 2011 |      | 2nd Qtr 2011 |      | 3rd Qtr 2011 |      | 4th Qtr 2011 |      | Trend Total |      |
|  | N            | %    | N            | %    | N            | %    | N            | %    | N           | %    |
| Suffolk County   | 209          | 57%  | 230          | 59%  | 272          | 56%  | 208          | 56%  | 919         | 57%  |
| Middlesex County   | 98           | 27%  | 100          | 26%  | 132          | 27%  | 109          | 29%  | 439         | 27%  |
| Other County/Agency  | 23           | 6%   | 28           | 7%   | 45           | 9%   | 38           | 10%  | 134         | 8%   |
| Worcester County   | 21           | 6%   | 24           | 6%   | 15           | 3%   | 13           | 4%   | 73          | 5%   |
| Federal Detainee   | 15           | 4%   | 6            | 2%   | 18           | 4%   | 3            | 1%   | 42          | 3%   |
| Total  | 366          | 100% | 388          | 100% | 482          | 100% | 371          | 100% | 1,607       | 100% |

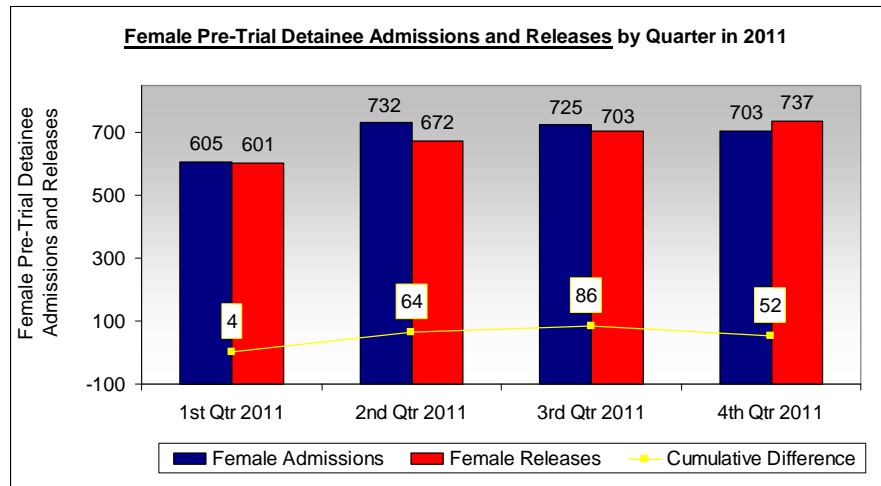
\*"Other County/Agency" includes Bristol County, Norfolk County, Plymouth County, Essex County, Hampden County, Barnstable County, Massachusetts and Out of State.

### 8.8 MA DOC Pre-trial Detainee Releases by Quarter and Gender

| Pre-Trial Detainee Releases by Quarter & Gender in 2011 | FEMALE       |              |              |              |              |                      | MALE         |              |              |              |              |                    |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
|   | 1st Qtr 2011 | 2nd Qtr 2011 | 3rd Qtr 2011 | 4th Qtr 2011 | Trend Total  | % of Female Releases | 1st Qtr 2011 | 2nd Qtr 2011 | 3rd Qtr 2011 | 4th Qtr 2011 | Trend Total  | % of Male Releases |
| Court Release   | 589          | 657          | 686          | 718          | 2,650        | 98%                  | 294          | 266          | 307          | 265          | 1,132        | 70%                |
| Transfer to Other Jurisdiction                          | 12           | 15           | 16           | 19           | 62           | 2%                   | 92           | 80           | 119          | 100          | 391          | 24%                |
| Release from MA Parole Detainer                         | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1            | <1%                  | 21           | 24           | 18           | 21           | 84           | 5%                 |
| Other   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | N/A                  | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1            | <1%                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>601</b>   | <b>672</b>   | <b>703</b>   | <b>737</b>   | <b>2,713</b> | <b>100%</b>          | <b>407</b>   | <b>370</b>   | <b>445</b>   | <b>386</b>   | <b>1,608</b> | <b>100%</b>        |

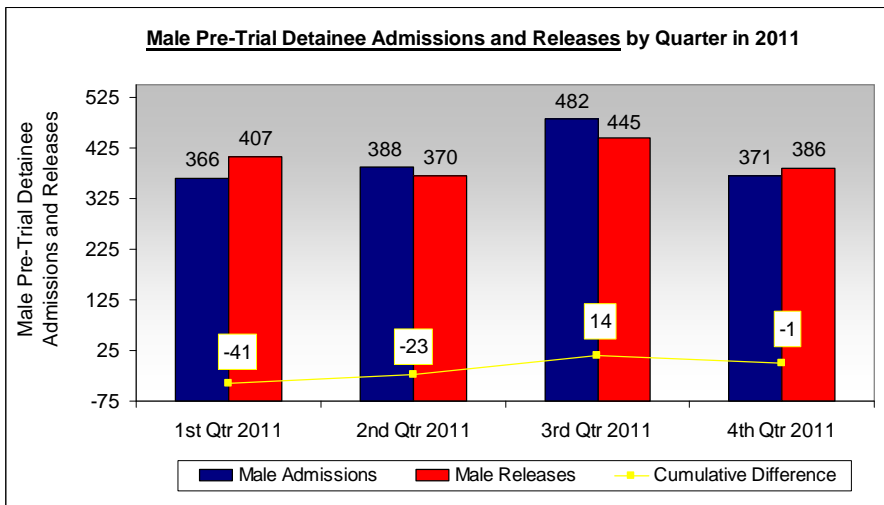
### 8.9 MA DOC Female Pre-trial Detainee Admissions and Releases by Quarter

The majority of pre-trial detainee releases from MA DOC were “Court Releases”, accounting for 98 percent of female and 70 percent of male releases. Twenty-four percent of male detainees were released by a “Transfer to Other Jurisdiction” compared to two percent of female detainees. Five percent of male detainee releases were a “Release from MA Parole Detainer”; only one female detainee was released this way in 2011.



Female pre-trial detainee admissions outnumbered releases by 86 detainees over the first three quarters; in the fourth quarter, releases outnumbered admissions and brought the cumulative increase to 52 detainees over the year.

### 8.10 MA DOC Male Pre-trial Detainee Admissions and Releases by Quarter



Male pre-trial detainee admissions at 482 and releases at 445 were both at a high in the third quarter. While there was disparity in the quarterly totals, the yearly totals for male pre-trial detainee admissions (1,607) and releases (1,608) were nearly equal; there was a cumulative difference of one detainee in 2011.



## **Appendix**

### ***Notes and Definitions***

**Note:** Admission and Release data for the fourth quarter of 2011 was gathered January 10, 2012 and may have changed slightly since. Data from previous quarters is not updated in this report and may have changed slightly due to the continuous updating of data and information in the Inmate Management System. Updated data will be utilized in the upcoming yearly report titled “Prison Populations Trend 2011” authored by the Research Division.

**Admissions** Inmates committed to the Department of Correction, bearing a committing institution’s identification number, who arrive at a facility as a result of a court order, a transfer from another facility, the execution of a parole violation warrant or the execution of an escape warrant.

**Civil Commitment or “Civil”** The involuntary commitment of an individual via legal means to incarcerate an individual against their will.

**Court Release** Inmates released from the Massachusetts Department of Correction via court release including the following:  
Habeas to Court – Sentenced  
Habeas to Court – Did not Return  
Habeas to Court – Returned with new case number  
Court Release – Sentence revoked/stayed/vacated  
Bailed-Released on personal recognizance  
Bailed/Released on personal recognizance to a warrant.

**Criminally Sentenced or “Sentenced”** An individual who has been found guilty of a criminal offense through legal means, and is required to be incarcerated.

**Custody Population** An individual is considered to be in Massachusetts DOC custody when they are being held in a Massachusetts DOC facility.

**Escape** The act by which an inmate, lawfully sentenced or admitted to the custody of the Department of Correction, leaves the confines of a correctional institution, the custody of escorting officers, or fails to return from an authorized release to the community at the designated time.

**Expiration of Sentence (Release)** An inmate is discharged from his sentence at the expiration of his term, less any statutory or earned good time. Statutory good time was eliminated for all offenses committed after June 30, 1994, due to the enactment of the “Truth in Sentencing” law. Expiration of Sentence releases include:  
Expiration to Street  
Expiration to Out of State Sentence  
Expiration to Federal Authority  
Expiration to Immigration  
Expiration to From and After House of Correction Sentence  
Expiration to Warrant  
Expiration to From and After/Concurrent at Department of Correction  
Expiration to Civil Commitment.

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| <b>HOC</b>   | Acronym standing for a House of Correction, i.e. county jail or correctional facility.  |
| <b>Jurisdiction Population</b>   | An individual is considered to be under Massachusetts DOC jurisdiction when the Commonwealth has legal authority over the individual regardless of where the inmate is being held to include those incarcerated in Massachusetts DOC facilities as well as those housed in correctional facilities outside of the Massachusetts DOC (Massachusetts Houses of Correction, other state's correctional facilities and the Federal Bureau of Prisons).  |
| <b>MA DOC</b>  | Acronym standing for 'Massachusetts Department of Correction', i.e. state prison.   |
| <b>New Court Commitment</b>  | Individuals committed by the courts to the Massachusetts Department of Correction as a result of a criminal offense. All new court commitments and those individuals who began serving new sentences (e.g., From and After Sentences) during the year are included in this category even if there was no physical release from custody when they moved from one sentence to another. Each court commitment for that individual is counted separately.   |
| <b>Non DOC Releases to Other Jurisdiction<br/>("Transfer to Other Jurisdiction")</b> | Transfers a Non DOC inmate (from a county, federal, or another state's jurisdiction) out of DOC custody back to the agency that has authority over them.  |
| <b>Other Admission</b>   | Inmates who return as a re-admission from a court release or as a return from escape.   |
| <b>Other Release</b>   | Deaths and escapes.   |
| <b>Parole to Street</b>  | Includes both inmates released from the Massachusetts DOC to Parole supervision and a small number of those released from a temporary parole detainer which are grouped in the releases to the street for reporting purposes as a "parole to street".   |
| <b>Parole (Releases)</b>   | <p>Inmates released on parole are under the supervision of parole while in the community and may be re-incarcerated for violating the terms of their supervision. Unless otherwise specified, parole releases may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parole to Street</li> <li>Parole to Out of State Sentence</li> <li>Parole to Federal Authority</li> <li>Parole to Immigration</li> <li>Parole to From &amp; After HOC Sentence</li> <li>Parole to Warrant</li> <li>Parole to From &amp; After DOC Sentence</li> <li>Parole to Civil Commitment</li> </ul> <p>Release from a MA Parole Detainer (For awaiting trial detainees, this category is the only possible Parole release and is its own release category).</p> |

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| <b>Pre-Trial Detainee</b>              | An individual who is detained prior to trial, but not yet convicted of a crime to include male and female county detainees, male county detainees transferred to state facilities under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 276, section 52A, and federal detainees (both male and female).  |
| <b>Probation</b>                       | Probation is a court-ordered sanction placed on a person convicted of a crime. The offender is allowed to remain in the community under the supervision of a probation officer.  |
| <b>Probation Violation (Admission)</b> | A Probation Violation admission designates that an inmate has been returned to resume serving a previously imposed sentence (return on a split sentence) following a revocation of their terms of probation. Split sentences to the state prison were eliminated for offenses committed after June 30, 1994, due to the enactments of the "Truth in Sentencing Law". |
| <b>Release to Street</b>               | A release to street occurs when an inmate is released from the custody of the Massachusetts DOC by way of parole or discharge to the street. Conditions warranting a release to street include: Parole to Street, Good Conduct Discharge (GCD), and Expiration of Sentence.  |
| <b>Releases</b>                        | A release occurs when an inmate is released from the custody of the Massachusetts DOC by way of expiration of sentence, parole, a non-DOC release to other jurisdiction, a court release or other legal release from the custody of MA DOC.  |
| <b>Technical Violation</b>             | A violation of parole conditions that does not necessarily constitute grounds for revoking parole or being arrested for a new offense.   |