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

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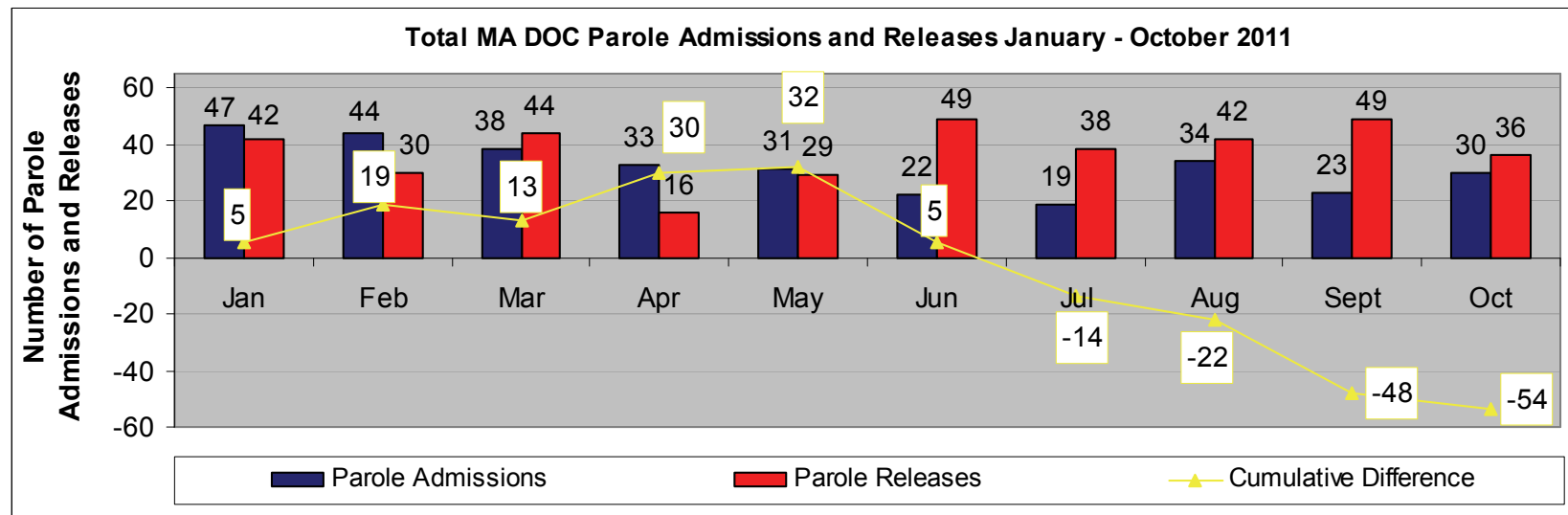
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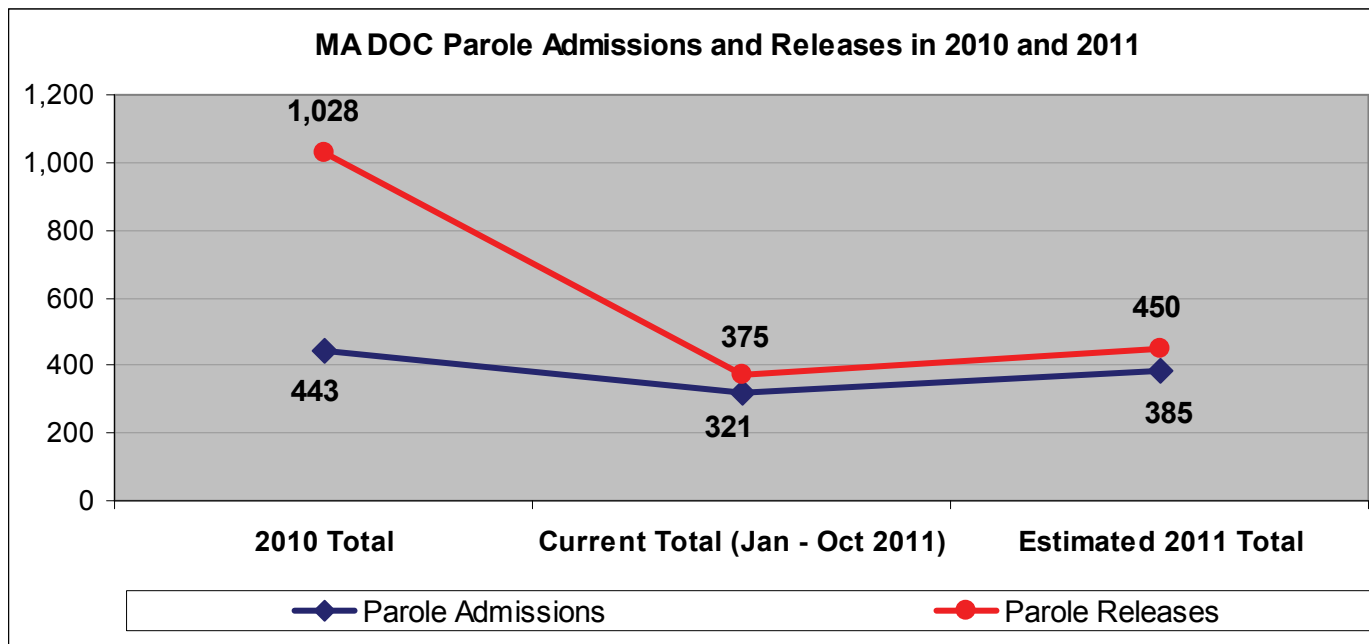
Overview of Parole Admissions and Releases January through October 2011¹

- Parole admissions outpaced parole releases in four of the first five months of the year (Jan. - May) but over the last five months (Jun. - Oct.), releases have outnumbered admissions and resulted in a cumulative difference of 54 inmates over the trend period
- Between January and October, monthly parole releases fluctuated between 16 and 49 releases
- Monthly parole admissions declined slowly between January and July from 47 to 19 admissions then rose to 34 admissions in August followed by 23 admissions in September and 30 in October



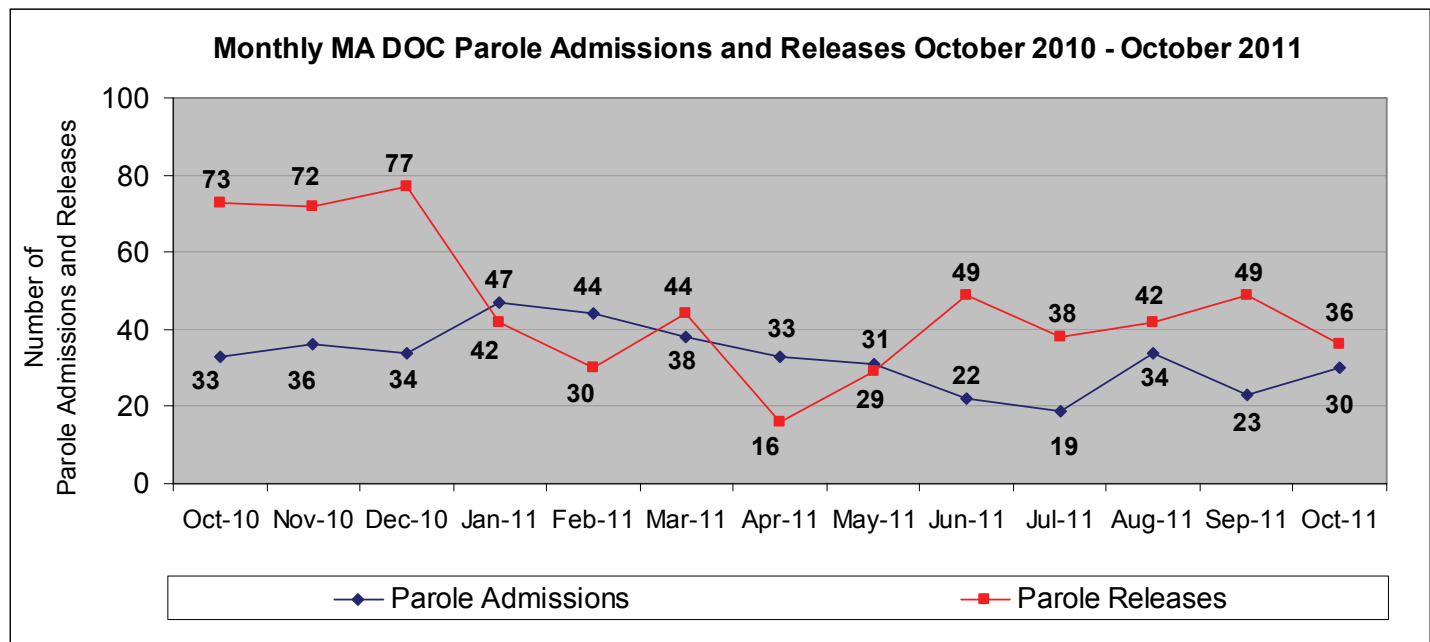
¹ This report refers exclusively to criminally sentenced inmates. Parole Admissions include “In on a MA Parole Detainer” and “Parole Violator” admissions. Parole Releases include “Parole to Street” and “Release from a MA Parole Detainer”. (So far in 2011, there have only been nine Releases from a MA Parole Detainer.) Since this report focuses on parole releases to the street, parole releases to other jurisdictions, immigration, warrant, or “From & After” sentences are excluded (n=42 from Jan. - Oct. 2011). Data for this report is from the Inmate Management System for the Massachusetts Department of Correction (MA DOC) as of October 31, 2011. References for 2010 data are derived from the MA DOC Research & Planning Division’s report entitled “Prison Population Trends 2010” (August 2011).

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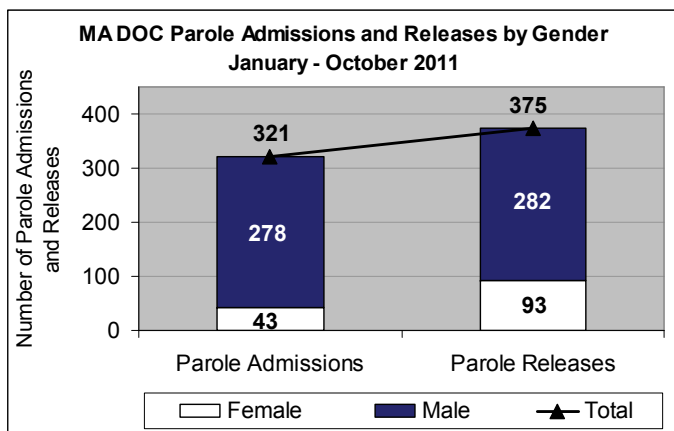
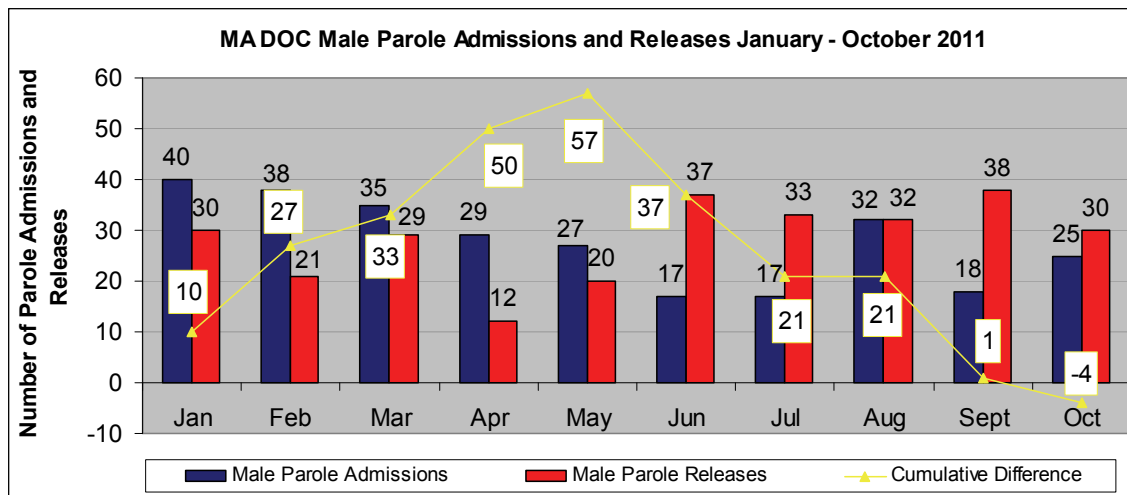
- In 2010, parole releases outnumbered admissions 1,028 to 443, resulting in a difference of 585 inmates over the calendar year
- Currently in 2011, parole releases outnumber parole admissions by 54 inmates
- If parole admissions and releases continue on the year-to-date's pace, 2011 parole releases will outnumber parole admissions 450 to 385, a difference of 65 inmates over the calendar year

- At the current pace, 2011 parole admissions are about 13 percent less than those in 2010 while 2011 parole releases remain approximately 56 percent less than 2010 parole releases
- Parole admissions in 2011 total 321 with a monthly average of 32.1 (compared to 36.9 in 2010)
- Parole releases in 2011 total 375 with a monthly average of 37.5 (compared to 85.7 in 2010)



Male Parole Admissions and Releases

- Over the trend period, male parole admissions totaled 278 while male parole releases totaled 282, both averaging 28 per month
- In the last five months (Jun. - Oct.), male parole releases have outpaced admissions in every month except August (when parole admissions and releases both equaled 32)
- For males, the cumulative increase reached 57 in May before the trend reversed and ultimately resulted in a *cumulative difference of four inmates* over the trend period

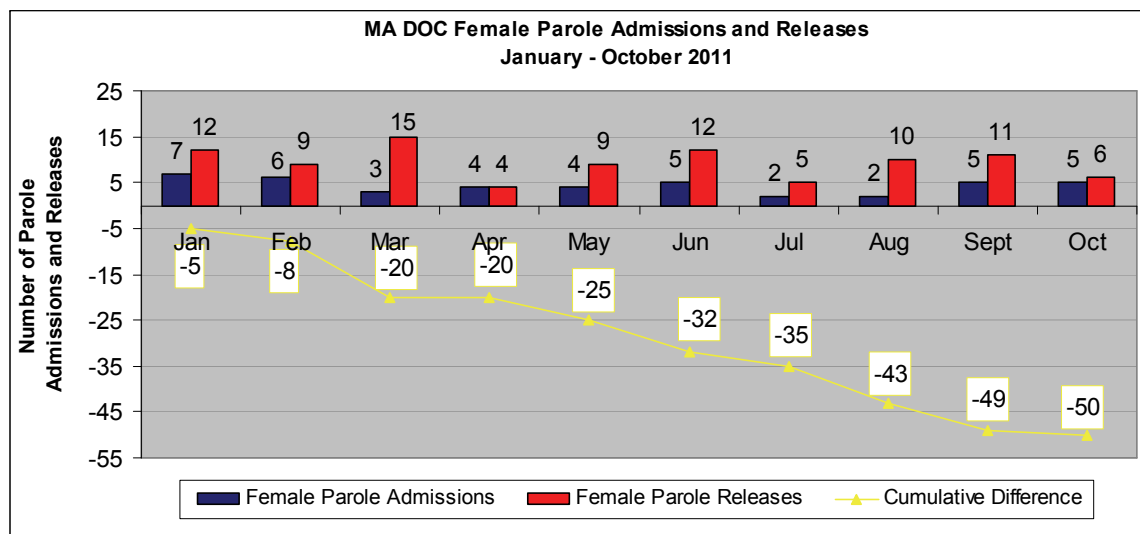


Parole Admissions and Releases by Gender

- Parole admissions over the trend period were 87 percent male and 13 percent female
- Parole releases, however, were 75 percent male and 25 percent female

Female Parole Admissions and Releases

- Female parole releases outnumbered parole admissions over the trend period and resulted in a *cumulative difference of 50 inmates*
- Females averaged 4.3 parole admissions and 9.3 releases per month



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