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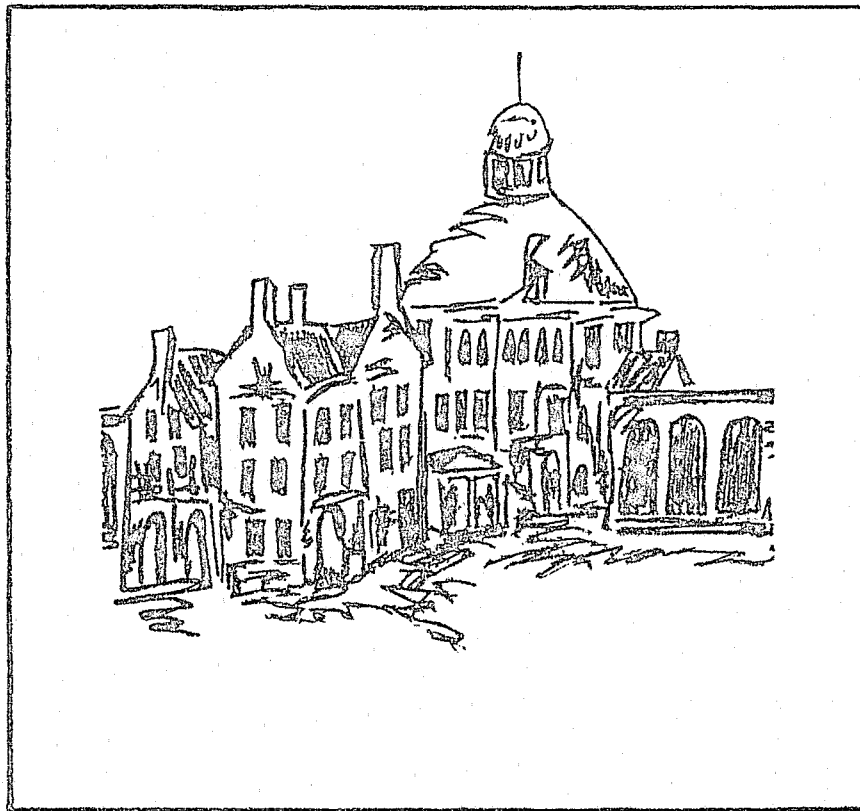
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## CURRENT POPULATION

Table 1 shows the population of the Adult Correctional Institutions on June 30, 1983 and June 30, 1984. The total population of the Adult Correctional Institutions increased from 1162 on June 30, 1983 to 1229 on June 30, 1984. This was an increase of 5.8 percent.

The sentenced population increased by 4.9 percent, while the awaiting trial population increased by 9.8 percent. The average population for Fiscal 1983-84 was 8.2 percent higher than the 1982-83 average. The average sentenced population increased by 7.6 percent, and the average awaiting trial population increased by 10.9 percent.

Table 6 shows that the population at Maximum Security increased by 1.6 percent between June 30, 1983 and June 30, 1984. Between June 30, 1983 and the same date in 1984 the High Security Center population increased by 1.0 percent. The Medium Security population increased by 9.7 percent. The population at Minimum Security increased by 8.5 percent. The population of the Work Release Unit increased by 12.9 percent.

The new Intake Service Center opened on June 25, 1982. This building now accomodates the male awaiting-trial population and the newly sentenced male inmates. The population at the Intake Service Center increased by 13.9 percent.

The population at the Women's Division on June 30, 1984 was 65.5 percent more than the corresponding population on June 30, 1983. The average population of the Women's Division for the entire Fiscal 1983-1984 was 19.1 percent higher than the average population for Fiscal 1982-1983.

TABLE 1

## COMPARISON OF THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS POPULATION

ON JUNE 30, 1983 AND JUNE 30, 1984

	<u>JUNE 30, 1983</u>	<u>JUNE 30, 1984</u>
TOTAL ACI	1,162	1229
Sentenced (on grounds)	958*	1005
Unsentenced (on grounds)	204	224
HIGH SECURITY (Sentenced)	94	100
MAXIMUM (Total)	295	262
Sentenced	293	262
Awaiting Sentence	2	0
MEDIUM SECURITY (Sentenced)	241	250
MINIMUM SECURITY (Sentenced)	162	170
WORK RELEASE (Sentenced)	101	115
INTAKE SERVICE CENTER (total)	240	284
Sentenced	47#	81
Awaiting Trial	193	203
WOMEN'S DIVISION (Total)	29	48
Sentenced	20	27
Awaiting Trial	9	21

\* Includes four persons serving fines.

# Includes one civil commitment from the Family Court.

## CAPACITY OF THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Table 2 shows the capacity, June 30, 1984 population, and Fiscal 1983-84 average population of the present divisions of the Adult Correctional Institutions. Two capacities were listed for each unit - the absolute rated capacity and the realistic rated capacity. The absolute capacity refers to the number of cells or amount of dormitory space that actually exists within these units. The realistic rated capacity is equal to 90 percent of the absolute rated capacity. It is not possible in the real world to use all cells because:

- (1) Some special categories of inmates such as protective custody and disciplinary segregation require their own living area;
- (2) Sometimes, some of the cells or rooms are being repaired and are not available as living quarters.

The average population for Fiscal 1982-1983 was above the absolute capacity in the following units:

Medium Security	-	Average Population 242.95	(capacity 220)
Minimum Security	-	Average Population 168.03	(capacity 150)
Women's Division	-	Average Population 37.05	(capacity 26)

The Intake Service Center was originally designed for a capacity of 168, based on the number of cells. Double-celling has increased the capacity to 265. During Fiscal 1983-1984, the average population was 250.55.

On June 30, 1984 the population was above the absolute capacity in High Security, Medium Security, Minimum Security, the Intake Service Center, and the Women's Division. The capacity of Maximum Security on that date was actually only 252, because 198 cells (cell blocks ABC and DEF) were temporarily closed for renovations. On September 15, 1984 the Women's Division was moved to the Jonathan Arnold Building. This new Women's Division has a capacity of 125.

TABLE 2

POPULATION AND RATED CAPACITY OF THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS  
OF THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

<u>Division</u>	<u>Absolute Rated Capacity</u>	<u>Realistic Rated Capacity</u>	<u>June 30, 1984 Population</u>	<u>Average Fiscal 1983-84</u>
TOTAL	1248	1221	1229	1174.14
HIGH SECURITY	96	86	100	96.43
MAXIMUM	450 *2	405 *2	262	271.04
MEDIUM	220	198	250	242.95
MINIMUM	150	135	170	168.03
WORK RELEASE	150	135	115	108.09
INTAKE CENTER	265 *1	239 *1	284	250.55
WOMEN'S DIVISION	26 3	23	48	37.05

\*1 This capacity is on a double-cell basis. There are 168 cells.

\*2 At the present time, 198 cells in ABC and DEF cell blocks were not available on June 30, 1984 due to renovations.

3 The capacity of the Women's Division increased to 125 on September 15, 1984 when the women were moved to the new Women's Division at the Jonathan Arnold Building of Medical Center.

### POPULATION BY MONTH

Table 3 shows the total population, sentenced population, and awaiting trial population by month for Fiscal 1983-1984. During the first seven months of the fiscal year, it appeared that the population of the ACI had stabilized. The population actually declined one percent between July and August. Between August, 1983 and January, 1984 the average population remained within the very narrow range of 1160-1170, a difference of only one percent.

Between January, 1984 and February, 1984 the population increased by 2.6 percent. Between February and May, the average population remained within the range of 1175-1187. Between May, 1984 and June, 1984, the population increased by two percent. The average population for fiscal 1983-1984 was 8.2 percent higher than the average for 1982-1983.

The sentenced population increased in seven of the twelve months and decreased in the remaining five months. The largest increase was between September and October, 1983 (2.0 percent). Increases of between one and two percent were recorded between May and June (1.9 percent), March and April (1.8 percent), November and December (1.2 percent), and October and November (1.0 percent). Increases of slightly less than one percent occurred between August and September, 1983 and January and February, 1984. The largest decrease in the sentenced population (2.3 percent) occurred between December, 1983 and January, 1984. In the other four months in which the population did decline, the decrease was less than one percent.



POPULATION BY MONTH (Continued)  
RE: TABLE 3

The Awaiting Trial population increased in five months and decreased in seven months, but the increases outweighed the decreases such that the total increase for the year was 10.9 percent.

The months in which the awaiting trial population increased were:

December - January, 1984	+ 12.0 percent
January - February, 1984	+ 10.8 percent
May - June, 1984	+ 2.7 percent
June-July, 1983	+ 2.3 percent
February-March, 1984	+ 0.2 percent

The months in which the awaiting population declined were:

November - December, 1983	- 10.0 percent
September - October, 1983	- 9.1 percent
March - April, 1984	- 5.6 percent
August - September, 1983	- 3.5 percent
July - August, 1983	- 2.9 percent
April - May, 1984	- 1.6 percent
October - November, 1983	- 1.5 percent

The largest quarterly increase occurred between the last quarter of 1983 and the first quarter of 1984. The January-March 1984 average awaiting trial population was 11.2 percent above the previous three month average.

TABLE 3

AVERAGE (MEAN) POPULATION OF  
THE RHODE ISLAND ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY MONTH  
JULY, 1983 - JUNE, 1984

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL ACI</u>	<u>SENTENCED</u>	<u>AWAITING TRIAL</u>
12 Month Average	1174.14	965.24	208.90
July, 1983	1177.96	944.35	233.61
August, 1983	1163.74	936.80	226.94
September, 1983	1163.85	944.92	218.93
October, 1983	1162.80	963.73	199.07
November, 1983	1169.83	973.75	196.08
December, 1983	1161.48	985.09	176.39
January, 1984	1159.80	962.22	197.58
February, 1984	1188.49	969.49	219.00
March, 1984	1182.44	963.03	219.41
April, 1984	1187.05	979.89	207.16
May, 1984	1175.04	971.20	203.84
June, 1984	1198.82	989.49	209.33

## POPULATION BY UNITS

The month-to-month changes by individual securities are shown in Table 4 and summarized in the proceeding portion of the text.

High Security Center: This unit which opened in January of 1981, remained near or slightly above its rated capacity of 96 throughout Fiscal 1983-1984. The highest average population was in August, 1983 (103.06). The lowest average monthly population was 92.19 in December, 1983. The annual average was 98.06.

Maximum Security: The oldest and largest unit of the Adult Correctional Institutions had an average population of 271.04 during fiscal 1983-1984. During July, 1983 - January, 1984 the average population remained between 271.03 and 284.29. During February - June, 1984 the average population remained between 256.19 and 262.55. The number of available cells varied at different times of the year due to renovations.

Medium Security: The population of the Medium Security facility was relatively stable throughout the fiscal year. The highest monthly (248.97 in March 1984) was only 5.4 percent higher than the lowest month (236.13 in September, 1983).

Minimum Security: Minimum Security remained above its rated capacity of 150 throughout Fiscal 1983-1984. The population however varied little from month to month. The highest average (174.13 in May, 1984) was 7.1 percent above the lowest average (162.53 in September 1983).

Work Release Unit: During the Fiscal year 1981-1982, the capacity of Work Release was increased from 70 to 150. The population at the Work Release Unit was well below capacity. The quarterly average populations for this facility were as follows:

July - September, 1983	102.93
October - December, 1983	107.36
January - March, 1984	109.13
April - June, 1984	112.99

INTAKE SERVICE CENTER: The Intake Service Center was open for only six days of Fiscal 1981-82. The population ranged from 174 to 199 during those six days. Fiscal 1982-1983 was the first full year of operation. During that year the average population was 219.93. The fiscal 1983-84 average was 250.55. That represented an increase of 13.9 percent. The average quarterly populations of the Intake Center were as follows:

	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FR. PREVIOUS QUARTER</u>
July - September, 1983	246.12	-2.1
October - December, 1983	239.01	-2.9
January - March, 1984	254.37	+6.4
April - June, 1984	262.85	+3.3

WOMEN'S DIVISION: The average population of the Women's Division for fiscal 1983-1984 (37.05) was 19.1 percent above the corresponding figure for 1982-83 (31.11). The average population was above the capacity of 26 for the entire fiscal year. The population was 50 or more on three different dates. The Women's Division is composed of a main building with a capacity of 20, and two trailers for women in Minimum Security and Work Release. The capacity of the trailers was only six. The average population of the trailers exceeded the capacity of six in all twelve months. The average population of the trailers by month was as follows:

July, 1983..... 9.00	January, 1984..... 7.39
August, 1983..... 8.84	February, 1984..... 9.55
September, 1983... 9.97	March, 1984.....10.61
October, 1983..... 9.22	April, 1984..... 10.20
November, 1983.... 9.63	May, 1984..... 9.03
December, 1983.... 8.65	June, 1984..... 10.00

The average population of the entire Women's Division by quarter was as follows:

July - September, 1983..... 39.36
October - December, 1983..... 36.14
January - March, 1984..... 37.13
April - June, 1984..... 35.52

The overcrowding in the Women's Division has since been alleviated when the Women's Division was transferred to the Jonathan Arnold Building on September 15, 1984.

TABLE 4  
AVERAGE POPULATION BY SECURITY AND MONTH  
JULY, 1983 - JUNE, 1984

	<u>HIGH SECURITY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>MEDIUM</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>WORK RELEASE</u>	<u>INTAKE CENTER</u>	<u>WOMEN'S DIV.</u>
12 MONTH-AVERAGE	96.43	271.04	242.95	168.03	108.09	250.55	37.05
JULY, 1983	98.06	284.29	239.32	168.10	100.10	248.19	39.90
AUGUST, 1983	103.06	271.03	236.58	162.90	106.94	242.26	40.97
SEPTEMBER, 1983	99.83	278.53	236.13	162.53	101.73	247.97	37.13
OCTOBER, 1983	96.29	279.55	239.48	167.06	105.68	239.13	35.61
NOVEMBER, 1983	94.07	278.96	241.57	166.43	109.73	242.00	37.07
DECEMBER, 1983	92.19	280.03	244.74	166.00	106.74	236.00	35.78
JANUARY, 1984	93.06	280.19	241.35	168.71	104.52	234.36	37.61
FEBRUARY, 1984	93.45	262.55	247.14	168.83	116.66	261.76	38.10
MARCH, 1984	95.06	261.06	248.97	167.39	106.71	267.48	35.77
APRIL, 1984	94.37	260.43	247.93	172.33	114.86	267.70	34.43
MAY, 1984	97.61	256.19	244.93	174.13	109.90	256.06	36.22
JUNE, 1984	100.00	258.93	247.63	172.03	114.30	270.03	35.90

## LONG TERM POPULATION TREND

Table 5 shows the average population and year-to-year percentages of increase and decrease for the last ten fiscal years.

The first substantial increase in the population occurred in fiscal 1975-1976 when the population increased nine percent over the 1974-75 average. The population varied only slightly during the next two years. During the last five years, the population has increased by at least 8.2 percent every year. The largest one year increase was between fiscal 1980-81 and fiscal 1982-83 (20.9 percent.)

For the entire decade, the population increase was 112.3 percent. The increase for the last five years alone was 60.9 percent.

TABLE 5  
AVERAGE ACI POPULATION FOR THE 10 MOST RECENT FISCAL YEARS  
WITH YEAR-TO-YEAR PERCENTAGE CHANGES

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>AVERAGE (MEAN) POPULATION</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE INCREASE/DECREASE</u>
1974-75	553*	-1.1
1975-76	603.04	+9.0
1976-77	681.46	+13.0
1977-78	684.86	+0.5
1978-79	665.69	-2.8
1979-80	729.53	+9.6
1980-81	819.02	+12.3
1981-82	990.27	+20.9
1982-83	1085.24	+ 9.6
1983-84	1174.14	+8.2

\*Figures for this year provided by the Division of Budget.

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## LONG-TERM POPULATION BY FACILITY

TABLE 6 shows the long-term population trend by individual securities. During the nine year period covered by this table; many changes in the type of inmates handled by the various facilities have taken place.

### MAXIMUM SECURITY AND HIGH SECURITY:

Prior to the last six days of Fiscal 1981-82, Maximum Security was a facility that housed both sentenced and awaiting-trial inmates. In January, 1981, the High Security Center was opened, thus creating a second maximum security facility for the Adult Correctional Institutions. The High Security Center is used to house sentenced inmates, but on some occasions, one or two awaiting trial inmates have been kept in that facility. Table 6A (next page) is a summary of the sentenced male population that was classified as Maximum Security during the past eight fiscal years. This table also shows the percentage of the total sentenced male population that was classified as maximum.

During Fiscal 1976 and Fiscal 1977, 60.3 percent of the male sentenced population was classified as maximum. In August, 1977 the Federal District Court ordered a re-classification. In complying with this order, the proportion of male sentenced inmates classified maximum was reduced to 54.8 percent in Fiscal 1977-1978, and 42.2 percent in Fiscal 1978-1979. The proportion of male inmates classified to any maximum facility has only increased slightly during the next three fiscal years even in spite of the fact that we now have two separate maximum security facilities. In Fiscal 1983-1984, the proportion of male inmates classified to a maximum security facility was the lowest ever (39.1 percent).

LONG-TERM POPULATION TREND BY FACILITY (Continued):

TABLE 6A

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Average Sentenced Population</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE OF MALE SENTENCED POPULATION</u>
	<u>Old. Max.</u>	<u>HIGH SECURITY</u>	<u>BOTH FACILITIES</u>	
1975-1976	276.10		276.10	60.3
1976-1977	334.18		334.18	60.3
1977-1978	307.94		307.94	54.8
1978-1979	234.01		234.01	42.2
1979-1980	258.99		258.99	42.7
1980-1981	256.17	31.05	287.22	43.1
1981-1982	251.24	96.01	347.25	44.5
1982-1983	266.65	94.94	361.59	41.3
1983-1984	271.04	96.43	367.47	39.1

MEDIUM SECURITY:

During Fiscal Years 1976, 1977, and most of Fiscal 1978, the Medium Security facility housed inmates that were both sentenced and awaiting-trial. On April 10, 1978, the awaiting-trial inmates in Medium Security were transferred to Maximum, and from that date on, Medium Security has been a facility for sentenced inmates. On a few occasions, one or two awaiting-trial inmates have been held at Medium Security. Table 6B (next page) shows the average sentenced population at Medium for Fiscal Years 1976-1984. In the earliest two fiscal years, only 20 percent of the sentenced population was classified as medium security. In Fiscal 1977-1978, two factors increased the proportion of inmates classified Medium: 1) the consolidation of the awaiting-trial section into one unit located in Maximum Security and 2) the court-ordered reclassification process. Renovations to Medium Security in subsequent years increased the rated capacity from 144 to 220.

LONG-TERM POPULATION BY FACILITY (Continued):

TABLE 6B

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Medium Average Sentenced Population</u>	<u>Percentage of Male Sentenced Population</u>
1975-76	90.71	19.8
1976-77	110.98	20.0
1977-78	137.84	24.5
1978-79	152.56	27.5
1979-80	161.33	26.6
1980-81	164.24	24.7
1981-82	205.38	26.3
1982-83	221.55	25.3
1983-84	242.95	25.8

OPEN FACILITIES:

During the nine fiscal years 1976 through 1984, there have been three types of open facility - Minimum Security, Work Release, and the Drug Program. Table 6C shows the proportion of male sentenced inmates who were in open facilities during each of the last seven fiscal years. During the first three fiscal years the proportion of inmates in open facilities remained near 20 percent. In May, 1978, the Minimum Security capacity was increased from 75 to 125 and later, with renovations, to 150 by moving from the Old Women's Reformatory to the present location in the Medical Center "B" Building. In April, 1978, the Work Release Program moved from Pine Cottage (capacity 35) to the former Girl's Training School (original capacity 50, later expanded to 70).

TABLE 6C

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Average Open Sentenced Population</u>	<u>Percentage of Male Sentenced Population</u>
1975-76	91.33	19.9
1976-77	109.10	19.7
1977-78	116.17	20.7
1978-79	167.95	30.3
1979-80	186.42	30.7
1980-81	214.55	32.2
1981-82	227.67	29.2
1982-83	250.59	28.6
1983-84	276.12	29.4

LONG-TERM POPULATION TREND BY FACILITY (Continued):

The Work Release capacity was increased to 150 in March, 1982 when this unit was moved to its present location at the "C" Building of the Medical Center. The Drug Unit, which always had a small population, opened in October, 1977 and closed in December, 1981. The nine year trend for the Work Release population is shown in Table 6D.

TABLE 6D

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Work Release Average Population</u>	<u>Increase From Previous Year</u>
1975-76	29.32	Not Known
1976-77	33.25	+ 13.4
1977-78	35.12	+ 5.6
1978-79	60.54	+ 72.4
1979-80	64.59	+ 6.7
1980-81	69.04	+ 6.9
1981-82	73.97	+ 7.1
1982-83	95.78	+ 29.5
1983-84	108.09	+ 12.9

Male Awaiting-Trial Population:

Table 6E (next page) shows the eight-year trend of the male Awaiting Trial population of the Adult Correctional Institutions. Although the long-term trend for the sentenced population has definately been a continuous increase, the Awaiting Trial population has not shown such a consistent trend. For three consecutive fiscal years, the average (mean) Awaiting-Trial population declined. The average Awaiting Trial population for Fiscal 1978-79 was 27.3 percent below the corresponding figure for Fiscal 1975-76. In the next three fiscal years, the Awaiting Trial population increased rapidly.

LONG TERM POPULATION TREND BY FACILITY (Continued)

The 1981-1982 average population (181.66) exceeded the 1978-1979 average by 92.8 percent. The average awaiting-trial population for 1982-1983 was 1.5 percent below 1981-82. The average awaiting trial population for 1983-84 was a record high of 196.51. This represented a 9.9 percent increase over the previous year.

TABLE 6E

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>AVERAGE POPULATION AWAITING TRIAL (MALE)</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
1975-76	129.55	Not Known
1976-77	113.96	- 12.0
1977-78	106.12	- 6.8
1978-79	94.21	- 11.2
1979-80	105.51	+ 12.0
1980-81	131.03	+ 24.2
1981-82	181.66	+ 38.6
1982-83	178.88	- 1.5
1983-84	196.51	+ 9.9

WOMEN'S DIVISION:

The population at the Women's Division varied only slightly during 1975-1980. During the past four fiscal years, there has been a significant increase in the population at the Women's Division. On four different dates in Fiscal 1983-1984, the population reached 50 - an all time record for this facility. The capacity of the Women's Division was increased from 20 to 26 when two trailers were purchased to house Work Release and Minimum Security inmates. Table 6F below shows the long-term population changes. This overcrowding problem was relieved with the new facility at the Jonathan Arnold Building of the Medical Center Complex.

TABLE 6F

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
1975-76	15.35	Not Known
1976-77	13.24	- 13.7
1977-78	16.77	+ 26.7
1978-79	16.47	- 1.8
1979-80	17.33	+ 5.2
1980-81	21.98	+ 26.8
1981-82	28.08	+ 27.8
1982-83	31.11	+ 10.8
1983-84	37.05	+ 19.1

TABLE 6

## MEAN POPULATION OF THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS BY UNIT - Fiscal 1975-1984

	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>
TOTAL ACI	603.04	681.46	684.86	665.69	729.53	819.02	990.27	1085.24	1174.14
Sentenced	467.95	564.01	575.79	568.04	619.34	682.07	798.58	896.81	965.24
Awaiting Trial	135.09	117.45	109.07	97.65	110.19	136.95	191.69	188.43	208.90
ALL MALES	587.69	668.22	668.09	649.21	712.20	797.04	962.19	1054.13	1137.09
Sentenced	458.14	554.26	561.97	555.00	606.69	666.01	780.53	875.25	940.58
Awaiting Trial	129.55	113.96	106.12	94.21	105.51	131.03	181.66	178.88	196.51
ALL FEMALES	15.35	13.24	16.77	16.47	17.33	21.98	28.08	31.11	37.05
Sentenced	9.81	9.75	13.82	13.04	12.65	16.06	18.05	21.56	24.66
Awaiting Trial	5.54	3.49	2.95	3.44	4.68	5.92	10.03	9.55	12.39
MALES-BY UNIT:									
Maximum	383.27	420.29	393.69	328.22	364.27	387.05	429.54	266.73	271.04
High Security	--	--	--	--	--	75.41*	96.49	95.32	96.43
Medium	113.09	138.84	158.21	153.04	161.49	164.32	205.53	221.55	242.95
Minimum	62.01	75.85	73.79	91.64	109.49	132.65	147.48	154.81	168.03
Work Release	29.32	33.25	35.12	60.54	64.59	69.04	73.97	95.78	108.09
Drug Unit	--	--	10.90*	15.77	12.34	12.86	12.91*	--	--
Intake Center	--	--	--	--	--	--	180.33*	219.33	250.55

\*These figures are for the portion of the year in which this unit was open.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED

Table 7 shows the total number of different individuals who passed through the Adult Correctional Institutions during Fiscal 1983-84.

Although the average population was 1174.14, there were 4,365 different persons incarcerated at the ACI at one time or another during the fiscal year. Fifty-nine percent of these persons were never incarcerated under any prison sentence during the year. There were 15 individuals whose only sentence during the year was a fine. Twenty-four (24) men were held by the Family Court for Contempt and incurred no other sentences. There were 1756 persons who incurred at least one sentence other than a fine or Family Court hold.

The number of persons who passed through the ACI for each of the last nine fiscal years was as follows:

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
1975-1976	2,112	NOT KNOWN
1976-1977	2,055	- 2.7
1977-1978	2,140	+ 4.1
1978-1979	2,188	+ 2.2
1979-1980	2,474	+13.1
1980-1981	2,996	+21.1
1981-1982	3,650	+21.8
1982-1983	3,929	+ 7.6
1983-1984	4,365	+11.3

TABLE 7

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INCARCERATED DURING FISCAL 1983-1984

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS..... 4365

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Persons sentenced (excluding fines or Family Court holds) at least part of the year..... 1756

    In ACI on June 30, 1984..... 1023

        Sentenced..... 1005

        Awaiting Trial..... 18

    Not in the ACI on June 30, 1983..... 733

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Persons Whose Only Sentence Served during the year was a Fine..... 15

    In ACI on June 30, 1983..... 0

    Not in the ACI on June 30, 1983..... 15

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Persons Whose Only Sentence was a Family Court Hold..... 24

    In the ACI on June 30, 1983..... 0

    Not In the ACI on June 30, 1983..... 24

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Persons Who Were Never Sentenced during the Year..... 2570

    In ACI on June 30, 1983..... 206

    Not In the ACI on June 30, 1983..... 2364

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## COMMITMENTS

Table 8 shows the number of commitments by category for Fiscal 1983-84. This table also shows the number of commitments in the same categories for Fiscal 1982-83, and the percentage change between the two years.

There were 4956 commitments in Fiscal 1983-84, representing a 10.4 percent increase over Fiscal 1982-83. There was a 15.3 percent increase in commitments under sentence, and a 9.2 percent increase in commitments under awaiting trial status.

There were 1007 commitments of sentenced inmates in Fiscal 1983-84, an increase of 15.3 percent over 1982-83. A large percentage of these commitments (74.4 percent) were direct court commitments (including violators of probation, but not violators of parole). There were 116 commitments resulting from parole violations, of which 49 incurred additional sentences.

The number of out-of-state transfers increased by 46 percent, from 28 to 41. The number of escapees who returned to prison decreased by 11 percent. There was no change in the number of commitments resulting from fines (12). The number of Family Court holds exactly doubled from 13 to 26.

There were 3949 commitments under awaiting-trial status. Twelve (12) percent of these commitments were immediately followed by a sentenced commitment to the ACI. There were 224 persons awaiting trial when the fiscal year ended. Among these 224 persons, 219 were committed in Fiscal 1982-83, and five were awaiting trial the entire year.

TABLE 8

COMMITMENTS TO THE RHODE ISLAND ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
DURING FISCAL YEARS 1983 AND 1984

	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE Increase/Decrease</u>
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	4490	4956	+10.4
Commitments Under Sentence	873	1007	+15.3
Direct New Court Com- mitments (including violators of suspended sentences or probation)	677	749	+10.6
Parole Violators With No New Sentences	73	67	- 8.2
Parole Violators With New Sentences	41	49	+19.5
Returns From Escape	18	16	-11.1
Returns From Appeal	8	15	+87.5
Transfers From Other State or Federal Authorities	28	41	+46.4
Transfers From IMH	3	0	N/A
Returned to ACI For Weekend Sentences	0	32	N/A
Commitments Resulting From Fines With No Other Sentences	12	12	0.0
Family Court Holds	13	26	+100.0
Awaiting Trial Commitments	3617	3949	+9.2
Followed Immediately By A Sentence to Prison	394	469	+34.4
Released Without An Im- mediate Prison Sentence	3068	3460	+ 6.3
Still in ACI Awaiting Trial At the End of the Fiscal Year	200	219	+ 9.5

## NUMBER OF PERSONS COMMITTED

Table 9 shows the number of persons committed in Fiscal 1983-1984 by type of commitment. There were 892 persons committed under sentence in Fiscal 1983-1984 (this excludes fines and Family Court holds). Eighty-two (82) percent of these persons had at least one commitment directly from the court. There were 111 persons who returned to prison on detention or revocation warrants from the Parole Board. Forty-nine (49) of these parole violators incurred new sentences. Thirty-nine (39) inmates were transferred from other states or federal authorities. Sixteen (16) inmates returned from escape, 14 returned from an appeal of an earlier sentence, and eight were returned to complete weekend sentences.

There were 12 individuals who were committed to the ACI for non-payment of fines. Only one of these 12 persons served any other sentence during the fiscal year. There were 25 persons who were held for the Family Court.

There were 2,865 persons who were committed under awaiting-trial status. There were 469 awaiting trial commitments that were immediately followed by a prison sentence (excluding fines). There were 561 persons who were sentenced (excluding fines) at a different time during the year, six persons who served fines during the year, and 2,298 persons who served no sentences during that fiscal year.

TABLE 9

NUMBER OF PERSONS COMMITTED  
TO THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
DURING FISCAL 1983-84

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS COMMITTED	3227
Persons Committed Under Sentenced Status..... (Excluding fines or family court holds)	892
Persons Committed Directly From Court.....	733
Persons Returned As Parole Violator.....	111
With New Sentences.....	49
Without New Sentences.....	65
Persons Transferred From Other States Or Federal Authorities Federal Authorities.....	39
Persons Transferred From IMH.....	0
Persons Returned From Escape Status.....	16
Persons Returned From Appeal of Previous Sentence.....	14
Persons Returned From Weekend Releases.....	8
Persons Committed to Serve Fines But No Other Sentences.....	12
And Served Another Sentence During Fiscal 1983-84.....	1
Did not Serve Another Sentence During Fiscal 1983-84.....	11
Persons committed as Family Court Holds..... (None of these served any other sentence)	25
Persons Committed Under Awaiting-Trial Status.....	2865
And were sentenced (excluding fines) to the ACI..... During Fiscal 1983-1984	561
And were Incarcerated at the ACI Under a Fine or Civil commitment but no other sentence.....	6
And were Never Under any Sentence During Fiscal 83-84....	2298

## RELEASES FROM PRISON

Table 10 is a tabulation of the types of releases from the ACI during Fiscal 1983-1984. There were 917 releases of sentenced inmates (excluding inmates who were serving fines or Family Court holds), representing a 20.5 percent increase over Fiscal 1982-1983. There were 424 releases by parole, and 373 releases by expiration of sentence. There were 50 transfers to other states or federal authorities. Seventeen inmates escaped, fifteen inmates were released on appeal, and two were released upon modification of sentence. There were 32 temporary releases of inmates who were serving weekend sentences, but only eight such inmates were involved. Four inmates were released by other means.

Sixteen inmates were released from fines. Six of these inmates paid the fine; five served the full sentence in lieu of the fine and were released upon expiration of sentence, two were bailed, and three were discharged at court. There were 27 releases from Family Court detentions related to divorce cases.

There were 3929 releases from awaiting-trial status. There were 478 persons discharged from awaiting-trial status in order to begin a prison sentence. The remaining 3451 releases resulted either from bail, court-ordered discharge, transfer to other states or the IMH, discharges to the US Immigration Service, or in a few cases, transfer to juvenile authorities.

TABLE 10

RELEASES FROM THE RHODE ISLAND ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983 AND 1984

	<u>1982-1983</u>	<u>1983-1984</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u> <u>INCREASE/DECREASE</u>
ALL RELEASES	4372	4889	+11.8
Releases From Sentenced Status (excluding Fines and Family Court holds)	761	917	+20.5
Parole	349	424	+21.5
Expiration of Sentence	311	373	+19.9
Escape	16	17	+ 6.3
Death	0	0	
Temporary Release of Weekend Prisoner	0	32	
Transfers to Other States or Federal Authorities	54	50	-7.4
Transfer to IMH	3	0	
Appeal	12	15	+25.0
Modification of Sentence	3	2	-33.3
Other	13	4	-69.2
Releases From Fines	9	16	+77.8
Paid Out	3	6	
Expiration of Sentence	3	5	
Bailed	1	2	
Discharged At Court	2	3	
Releases From Family Court Holds (ALL Were Discharged at Court)	12	27	+125.0
Releases From Awaiting Trial Status	3590	3929	+ 9.4
To Begin Sentence	417	478	+ 14.6
Escape	0	0	
Death	0	0	
Other Releases	3173	3451	+8.8

### LENGTH OF STAY - AWAITING TRIAL

Table 11 is a tabulation of the length of stay of the inmates released from awaiting-trial status in Fiscal 1983-84. There were 3929 releases from awaiting-trial status during the year. Twelve percent (12%) of these detentions resulted in a sentenced commitment to the ACI. Most of these detentions in the awaiting-trial unit were short, although 13 inmates were awaiting trial for over a year. In fiscal 1983-1984:

- (1) 12.4 percent were released the same day;
- (2) 59.6 percent were released within seven (7) days;
- (3) 85.3 percent were released within 30 days;
- (4) 10.2 percent were held for 31 to 90 days;
- (5) 2.9 percent were held for 91 to 180 days;
- (6) 1.65 percent were held for more than 180 days.

A comparison of the data for Fiscal 1983-1984 with Fiscal 1980-1981 shows that the increase in the awaiting-trial population was not due to an increase in length of stay. In Fiscal 1980-1981:

- (1) 12.7 percent were released the same day;
- (2) 56.9 percent were released within seven (7) days;
- (3) 86.2 percent were released within 30 days;
- (4) 10.1 percent were held for 31 to 90 days;
- (5) 2.9 percent were held for 91 to 180 days;
- (6) 0.77 percent were held for more than 180 days.

In Fiscal 1983-1984, the median length of stay in the awaiting-trial section was 4.2 days, and the mean length of stay was 18.9 days. Among the 478 inmates who were discharged from awaiting-trial status in order to begin a sentence at the ACI, the median length of stay was 27.5 days and the mean was 63.1 days. The inmates who were discharged from awaiting-trial status without an immediate sentence to the ACI had a median length of stay of 3.2 days and a mean length of stay of 12.8 days.

TABLE 11  
LENGTH OF STAY FOR INMATES AWAITING TRIAL  
DURING FISCAL 1983-1984

<u>LENGTH OF INCARCERATION</u>	<u>ALL INMATES</u>	<u>DISCHARGED TO BEGIN SENTENCE AT THE ACI</u>	<u>DISCHARGED WITH NO IMMEDIATE SENTENCE TO THE ACI</u>
TOTAL	3929	478	3451
Released Same Day	488	0	488
One Day	758	10	748
Two Days	462	9	453
Three Days	232	8	224
Four Days	106	6	100
Five Days	98	4	94
Six Days	76	4	72
Seven Days	121	17	104
Eight Days	80	14	66
Nine Days	74	11	63
Ten Days	65	10	55
Eleven Days	56	6	50
Twelve Days	56	10	46
Thirteen Days	75	15	60
Fourteen Days	82	19	63
15 - 21 Days	341	70	271
22 - 30 Days	180	45	135
31 - 60 Days	281	79	202
61 - 90 Days	120	47	73
91 - 120 Days	56	23	33
121-150 Days	32	15	17
151-180 Days	25	9	16
181-210 Days	16	11	5
211-240 Days	12	10	2
241-270 Days	8	5	3
271-300 Days	7	4	3
301-365 Days	9	6	3
366 Days or More	13	11	2
Median Length of Incarceration (days)	4.2	27.5	3.2
Mean Length of Incar- ceration (days)	18.9	63.1	12.8