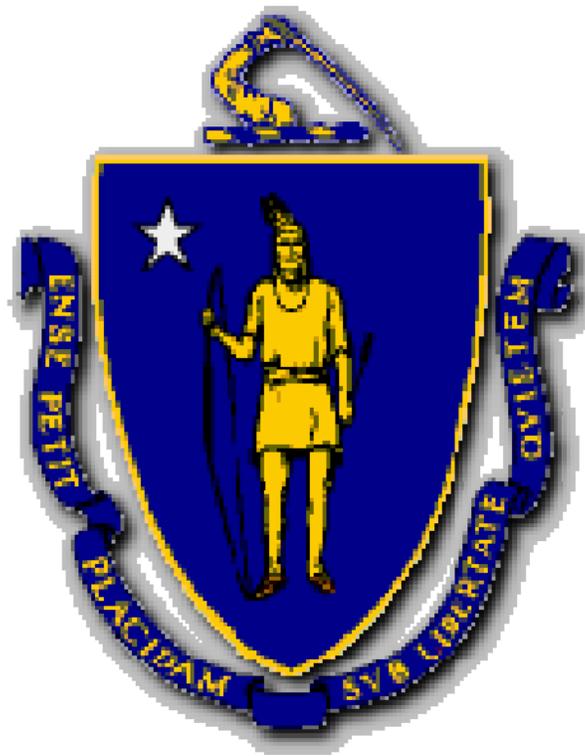


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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

While this report represents the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2010, included are preliminary data and trends representing all of CY2010. Thus, comparisons to the previous year are possible and reflect a slight decrease (<1%) in the average inmate population for 2010 compared to 2009. There was a difference of 45 more inmates among the *jurisdiction* population in 2009 (n=11,536) compared to 2010 (n=11,491). A similar difference was noted for the *custody* population whereby there were 35 more inmates in 2009 (n=11,299) as opposed to 2010 (n=11,264).

Like 2009, there was a steady increase in the inmate population for the first three quarters of 2010 and then a drop off in the fourth quarter, which fell to a level in between the averages of the first and second quarters. Inmates who are awaiting trial represent the smallest proportion of commitment types compared to civil commitments and criminally sentenced inmates. Nonetheless, it is important to note the number of awaiting trial detainee admissions rose by 11% or 113 inmates during the first three quarters of 2010, before declining in the fourth quarter by 13% or 149 inmates.

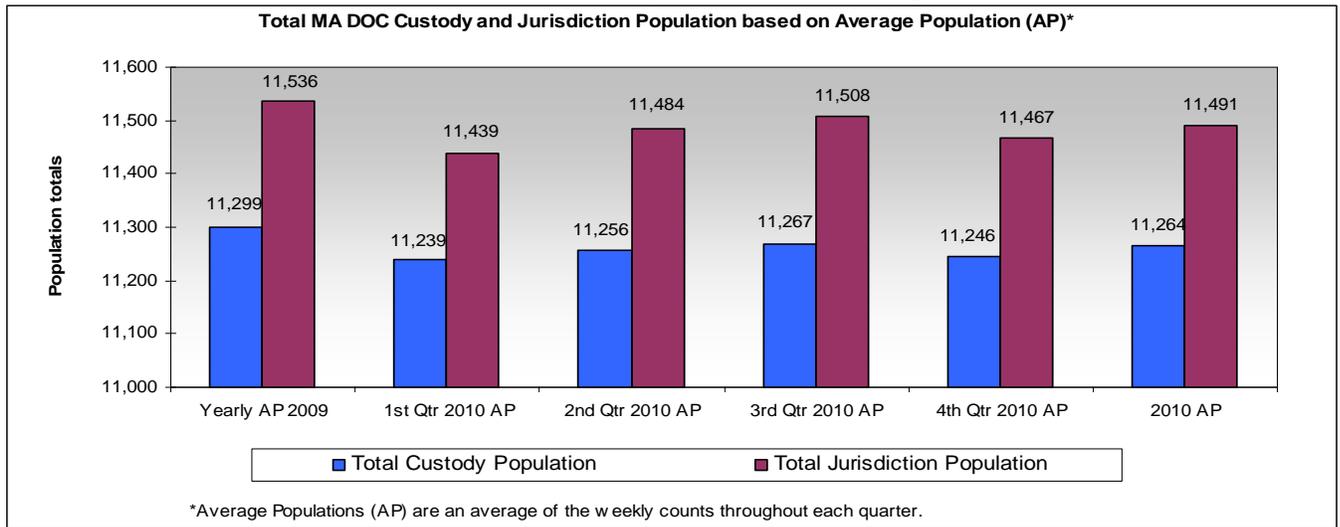
From January through July 2010, admissions either outpaced or ran parallel to releases, resulting in a cumulative increase of 167 more inmates. However, by the end of 2010 the cumulative difference between admissions and releases reflected an increase of just 15 inmates. The drop in fourth quarter admissions was driven by a notable decrease among female awaiting trial detainees, falling 18% or 131 detainees between the third and fourth quarters. Admission and release trends for the criminally sentenced population varied by gender. Female admissions outpaced releases resulting in a cumulative increase of 29 inmates. Male admissions had the opposite outcome resulting in a difference of 70 less male criminally sentenced inmates, driving the overall average custody and jurisdictions to be slightly less (<1%) than they were in 2009.

The overall rate of inmates being released to the street from the Department of Correction via parole in 2010 was 38%; 39% for males and 33% for females. Looking more closely at parole admission types, the monthly average of parole violators/detainees was 37, ranging between 30-43 admissions per month. This was significantly higher for male parole returns, averaging 30 per month and ranging between 24-35. In terms of all types of parole releases (this includes those released to the street as well as those released to other jurisdictions, such as county Houses of Corrections), the monthly average in 2010 was 92, ranging between 68-114. The monthly average among males was 69, ranging 53-89 and for females 22 per month, ranging 13-34. It is anticipated these numbers will change in 2011 as a result of an overhaul of the Massachusetts Parole Board.

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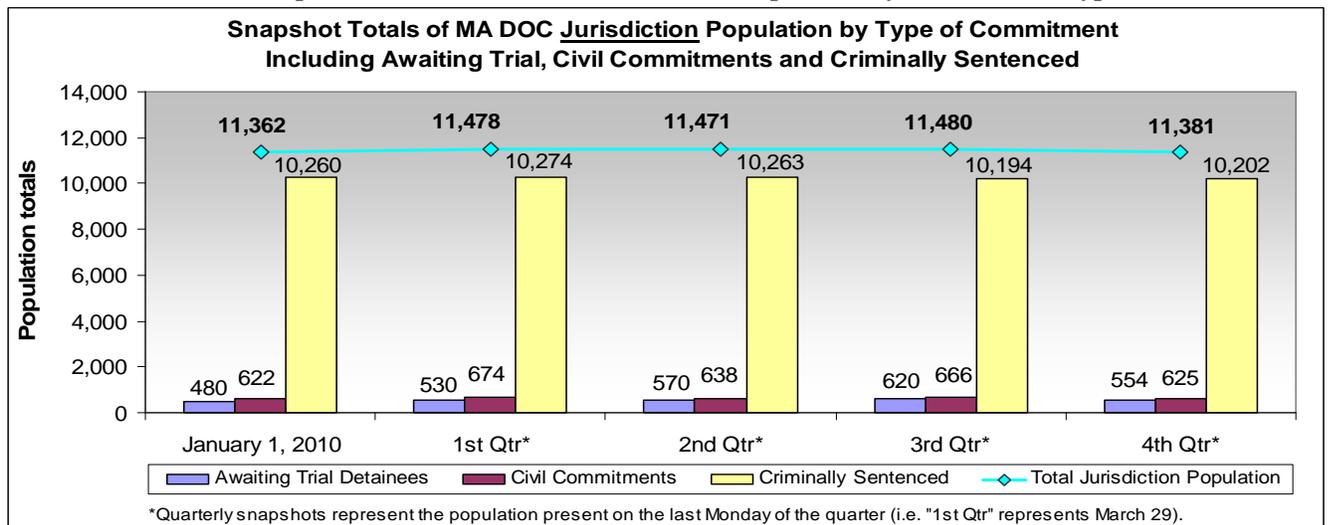
## Section 1. Overview of MA DOC Populations, Admissions and Releases

### 1.1 Total MA DOC Custody<sup>1</sup> and Jurisdiction<sup>2</sup> Population



The average quarterly jurisdiction and custody populations in the Massachusetts Department of Correction rose slightly in the second and third quarters of 2010. The jurisdiction population increased by less than one percent over the first three quarters before experiencing a slight decrease when comparing the third and fourth quarters. The fourth quarter average jurisdiction population was slightly higher than the first quarter average, 11,467 and 11,439, respectively.

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

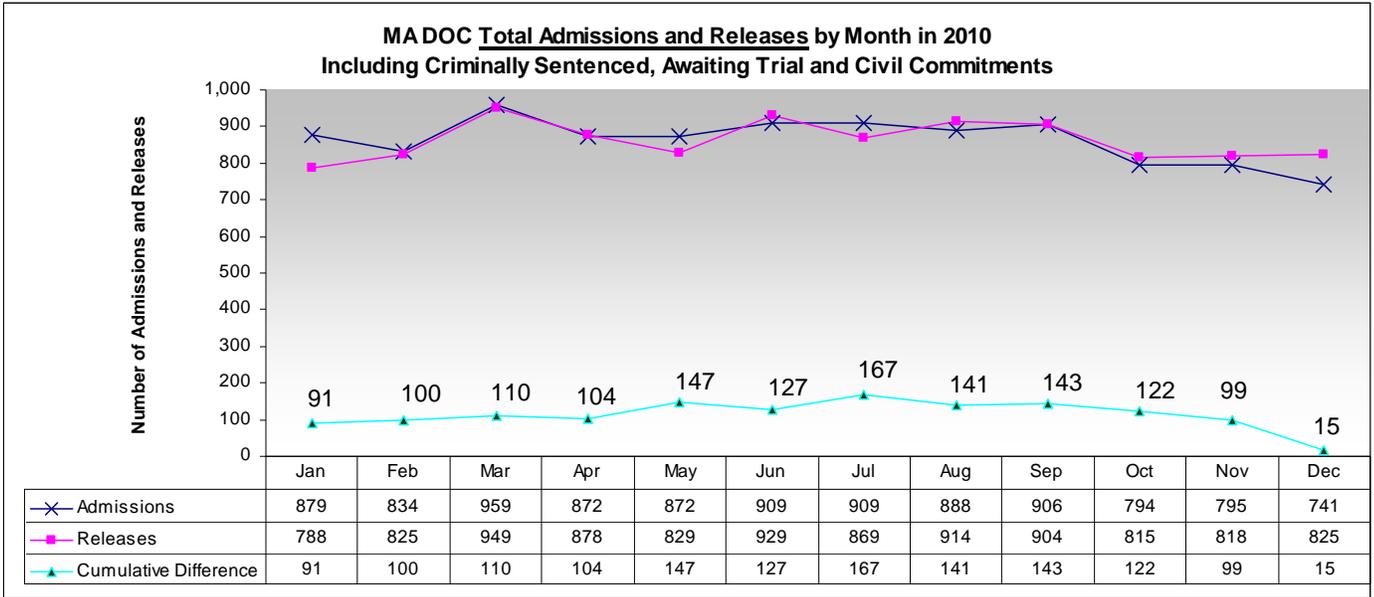


Snapshot data shows fluctuation amongst all types of commitments over the trend period. Civil commitments ranged from 622 to 674; the criminally sentenced population ranged from 10,194 to 10,274. When comparing the January 1, 2010 population to the population at the end of the third quarter, the awaiting trial population experienced the largest and steadiest percentage increase at 29% before a decrease of 11% between the third and fourth quarters.

<sup>1</sup>Total MA DOC custody population includes criminally sentenced inmates, awaiting trial detainees, and civil commitments in MA DOC facilities, excluding MA DOC inmates housed in other jurisdictions.

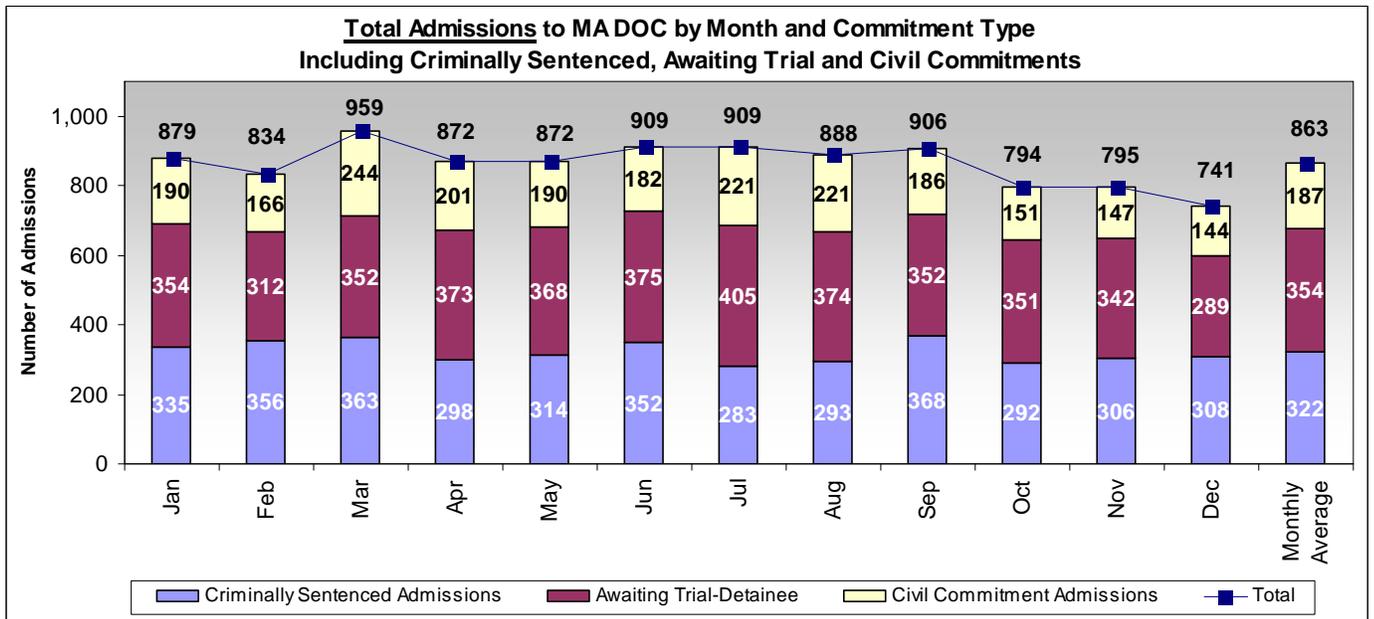
<sup>2</sup>Total MA DOC jurisdiction population includes criminally sentenced inmates, awaiting trial detainees, and civil commitments in MA DOC facilities and MA DOC inmates housed in county facilities, other state facilities, and federal facilities.

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



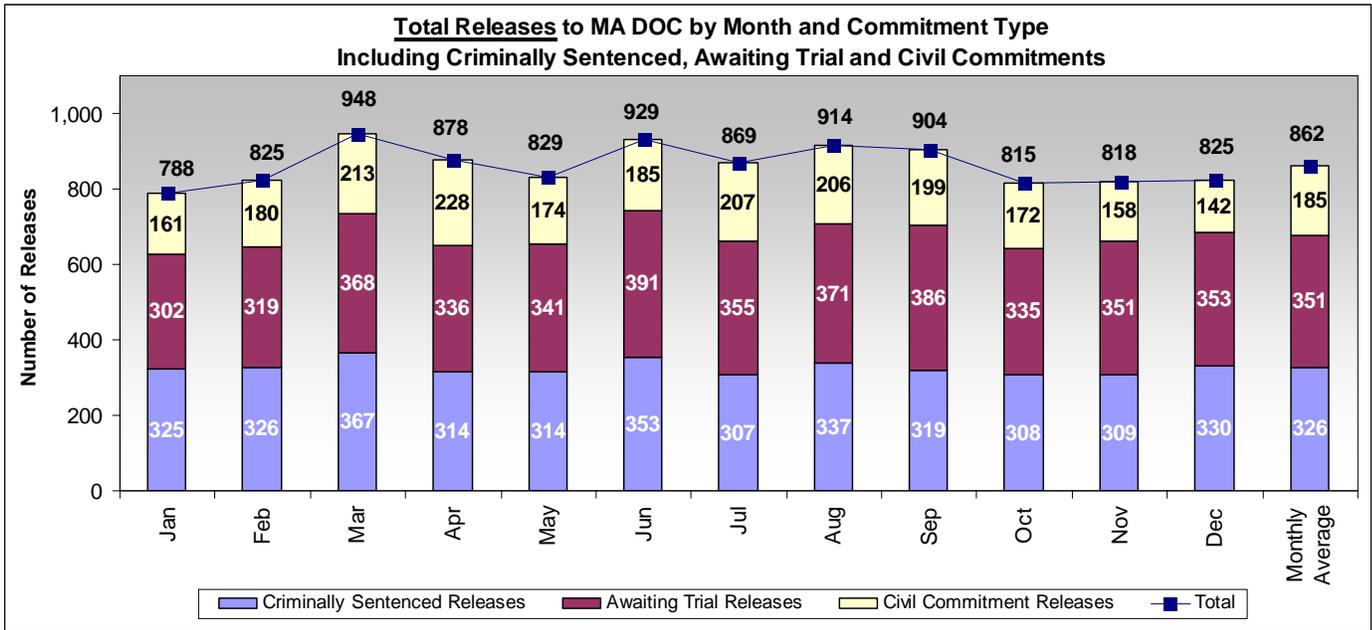
During January of 2010, total admissions to the MA DOC outpaced releases resulting in a cumulative increase of 91 inmates by the end of the month. From February to July, admissions and releases followed a similar trend, resulting in an increasing jurisdiction population through the third quarter. From August through December, releases generally outpaced admissions, with the most notable difference occurring in December when admissions reached a low of 741 inmates and contributed to the cumulative difference of just 15 inmates at the end of the trend period.

**1.4 MA DOC Total Admissions**



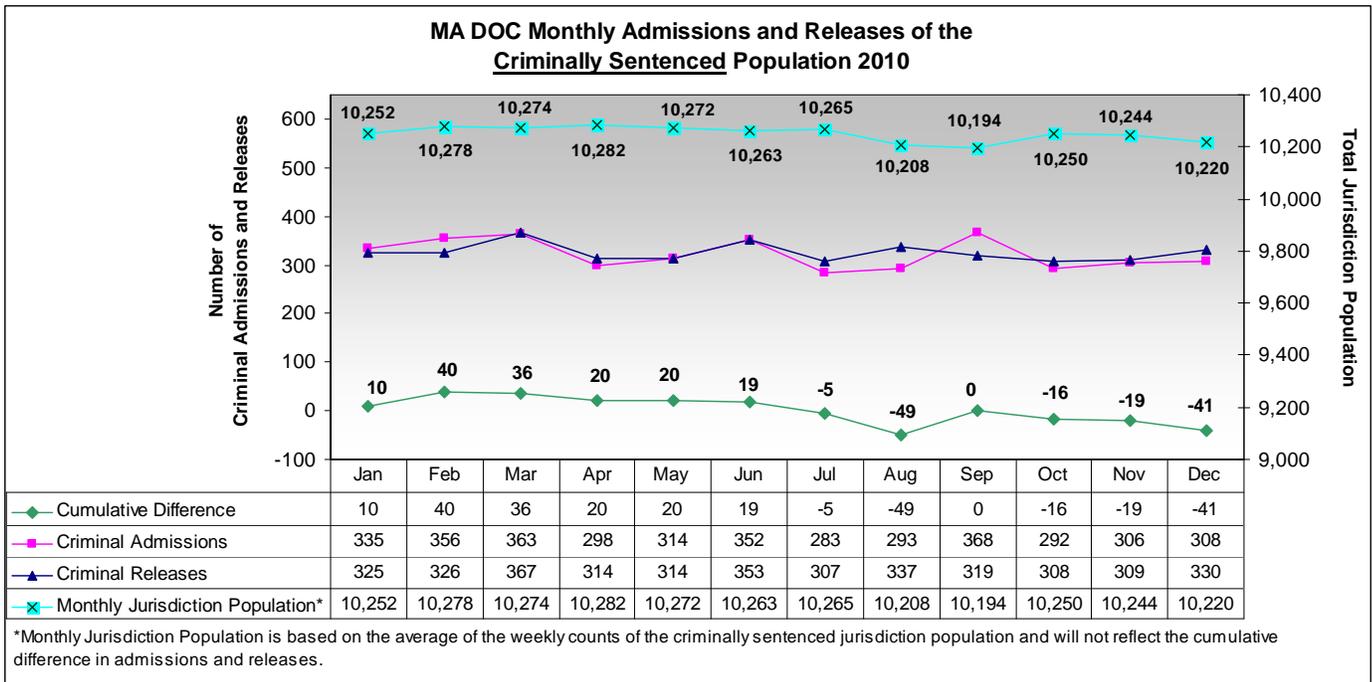
After a high of 959 total admissions in March, the end of the year reflected a low of just 741 admissions in December.

1.5 MA DOC Total Releases



Total releases from MA DOC hit a low in January and a high in March ranging from 788 to 948. Over the trend period, admissions averaged 863 per month while releases averaged 862.

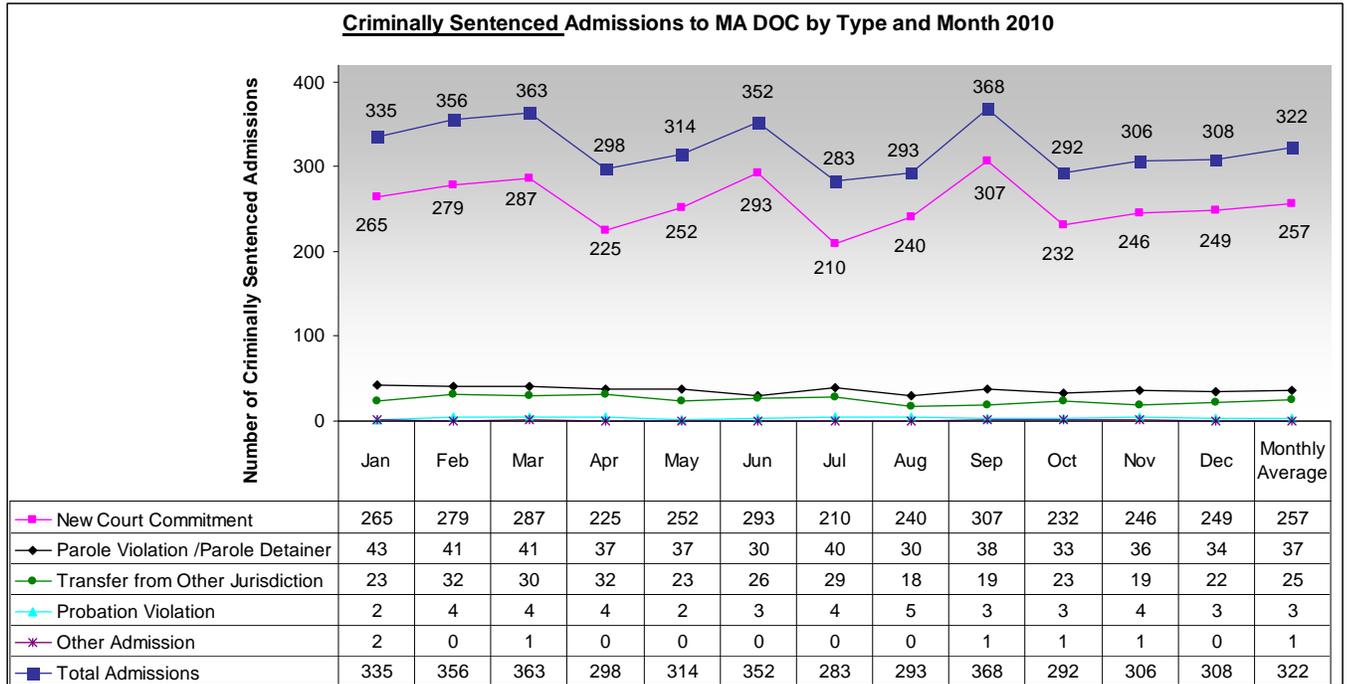
1.6 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admissions and Releases by Month



In 2010, criminal admissions average 322 per month while releases average 326 per month. While admissions often outpaced releases, the fluctuations result in an overall decrease of 41 criminally sentenced inmates in 2010.

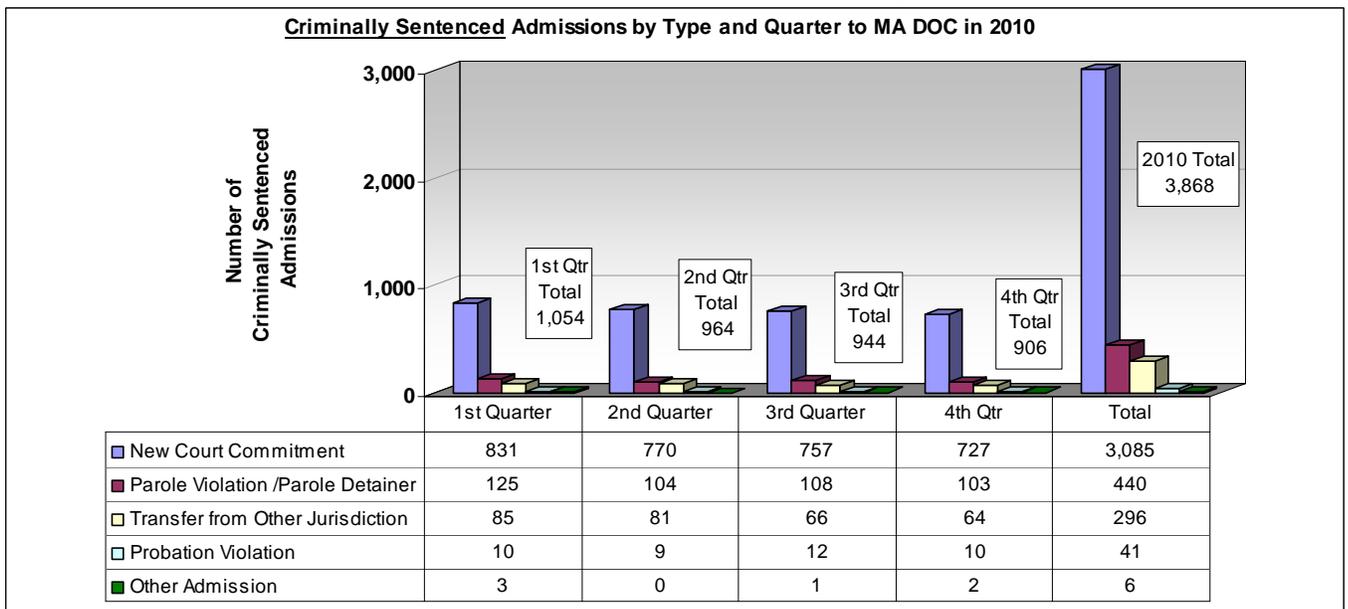
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### 2.1 MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Month

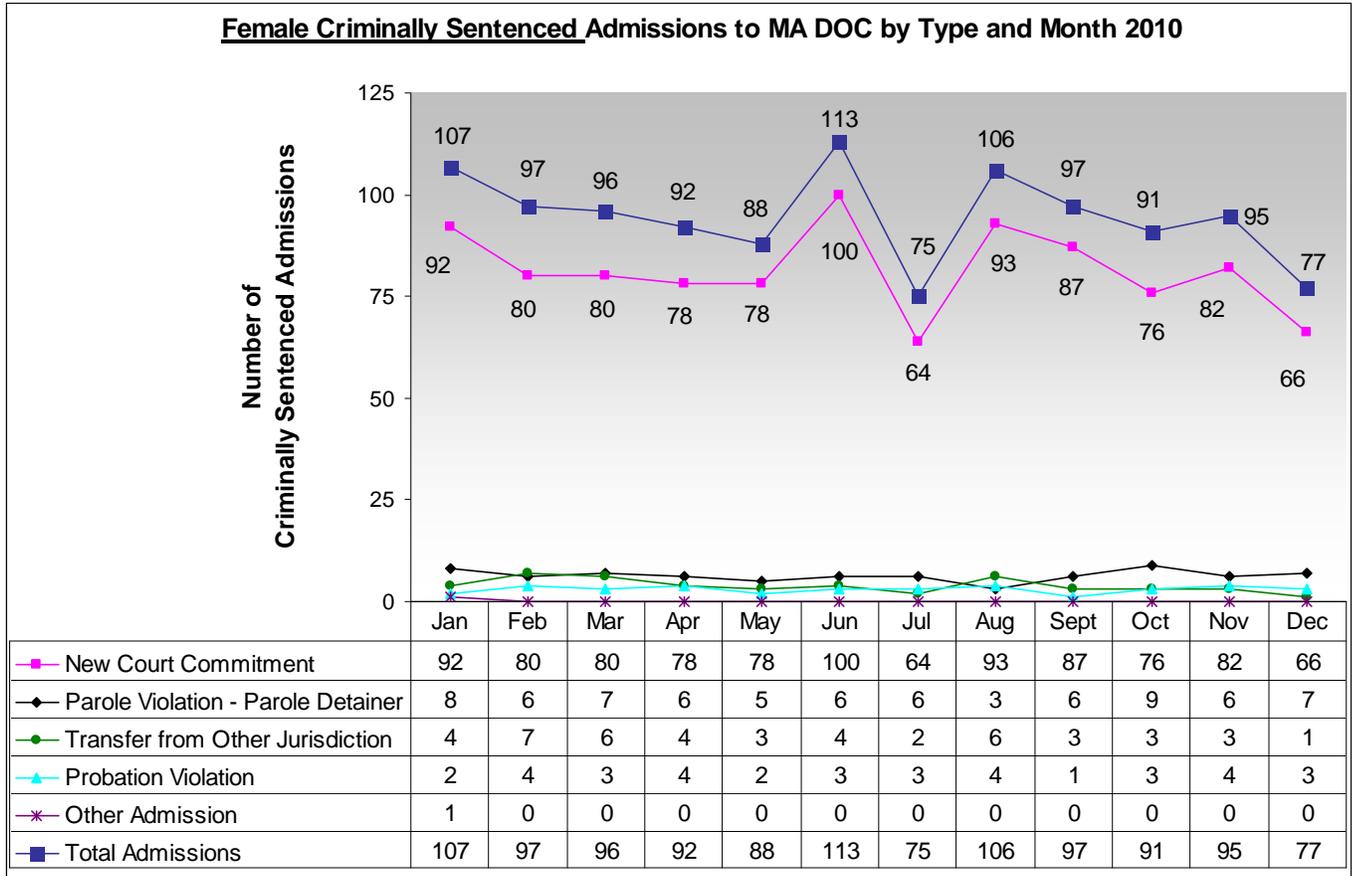


Criminally sentenced admissions to MADOC are driven by new court commitments. New court commitment admissions fluctuate from 210 to 307 with an average of 257 over the trend period. The monthly average for parole violations is 37, transfers from other jurisdictions 25, with just 3 probation violators and a rare “Other” admission. Grouped into quarters below, these admissions show a steady decline in new court commitments and total criminally sentenced admissions.

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



2.3 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Month



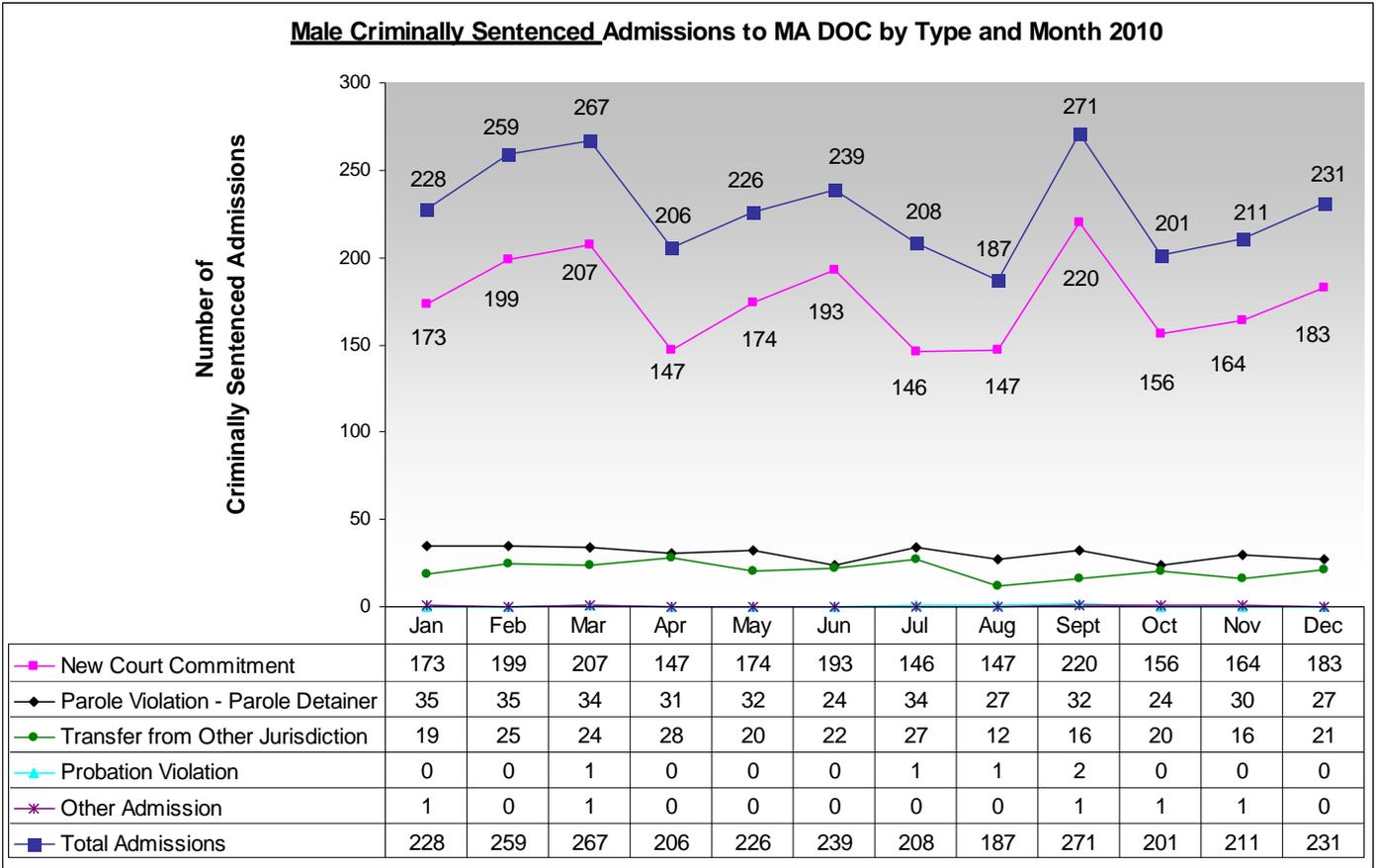
In 2010, female criminally sentenced admissions spiked in June with 113 admissions and hit a low the next month with only 75. New court commitments comprise 86 percent of female admissions over this trend period compared with only 77 percent of male admissions (shown on the following page).

2.4 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Quarter

2010 Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type*	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Total	
	Count	Percent of Admissions	Total	Percent of Admissions						
New Court Commitment	252	84%	256	87%	244	88%	224	85%	976	86%
Parole Violation/Parole Detainer	21	7%	17	6%	15	5%	22	8%	75	7%
Transfer from Other Jurisdiction	17	6%	11	4%	11	4%	7	3%	46	4%
Probation Violation	9	3%	9	3%	8	3%	10	4%	36	3%
Other Admission	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

2.5 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Month



In 2010, male criminally sentenced admissions hit a low in August with 187 followed the next month by a high of 271 in September. Parole violations make up 13 percent of male admissions over this trend period compared to just 7 percent of female admissions.

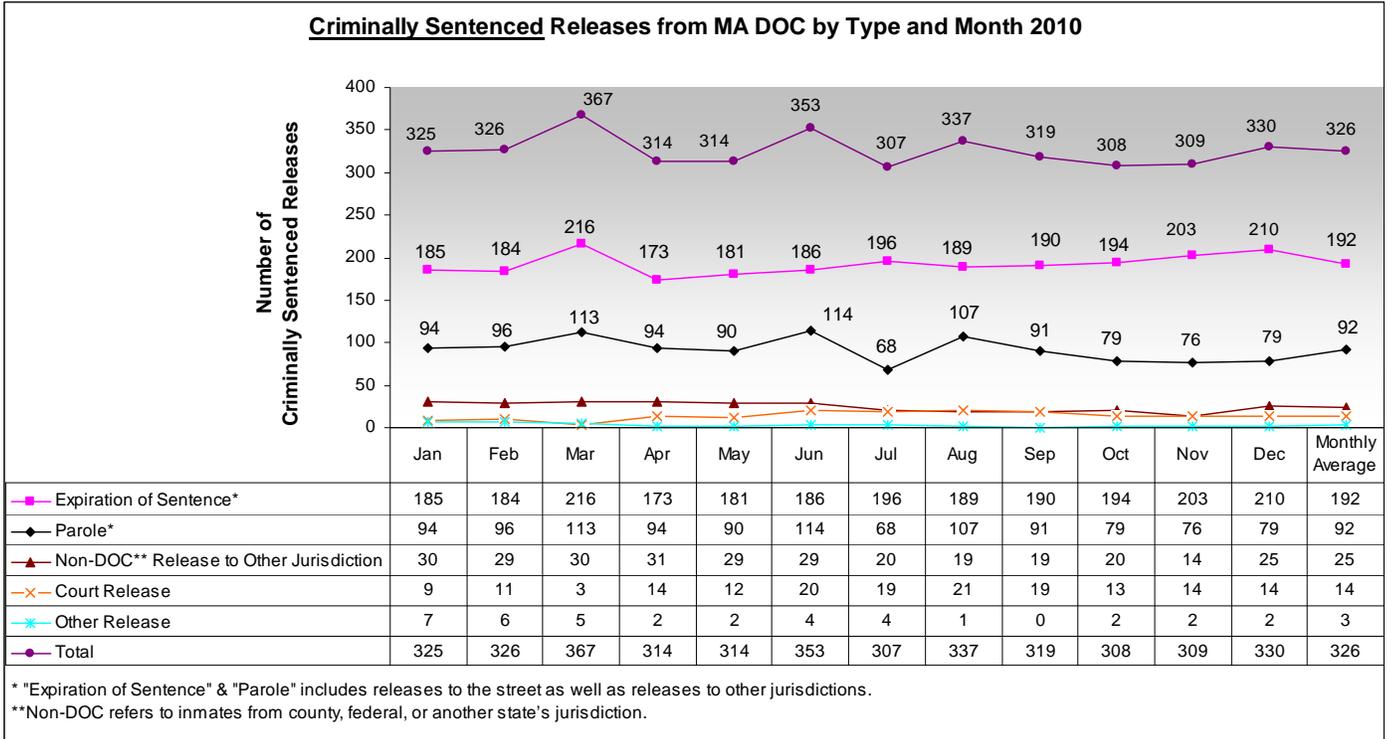
2.6 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type and Quarter

2010 Male Criminally Sentenced Admissions by Type*	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Total	
	Count	Percent of Admissions	Total	Percent of Admissions						
New Court Commitment	579	77%	514	77%	513	77%	503	78%	2,109	77%
Parole Violation/Parole Detainer	104	14%	87	13%	93	14%	81	13%	365	13%
Transfer from Other	68	9%	70	10%	55	8%	57	9%	250	9%
Probation Violation	1	0%	0	0%	4	1%	0	0%	5	0%
Other Admission	2	0%	0	0%	1	0%	2	0%	5	0%
Total Admissions	754	100%	671	100%	666	100%	643	100%	2,734	100%

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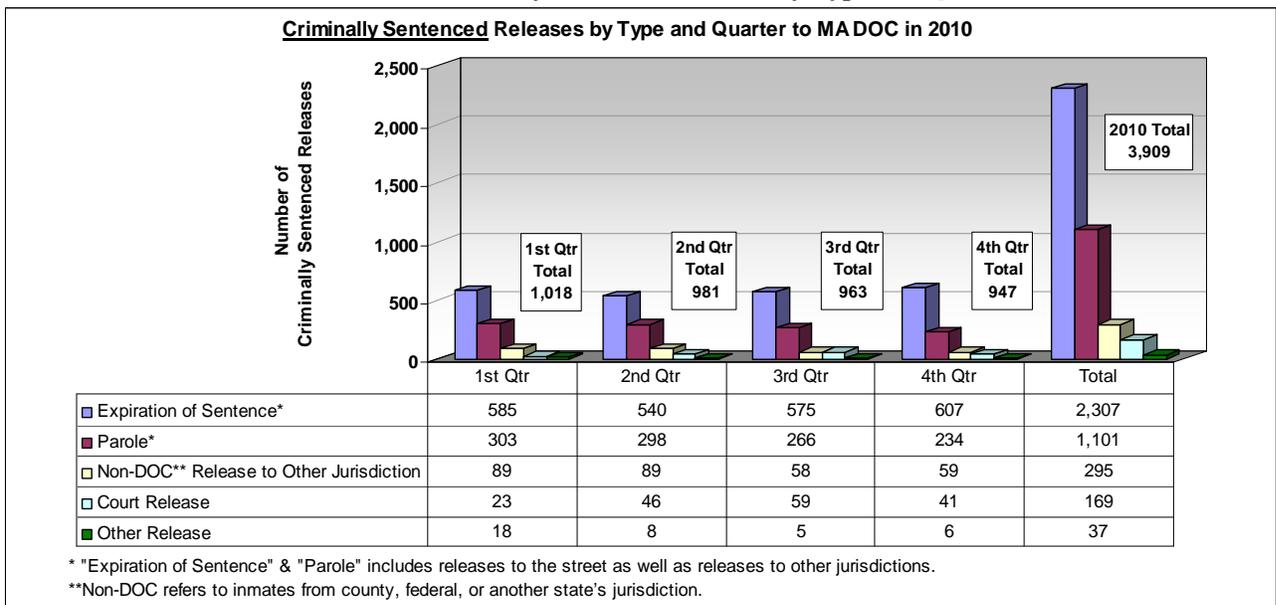
### Section 3. MA DOC Criminally Sentenced Releases<sup>3</sup>

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



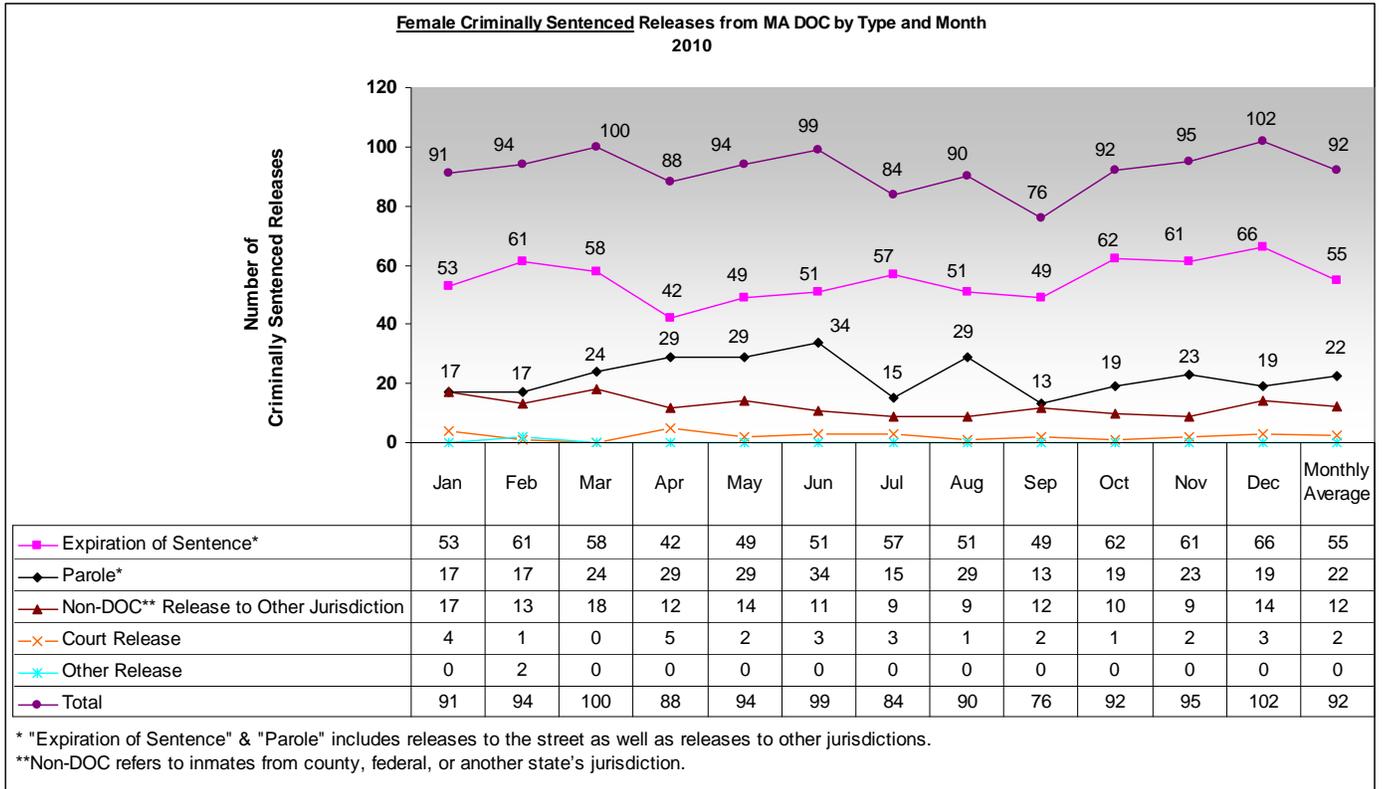
Almost 60 percent of criminally sentenced releases are due to an expiration of sentence with about 30 percent released to parole. March saw the most releases at 367 while the low was in July at 307 releases. Like admissions totals, the quarterly release totals show a steady decline in releases.

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



<sup>3</sup> Inmates released via expiration of sentence or parole includes all releases unless it is noted 'to the street'. For a complete list of expiration of sentence and parole releases, see *Notes and Definitions* in the Appendix.

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



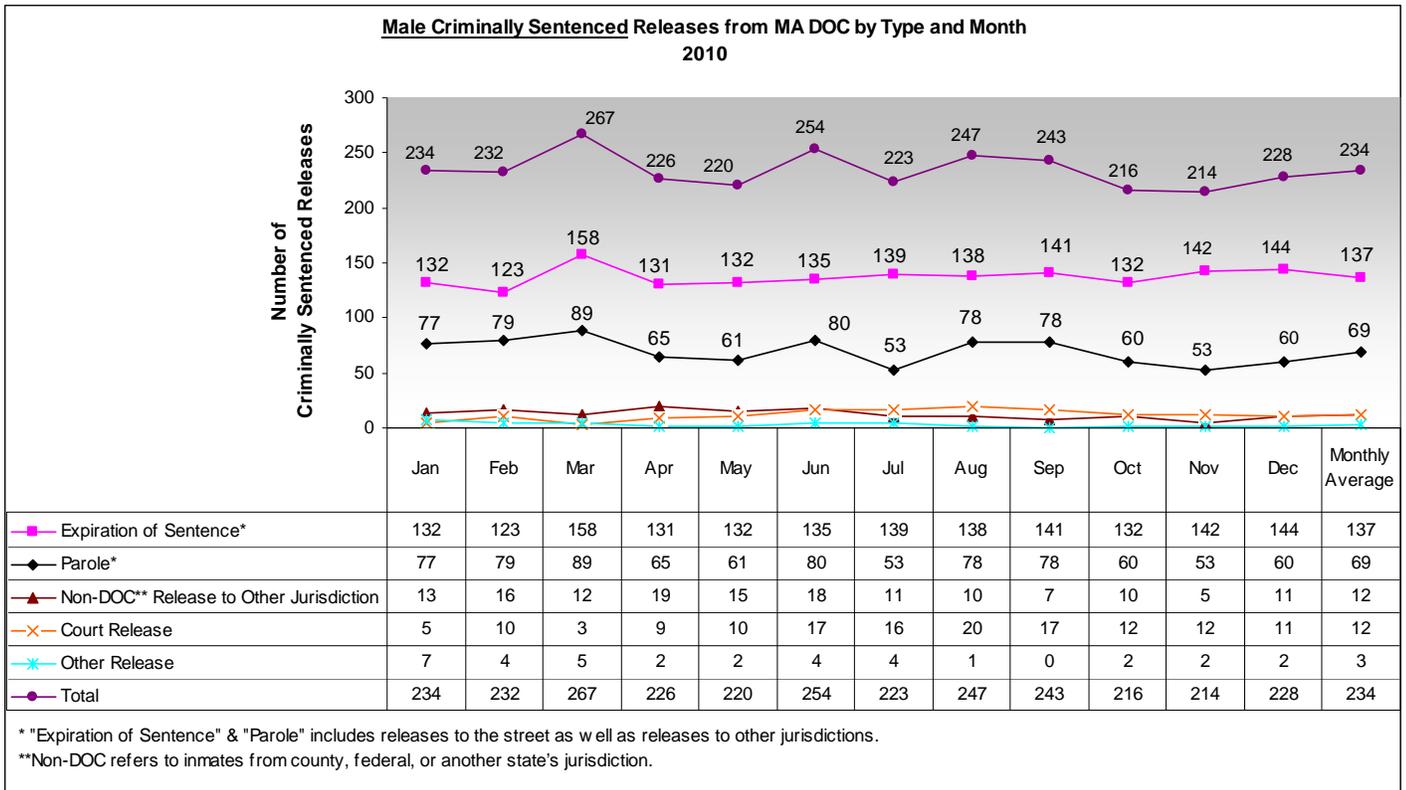
In 2010, criminally sentenced females averaged 92 releases per month. Sixty percent of these releases were due to an expiration of sentence, 24 percent were released to parole, 13 percent were released to another jurisdiction and less than three percent were released by the court or “other” release.

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

Type of Release	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Total	
	Count	Percent of Admissions	Total	Percent of Admissions						
Expiration of Sentence	172	60%	142	51%	157	63%	189	65%	660	60%
Parole	58	20%	92	33%	57	23%	61	21%	268	24%
Non-DOC Release to Other Jurisdiction	48	17%	37	13%	30	12%	33	11%	148	13%
Court Release	5	2%	10	4%	6	2%	6	2%	27	2%
Other Release	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
<b>Total Admissions</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>100%</b>

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



In 2010, criminally sentenced males averaged 234 releases per month. Fifty-nine percent of these releases were due to an expiration of sentence, 30 percent were released to parole, five percent were released to another jurisdiction, and six percent were released by the court or “other” release.

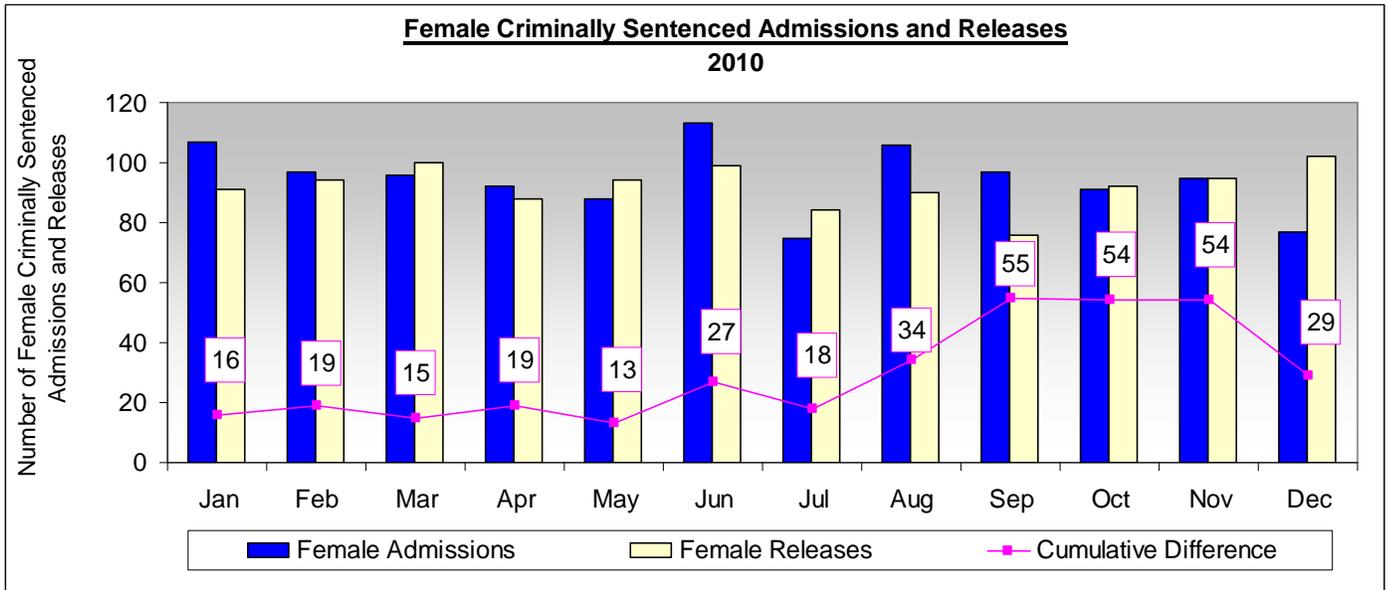
### 3.6 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases by Type and Quarter in 2010\*

Type of Release	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Total	
	Count	Percent of Admissions	Total	Percent of Admissions						
Expiration of Sentence	413	56%	398	57%	418	59%	418	64%	1647	59%
Parole	245	33%	206	29%	209	29%	173	26%	833	30%
Non-DOC Release to Other Jurisdiction	41	6%	52	7%	28	4%	26	4%	147	5%
Court Release	18	2%	36	5%	53	7%	35	5%	142	5%
Other Release	16	2%	8	1%	5	1%	4	1%	33	1%
Total Admissions	733	100%	700	100%	713	100%	656	100%	2802	100%

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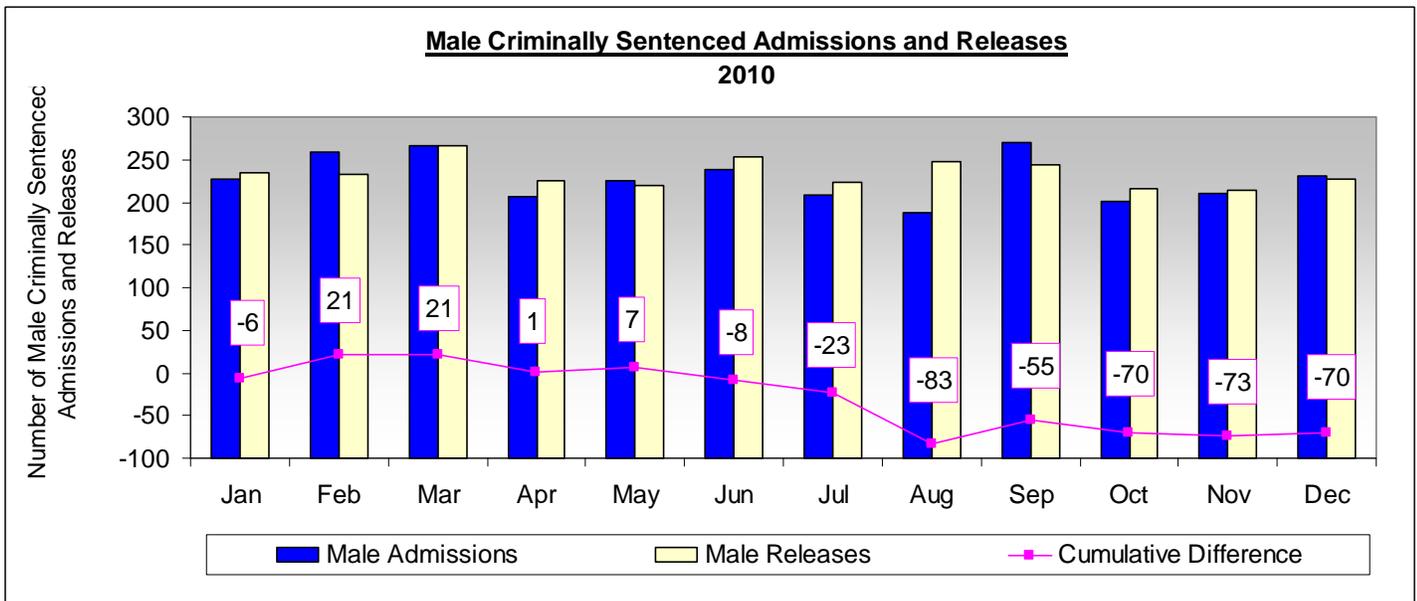
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### 4.1 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Admissions and Releases



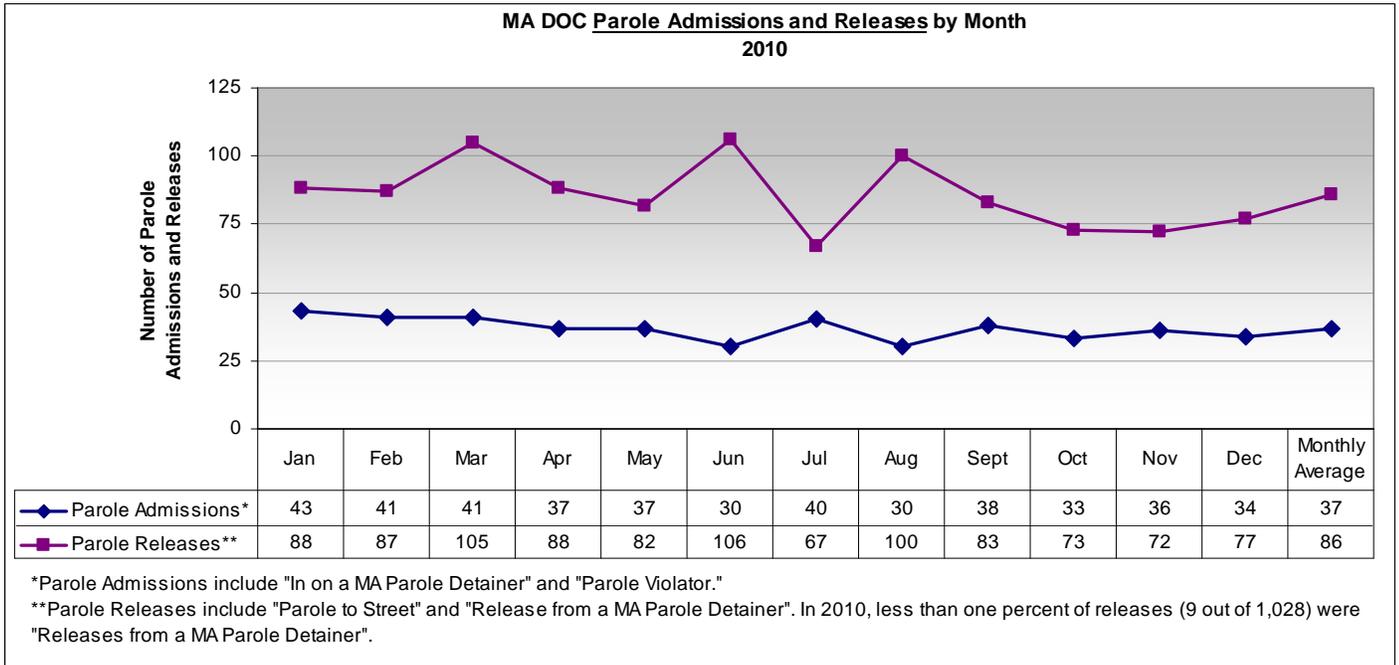
It is interesting to note the gender differences over the trend period for criminally sentenced admissions and releases; females increased by 29 inmates while males decreased by 70.

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



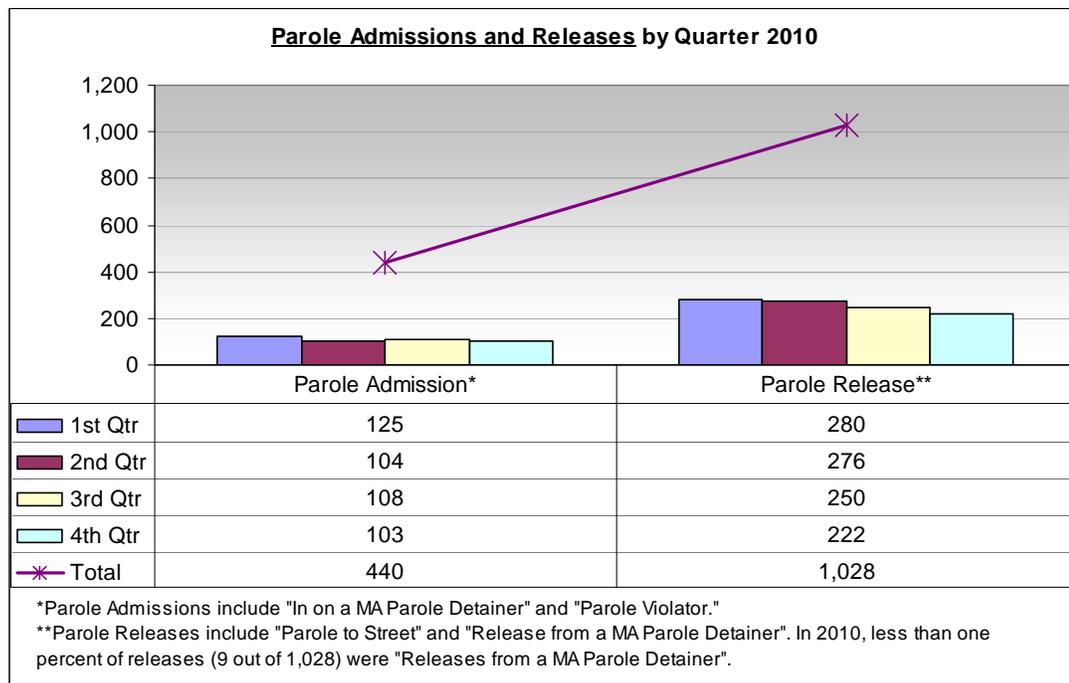
## Section 5. MA DOC Comparison of Parole Admissions and Parole Releases to the Street

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



Demonstrated by month and by quarter, 2010 parole releases consistently outpaced parole admissions throughout the trend period. Quarterly totals of both parole admissions and releases decreased over the trend period. It is important to note that parole releases include inmates with prior violations as well as inmates being released for the first time off of their current sentence.

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



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

**6.1 MA DOC Criminal Releases to the Street by Supervision**

Total Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision									
Type of Supervision	1st Qtr	%	2nd Qtr	%	3rd Qtr	%	4th Qtr	%	2010 Total
No Supervision	267	37%	251	37%	235	36%	269	39%	1,022
Probation	177	24%	156	23%	160	25%	195	28%	688
Parole	178	25%	171	25%	163	25%	137	20%	649
Parole and Probation	102	14%	105	15%	87	13%	85	12%	379
Total	724	100%	683	100%	645	100%	686	100%	2,738

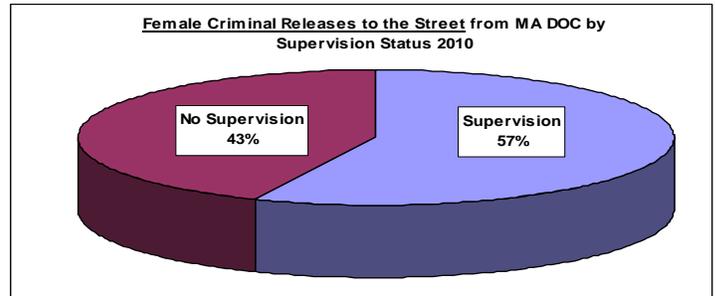
**6.2 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Type and Quarter**

Type of Release	Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street in 2010 by Quarter									
	Female 1st Qtr	% of Releases to Street	Female 2nd Qtr	% of Releases to Street	Female 3rd Qtr	% of Releases to Street	Female 4th Qtr	% of Releases to Street	2010 Total	% of Releases to Street
Paroled to Street	55	28%	88	44%	54	32%	59	28%	256	33%
Expiration of Sentence	141	72%	111	56%	115	68%	152	72%	519	67%
Total Releases to Street	196	100%	199	100%	169	100%	211	100%	775	100%

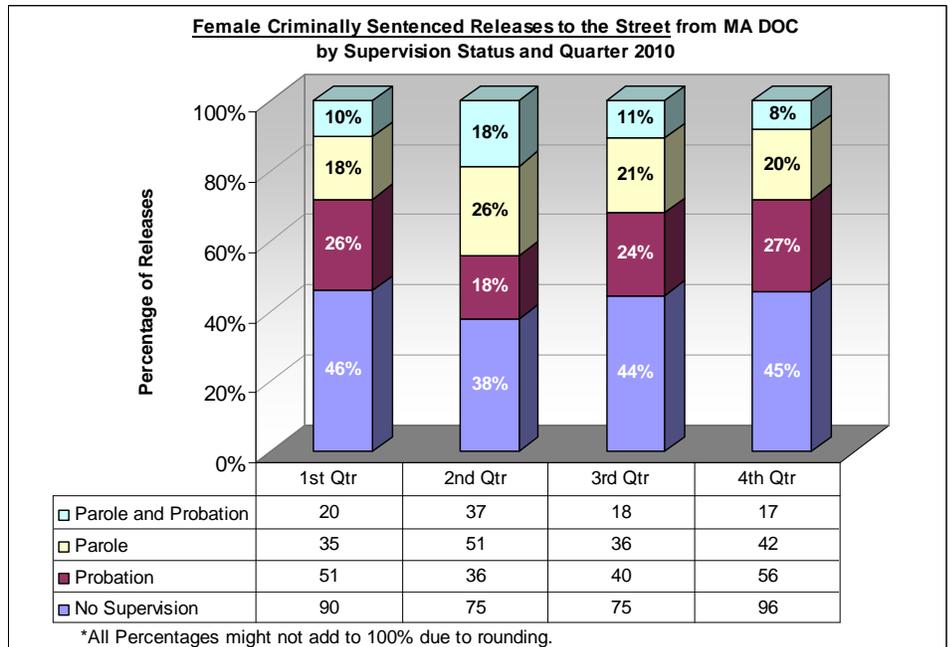
**6.3 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status**

Criminally sentenced females are primarily released to the street due to an expiration of sentence; only 33 percent are paroled to the street.

Fifty-seven percent of female releases to the street are supervised upon release with either parole, probation or both.



**6.4 MA DOC Female Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status and Quarter**



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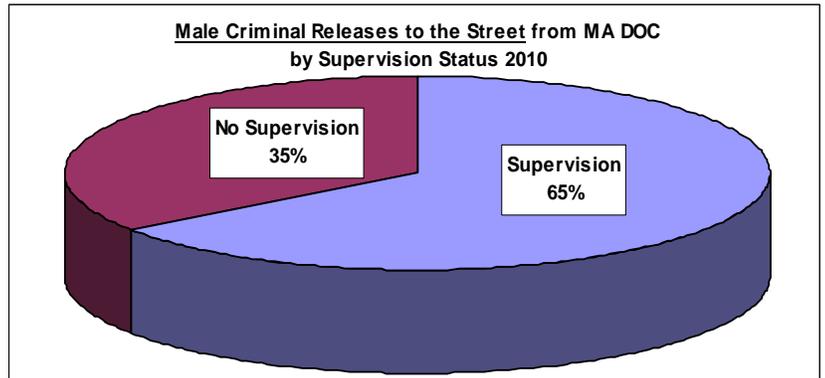
**6.5 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Type and Quarter**

Type of Release	Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street in 2010 by Quarter									
	Male 1st Qtr	% of Releases to Street	Male 2nd Qtr	% of Releases to Street	Male 3rd Qtr	% of Releases to Street	Male 4th Qtr	% of Releases to Street	2010 Total	% of Releases to Street
Paroled to Street	225	43%	188	39%	196	41%	163	44%	772	39%
Expiration of Sentence	303	57%	296	61%	280	59%	312	56%	1,191	61%
<b>Total Releases to Street</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>100%</b>

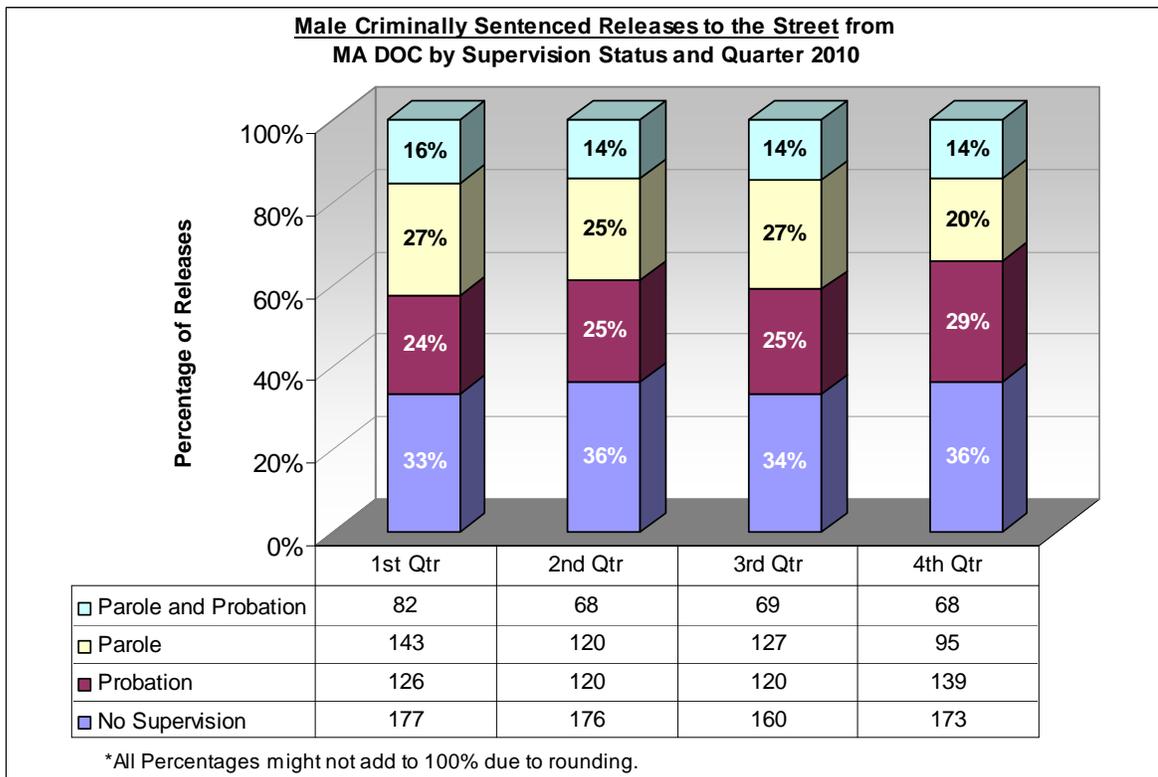
**6.6 MA DOC Male Criminally Sentenced Releases to the Street by Supervision Status**

Criminally sentenced males are primarily released to the street due to an expiration of sentence; only 39 percent are paroled to the street.

Sixty-five percent of male releases to the street are supervised upon release with either parole, probation or both (compared to 57 percent for females).



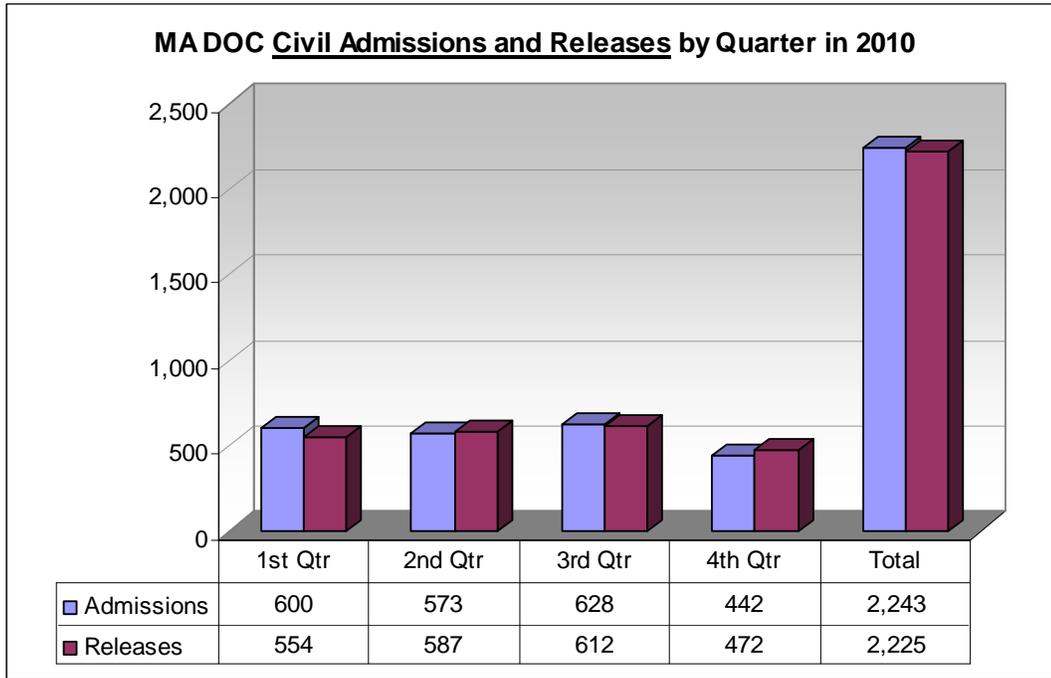
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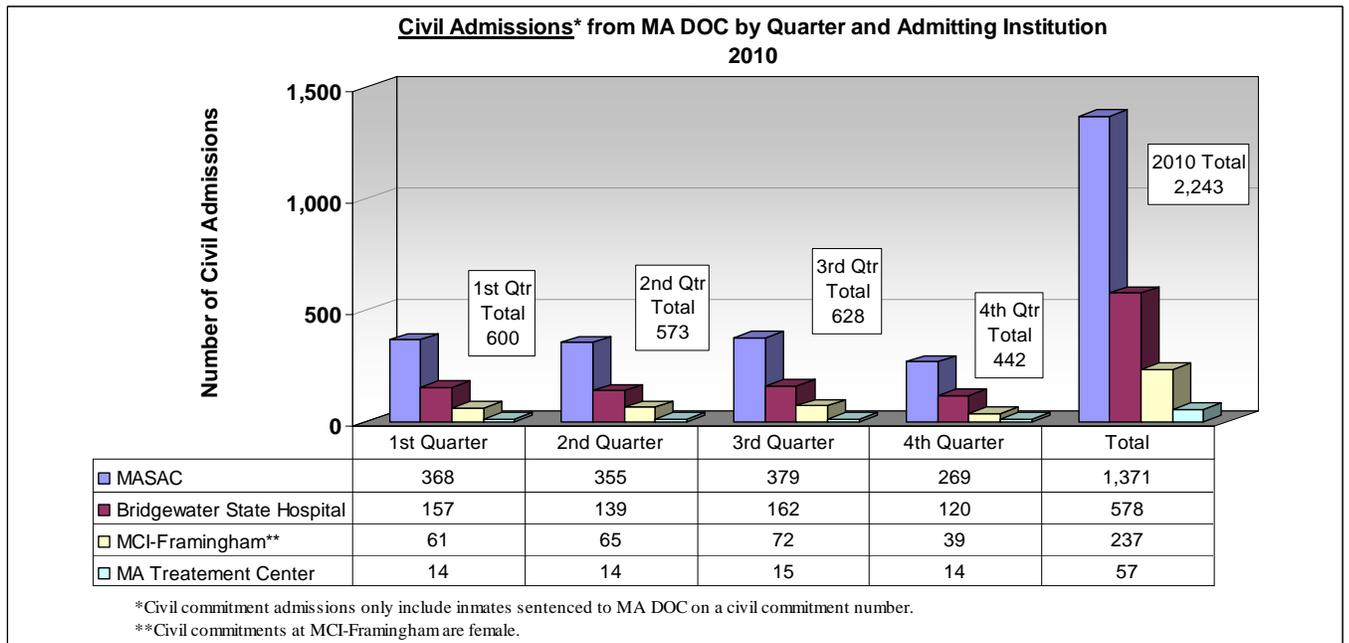
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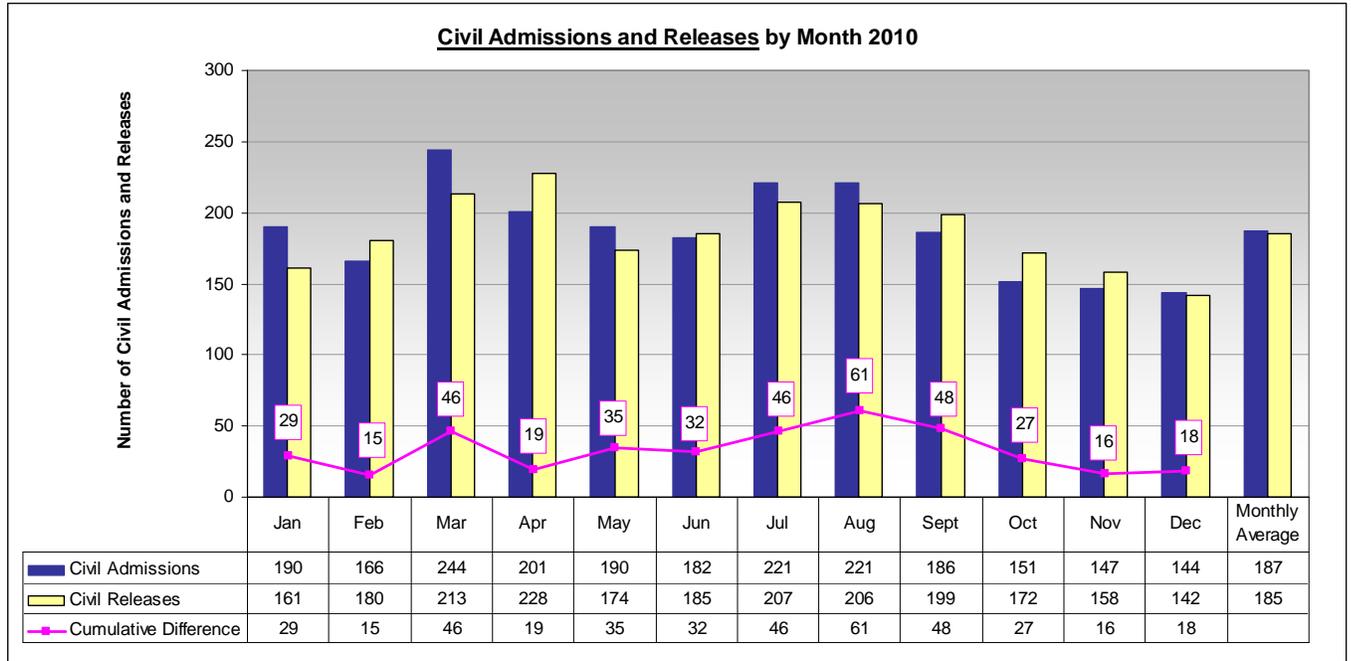


In 2010, there were 2,243 civil commitment admissions and 2,225 releases. Eighty-nine percent were male with just 11 percent female (at MCI-Framingham).

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

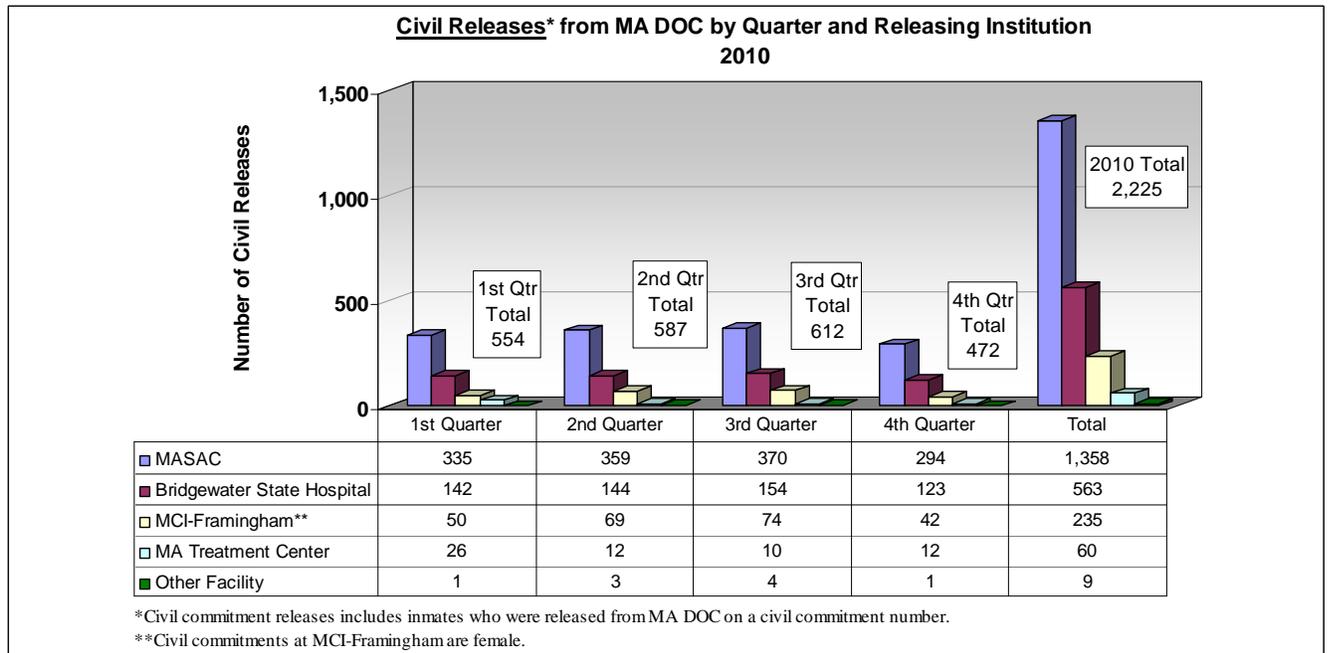


**7.3 MA DOC Civil Admissions and Releases**



Civil commitment admissions ranged from 144 per month to 244 over the trend period with an average of 187. Civil commitment releases averaged 185 per month and ranged from 142 to 228. Civil admissions and releases in 2010 resulted in an overall increase of 18 civilly committed inmates.

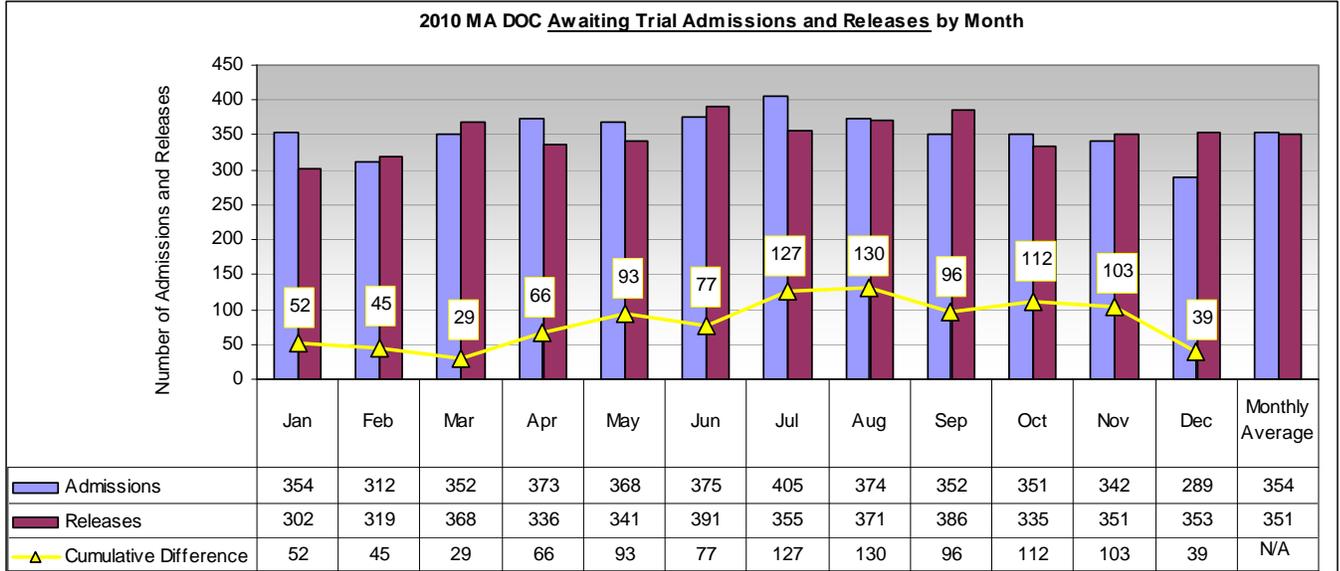
**7.4 MA DOC Civil Releases by Quarter and Releasing Institution**



MASAC was the admitting and releasing institution for over 60 percent of the civil admissions and releases in this trend period. Notably, civil admissions and releases to MASAC, Bridgewater and MCI-Framingham were down significantly in the fourth quarter of 2010. Admissions (shown on prior page) averaged 586 to these institutions in the first three quarters but dropped to just 428 in the fourth quarter. (Meanwhile, MA Treatment Center admissions remained more consistent at 14 or 15.)

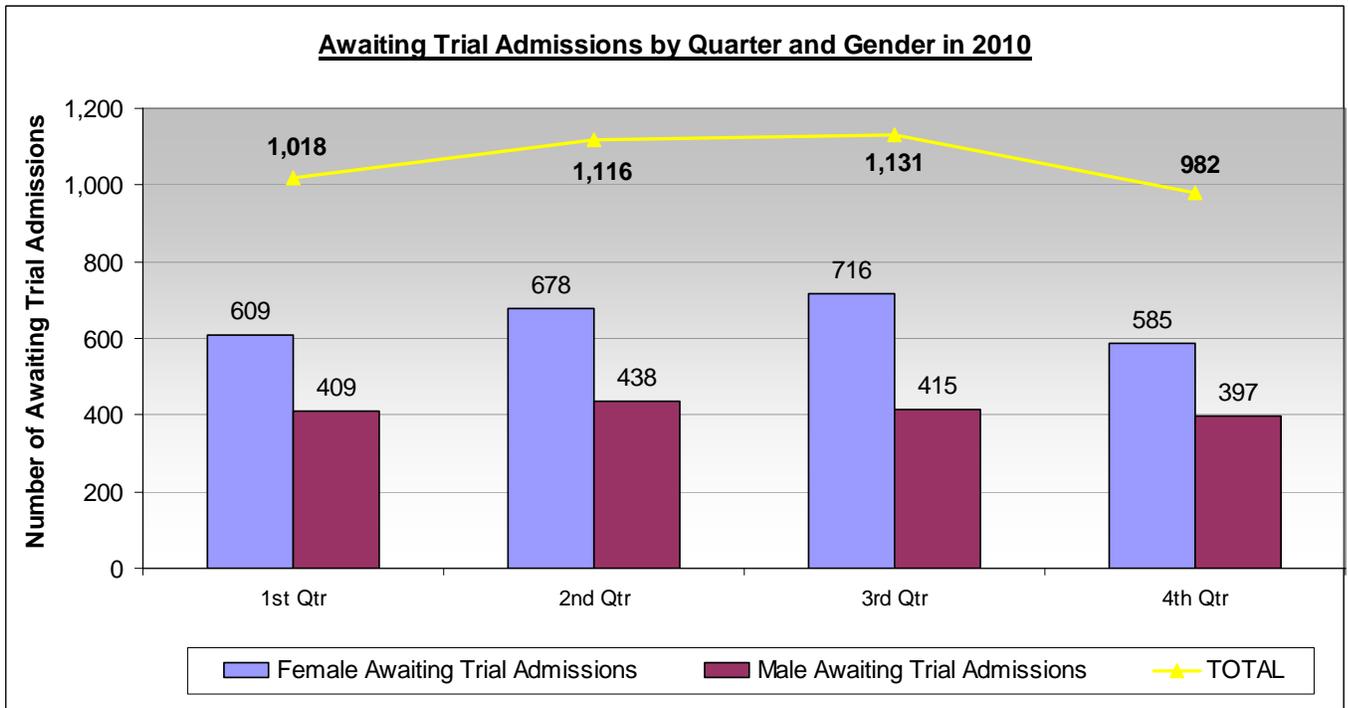
## Section 8. MA DOC Awaiting Trial Admissions and Releases

### 8.1 MA DOC Awaiting Trial Admissions and Releases



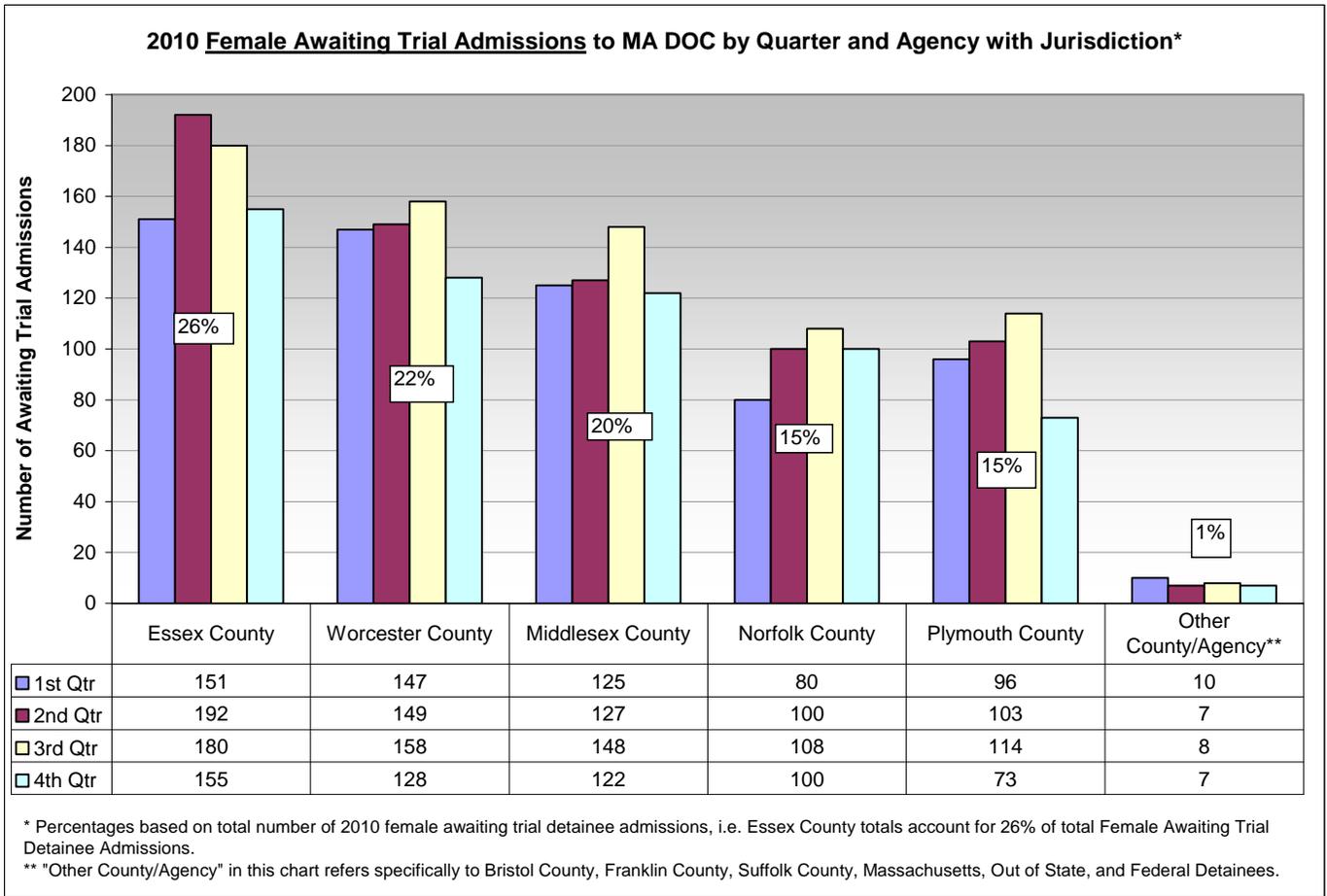
Awaiting trial admissions have ranged from 289 to 405 per month with an average of 354. Awaiting trial releases ranged from 302 to 391 per month with an average of 351. Admissions and releases over this trend period resulted in an increase of 39 detainees.

### 8.2 MA DOC Awaiting Trial Admissions by Quarter and Gender



Demonstrated by the quarterly chart above, females comprise the majority of the awaiting trial admissions to MA DOC.

**8.3 MA DOC Female Awaiting Trial Admissions**



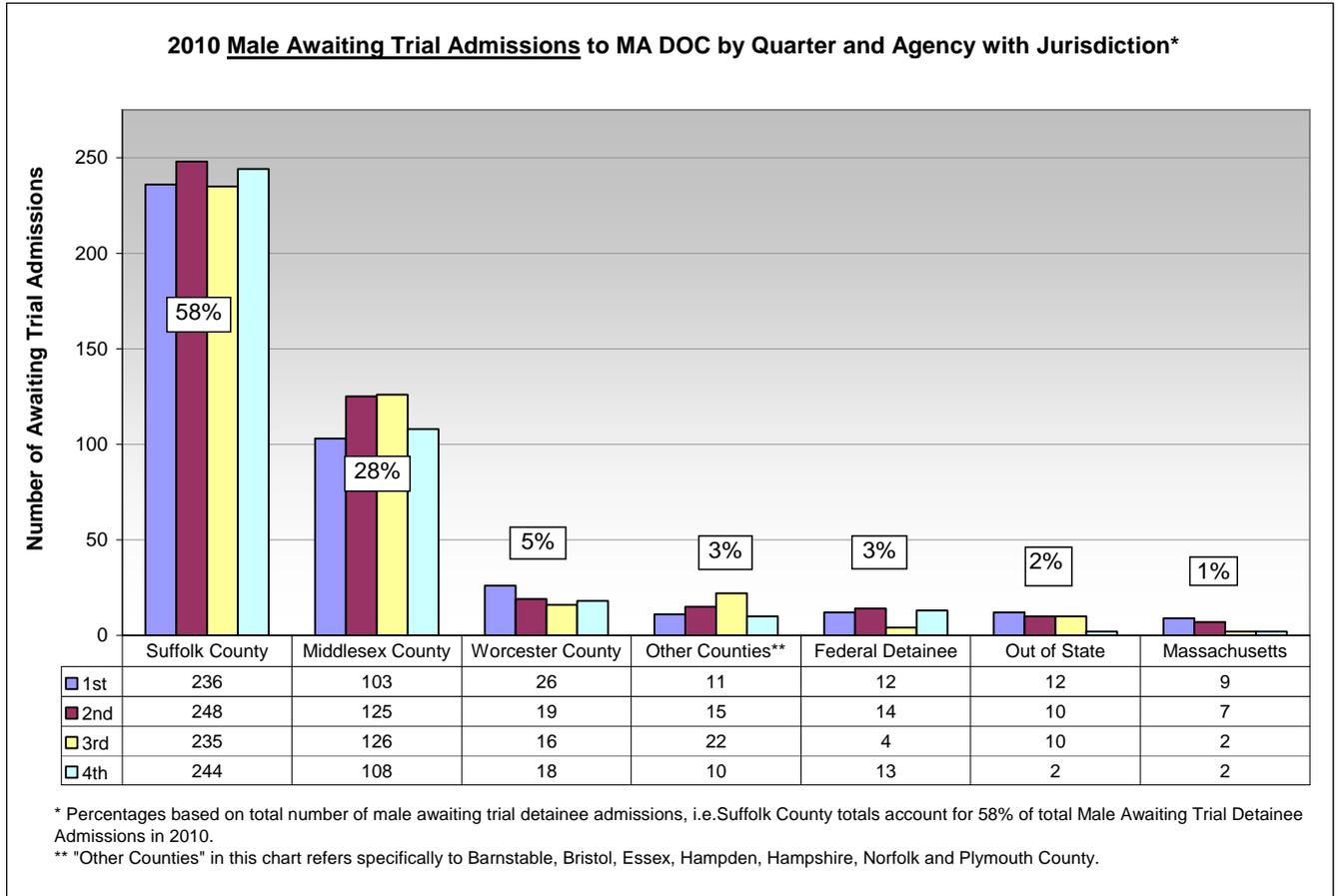
Female awaiting trial detainees come from several counties across Massachusetts, especially those counties with no or limited female beds. Almost 70 percent of MA DOC female awaiting trial admissions over this trend period came from Essex, Worcester and Middlesex counties. Female awaiting trial admissions rose for the first three quarters but then plummeted in the fourth quarter of 2010.

**8.4 MA DOC Female Awaiting Trial Admissions by Quarter and Jurisdiction**

Female Awaiting Trial Admissions by Quarter and Agency with Jurisdiction										
Agency with Jurisdiction	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Essex County</b>	151	25%	192	28%	180	25%	155	26%	678	26%
<b>Worcester County</b>	147	24%	149	22%	158	22%	128	22%	582	22%
<b>Middlesex County</b>	125	21%	127	19%	148	21%	122	21%	522	20%
<b>Norfolk County</b>	80	13%	100	15%	108	15%	100	17%	388	15%
<b>Plymouth County</b>	96	16%	103	15%	114	16%	73	12%	386	15%
<b>Other County/Agency</b>	10	2%	7	1%	8	1%	7	1%	32	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	609	100%	678	100%	716	100%	585	100%	2,588	100%

\*\*"Other County/Agency" in this chart refers specifically to Bristol County, Franklin County, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, Out of State, and Federal Detainees.

**8.5 MA DOC Male Awaiting Trial Admissions**



Accounting for 86 percent, Suffolk and Middlesex counties send the majority of male awaiting trial admissions to MA DOC.

**8.6 MA DOC Male Awaiting Trial Admissions by Quarter and Jurisdiction**

<b>Male Awaiting Trial Admissions by Quarter and Agency with Jurisdiction</b>										
Agency with Jurisdiction	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Suffolk County</b>	236	58%	248	57%	235	57%	244	61%	963	58%
<b>Middlesex County</b>	103	25%	125	29%	126	30%	108	27%	462	28%
<b>Worcester County</b>	26	6%	19	4%	16	4%	18	5%	79	5%
<b>Other Counties*</b>	11	3%	15	3%	22	5%	10	3%	58	3%
<b>Federal Detainee</b>	12	3%	14	3%	4	1%	13	3%	43	3%
<b>Out of State</b>	12	3%	10	2%	10	2%	2	1%	34	2%
<b>Massachusetts</b>	9	2%	7	2%	2	0%	2	1%	20	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	409	100%	438	100%	415	100%	397	100%	1,659	100%

\* "Other Counties" in this chart refers specifically to Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Hampden, Hampshire, Norfolk and Plymouth County.

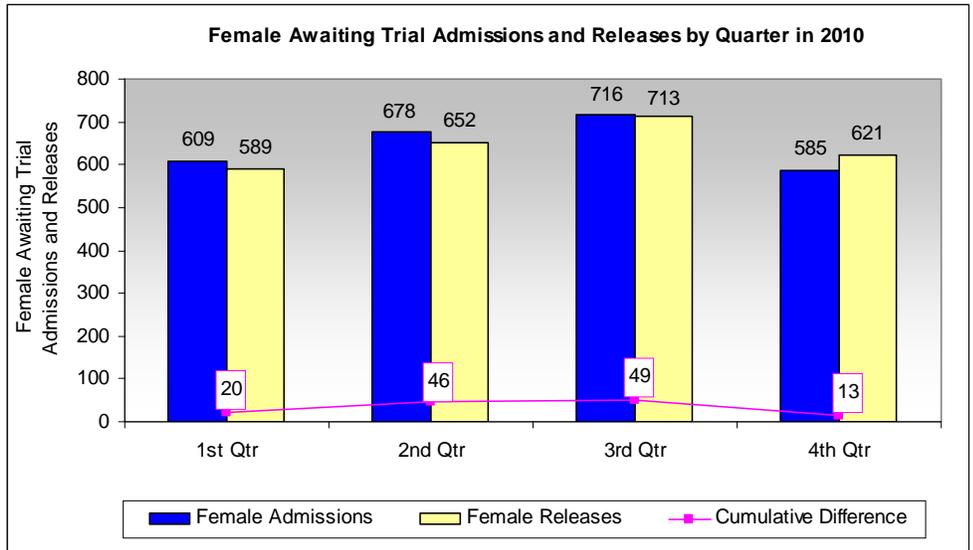
**8.7 MA DOC Awaiting Trial Releases by Quarter and Gender**

Awaiting Trial Releases by Quarter	FEMALE					MALE				
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Total
HABEAS to Court - Did not Return	339	392	430	388	1,549	263	292	244	285	1,084
HABEAS to Court - Sentenced	132	148	161	133	574	13	15	31	18	77
Bailed/Released on Personal Recognizance	87	86	91	79	343	0	2	0	1	3
NON-DOC Inmate to HOC/FED/PD/OTHER STATE	13	14	16	11	54	111	87	99	92	389
Bailed/Released on Personal Recognizance to Warrant	14	12	11	8	45	0	0	2	2	4
HABEAS to Court - Returned with new Case #	4	0	4	2	10	0	0	0	1	1
Court Releases- SENT REVOKE/STAY/VACATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Release from Out of STATE/FED Detainer	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Release from MA Parole Detainer	0	0	0	0	0	12	20	23	17	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>1,633</b>

**8.8 MA DOC Female Awaiting Trial Admissions and Releases by Quarter**

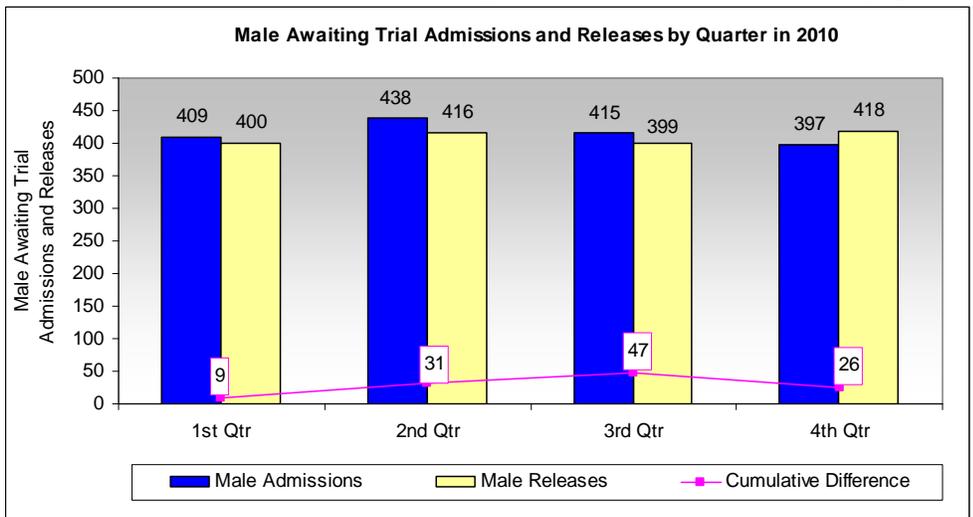
The majority of releases for both genders are releases from court.

Female awaiting trial admissions averaged 668 per quarter over the first three quarters; the fourth quarter dropped to just 585 awaiting trial admissions. Driven by the fourth quarter drop in female awaiting trial admissions, there was an increase of 13 inmates over the course of 2010.



**8.9 MA DOC Male Awaiting Trial Admissions and Releases by Quarter**

Similar to the female awaiting trial patterns, male awaiting trial admissions were higher than the corresponding releases for the first three quarters. In contrast, the fourth quarter releases outpaced admissions ultimately resulting in an increase of 26 detainees over the course of 2010.



## **Appendix**

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

Note: Admission and Release data for this report was gathered in January of 2011. Numbers in this report may vary slightly from numbers in other reports due to the continuous updating of data and information in the Inmate Management System

<b>Admissions</b>	Inmates or detainees committed to a MA DOC facility as a “new court commitment”, “parole violator”, “transfer from other jurisdiction”, “probation violator”, “awaiting trial detainee”, a “civil commitment” or other admission through legal means.
<b>Awaiting Trial or “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>Civil Commitment or “Civil”</b>	The involuntary commitment of an individual via legal means to incarcerate an individual against their will.
<b>Criminally Sentenced</b>	An individual who has been found guilty of a criminal offense through legal means, and is required to be incarcerated.
<b>Custody Population</b>	An individual is considered to be in Massachusetts DOC custody when they are being held in a Massachusetts DOC facility.
<b>Expiration of Sentence (Release)</b>	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”, “GCD/EXP/REL to F&A/CC HOC Sentence”, “Expiration to Warrant”, “Expiration to From & After/CC at DOC”, and “Expiration to Civil Commitment”.
<b>HOC</b>	House of Correction, i.e. county jail.
<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>	Massachusetts Department of Correction, i.e. state prison.

**Parole (Releases)**

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 “Parole to Street”, “Parole to Out of State Sentence”, Parole to Federal Authority”, “Parole to Immigration”, “Parole to From & After HOC Sentence”, “Parole to Warrant”, “Parole to From & After DOC Sentence”, or “Parole to Civil Commitment”.

**Probation**

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 strict supervision of a probation officer.

**Release to Street**

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, Good Conduct Discharge (GCD), and Expiration of Sentence.

**Releases**

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.