



Parole Revocation Cases

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Following legislation **enabling public defenders to represent individuals at parole revocation hearings**, the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender established the Parole Revocation and Resentencing Unit (PRRU) in 2023.

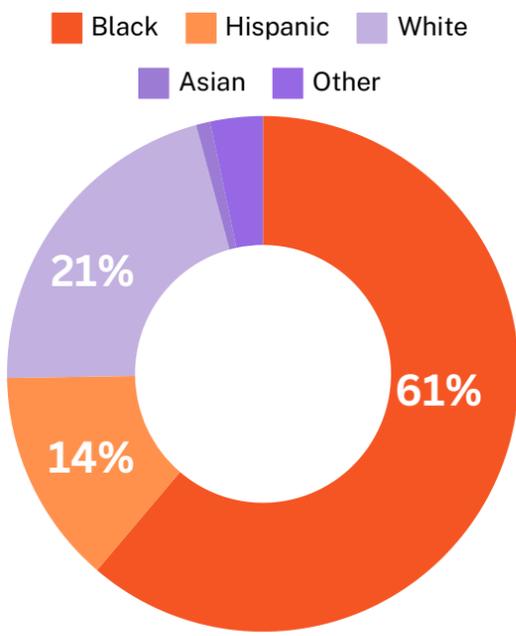
Why It Matters: Despite a presumption of release under state law, less than half of parole-eligible individuals are actually released.

Prior to PRRU’s involvement, private attorneys without criminal law experience were required to represent individuals pro bono. As a result, **79% of revocation decisions resulted in parole revocation in FY 2023.**

Within a year of its inception,
PRRU REPRESENTED

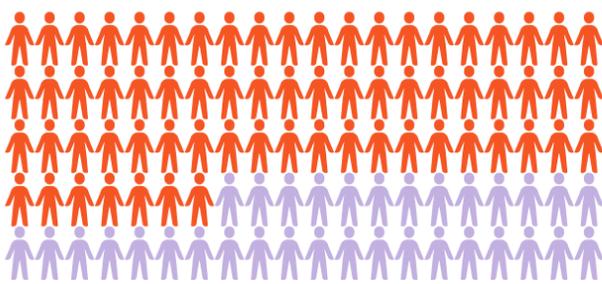
784

individuals in parole revocation cases.



75%
of those individuals were Black or Hispanic.

Nearly **ALL** of the 784 people who faced parole revocation were incarcerated, some for several months, even those only accused of technical violations.



524 (67%)
individuals **faced parole revocation due to technical violations**, not for new arrests.

TOP TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS — Out of all individuals facing parole revocation due to technical violations, top technical violations included:



housing violations



program violations



reporting violations



relapses during recovery

On September 24, 2021, PRRU issued a Parole Report highlighting these issues and calling for systemic reform. On February 2, 2024, the team issued a report update.

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