



BAIL ON 32

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RHODE ISLAND PROBATION FACTS

THE SMALLEST STATE HAS

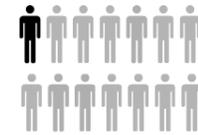
#2 HIGHEST AVERAGE PROBATION RATE IN THE USA (2018)

- 2X THE NATIONAL RATE
- 2-8X HIGHER THAN SURROUNDING STATES



1 IN 4

DEFENDANTS ARE BLACK (2022)



HOWEVER, **1 IN 14** RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS ARE BLACK

LONG PROBATION \neq LOWER RECIDIVISM

RI'S AVERAGE PROBATION SENTENCE LENGTH IS THE

3RD HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY

4TH

HIGHEST RECIDIVISM RATE (2022)

61% - 66%

ALLEGED PROBATION VIOLATORS DENIED BAIL BY RI JUDGES (2024)

Under Rhode Island District Court Rule 32F, you may be violated for simply "failing" to keep the peace or remain on good behavior." **This means that individuals on probation face reincarceration for offenses that would normally never warrant jail time.**

People accused of a 32F probation violation can be held in the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI) without bail for **up to 10 days** pending a hearing.

A 2015 study found that, in practice, people are actually held for an average of **31 days** while awaiting their hearings, and that alleged probation violators are **30% of all pretrial admissions to the ACI.**

Bill H7651 and S2161 requires courts to presume release for most probation violations, set reasonable bail or non-monetary conditions, limit detention to cases of risk or danger, require prompt hearings, and mandate written reasons for detention.

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