Trends in the Criminal Justice System

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Trends in criminal justice

- Reduction in index crimes, 2008 to 2017: -26.8%
- Reduction in criminal arrests, 2009 to 2018: -44%
- Reduction in prison population, 2008 to 2019: -32%
- Reduction in prison admits, 2009 to 2018: -33%

Sources: FBI Uniform Crime Report, CRMVS, Connecticut Department of Correction
Trends in criminal justice (2)

- Reduction in sentence discharges, 2009 to 2018: -36%
- Reduction in discretionary releases, 2009 to 2018: -35%
- Increase in special parole releases, 2009 to 2018: +118%
- Reduction in youth arrests, 2008 to 2017: -52%
- Reduction in adult probation, 2008 to 2019: -32%

Sources: Connecticut Department of Correction, Court Support Services Division – Judicial Branch
Reported crimes (UCR) and arrests

Reported crimes

- Property crime
- Violent crime

Statewide Arrests

Source: CRMVS

Criminal Cases Added, Fiscal Year

Source: Judicial Branch Statistics
Timeline of significant events

DOC transfers 500 prisoners to VA

Last CT prisoner returns from VA

ACLU sues over conditions at VA prisons

Gov. Rell suspends parole for violent offenders

Cheshire murders

Michael Ross executed

TOP program implemented

DOC population peaks at 19,894

RREC implemented

DUI home confinement

Raise the age for 16-year olds

Raise the age for 17-year olds

Prisoner re-entry center opens at Cybulski

2nd Chance Act

Bail Reform

Governor

Weicker

Rowland

Rell

D. Malloy

N. Lamont

DOC Comm.

Larry Meachem

John Armstrong

Theresa Lantz

B. Murphy

L. Arnone J. Dzurenda

S. Semple

R. Cook
Releases and discharges, sentenced

Total releases and discharges, sentenced

-33%

All sentenced discharges - DOC

-38%

Source: Connecticut Department of Correction
Releases and discharges, sentenced

Total releases and discharges, sentenced

Source: Connecticut Department of Correction

All sentenced discharges - DOC
DOC admissions 2006 - 2018

Source: Connecticut Department of Correction
Youth arrests, 2008 - 2017

Source: CT UCR, DESPP
Reduction 18-21 Cohort

Incarceration and Age

Total incarcerated population on January 1.

Source: Connecticut Department of Correction
50% of the DOC community population are now special parolees.
40% of DOC halfway house beds are occupied by special parolees.

Source: Connecticut Department of Correction
In 2016, OPM projected sustained growth of the special parole population.

SB 14 went into effect October 2018.
Adult probation population in January

Source: Court Support Services Division (Judicial Branch)
OPM’s input-output model of the CJ system

Monthly Criminal Arrests 7,707 (7,552)

Prison admissions 1,719 (1,718)

Prison Population*: 12,942 (13,035)

Discretionary Releases from Prison 421 (386)

Nursing home 6 (6)
DUI Home Confine. 92 (92)
Trans. parole 41 (41)
Parole/Parcom 968 (959)
ReF. 24 (25)
Trans. Place 50 (59)
HWH 1,075 (1,087)
TS 410 (406)

Special Parolee 2,070 (2,055)

End of Sentence (EOS) 609 (629)

Split Sentence?

Completion of Court Imposed
Sanction

2,982 (3,049)

1,841 (1,925)

Probation Violations

Bail cases 12,665 (12,665)

Pre-trial releases

Source: Office of Policy and Management – Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division