Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division
Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- The prison population increased by 91 offenders last month. On September 1st, 2011, 17,739 people were incarcerated in the state’s prisons and jails.

- This past month several news outlets featured stories on prisoner overcrowding at state correctional facilities in the wake of the closure of Bergin CI and Gate CI. Although the prison population is not abnormally high, given the season, several hundred prisoners are temporarily housed in non-conventional residential areas in some prisons and jails.

- With Bergin CI closed, more short-term, sentenced prisoners are completing their sentences at facilities that traditionally have been used for pre-trial detainees. Last year, on September 1st, Hartford CC held 147 sentenced prisoners. This year there were 381 sentenced inmates at the Hartford jail. At the New Haven jail, the sentenced population grew from 104, in 2010, to 260 this year.

- In a revote, the state’s unionized workforce ratified contract concessions with the Malloy administration. As a result, a majority of announced lay-offs were rescinded. Although unions representing correction workers have sued to reopen Bergin CI, in Mansfield, the administration has decided that the facility will remain shuttered.

### Prison Population Forecast

The state’s prison population increased in each of the last four months. On May 1st, 2011, the state’s prisons and jails held 17,486 people. On the first of September, 17,739 prisoners – 253 more - were incarcerated. Last year, during the same period, the prison population grew by 334.

Fluctuations in the state’s prison population are largely driven by several factors. The difference between prison-wide admits and releases is simple to visualize. The impact of changes in the mean-length-of-stay for the average prisoner - is more difficult to conceptualize and quantify. The mean-length-of-stay affects the demand on future prison-bed capacity. As a result, if mean-lengths of stay increase, the prison population can still grow despite the fact that the volume of prisoner releases is far outpacing prisoner admissions.

### TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast

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<td>MAR</td>
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<td>APR</td>
<td>17,628*</td>
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<td>DEC</td>
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<td>FEB</td>
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* Average Daily Count, first week of month

### CHART 1 – Total DOC Facility Population, Actual and Projected

January 1, 2010 through February 1, 2012

OM is currently beginning an analysis of recidivism among sex offenders in the state. For information, please contact OPM’s Criminal Justice Division at (860 418-6238.)
Asterisks (*) indicate the population count on September 1, 2011.
Parentheses enclose figures for the previous month.
Sources: Arrest-Judicial/Court Operations; Court-Judicial/CSSD; Facility/Community Supervision-DOC

Unlike states that have county governments, the majority of agencies within Connecticut’s criminal justice system are State agencies. The one exception is law enforcement, where there are over 90 local police departments and the Connecticut State Police.

1) Arrest: An individual enters into the criminal justice system at the time of arrest.

2) Court: At arraignment, judges review the charges filed against the accused and set a bail amount. Individuals who cannot meet bail conditions are incarcerated in DOC facilities to await trial. If the defendant is convicted, they may be sentenced to a range of sanctions including a fine, probation, or a term of incarceration.

3) DOC Facilities: Total facility population at DOC contains the unsentenced population, which is awaiting trial, the sentenced population, inmates who have returned from parole, and offenders charged in federal cases or non-state cases.

4) Pre-Trial Release: Some defendants who are incarcerated pending the disposition of their cases may be eligible for a bond reduction or placement into pre-trial diversionary programs or treatment programs. These programs feature close coordination and cooperation between DOC, CSSD and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

5) Re-Entry Services: Depending on several factors, an inmate may be eligible to complete a portion of his/her prison sentence under supervision of the DOC’s Parole and Community Services Unit. Non-violent inmates with sentences shorter than two years are eligible for Transitional Supervision after serving 50% of their sentences. Inmates serving sentences longer than two years may be eligible for parole.

6) Returns: Offenders who violate the conditions of their community release may be returned to prison to complete the remainder of their sentences.

7) End of Sentence (EOS): At the end of their sentences some offenders are required to complete a period of post-release supervision. Split-sentence offenders are supervised by the Judicial Branch’s Office of Adult Probation. Offenders sentenced to special parole remain under DOC supervision.

8) Violation of Probation: If an individual violates the terms of their probation, an arrest warrant must be issued, and the violator’s case is returned to court.
Table 2 - DOC Population Counts, First of the Month

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<td>Accused/Unsentenced</td>
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<td>3,632</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>17,631</td>
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**DOC Community**

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<td>Halfway House Total</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Table 3 - DOC Admissions and Releases, Monthly Totals

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<td>New Sentence</td>
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<td>VOP</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Releases

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<td>TS</td>
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<td>Special Parole</td>
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<td>End of Sentence</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Pre-trial Releases

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<td>Did not return from Court</td>
<td>560</td>
<td>540</td>
<td>548</td>
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<td>Release to Bond</td>
<td>523</td>
<td>476</td>
<td>528</td>
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*Monthly totals are measured by occurrence, not by individual.

Board of Pardons and Parole

Parole hearing

The Board considered 181 new parole cases at full panel hearings in August. In addition, another 90 parole violation cases were reviewed. Sixty-eight (68) of these cases resulted in offenders being re-paroled. Out of 68, 55 cases had been for parole revocations; 13 were for rescissions.

Table 4 - Paroles Granted, Monthly

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<td>** Granted**</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>149</td>
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<td>** Rate**</td>
<td>548</td>
<td>674</td>
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The Board considered one case for Transfer Parole this month.

Full data on transfer paroles will be published once the Board completes its program evaluation.

Public Defender Services

Public Defender services are provided to "indigent" adults and juveniles at 37 field offices and by six specialized units around the state.

Table 5 - PD Cases, Appointed & Disposed

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<td>JD</td>
<td>4,231</td>
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<td>MAY</td>
<td>5,725</td>
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<td>JUN</td>
<td>4,011</td>
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<td>JUL</td>
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<td>JULY</td>
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CSSD – Adult Probation

Court Support Services Division: total client caseload for August 2011: 49,249. In July, there were 49,865 adult probation cases.

Table 6 – Monthly CSSD Direct Sentenced & Probationer Community Placements

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<td>987</td>
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Pre-trial Diversion and Supervision

Table 7 – Pre-trial Diversion & Supervision

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Table 8 – The Jail Re-interview Program

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<td>Re-Releases</td>
<td>725</td>
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Note: Data for all charts, with the exception of Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 was provided by Court Operations. Data in Chart 8 includes all offenders under parole jurisdiction.