

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- The prison population stood at 16,568 prisoners on April 1, 2014. A year ago, 16,580 people were in prison in CT.
- Erika Tindill, Chair of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, resigned her post this month. She was appointed by Gov. Malloy in March 2011. During her tenure as Chair, the board sought to implement changes to their decision-making processes and acquire a new, risk-assessment instrument. Tindill was nominated for a judgeship by the Governor in March.
- Preliminary analysis by OPM suggests that drug-overdose may be the number one cause of death among recently released prisoners (see chart 2a). These findings mirror other national findings.
- OPM will be monitoring operations at the board of Pardons and Paroles to see whether the number of parole hearings begins to increase in the coming months.
- Community supervision caseloads at DOC have been dropping for some time (see chart 8). It should be noted, however, that while transitional supervision and parole caseloads are down, caseloads for the DUI/home confinement, transitional placement and special parole have all increased. Last April, there were 28 offenders on transition placement status. Today, the number hovers around 130.

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Prison Population Forecast

The prison population has remained below OPM projections for the second month in a row. The May 1st figures could be a bell-weather for the prison population through the remainder of the summer.

Last year, the prison population swelled above estimates by almost 600 offenders, driven in part by a reduction in the volume of prisoners released to parole supervision each month.

OPM is currently attempting to model how long it takes for cohorts of offenders who were granted parole to actually leave prison. This type of model could provide a more thorough understanding of generally opaque, up-stream processes that ultimately impact prison capacity.

During April there is always significant uncertainty with respect to projecting a growth or drop in the prison population. Based on the last 15 years of data, there is a 65% chance that the prison population will grow during April. The trend in August, on the other hand, is much more predictable. Historical data suggests that the likelihood of the prison population increasing during August is 85%.

TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast

	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2014 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '14	16,347	-	-
FEB	16,839	16,839	
MAR	16,624	16,759	135
APR	16,582	16,737	155
MAY	-	16,683	
JUN	-	16,678	
JUL	-	16,709	
AUG	-	16,763	
SEP	-	16,860	
OCT	-	16,979	
NOV	-	16,946	
DEC	-	16,761	
JAN '15	-	16,445	
FEB	-	16,758	

Avg. Daily Count (ADC) for 1st week of month

Chart 1 – Actual prison population against the OPM forecast
 January 1, 2013 through February 1, 2015

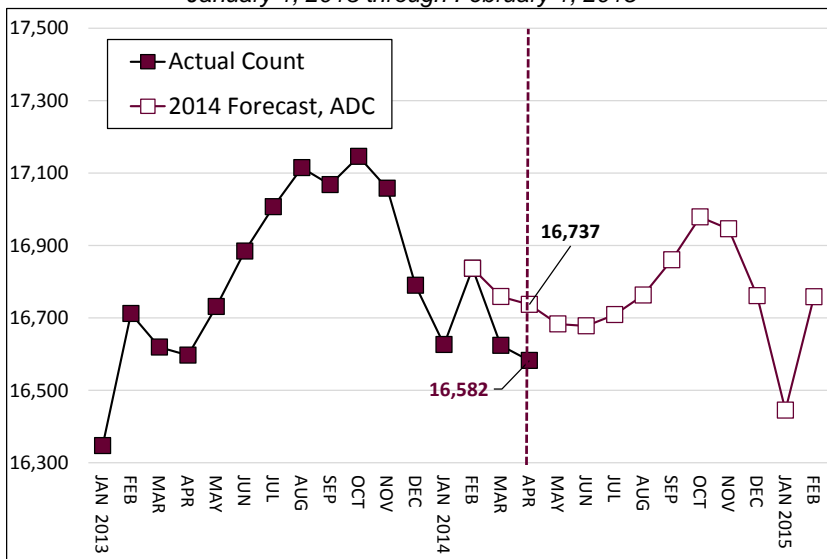


Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows

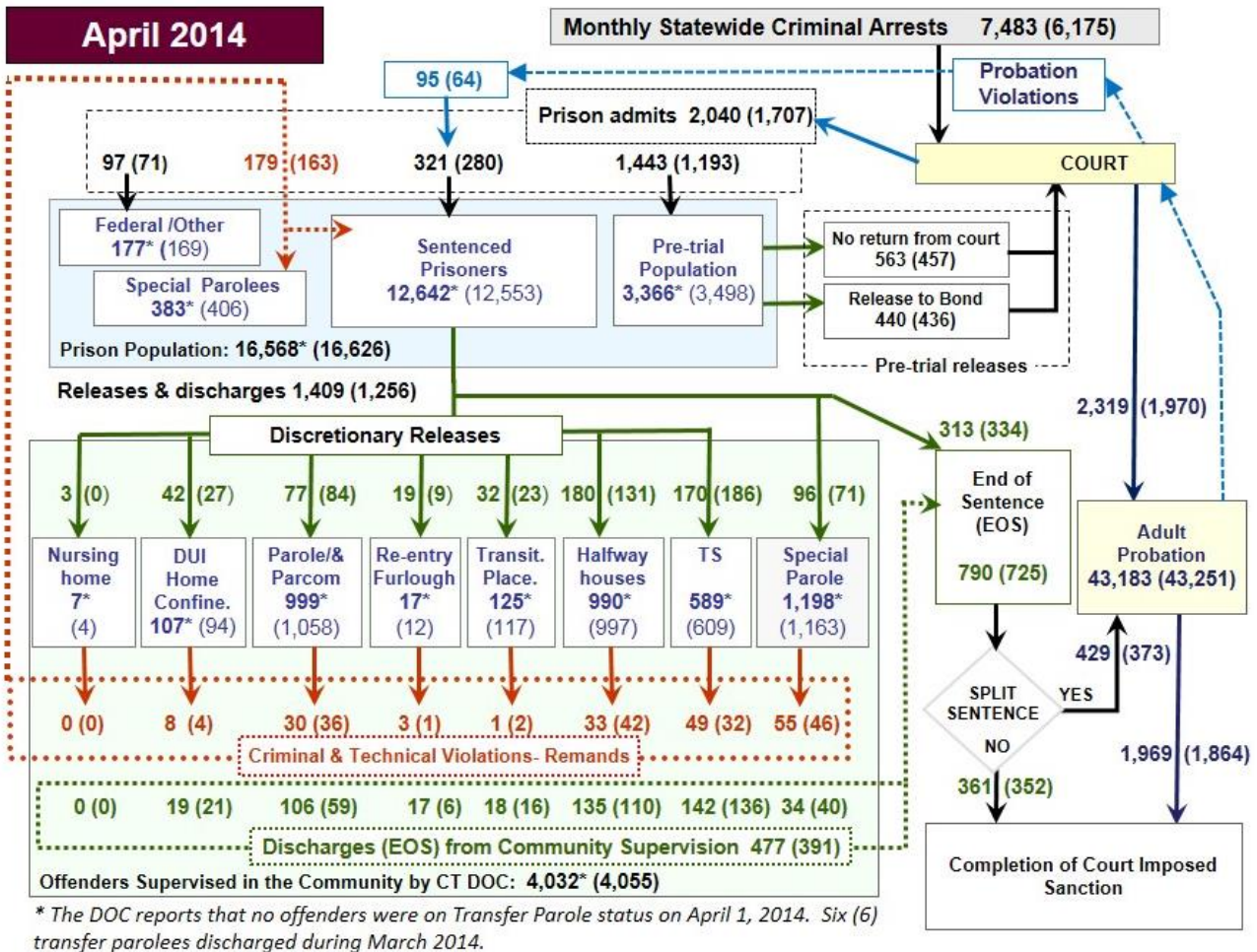
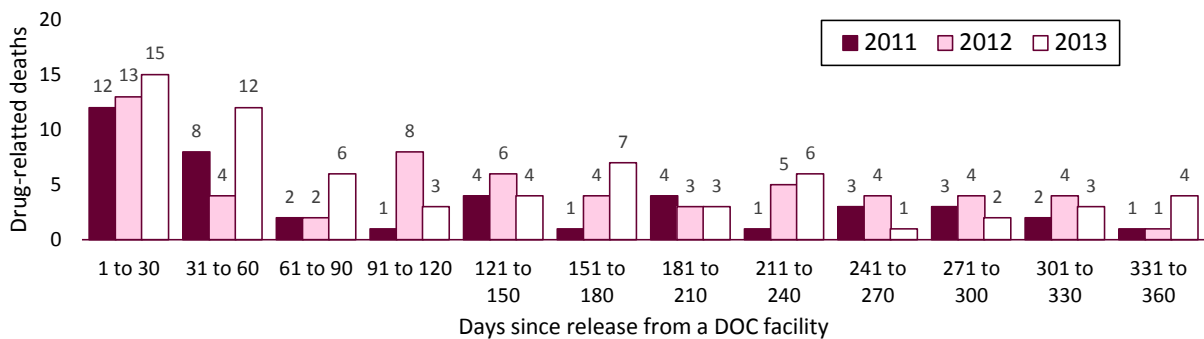


Chart 2 contains monthly operational data for March 2014 and daily counts reported on April 1, 2014. Figures followed by asterisks (*) indicate the daily count on April 1st. Figures for the previous month are enclosed by parentheses. Sources: Arrests - OBTS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC

Chart 2a –Drug-related deaths among recently released prisoners



Drug-related deaths in the state rose dramatically in 2013. Many of these deaths involved heroin. OPM analyzed mortality data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and discovered that about 45% of drug-death victims in 2011, 2012 and 2013, were former inmates. That ex-prisoners, who make up such a small proportion of the general population, account for over 40% of statewide drug deaths reveals the complex interplay that exists between substance abuse and the criminal justice system.

Approximately 35% of the DOC inmates, who have been evaluated, were assigned substance abuse treatment need scores of 4 or 5. A score of 4 or 5 indicates serious substance abuse issues requiring intensive inpatient or outpatient treatment. The DOC recognizes the need to maintain programming capacity in this critical area. In addition, the Department recently unveiled a methadone maintenance pilot program at the New Haven jail in collaboration with the APT Foundation.

Table 2 – The first-of-the-month count

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Apr.	Apr.	Monthly	Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	164	169	177	178	4.7%	-0.6%
Sentenced	12,645	12,553	12,642	12,371	0.7%	2.2%
Special Parole	415	406	383	419	-5.7%	-8.6%
Pre-trial	3,615	3,498	3,366	3,612	-3.8%	-6.8%
Total	16,839	16,626	16,568	16,580	-0.3%	-0.1%
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	1	1	0	6	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	1,062	1,058	999	1,217	-5.6%	-17.9%
Parole	892	893	838	1,052	-6.2%	-20.3%
Parcom @ CT	170	165	161	165	-2.4%	-2.4%
Furlough	13	12	17	14	41.7%	21.4%
Trans Placement	116	117	125	28	6.8%	346.4%
DUI/Home confine.	90	94	107	104	13.8%	2.9%
Halfway House Total	986	997	990	1,042	-0.7%	-5.0%
Comm Release	714	711	725	818	2.0%	-11.4%
TS	25	27	29	13	7.4%	123.1%
Parole	78	75	70	85	-6.7%	-17.6%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	169	184	166	126	-9.8%	31.7%
TS Total	594	609	589	694	-3.3%	-15.1%
Nursing home	5	4	7	0	-	-
Special Parole	1,170	1,163	1,198	1,120	3.0%	7.0%
Total	4,037	4,055	4,032	4,225	-0.6%	-4.6%

Table 3 – Admissions, releases & discharges*

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar.	Monthly	Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	98	71	97	104	36.6%	-6.7%
Returns	184	163	179	208	9.8%	-13.9%
Trans.Parole / DUI	2	4	8	6	-	-
Parole	31	36	30	49	-16.7%	-38.8%
Trans Plac/Furlough	6	3	4	4	-	-
HWH	31	42	33	39	-21.4%	-15.4%
TS	52	32	49	52	53.1%	-5.8%
Special Parole	62	46	55	58	19.6%	-5.2%
New Sentence	505	280	321	308	14.6%	4.2%
VOP	127	64	95	80	48.4%	18.8%
Pre-trial	1,514	1,193	1,443	1,446	21.0%	-0.2%
Total	2,301	1,707	2,040	2,066	19.5%	-1.3%
Releases						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	2	-	-
Parole	103	84	77	131	-8.3%	-41.2%
Furlough	10	9	19	7	111.1%	171.4%
Trans. Placement	45	23	32	8	39.1%	300.0%
Home Confinement DUI	33	27	42	36	55.6%	16.7%
HWH	172	131	180	213	37.4%	-15.5%
TS	193	186	170	190	-8.6%	-10.5%
Special Parole	90	71	96	70	35.2%	37.1%
Nursing home	4	0	3	0	-	-
End of Sentence	816	725	790	831	9.0%	-4.9%
Total	1,466	1,256	1,409	1,488	12.2%	-5.3%
Pre-trial Releases*						
No return from Court	553	457	563	513	23.2%	9.7%
Release to Bond	404	436	440	431	0.9%	2.1%

* Totals reflect events not individuals.

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Table 4a – Inmates with sentences > 24 months

	Parole eligible	Not eligible
Feb.	8,453	862
Mar.	8,462	865
April	8,470	862

Table 4b – New Parole hearings

	Hearings	Granted	Rate
Jan. '14	145	96	66%
Feb.	143	103	72%
Mar.	115	78	68%

Table 4c – Other parole actions

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
Jan '14	58	7	22	19
Feb.	37	8	23	25
Mar.	54	7	48	24

Pre-trial detainees

Table 5 – Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

Bond amount	Jan. 1, 2014	Feb. 1, 2014	Mar. 1, 2014	Apr. 1, 2014
Less than \$20K	626	625	597	574
\$20K to <\$50K	637	632	591	552
\$50K to <\$100K	784	762	712	716
\$100K or higher	1,680	1,673	1,627	1,602
Over \$1M	214	212	207	209
Offenders w/bonds	3,727	3,692	3,527	3,444

Table 5a – Pre-trial offenders, weeks since admission

Weeks since last DOC admit	Jan. 1, 2014	Feb. 1, 2014	Mar. 1, 2014	Apr. 1, 2014
< 1 week	297	480	428	453
1 to < 3 weeks	421	396	308	400
3 to < 10 weeks	950	851	852	806
10 to < 30 weeks	1,187	1,120	1,078	950
30 wks or more	872	846	866	835
Pre-trial prisoners	3,727	3,693	3,532	3,444

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 – The Jail Re-interview Program

	Offenders interviewed	Offenders released	Releases last year
Jan. '14	1,428	722	926
Feb.	1,119	642	852
Mar.	1,397	792	889

Table 7 – Pre-Trial & split-sentence starts

	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
Jan. '14	2,428	2,420	411
Feb.	2,015	1,970	353
Mar.	2,458	2,319	429

Note: Figures published here are based on operational data available at the time of publication. Data in subsequent issues may not agree.

Chart 3 – Prison Population

April 1, 2014 to April 7, 2014

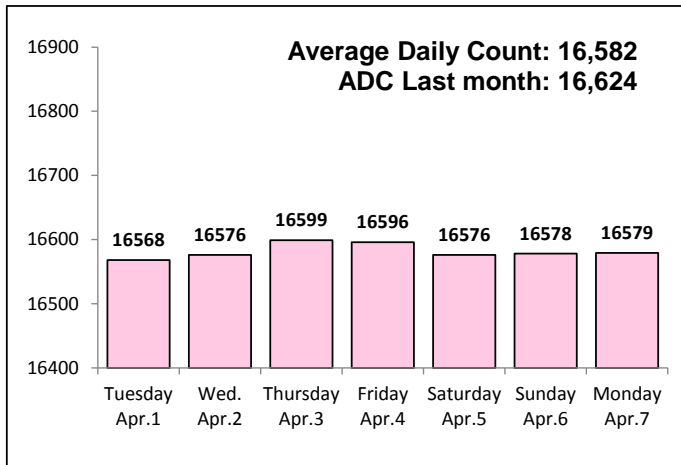


Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions

February 2013 through March 2014

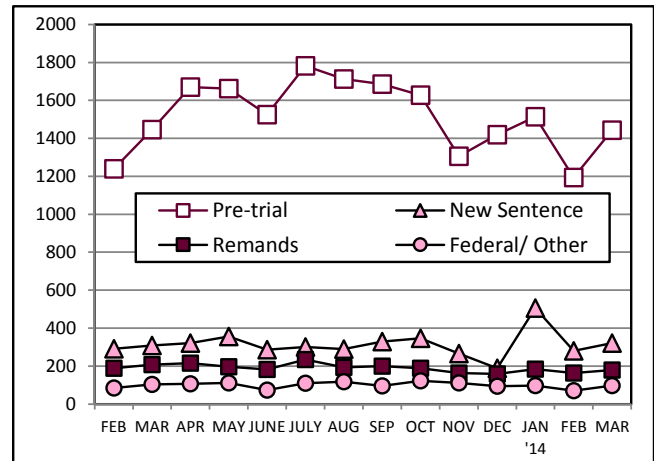


Chart 4 – Prison Population, first-of-month

2013 and 2014

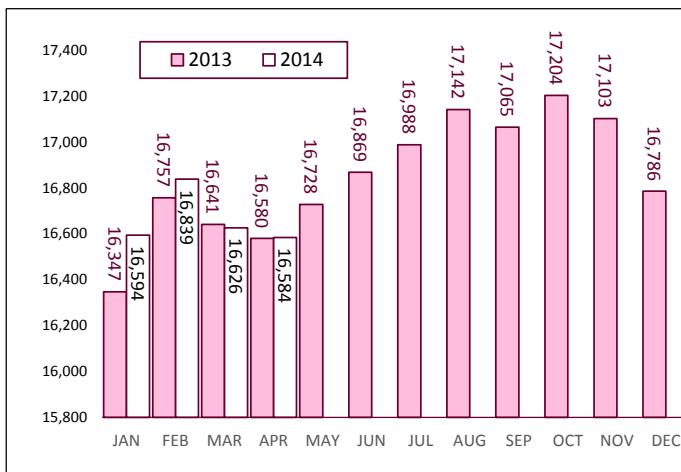


Chart 7 – Remands from Community Release

March 2014

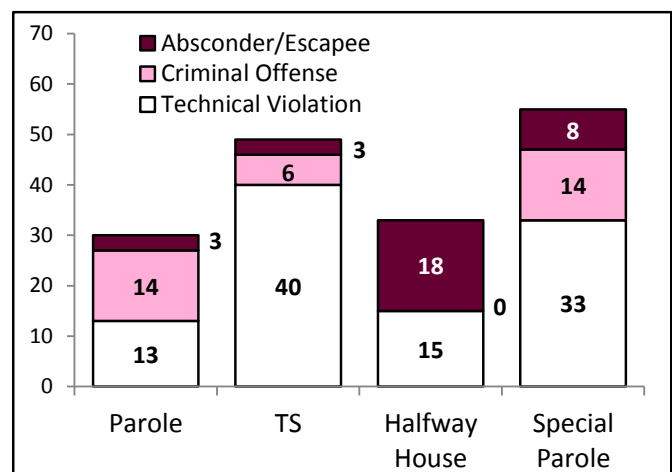


Chart 5 – Monthly Statewide Criminal Arrests

2013 versus 2014

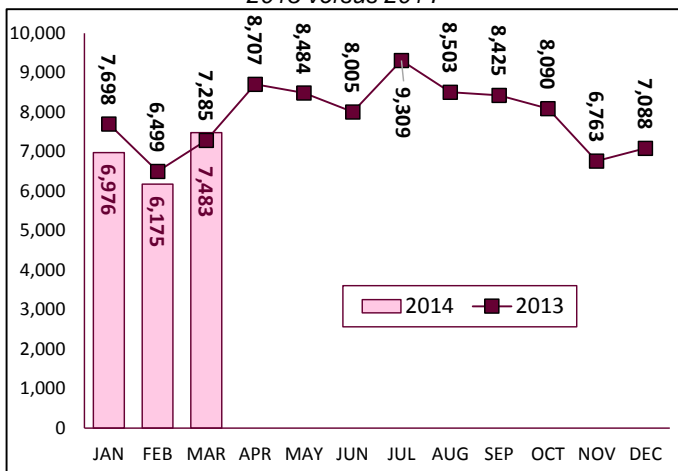
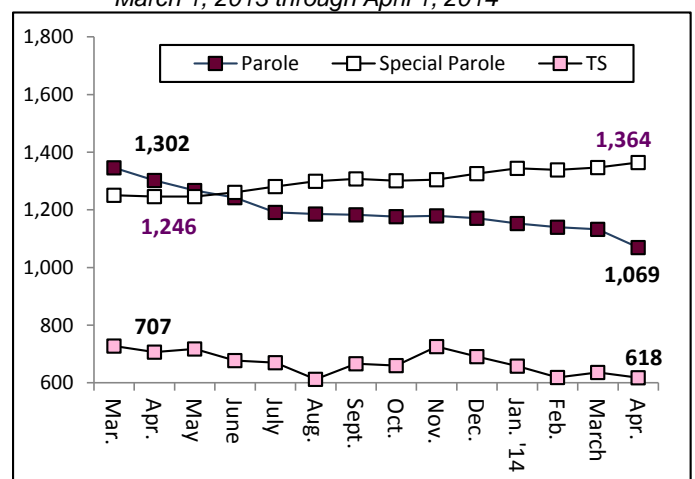


Chart 8 – DOC Community Supervision

March 1, 2013 through April 1, 2014



Note: Data for all charts, with the exception of Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 is based on new case starts in the state Offender-Based Tracking System (OBTS). Chart 8 includes offenders in halfway houses.