

# OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

# Monthly Indicators Report

## Highlights

- On May 1, 2014, 16,541 prisoners were incarcerated in state prison facilities. An additional 4,047 offenders were under DOC custody in community supervision programs. On May 1<sup>st</sup> last year, 16,728 offenders were incarcerated in state prisons.
- Carleton J. Giles has been named Acting Chairperson of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. He was first appointed to the Board by Gov. Malloy in September 2013. He formerly served 33 years with the Norwalk Police Department.
- Over the last year, the number of offenders Transitional Placement status increased from 28 to 138 (see charts 2a and table 2). The Transitional Placement program allows the DOC to move appropriate offenders out of their halfway house network, freeing up limited residential-bed space to relieve backlogs in the prisons.
- The number of offenders on Parole in May was 19.1% lower than it was a year ago. The number of offenders on Transitional Supervision (TS) was down 12.9% compared to 2013 (see table 2).
- Total monthly remands from all community supervision programs were down 12.5% from last year. Parole and TS remands were down 30.8% and 26.7% respectively. Special parole remands, in marked contrast, declined by only 3.6% (see table 3).

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## Prison Population Forecast

For the last few months, the prison population had been tracking in a manner that is consistent with typical seasonal patterns. In the first week of May, about 150 fewer people were incarcerated than had been projected by OPM.

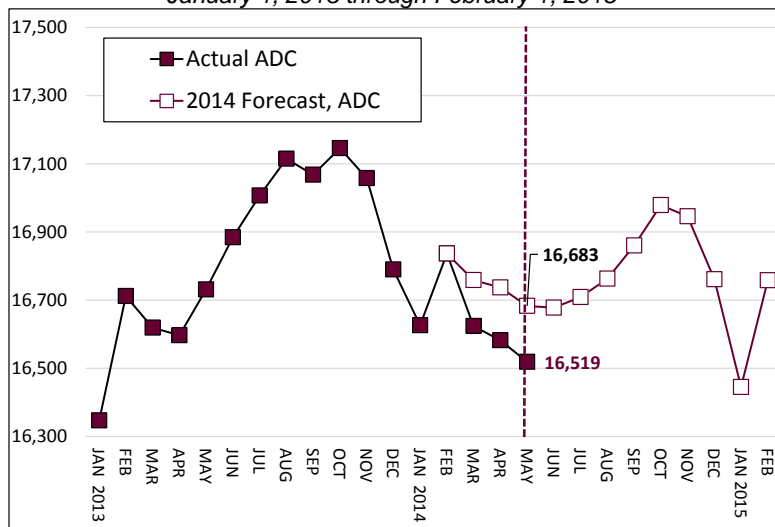
At this time last year, the prison population was rising in an unusual way. During the spring, the number of sentenced offenders generally declines at a moderate pace from its peak in February. Last spring, however, the sentenced population was surging even though new prison admissions were flat. When this happens, the cause is generally directly associated with a drop in the number of offenders leaving prison for community supervision programs.

	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	16,519	16,683	164
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	

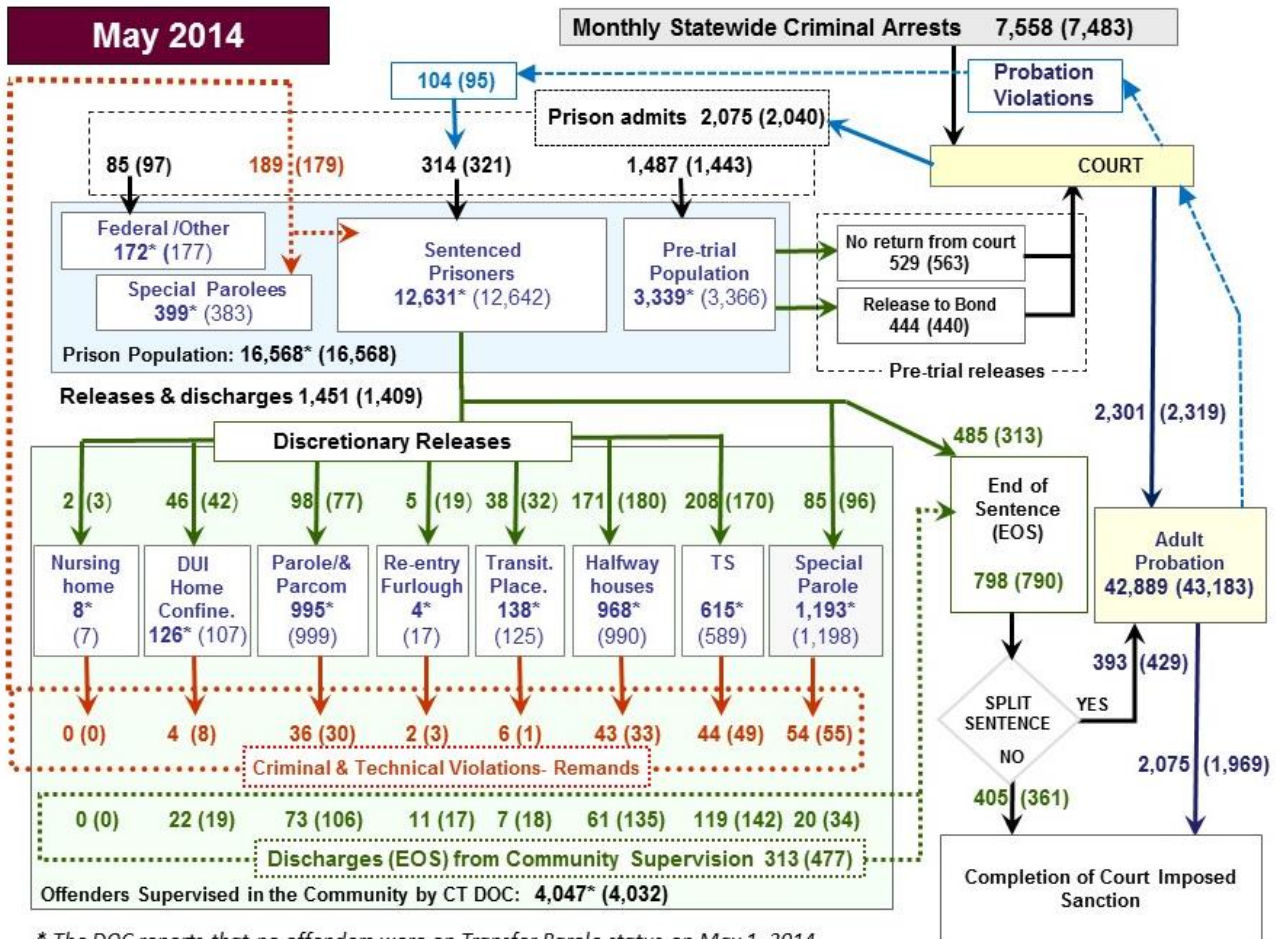
*Avg. Daily Count (ADC) for 1st week of month*

Prison admission figures during May are usually a solid predictor of how much the prison population will expand during the summer. With major changes underway at the Board of Pardons and Paroles, it remains unclear how quickly that agency will refocus its efforts on increasing the volume of parole packages that must be prepared before a parole case can be heard and parole granted.

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



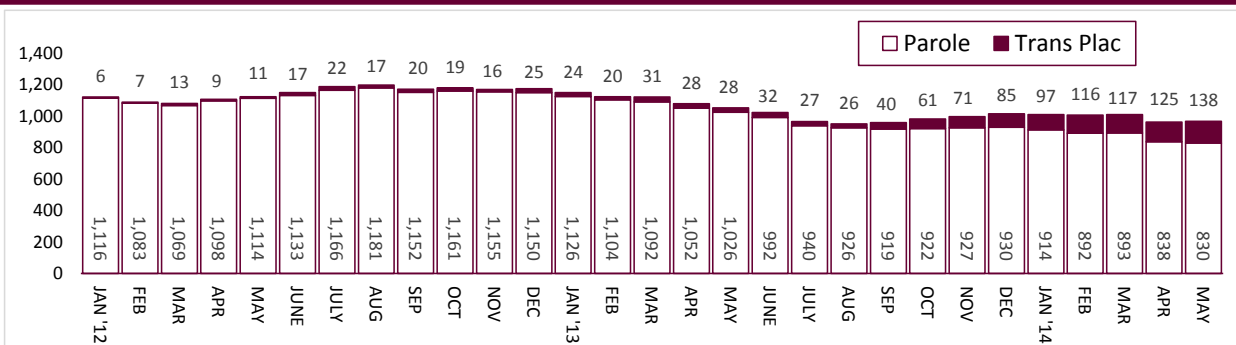
## Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows



\* The DOC reports that no offenders were on Transfer Parole status on May 1, 2014.

Chart 2 contains monthly, operational data for April 2014 and daily counts reported on May 1, 2014. Figures followed by asterisks (\*) indicate the daily count on May 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 - Offenders on transitional placement status



Transitional Placement (TP) allows certain offenders - at the discretion of the Commissioner of Correction or his designee - to be transferred to an approved community or private residence after satisfactory performance in a residential program. According to the Department, TP is to be utilized for Parole-ineligible offenders or those offenders who would benefit from a period of structured supervision following halfway house placement.

Over the last year, the DOC has significantly increased its use of the TP program in an attempt to mitigate the effects of reduced Parole-grant rates on the prison population. Maintaining a reasonable balance between the number of offenders who are incarcerated and those offenders who are supervised in the community is one of the major challenges associated with running the state's prison system in a safe and effective manner.

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

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	Mar. 1	Apr. 1	May 1	May 1	Monthly	Annual
<b>DOC Facilities</b>						
Federal/Other	169	177	172	190	-2.8%	-9.5%
Sentenced	12,553	12,642	12,631	12,490	-0.1%	1.1%
Special Parole	406	383	399	431	4.2%	-7.4%
Pre-trial	3,498	3,366	3,339	3,617	-0.8%	-7.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,626</b>	<b>16,568</b>	<b>16,541</b>	<b>16,728</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
<b>DOC Community</b>						
Transfer Parole	1	0	0	7	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	1,058	999	995	1,191	-0.4%	-16.5%
Parole	893	838	830	1,026	-1.0%	-19.1%
Parcom @ CT	165	161	165	165	2.5%	0.0%
Furlough	12	17	4	25	-76.5%	-84.0%
Trans Placement	117	125	138	28	10.4%	392.9%
DUI/Home confine.	94	107	126	121	17.8%	4.1%
Halfway House Total	997	990	968	991	-2.2%	-2.3%
Comm Release	711	725	691	770	-4.7%	-10.3%
TS	27	29	33	12	13.8%	175.0%
Parole	75	70	70	76	0.0%	-7.9%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	184	166	174	133	4.8%	30.8%
TS Total	609	589	615	706	4.4%	-12.9%
Nursing home	4	7	8	0	-	-
Special Parole	1,163	1,198	1,193	1,113	-0.4%	7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,055</b>	<b>4,032</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

**Table 3 – Admissions, releases & discharges\***

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Apr.	Monthly	Annual
<b>Admissions</b>						
Federal/Other	71	97	85	107	-12.4%	-20.6%
Remands	163	179	189	216	5.6%	-12.5%
Trans.Parole / DUI	4	8	4	3	-	-
Parole	36	30	36	52	20.0%	-30.8%
Trans Plac/Furlough	3	4	8	0	-	-
HWH	42	33	43	45	30.3%	-4.4%
TS	32	49	44	60	-10.2%	-26.7%
Special Parole	46	55	54	56	-1.8%	-3.6%
New Sentence	280	321	314	322	-2.2%	-2.5%
VOP	64	95	104	92	9.5%	13.0%
Pre-trial	1,193	1,443	1,487	1,670	3.0%	-11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,315</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>-10.4%</b>
<b>Releases</b>						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	1	-	-
Parole	84	77	98	108	27.3%	-9.3%
Furlough	9	19	5	22	-73.7%	-77.3%
Trans. Placement	23	32	38	10	18.8%	280.0%
Home Confinement DUI	27	42	46	44	9.5%	4.5%
HWH	131	180	171	171	-5.0%	0.0%
TS	186	170	208	226	22.4%	-8.0%
Special Parole	71	96	85	75	-11.5%	13.3%
Nursing home	0	3	2	0	-	-
End of Sentence	725	790	798	782	1.0%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Pre-trial Releases*</b>						
No return from Court	457	563	529	597	-6.0%	-11.4%
Release to Bond	436	440	444	437	0.9%	1.6%

\* Totals reflect events not individuals.

**Board of Pardons and Paroles**

**Table 4a – Inmates with sentences > 24 months**

	Parole-eligible	Not eligible
Mar.	8,462	865
April	8,470	862
May	8,505	863

**Table 4b – Parole hearings, new cases**

	Parole Hearings	Paroles granted	Grant rate	Paroles granted, 2013
Feb.	143	103	72%	121
Mar.	115	78	68%	113
Apr.	121	73	60%	113

**Table 4c – Other parole actions**

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
Feb.	37	8	23	25
Mar.	54	7	48	24
Apr.	40	6	117	40

**Pre-trial detainees**

**Table 5 – Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees**

Bond amount	Feb. 1, 2014	Mar. 1, 2014	Apr. 1, 2014	May 1, 2014
Less than \$20K	625	597	574	599
\$20K to < \$50K	632	591	552	555
\$50K to < \$100K	762	712	716	711
\$100K or higher	1,673	1,627	1,602	1,545
Over \$1M	212	207	209	203
Offenders w/bonds	3,692	3,527	3,444	3,410

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

Weeks since last DOC admit	Feb. 1, 2014	Mar. 1, 2014	Apr. 1, 2014	May 1, 2014
< 1 week	480	428	453	446
1 to < 3 weeks	396	308	400	403
3 to < 10 weeks	851	852	806	856
10 to < 30 weeks	1,120	1,078	950	904
30 wks or more	846	866	835	801
Pre-trial prisoners	3,693	3,532	3,444	3,410

**Court Support Services Division**

**Table 6 – The Jail Re-interview Program**

	Offenders interviewed	Offenders released	Releases last year
Feb.	1,119	642	852
Mar.	1,397	792	889
Apr.	1,474	761	970

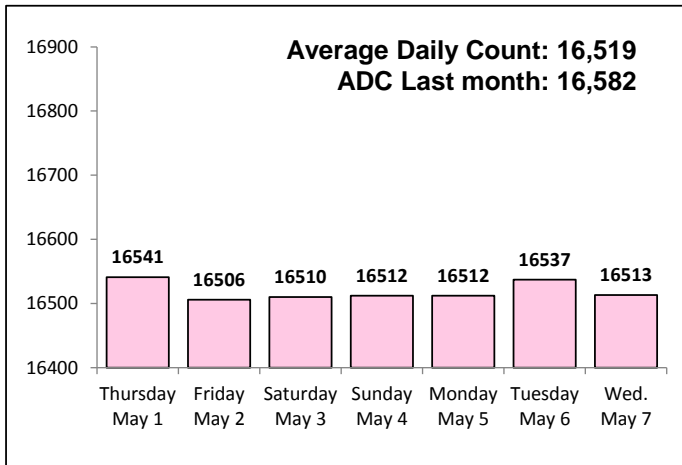
**Table 7 – Pre-Trial & split-sentence starts**

	Pre-trial Case Starts	Bail Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
Feb.	2,015	1,970		353
Mar.	2,458	2,319		429
April	2,479	2,301		393

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

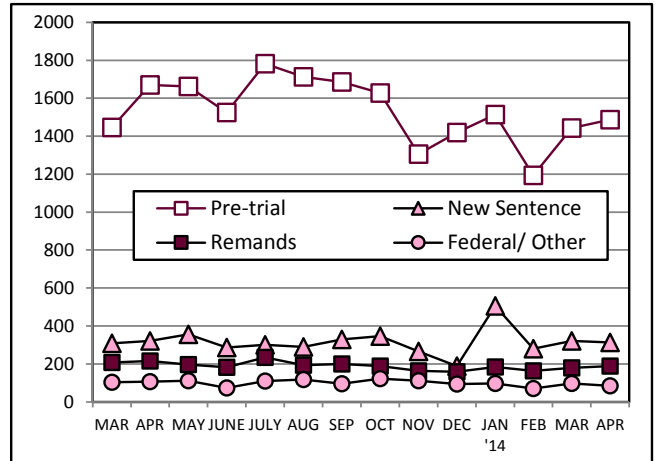
**Chart 3 – Prison population**

May 1, 2014 to May 7, 2014



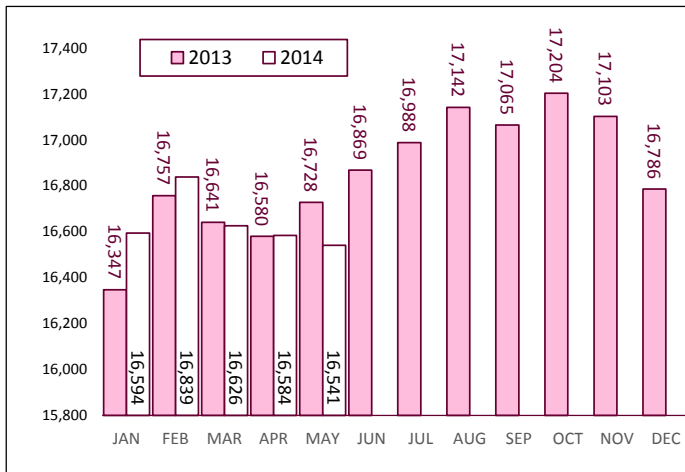
**Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions**

March 2013 through April 2014



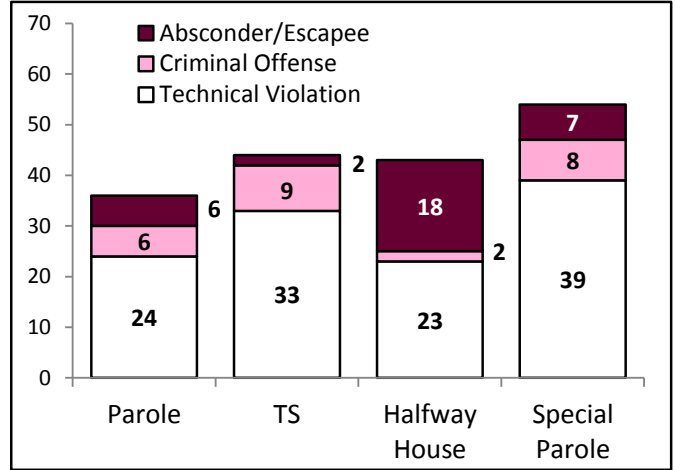
**Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month**

2013 and 2014



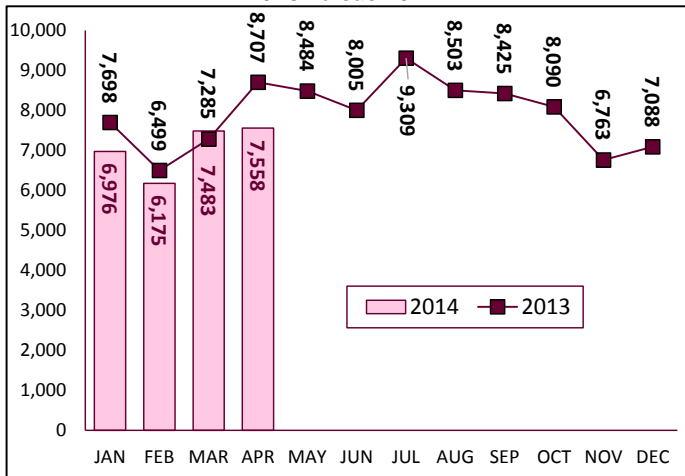
**Chart 7– Remands from community release**

April 2014



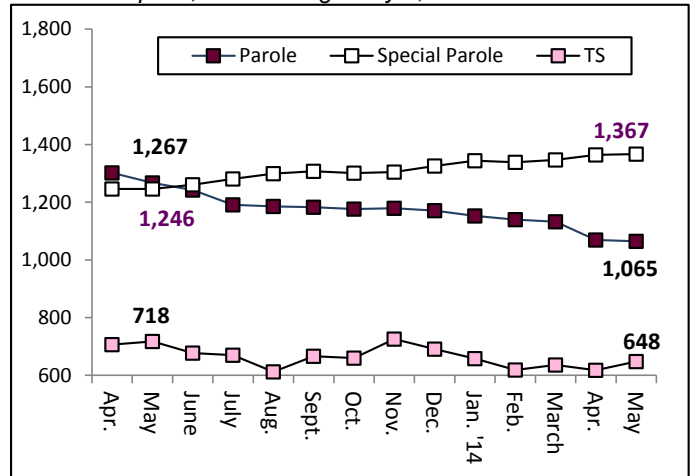
**Chart 5 – Monthly statewide Criminal Arrests**

2013 versus 2014



**Chart 8 – DOC community supervision**

April 1, 2013 through May 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.