

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- The prison population remained relatively stable during September. On October 1st, 16,610 people were incarcerated in Connecticut. A month earlier, there were 16,557 prisoners in state prison facilities.
- The state's prisons and jails held 493 fewer inmates October 1st 2014 than they did on the same date in 2013 (see chart 4). It is noteworthy that the entire drop in the prison population is smaller than the drop in the pre-trial population which fell by 560 during the same period (see table 2).
- The number of parole hearings continues to rise. The Board of Pardons and Paroles heard 210 cases during September. The last time the Board heard more cases was in April 2012.
- Gov. Malloy, this month, appointed Kenneth Ireland to the state Board of Pardons and Paroles. Ireland, 44, had served 21 years of a 50-year prison sentence, in CT, before he was exonerated of the crimes of rape and murder in 2009. Malloy also appointed Joy Chance, Rufaro Berry, Patricia Thomas Camp and Terry Borjeson to the Board.
- The number of offenders on supervised parole continues to decline (see chart 8). This October 1st, excluding Parole Compact cases, 754 offenders were on parole in CT. Three years ago, in 2011, 1,443 offenders were on parole status.

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Prison Population Forecast

Last month this paper reported that August prison admissions were down 7.5% compared to August 2013. During September, prison admissions were also down compared to last year's figures. This time by 5.2%. It remains unclear why an anticipated summertime bump in the prison population never emerged. As of the first week in October, the prison population was about 370 prisoners below what OPM had projected in February.

The data for 2014 shown on Chart 4 illustrates how flat the prison population has been since early March. This paper, likes to remind readers about the seasonal ebbs and flows in the prison population and about how stable and predictable these changes are.

Either 2014 will prove to be an atypical year in terms of the prisons or the old model that relied on seasonal fluctuation will need significant reworking. OPM's research unit has added staff, which should result in improvements to this monthly publication and the overall prison forecast model.

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	16,519	16,683	164
JUN	16,563	16,678	115
JUL	16,486	16,709	223
AUG	16,579	16,763	184
SEP	16,559	16,860	301
OCT	16,610	16,979	369
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

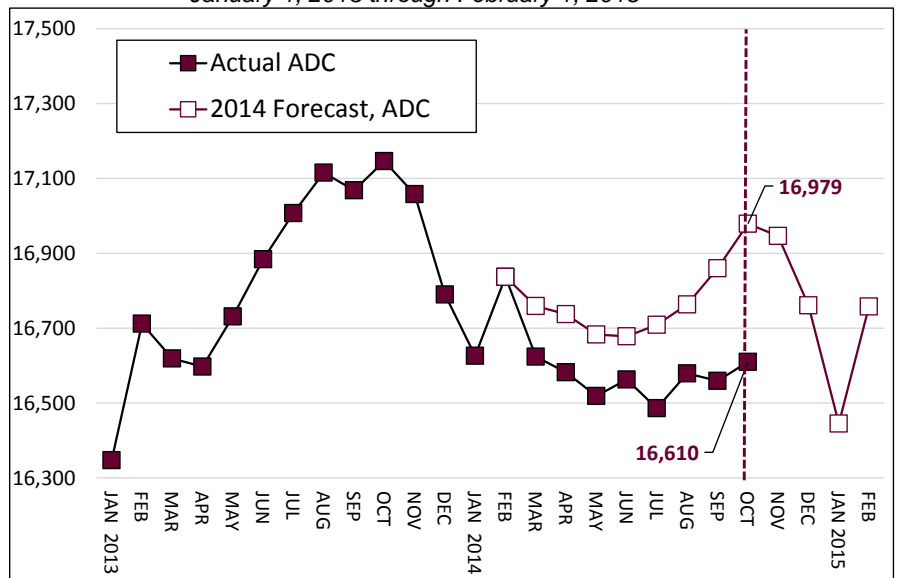
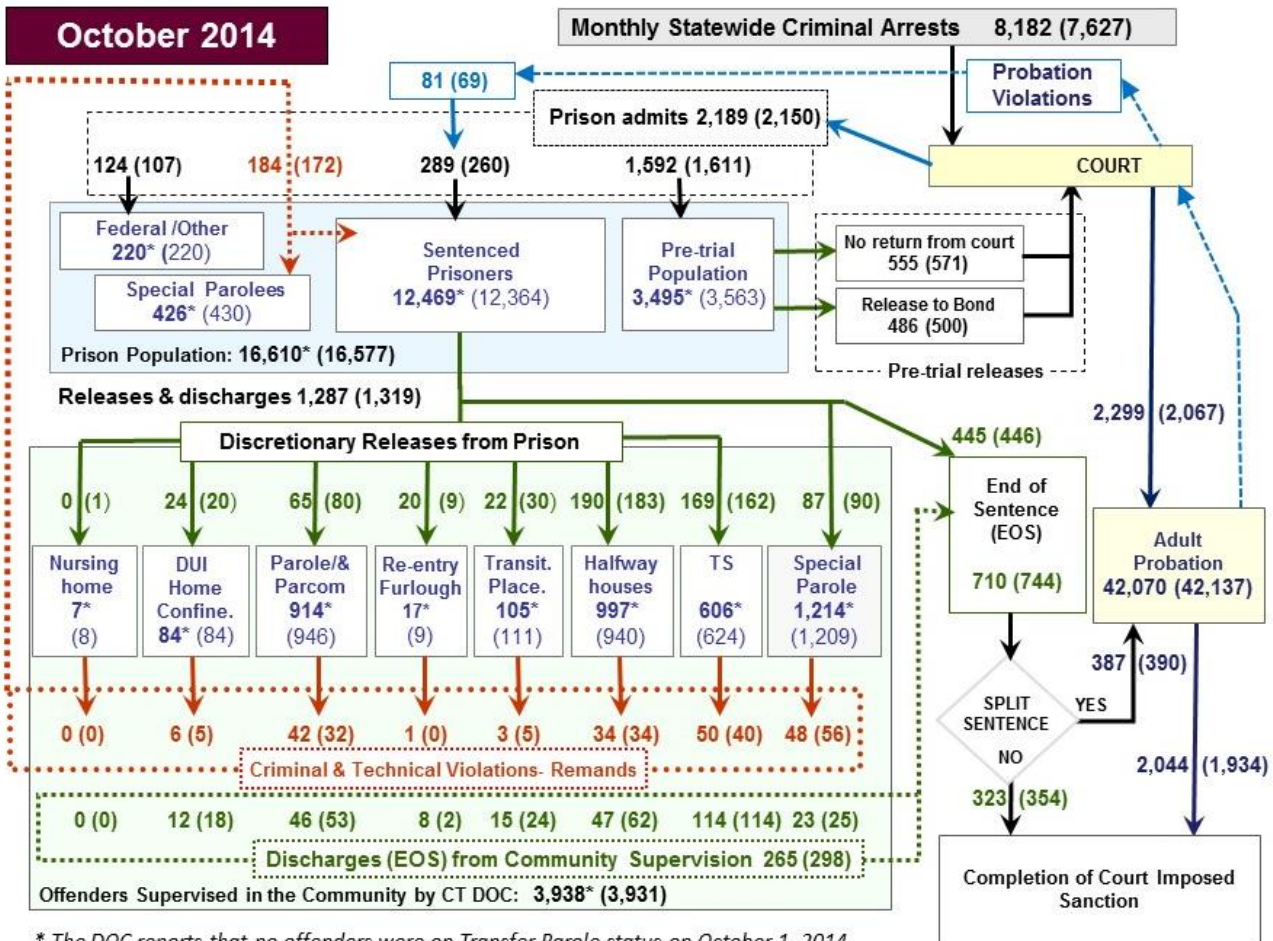


Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows



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

Chart 2 contains monthly, operations data for September 2014 and daily counts reported on October 1, 2014. Figures followed by asterisks (*) indicate the daily count on the first day of October. Last month's figures are enclosed by parentheses. Sources: Arrests - OBTS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC.

Chart 2a – Bail cases and pre-trial prison admissions

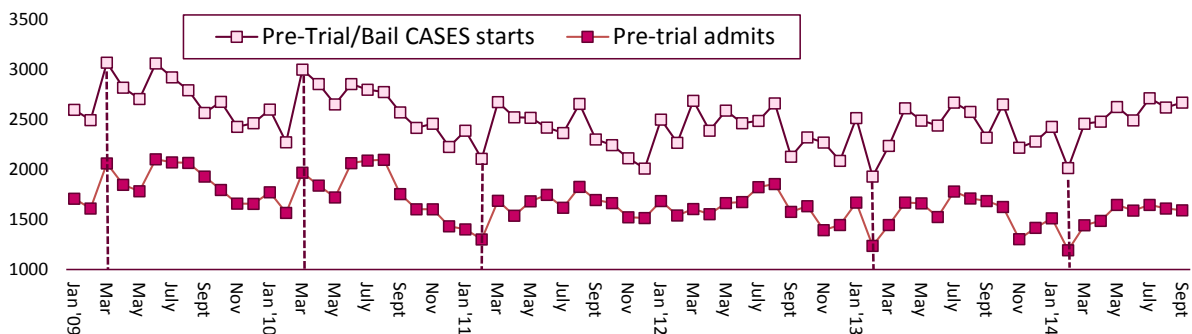


Chart 2 is a rather complicated and perhaps confusing attempt to portray the aggregated movement of offenders through the state's criminal justice system each month.

For new criminal cases, the front end of the system is reflected in the number of new arrest dockets filed with the courts. Following arrest, offenders may be released on their own recognizance or they may be issued a surety bond to guarantee their appearance at court.

Offenders unable to post bond are generally admitted to a DOC facility to await the disposition of their cases. Chart 2a illustrates how the volume of bail cases opened each month fluctuates in roughly the same pattern as pre-trial prison admissions.

Between 2009 and 2013, the number of arrests recorded annually dropped by 23.7%. The number of new bail cases, however, declined by only 11.2%. Pre-trial prison admissions were down 15.9% during the same period.

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

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	Aug. 1	Sept. 1	Oct. 1	Oct. 1	Monthly	Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	205	220	220	199	0.0%	10.6%
Sentenced	12,451	12,364	12,469	12,544	0.8%	-0.6%
Special Parole	426	430	426	406	-0.9%	4.9%
Pre-trial	3,487	3,563	3,495	4,055	-1.9%	-13.8%
Total	16,569	16,577	16,610	17,204	0.2%	-3.5%
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	2	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	951	946	914	1,086	-3.4%	-15.8%
Parole	789	785	754	922	-3.9%	-18.2%
Parcom @ CT	162	161	160	164	-0.6%	-2.4%
Furlough	2	9	17	13	-	-
Trans Placement	144	111	105	61	-5.4%	72.1%
DUI/Home confine.	85	84	84	102	0.0%	-17.6%
Halfway House Total	925	940	991	1,034	5.4%	-4.2%
Comm Release	683	706	738	771	4.5%	-4.3%
TS	36	31	32	31	3.2%	3.2%
Parole	55	53	62	91	17.0%	-31.9%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	151	150	159	141	6.0%	12.8%
TS Total	618	624	606	629	-2.9%	-3.7%
Nursing home	7	8	7	2	-	-
Special Parole	1,195	1,209	1,214	1,160	0.4%	4.7%
Total	3,927	3,931	3,938	4,089	0.2%	-3.7%

Table 3 – Admissions, releases & discharges*

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	July	August	Sept.	Sept.	Monthly	Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	105	107	124	96	15.9%	29.2%
Remands	176	172	184	200	7.0%	-8.0%
Trans.Parole / DUI	1	5	6	3	-	-
Parole	35	32	42	35	31.3%	20.0%
Trans Plac/Furlough	7	5	4	1	-	-
HWH	33	34	34	59	0.0%	-42.4%
TS	52	40	50	34	25.0%	47.1%
Special Parole	48	56	48	68	-14.3%	-29.4%
New Sentence	260	260	289	329	11.2%	-12.2%
VOP	87	69	87	99	26.1%	-12.1%
Pre-trial	1,646	1,611	1,592	1,686	-1.2%	-5.6%
Total	2,187	2,150	2,189	2,311	1.8%	-5.3%
Releases and discharges						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Parole	82	80	65	115	-18.8%	-43.5%
Furlough	4	9	20	16	122.2%	25.0%
Trans. Placement	31	30	22	25	-26.7%	-12.0%
Home Confinement DUI	24	20	24	32	20.0%	-25.0%
HWH	168	183	190	174	3.8%	9.2%
TS	223	162	169	181	4.3%	-6.6%
Special Parole	74	90	87	81	-3.3%	7.4%
Nursing home	0	1	0	0	-	-
End of Sentence	798	744	710	749	-4.6%	-5.2%
Total	1,404	1,319	1,287	1,373	-2.4%	-6.3%
Pre-trial Releases*						
No return from Court	569	571	555	579	-2.8%	-4.1%
Release to Bond	495	500	500	439	0.0%	13.9%

* Totals reflect events not individuals.

Board of Pardons and Paroles

Table 4a – Inmates with sentences > 24 months

	Parole-eligible	Not eligible
August	8,422	864
Sept	8,337	859
Oct.	8,342	862

Table 4b – Parole hearings, new cases

	Paroles		Paroles granted, 2013	Paroles granted, 2012
	Parole Hearings	granted, 2014		
July	167	125	75%	106
Aug	186	141	76%	151
Sept.	210	151	72%	128

Table 4c – Other parole actions

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
July	45	4	25	31
August	25	7	53	42
Sept.	49	8	43	54

Pre-trial detainees

Table 5 – Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

Bond amount	Aug. 1, 2014	Sept. 1, 2014	Oct. 1, 2014	Oct. 1, 2013
Less than \$20K	687	687	688	713
\$20K to < \$50K	653	658	633	667
\$50K to < \$100K	740	729	753	856
\$100K or higher	1,501	1,511	1,530	1,794
Over \$1M	193	188	196	211
Offenders w/bonds	3,581	3,585	3,604	4,030

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

Weeks since last DOC admit	Aug. 1, 2014	Sept. 1, 2014	Oct. 1, 2014	Oct. 1, 2013
< 1 week	527	511	516	498
1 to < 3 weeks	440	412	407	476
3 to < 10 weeks	936	1,005	1,000	1,087
10 to < 30 weeks	977	953	988	1,148
30 wks or more	701	707	695	824
Pre-trial prisoners	3,581	3,588	3,606	4,033

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 – The Jail Re-interview Program

	Offenders interviewed	Offenders released	Releases last year
July	1,700	837	1,016
August	1,619	834	998
Sept.	1,731	897	946

Table 7 – Pre-Trial & split-sentence starts

	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
July	2,713	2,403	399
August	2,620	2,067	390
Sept.	2,669	2,299	387

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

October 1, 2014 to October 7, 2014

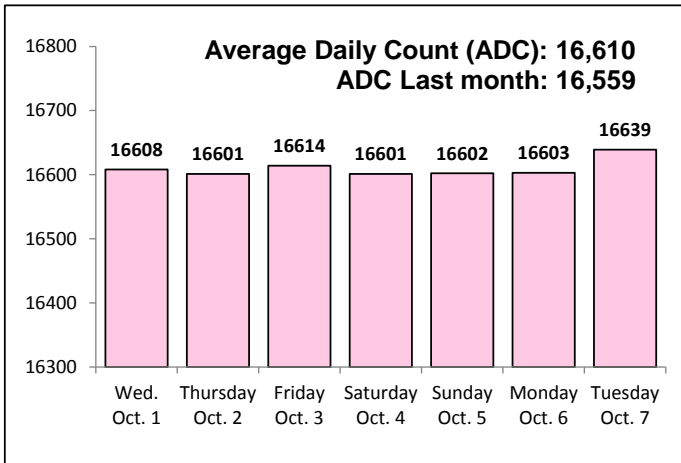


Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions

August 2013 through September 2014

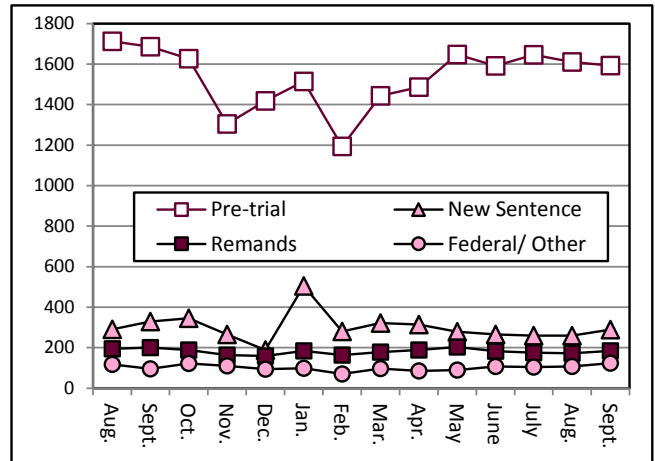


Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month

2013 and 2014

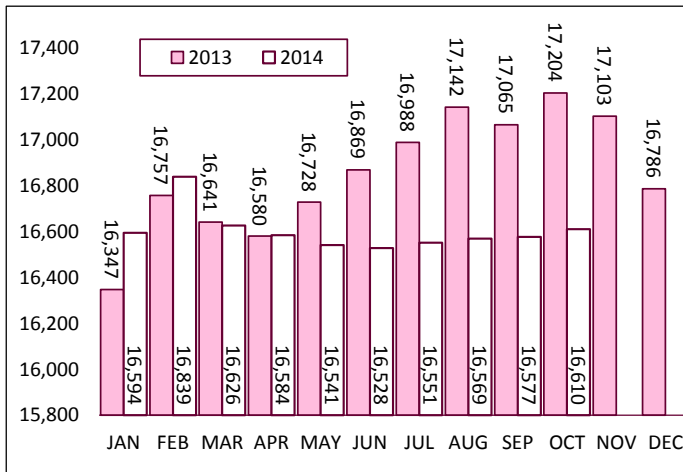


Chart 7– Remands from community release

September 2014

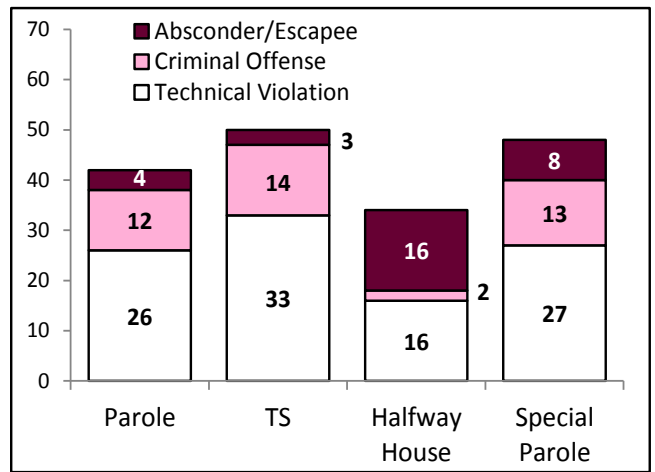


Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests

2013 versus 2014

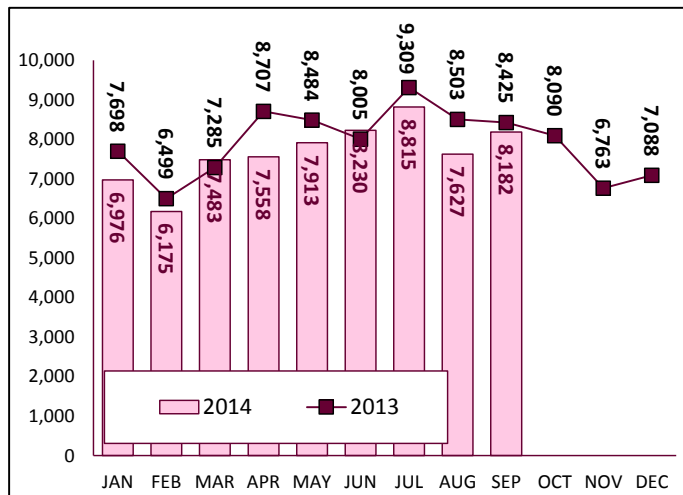
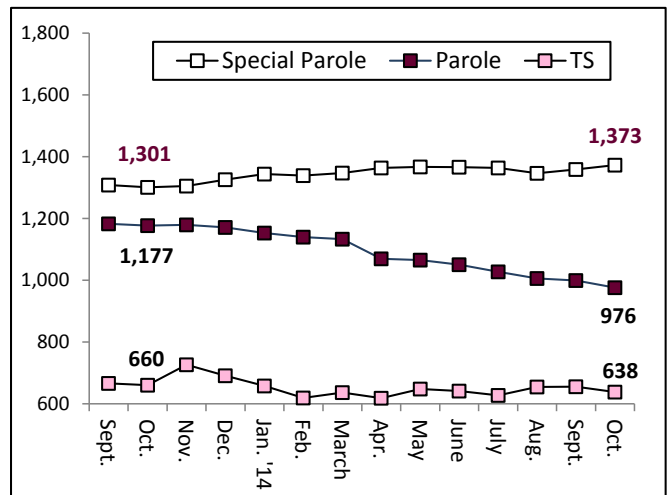


Chart 8 – DOC community supervision

September 1, 2013 through October 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.