OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division
Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- This month's total prison population of 9,946 inmates represents a 50% decrease from the February 2008 all-time high DOC population of 19,894.

- Arrests continue to track lower than they did a year ago, down 8.8% relative to last June. There were 5,349 arrests in June 2020, versus 5,863 in June 2019.

- After reaching a historic low in April and rebounding in May to 5,115, arrests have been gradually returning to normal operations. (See Chart 5.)

- Despite arrests returning to near parity with prior year figures, pretrial admissions remain substantially lower than in years past. There were 475 pretrial admissions in June 2020 which is a mild increase from the all-time low in April 2020 of 300, but a 60% decrease from June 2019 (1,202).

- For the third consecutive month, sentenced admits are near zero (see chart 2). While releases to the community rose 68% from last June, this month's releases (548) are slightly lower compared to April (545) and May (548) 2020.

- Total discharges from community supervision were 326 for June 2020, the highest since August 2017 when it was also 326. This signifies that the "back-end" of the system is still working during the COVID-19 pandemic and discharging people from community supervision at comparable rates, even as admissions have shrunk during the public health emergency.

Prison Population Forecast

Although the prison population forecast estimated a modest reduction in population, resulting from continued efforts in the criminal justice system, the acceleration of the drop since the onset of the public-health emergency in mid-March, the the gap between the forecast and the average daily count continues to widen (See Table 1).

As of July 1st, 2020 Connecticut is the first state in the nation to successfully reduce its prison population by 50% from its historic peak in 2008 fulfilling the goal of the national #Cut50 movement.

As mentioned in last month's Monthly Indicators Report, the prison population would have needed to lose 498 more people in order to achieve a 50% decrease from the population high of 19,894 in February 2008. On July 1, 2020 the total prison population was 9,946. (See Chart 2a on page 2 for a more comprehensive review of this important milestone.)

TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast			
	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2020 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '20	12,315	-	-
FEB	12,413	12,413	-
MAR	12,382	12,293	-89
APR	11,751	12,234	483
MAY	10,903	12,163	1,260
JUN	10,375	12,120	1,745
JUL	9,907	12,072	2,165
AUG		12,074	-
SEP		12,044	-
OCT		12,046	-
NOV		12,015	-
DEC		11,922	-
JAN '21		11,722	-
FEB		11,867	-

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

Since the state has progressed through through phased reopening, several criminal justice and as criminal justice system operations increase activity, it is reasonable to assume Connecticut will not regress on the #Cut50 milestone.

Chart 1 – Actual prison population against the OPM forecasts
January 1, 2019 through February 1, 2021
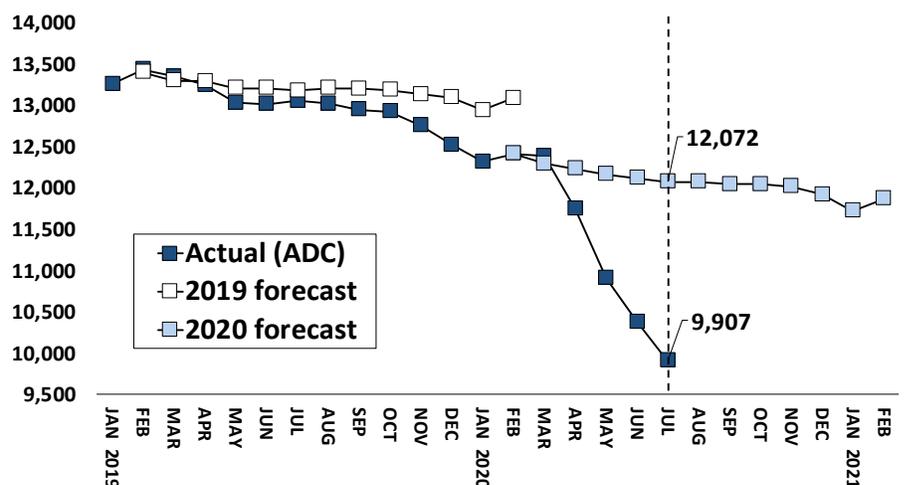
Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows

July 1, 2020

Monthly Criminal Arrests 5,349 (5,115)

Prison admissions 581 (592)

THE COURTS
Arraignments 1,038 (1,015)

17 (12)   83 (88)   6 (2)   475 (490)

Federal /Other*
124 (115)

Special Parolees*
312 (315)

Sentenced Prisoners*
6,870 (7,347)

Pre-trial Population*
2,640 (2,668)

No return from court
41 (35)

Release to Bond
311 (293)

Pre-trial releases

Probation Violations

165 (189)

Prison Population*: 9,946 (10,445)   **DOC FACILITIES**

Releases & discharges 972 (1,127)

Adult Probation
35,857 (36,474)

Discretionary Releases from Prison 451 (548)

77 (105)

114 (149)

272 (313)

0 (0)   4 (11)   42 (46)   82 (76)   67 (66)   25 (23)   135 (216)   96 (110)

Nursing home 4 (4)	DUI Home Confine.* 81 (115)	Trans. parole* 167 (147)	Parole/& Parcom* **953** (936)	ReF.* 102 (105)	Trans. Place* 96 (96)	HWH* **864** (843)	TS* 541 (559)

Special Parole*
2,150 (2,159)

End of Sentence (EOS)
440 (463)

0 (0)   2 (1)   3 (2)   9 (13)   2 (0)   1 (2)   17 (15)   13 (9)

36 (46)

SPLIT SENTENCE?   YES

Total remands to prison: 83 (88)

NO

268 (150)

0 (0)   31 (34)   0 (0)   54 (54)   3 (2)   23 (20)   44 (49)   104 (112)   67 (43)

1,091 (1,123)

Discharges (EOS) from Community Supervision 326 (314)

Offenders Supervised in the Community by CT DOC*: 4,958 (4,964)

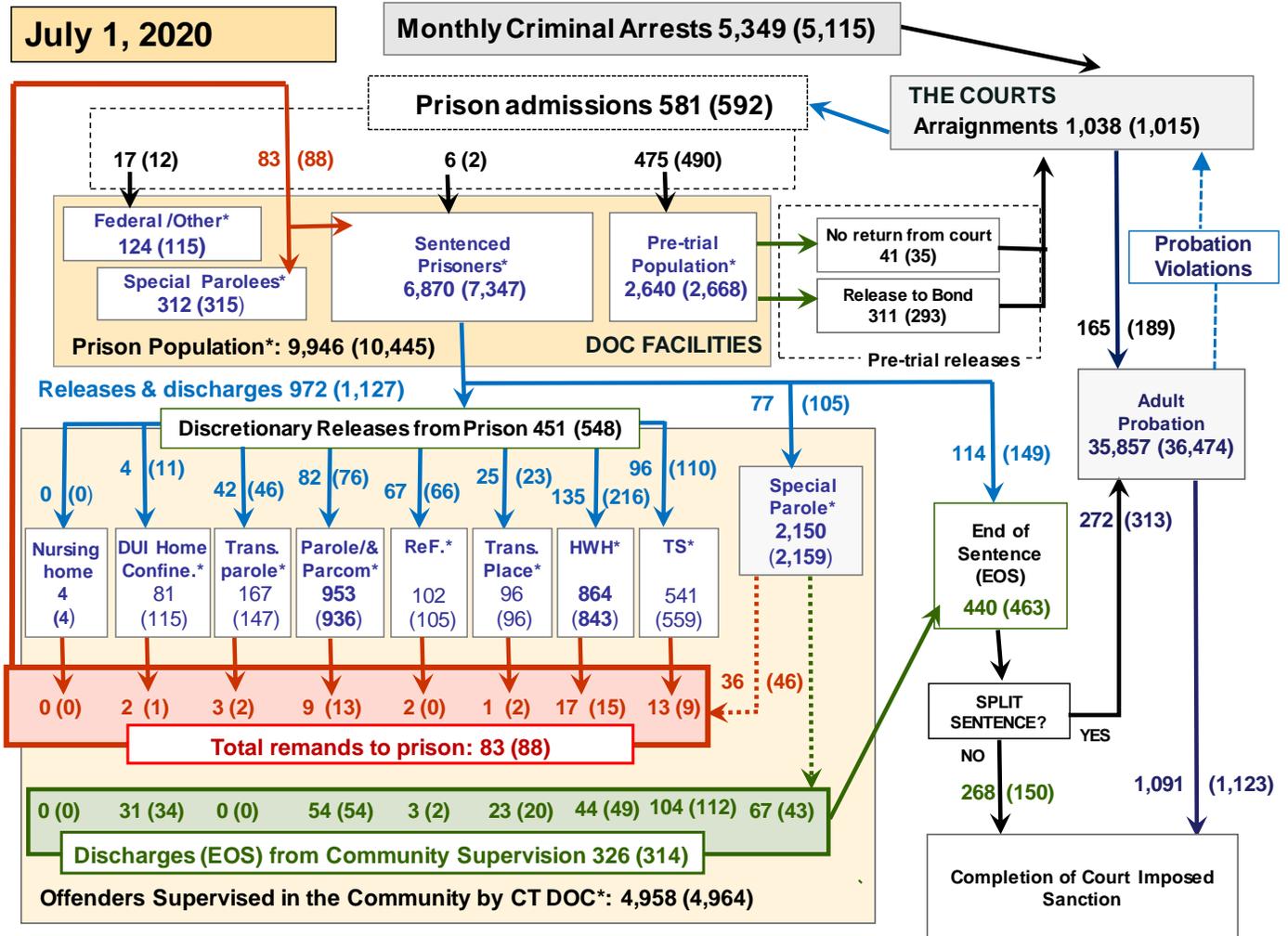**Completion of Court Imposed Sanction**

Chart 2 contains monthly operations data for June 2020 and daily counts reported on July 1, 2020. Asterisks (*) indicate the daily count on July 1st. Figures for last month are enclosed by parentheses. Sources: Arrests – CRMVS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC.

Chart 2a – Cut50 in Connecticut

1,399 days   1,827 days   1,127 days   182

-9,948

9,946
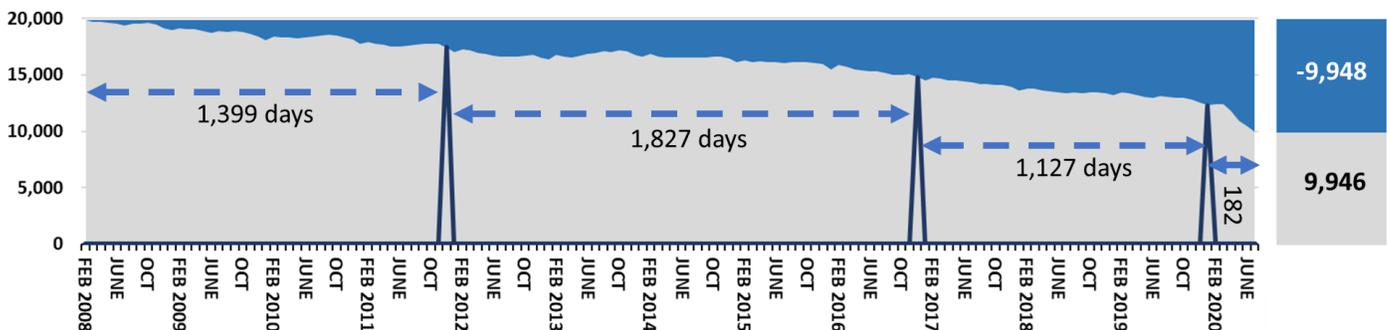
In late June, the prison population dipped below 10,000 people for the first time since 1990. Shortly after, on July 1, 2020, the CT DOC reached a second milestone: cutting the total incarcerated population in half from its record high of 19,894 in February 2008. The total prison population drop is a composite of decreases in the sentenced and pretrial populations. The sentenced population dropped 54% from its record high in 2008,

while the pre-trial prison population fell 33% from its' highest point in 2010.

The number of people held in Connecticut's prisons and jails has been in a steady decline since 2008 Impacts from COVID-19 helped rapidly accelerate the rate of decline. The chart above shows that the time to drop of 2,500 inmates decreased from 1,827 to 1,127 to only 182 days, bringing the prison population its current historical milepost much faster than previously anticipated.

Table 2 - First-of-month totals

	2020 May 1	2020 June 1	2020 July 1	2019 July 1	% Change Monthly	% Change Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	111	115	124	163	7.8%	-23.9%
Sentenced	7,961	7,347	6,870	9,424	-6.5%	-27.1%
Special Parole	319	315	312	405	-1.0%	-23.0%
Pre-trial	2,583	2,668	2,640	3,115	-1.0%	-15.2%
Total	**10,974**	**10,445**	**9,946**	**13,107**	**-4.8%**	**-24.1%**
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	119	147	167	41	13.6%	307.3%
Parole/ Parcom Total	937	936	953	964	1.8%	-1.1%
Parole	778	778	788	803	1.3%	-1.9%
Parcom @ CT	159	158	167	161	5.7%	3.7%
Furlough	114	105	102	27	-2.9%	277.8%
Trans Placement	93	96	96	58	0.0%	65.5%
DUI/Home confine.	141	115	81	114	-29.6%	-28.9%
Halfway House Total	732	843	864	1,054	2.5%	-18.0%
Comm Release	330	418	430	465	2.9%	-7.5%
TS	13	1	23	43	-	-46.5%
Parole	105	124	135	157	8.9%	-14.0%
Transfer Parole	9	20	26	4	30.0%	550.0%
Special Parole	275	265	250	385	-5.7%	-35.1%
TS	550	559	541	413	-3.2%	31.0%
Nursing home	5	4	4	7	0.0%	-42.9%
Special Parole	2,134	2,159	2,150	2,021	-0.4%	6.4%
Total	**4,825**	**4,964**	**4,958**	**4,699**	**-0.1%**	**5.5%**

Table 2a - Monthly admissions, releases & discharges

	2020 April	2020 May	2020 June	2019 June	% Change Monthly	% Change Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	14	12	17	64	41.7%	-73.4%
Remands	41	88	83	136	-5.7%	-39.0%
DUI	0	3	2	2	-	-
Parole	19	13	9	15	-30.8%	-40.0%
Trans Plac/Furlough	1	0	2	2	-	-
HWH	9	15	17	34	13.3%	-50.0%
TS	5	9	13	23	44.4%	-43.5%
Special Parole	16	46	36	60	-21.7%	-40.0%
New Sentence	0	2	6	211	-	-97.2%
VOP	0	2	6	65	-	-90.8%
Pre-trial	300	490	475	1,202	-3.1%	-60.5%
Total	**355**	**592**	**660**	**1,613**	**11.5%**	**-59.1%**
Releases and discharges						
Transfer Parole	54	46	42	6	-8.7%	600.0%
Parole	64	76	82	68	7.9%	20.6%
Furlough	119	66	67	14	1.5%	378.6%
Trans. Placement	53	23	25	10	8.7%	150.0%
Home Confinement DUI	46	11	4	28	-63.6%	-85.7%
HWH	39	216	135	80	-37.5%	68.8%
TS	170	110	86	119	-21.8%	-27.7%
Special Parole	93	105	77	108	-26.7%	-28.7%
Nursing home	0	0	0	1	-	-
End of Sentence	465	463	440	527	-5.0%	-16.5%
Total	**1,103**	**1,116**	**958**	**961**	**-14.2%**	**-0.3%**
Pre-trial Releases*						
From Court	38	35	41	451	17.1%	-90.9%
Release to Bond	294	293	311	341	6.1%	-8.8%

* Totals reflect events, not individual offenders

DOC - Community Release Unit (CRU)

Table 3 - Case reviews and release metrics

	Cases Reviewed	Approved	Denied	Continued	Approval Rate
Apr.	522	307	68	52	59%
May	380	207	61	39	54%
June 20	342	164	68	36	48%
June 19	605	298	100	96	49%

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

Board of Pardons and Paroles

Table 4 - Parole hearings, new cases

	Parole Hearings	Paroles granted	Grant rate	Paroles granted, 2019	Paroles granted, 2018
Apr.	116	77	66%	67	90
May	128	86	67%	78	93
June	116	77	66%	74	62

Table 4a - Other BOPP actions

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases	Transfer parole cases
Apr.	47	1	18	17	100
May	51	1	13	17	37
June '20	13	0	10	15	35
June '19	30	1	20	31	1

The pre-trial population

Table 5 - Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

Bond amount	May. 1, 2020	June 1, 2020	July. 1, 2020	July. 1, 2019
Less than $20K	262	304	283	465
$20K to < $50K	343	386	347	435
$50K to <$100K	482	514	459	555
$100K or higher	1,648	1,661	1,708	1,770
Persons w/bonds	2,740	2,877	2,797	3,225
Over $1M	235	229	251	192

Table 5a - Pre-trial, weeks since admission

Weeks since last DOC admit	May. 1, 2020	June. 1, 2020	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2019
< 1 week	115	81	129	386
1 to < 3 weeks	76	176	113	327
3 to < 10 weeks	460	753	334	727
10 to < 30 weeks	970	856	940	863
30 wks or more	1,119	1,011	1,292	925
Pre-trial prisoners	2,740	2,877	2,808	3,228

Table 5b - Pre-trial admits, new offenders

	Apr. 2020	May 2020	June 2020	June 2019
Arraignments	671	1,015	1,038	2,628
Pre-trial Admits	300	490	475	1,202
New to DOC	72	138	134	298
% New	24%	28%	28%	25%

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 - The Jail Re-interview Program

	Pre-trial admissions	Offender interviews	Offenders released	Released last year
Apr.	300	226	247	303
May	490	242	189	356
June	475	342	165	324

Table 6a - Pre-trial bail and probation caseloads

	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts	Pre-trial bail cases
Apr.	2,050*	553	269	12,665*
May	2,050*	1,123	313	12,665*
June	2,050*	1091	272	12,665*
June '19	2,050*	1,726	343	12,665*

* CSSD estimates

Chart 3 – Prison population
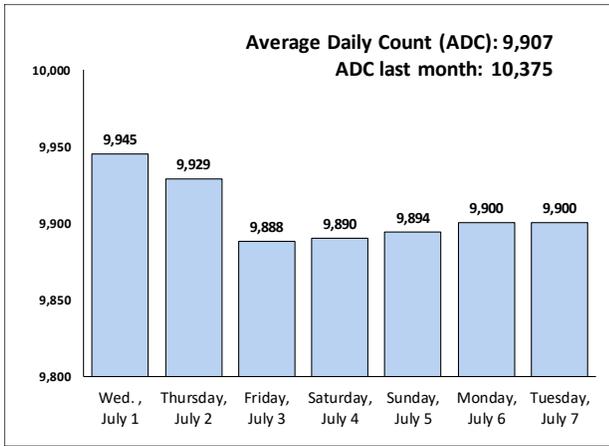*First week of the month, avg. daily count (ADC)*

Average Daily Count (ADC): 9,907
ADC last month: 10,375

Wed., July 1	Thursday, July 2	Friday, July 3	Saturday, July 4	Sunday, July 5	Monday, July 6	Tuesday, July 7
9,945	9,929	9,888	9,890	9,894	9,900	9,900

Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions
May 2019 through June 2020

Pre-trial values: 1,359; 1,202; 1,337; 1,303; 1,245; 1,224; 1,046; 1,054; 1,190; 1,081; 741; 300; 490; 475

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- ▢ Remands
- ● New Sentence
- ◇ Pre-trial
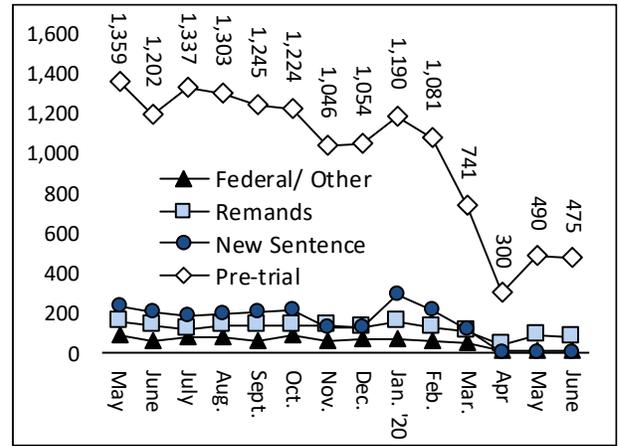
Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month
2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

14,335
13,371
13,107
9,945

Legend:
- ◇ 2017
- ● 2018
- ▣ 2019
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Months: JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC
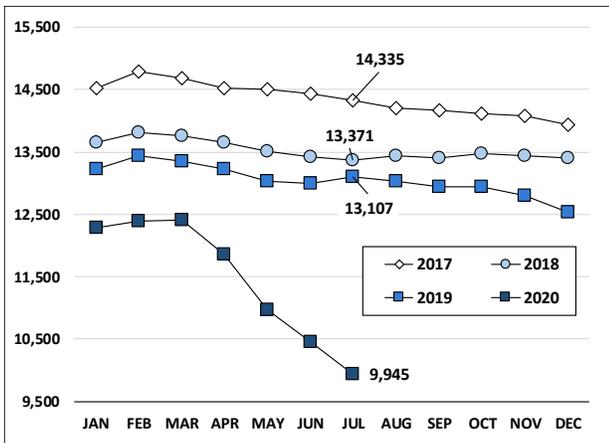
Chart 7– Remands from community release
June 2020

Legend:
- ■ Absconder/Escapee
- ▨ Criminal Offense
- ▢ Technical Violation

	Parole	TS	Halfway House	Special Parole
Absconder/Escapee	2	2	5	10
Criminal Offense	3	3	3	13
Technical Violation	4	8	9	13
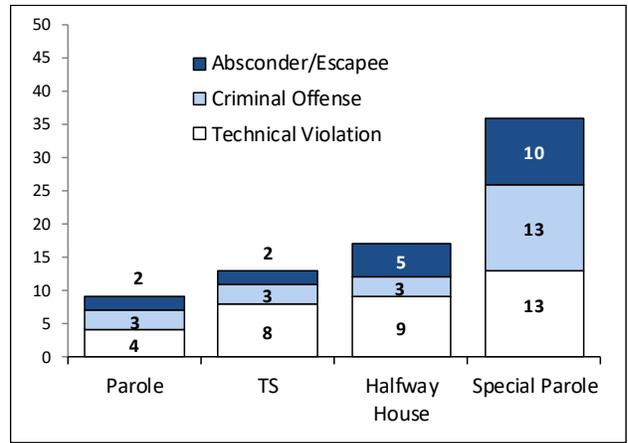
Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests
2019 and 2020

Legend:
- ▢ 2020
- ■ 2019

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2019	6,100	5,346	5,656	6,196	6,612	5,863	7,228	6,772	6,605	6,280	5,636	5,866
2020	5,918	5,396	5,041	2,734	5,115	5,349						
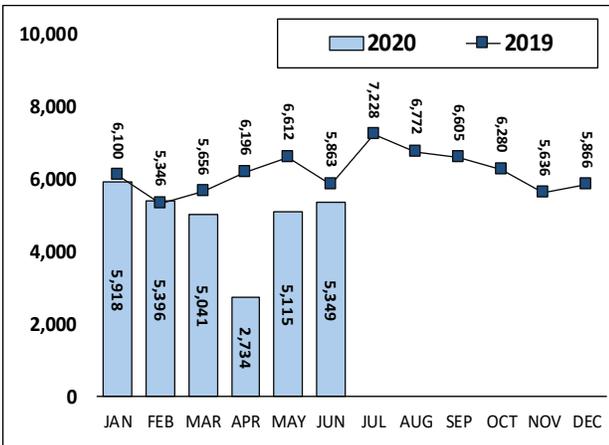
Chart 8 – DOC community supervision
June 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020

Special Parole: 2,406 … 2,400
Parole: 1,121 … 1,088
TS: 456 … 564

Legend:
- ▢ Special Parole
- ▢ Parole
- ■ TS

Months: June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. '20 Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July
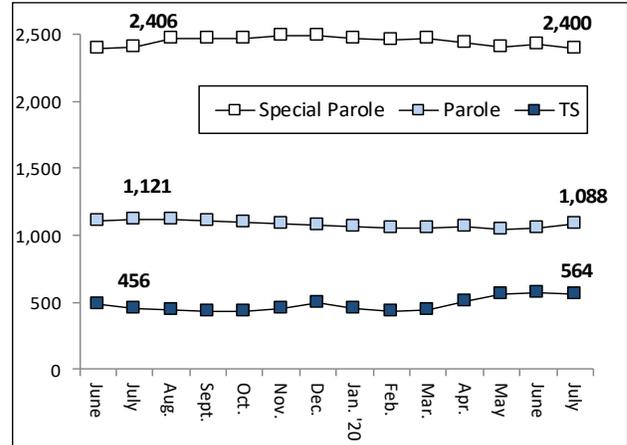
Note: Data for all charts, except for Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 are for new case starts in the state Criminal Motor Vehicle System (CRMVS). Chart 8 includes offenders in halfway houses.