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Department of Correction Incarcerated Population Drops Below 9,000 - a 30-year low.

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The Connecticut Department of Correction's incarcerated population has dipped below 9,000 for the first time in more than 30 years.

The last time the incarcerated population was below 9,000 was on April 16, 1990, when it stood at 8,972.

Back on March 1, 2020 the population total was 12,409.

On February 1, 2008, the Department's incarcerated population was at its all-time high at 19,894.

According to the State's Office of Policy and Management's Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division, in 2020, the state's prison population contracted by 27%.

In large part due to the declining incarcerated population, Commissioner Quiros recently announcing the Agency's plan to close the Northern Correctional Institution by July 1, 2021. Two other, yet to be determined, facilities are also slated for closure by July 1, 2022.

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The precipitous drop can be attributed in part to the concerted efforts of the Department's Community Release Unit (CRU), along with the Parole and Community Services Division working collaboratively with the Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP) to responsibly review and approve all eligible inmates for release.

"To have over 3,400 fewer individuals under our supervision in a little more than one year's time is incredible, and speaks to the remarkable work of the staff of this agency," said Commissioner Angel Quiros. "Although the population numbers have dropped significantly, this was accomplished in a methodical and responsible manner. We remain committed to the release of eligible individuals back into the community, and working collaboratively with stakeholders to improve the chances for successful reentry. The hope is that the number of incarcerated individuals continues to decline, without an adverse effect on the public's safety."