

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

# Monthly Indicators Report

## Highlights

- On January 1, 2014, 16,594 offenders were incarcerated in state prisons and jails. Compared to 2013, the sentenced population was up by 2.6%, the special parole remand population was up by 4.5% and the pre-trial population was down by 2.2% (see table 2).
- 2013 was the first year since 2007 in which the prison population expanded (see chart 2a). Between January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014, the state's prison population grew by 247 prisoners, or 1.5%. During 2007, the year of the Cheshire murders, the prison system grew by 536, or 2.8%.
- The total number of offenders supervised in the community by the DOC declined by 8.2% during 2013 (see table 2). There were large differences depending on the particular program. During 2013, the number of offenders on parole shrank by 20.5%; the number of offenders on TS dropped by 19.4%. The only community supervision program that experienced a major expansion was transfer placement. During 2013, the number of offenders on transfer placement grew from 25 to 97, a 288% increase.
- Stephen Grant became the Executive Director of Court Support Services Division in January. He replaced William Carbone.

OPM will be releasing its annual forecast of the prison population on or about February 15<sup>th</sup>. To contact the **Monthly Indicators Report**, please email: [opm.mir@ct.gov](mailto:opm.mir@ct.gov)

## Prison Population Forecast

The prison population during the last three months of the year dropped by about 500 offenders. This is on par with what one would expect given the time of the year.

Although end-of-year population figures conformed to historical trends, the overall prison population was higher at year's end than OPM's projection by approximately 600 prisoners.

There is still no clear explanation about why there are 600 more prisoners incarcerated today than were projected. We also do not know the exact circumstances that kept sentenced offenders in prison longer than they might have been held in the past.

Total prison admissions in 2013 were down by 4.3% compared to 2012. In comparison, the total number of releases and discharges of sentenced offenders in 2013 was down 12.2% compared to 2012.

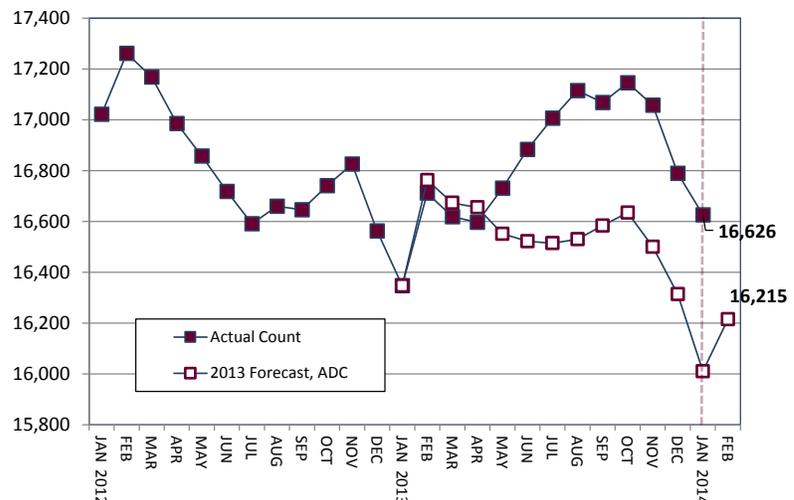
OPM's prison population models continue to be tested by actual policy and procedural changes that directly impact the state's prison population. Chart 1 suggests that all the gains made in reducing the prison population in 2012 were lost by the end of 2013.

TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast

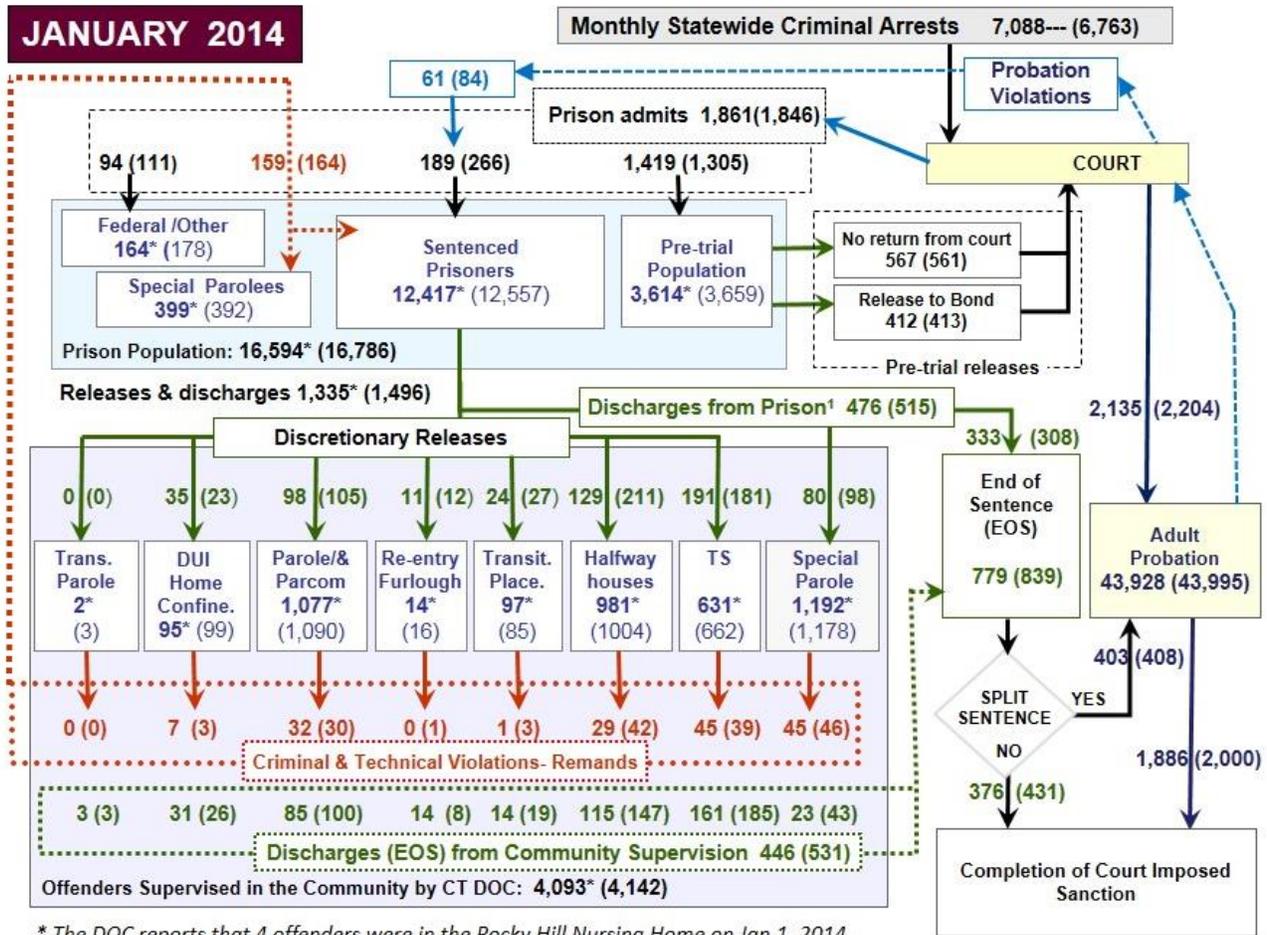
	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2012 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '13	16,347	16,347	0
FEB	16,712	16,763	-51
MAR	16,619	16,673	-54
APR	16,597	16,655	-58
MAY	16,731	16,551	180
JUN	16,884	16,522	362
JUL	17,007	16,515	492
AUG	17,115	16,530	585
SEP	17,068	16,584	484
OCT	17,146	16,635	511
NOV	17,058	16,500	558
DEC	16,790	16,314	476
JAN '14	16,626	16,010	616
FEB		16,215	-

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

Chart 1 – Actual ADC of the prison population against the OPM forecast January 1, 2012 through February 1, 2014



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



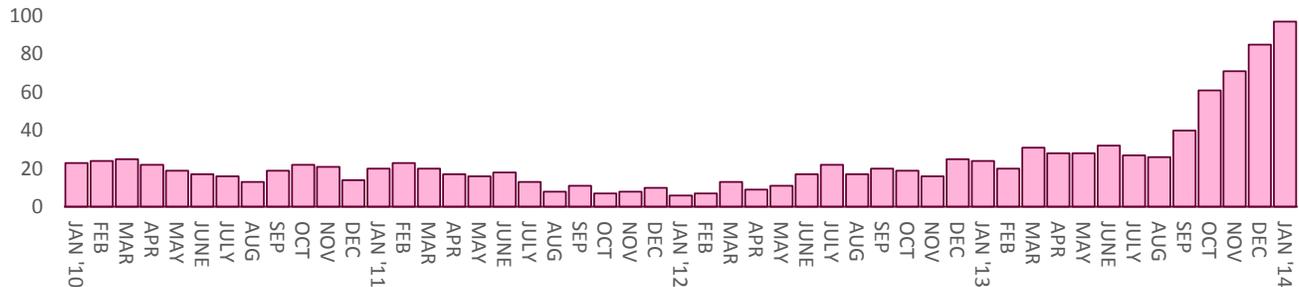
\* The DOC reports that 4 offenders were in the Rocky Hill Nursing Home on Jan.1, 2014.

This chart contains monthly operational data for December 2013 and daily counts reported on January 1, 2014. Figures followed by asterisks (\*) indicate the daily count on January 1st. Figures for the previous month are enclosed by parentheses.

<sup>1</sup>DOC facility reports indicate that 476 sentenced offenders discharged (EOS) from DOC facilities during the month.

Sources of the data: Arrests - OBTS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC

## Chart 2a –Population on Transitional Placement



Transitional Placement is a program that allows parole-ineligible offenders who would benefit from a period of structured supervision to be transferred to an approved private residence after satisfactory performance in a residential program. Offenders selected for Transitional Placement are approved at the discretion of the Commissioner of Correction or his designee.

As the prison population began to swell over expected levels during the spring of 2013, the DOC

began to investigate the options available for easing population pressures in the prisons. Since little could be done to move a large number of parole cases forward in the short term, Transitional Placement was identified as the means of moving many low-risk offenders out of halfway house beds, thus freeing up those fixed slots for appropriate offenders who were in prison. Between January 2012 and January 2014, the number of offenders on Transitional Placement grew from 6 to 97.

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

	2013	2013	2014	2013	% Change	
	Nov. 1	Dec.1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Monthly	Annual
<b>DOC Facilities</b>						
Federal/Other	185	178	164	164	-7.9%	0.0%
Sentenced	12,700	12,557	12,417	12,104	-1.1%	2.6%
Special Parole	400	392	399	382	1.8%	4.5%
Pre-trial	3,818	3,659	3,614	3,697	-1.2%	-2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,103</b>	<b>16,786</b>	<b>16,594</b>	<b>16,347</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>DOC Community</b>						
Transfer Parole	4	3	2	7	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	1,092	1,090	1,077	1,315	-1.2%	-18.1%
Parole	927	930	914	1,150	-1.7%	-20.5%
Parcom @ CT	165	160	163	165	1.9%	-1.2%
Furlough	24	16	14	18	-12.5%	-22.2%
Trans Placement	71	85	97	25	14.1%	288.0%
DUI/Home confine.	107	99	95	140	-4.0%	-32.1%
Halfway House Total	948	1,004	981	1,027	-2.3%	-4.5%
Comm Release	694	746	726	815	-2.7%	-10.9%
TS	32	29	27	10	-6.9%	170.0%
Parole	87	81	76	84	-6.2%	-9.5%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	135	148	152	118	2.7%	28.8%
TS Total	694	662	631	783	-4.7%	-19.4%
Nursing home	2	5	4	0	-	-
Special Parole	1,170	1,178	1,192	1,142	1.2%	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,112</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>4,093</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>

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

	2013	2013	2013	2012	% Change	
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Dec	Monthly	Annual
<b>Admissions</b>						
Federal/Other	122	111	94	75	-15.3%	25.3%
Returns	188	164	159	177	-3.0%	-10.2%
Trans.Parole / DUI	3	3	0	6	-	-
Parole	34	30	32	34	6.7%	-5.9%
Trans Plac/Furlough	5	4	1	1	-	-
HWH	41	42	29	45	-31.0%	-35.6%
TS	42	39	45	43	15.4%	4.7%
Special Parole	63	46	45	48	-2.2%	-6.3%
New Sentence	346	266	189	194	-28.9%	-2.6%
VOP	97	84	61	61	-27.4%	0.0%
Pre-trial	1,627	1,305	1,419	1,446	8.7%	-1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
<b>Releases</b>						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	1	-	-
Parole	109	105	98	114	-6.7%	-14.0%
Furlough	24	12	11	18	-8.3%	-38.9%
Trans. Placement	38	27	24	16	-11.1%	50.0%
Home Confinement DUI	33	23	35	35	52.2%	0.0%
HWH	147	211	129	187	-38.9%	-31.0%
TS	262	181	191	210	5.5%	-9.0%
Special Parole	103	98	80	66	-18.4%	21.2%
Nursing home	0	0	1	0	-	-
End of Sentence	810	839	779	862	-7.2%	-9.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>
<b>Pre-trial Releases*</b>						
No return from Court	701	561	567	556	1.1%	2.0%
Release to Bond	475	413	412	418	-0.2%	-1.4%

\* Totals reflect events not individuals.

**Board of Pardons and Paroles**

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

	Parole eligible	Not eligible
Oct.	8,418	859
Nov.	8,479	862
Dec.	8,459	859

**Table 4b – New Parole hearings**

	Hearings	Granted	Rate
Oct.	159	125	79%
Nov.	170	124	73%
Dec.	159	117	74%

**Table 4c – Other parole actions**

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
Oct.	40	11	70	10
Nov.	30	9	23	20
Dec.	46	11	64	12

**Pre-trial detainees**

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

Bond amount	Nov. 1, 2013	Dec. 1, 2013	Dec. 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2014
Less than \$20K	664	600	600	626
\$20K to < \$50K	630	621	621	637
\$50K to < \$100K	791	758	758	784
\$100K or higher	1,732	1,683	1,683	1,680
Over \$1M	208	208	208	214
<b>Offenders</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>3,727</b>

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

Weeks since last DOC admit	Oct. 1, 2013	Nov. 1, 2013	Dec. 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2014
< 1 week	498	420	454	297
1 to < 3 weeks	476	395	384	421
3 to < 10 weeks	1,087	1,023	902	950
10 to < 30 weeks	1,148	1,179	1,106	1187
30 wks or more	824	805	820	872
	4,033	3,822	3,666	3727

**Court Support Services Division**

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

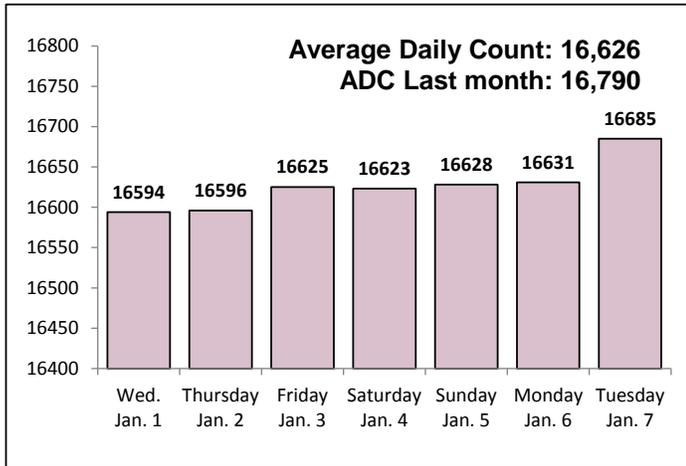
	Offenders interviewed	Offenders released	Releases last year
Oct.	1,864	1,081	659
Nov.	1,457	917	807
Dec.	1,521	907	878

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

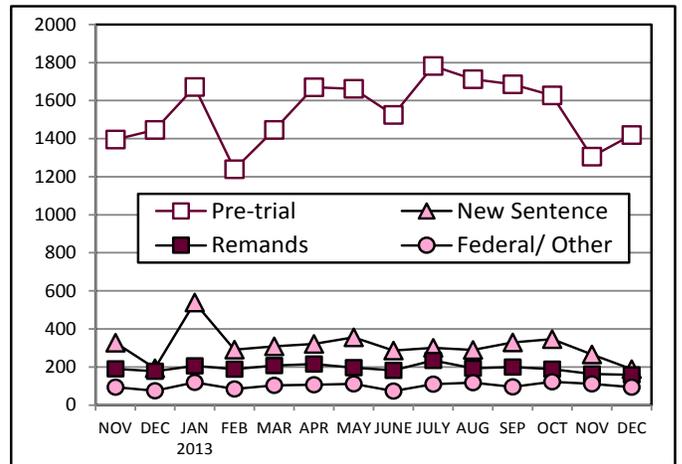
	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
Oct.	2,652	2,532	398
Nov.	2,218	2,204	408
Dec.	2,280	2,135	403

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

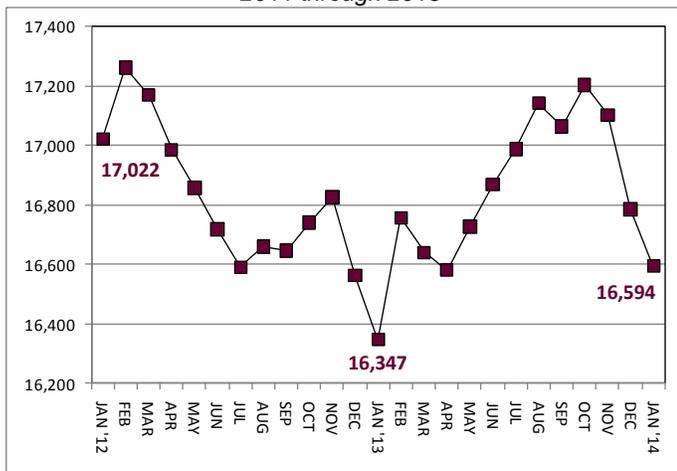
**Chart 3 – Prison Population**  
January 1, 2014 to January 7, 2014



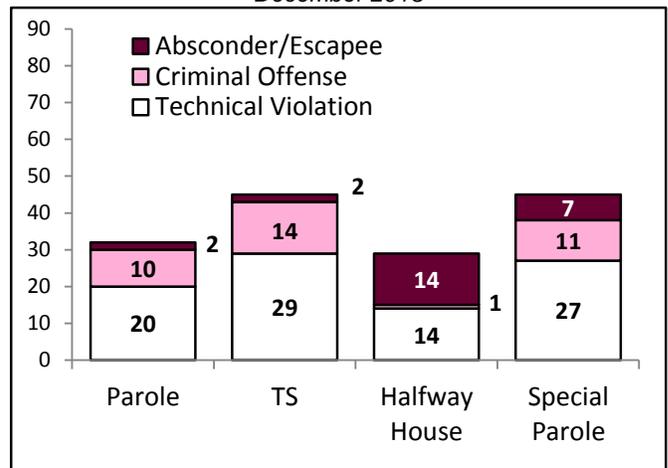
**Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions**  
November 2012 through December 2013



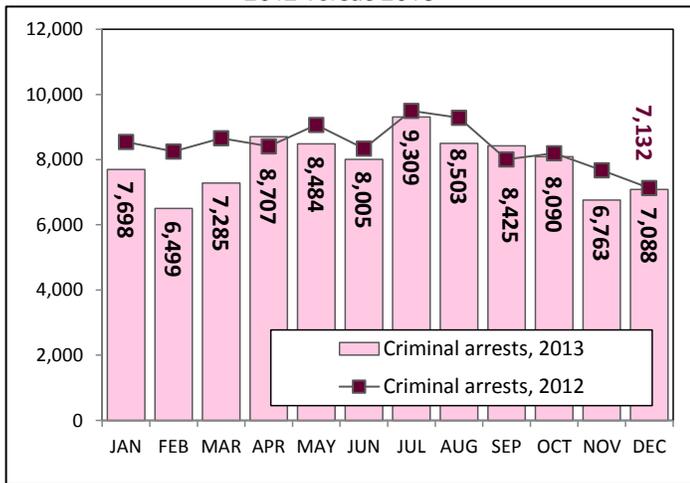
**Chart 4 – Prison Population, first-of-month**  
2011 through 2013



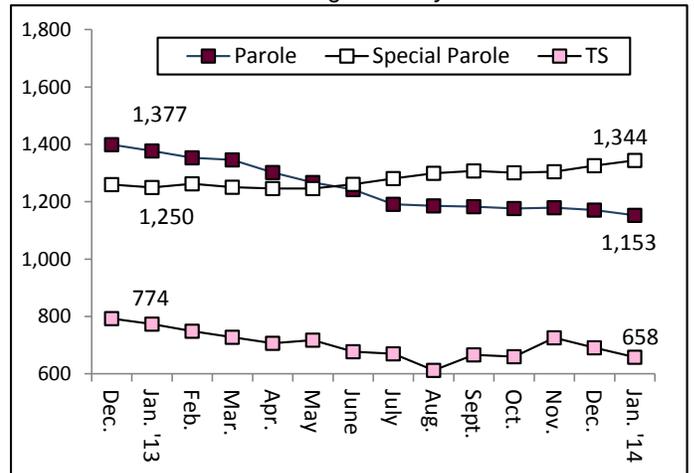
**Chart 7– Remands from Community Release**  
December 2013



**Chart 5 – Monthly Statewide Criminal Arrests**  
2012 versus 2013



**Chart 8 – DOC Community Supervision**  
December 2012 through January 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.