

# OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

# Monthly Indicators Report

## Highlights

- On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 16,551 prisoners were incarcerated in state prison facilities. Last year on the first, there were 16,988 prisoners in Connecticut prisons.
- Chart 3 illustrates how the prison population can fluctuate during the course of a single week. Between July 1 and July 7, the prison population fell by almost 100 inmates. To lessen the effect of this type of volatility, OPM relies on Average Daily Count (ADC) of inmates during the first week of the month in its prison population projections.
- The number of incarcerated offenders between the ages of 18 and 21 fell by 43.5% between 2009 and 2014 (see chart 2a). During the same period, the total prison population declined by only 12.4%.
- During June, the number of parole hearings and the number of parole cases that were granted parole increased significantly compared to May. Although these were positive developments, last month's figures still lagged the June totals for 2012 and 2013 (see table 4b).
- The number of offenders residing in halfway houses has declined 8.0% since last year (see table 2). At the same time, the number of offenders released to halfway houses had remained constant (see Table 3). At this time it is not clear whether this reflects shorter average stays or better utilization of the residential bed network.

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## Prison Population Forecast

The prison population continues to track below the levels that were projected by OPM in February.

Over the last 24 years, Connecticut's prison population has expanded 16 times during the month of June. As a result, OPM projections for the month generally tilt toward moderate growth. This paper often reminds readers of that seasonal rhythms affect the size of the prison population.

As the summer months advance, statewide arrests generally increase and more people are admitted to prison as pre-trial detainees. A substantial percentage of these detainees are unable to meet the requirements for bond and, as a result, remain in prison

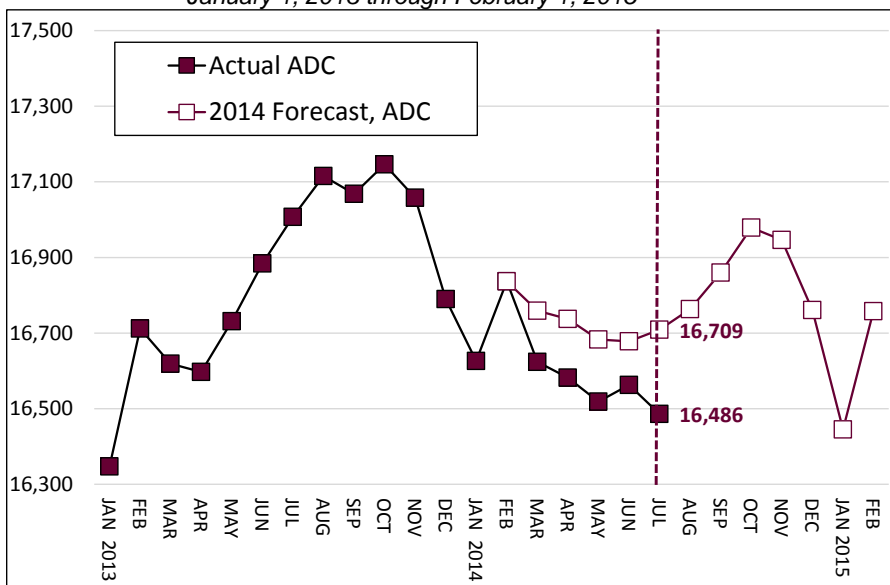
until their cases are resolved. Over the course of the summer and early fall, these unbonded prisoners exert a cumulative impact on the prison system, driving up the prison population by several hundred inmates. Although the system is adaptable and bed capacity can be flexed, the potential for overcrowding is always a concern.

**TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast**

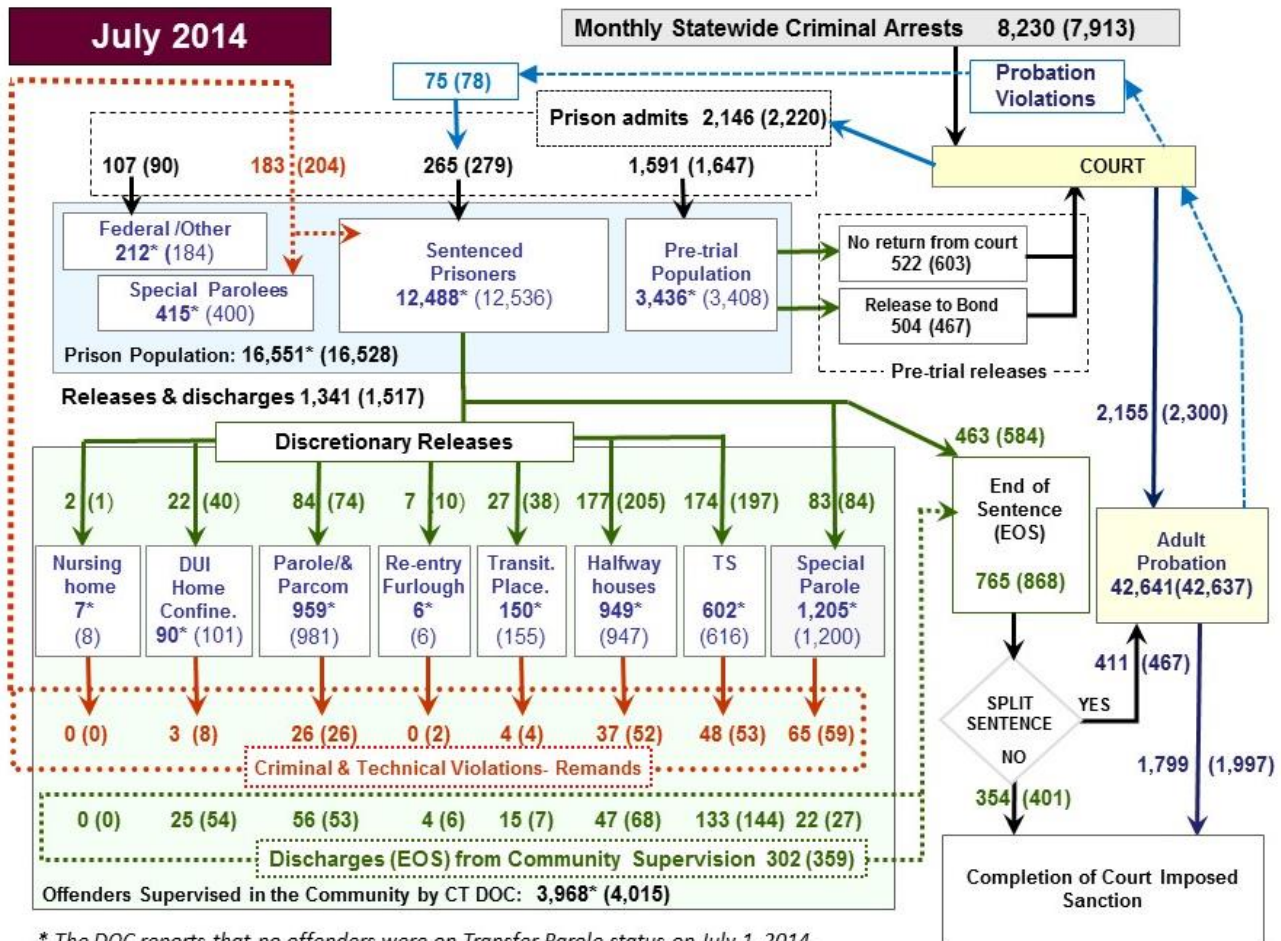
	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2014 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '14	16,347	-	-
FEB	16,839	16,839	
MAR	16,624	16,759	135
APR	16,582	16,737	155
MAY	16,519	16,683	164
JUN	16,563	16,678	115
JUL	16,486	16,709	223
AUG	-	16,763	
SEP	-	16,860	
OCT	-	16,979	
NOV	-	16,946	
DEC	-	16,761	
JAN '15	-	16,445	
FEB	-	16,758	

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

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



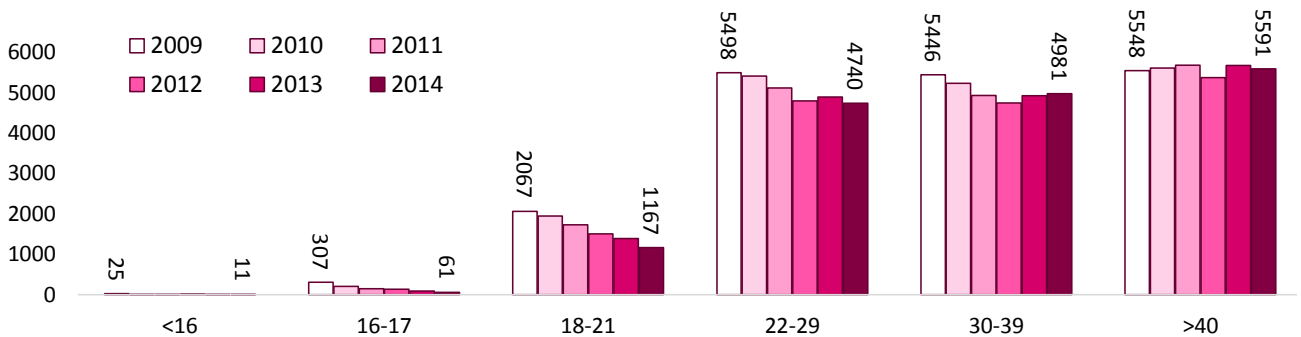
## Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows



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

Chart 2 contains monthly, operational data for June 2014 and daily counts reported on July 1, 2014. Figures followed by asterisks (\*) indicate the daily count on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Figures enclosed by parentheses are last month's count. Sources: Arrests - OBTS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC.

## Chart 2a – Age ranges of offenders incarcerated in CT, 2009 through 2014



The state's prison population is aging. Between July 1, 2009 and July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, the prison population declined by 12.4%, from 18,891 to 16,551. During this same period, the number of inmates aged 18-to-21 dropped by 43.5% and the number of 16- and 17-year olds in prison – the group most impacted by raise the age legislation – fell by 80.1%.

While the number of prisoners aged 40 or older has remained relatively constant - as a percentage of the total prison population - this group increased from 29% of all inmates to 34% since 2009. Since younger offenders generally recidivate at higher rates than older ones, this development may have contributed to the moderate reductions in prisoner recidivism rates we have witnessed in recent years.

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

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	May 1	June 1	July 1	July 1	Monthly	Annual
<b>DOC Facilities</b>						
Federal/Other	172	184	212	183	15.2%	15.8%
Sentenced	12,631	12,536	12,488	12,564	-0.4%	-0.6%
Special Parole	399	400	415	391	3.8%	6.1%
Pre-trial	3,339	3,408	3,436	3,850	0.8%	-10.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,541</b>	<b>16,528</b>	<b>16,551</b>	<b>16,988</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<b>DOC Community</b>						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	7	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	995	981	959	1,107	-2.2%	-13.4%
Parole	830	816	796	940	-2.5%	-15.3%
Parcom @ CT	165	165	163	167	-1.2%	-2.4%
Furlough	4	6	6	13	0.0%	-53.8%
Trans Placement	138	155	150	27	-3.2%	455.6%
DUI/Home confine.	126	101	90	102	-10.9%	-11.8%
Halfway House Total	968	947	949	1,032	0.2%	-8.0%
Comm Release	691	687	697	771	1.5%	-9.6%
TS	33	25	25	15	0.0%	66.7%
Parole	70	69	68	84	-1.4%	-19.0%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	174	166	159	162	-4.2%	-1.9%
TS Total	615	616	602	655	-2.3%	-8.1%
Nursing home	8	8	7	1	-	-
Special Parole	1,193	1,200	1,205	1,119	0.4%	7.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,047</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>4,063</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

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

	2014	2014	2014	2013	% Change	
	Apr.	May	June	June	Monthly	Annual
<b>Admissions</b>						
Federal/Other	85	90	107	74	18.9%	44.6%
Remands	189	204	183	183	-10.3%	0.0%
Trans.Parole / DUI	4	8	3	2	-	-
Parole	36	26	26	38	0.0%	-31.6%
Trans Plac/Furlough	8	6	4	2	-	-
HWH	43	52	37	52	-28.8%	-28.8%
TS	44	53	48	36	-9.4%	33.3%
Special Parole	54	59	65	53	10.2%	22.6%
New Sentence	314	279	265	287	-5.0%	-7.7%
VOP	104	78	75	74	-3.8%	1.4%
Pre-trial	1,487	1,647	1,591	1,525	-3.4%	4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>2,220</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>Releases and discharges</b>						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	1	-	-
Parole	98	74	84	80	13.5%	5.0%
Furlough	5	10	7	9	-30.0%	-22.2%
Trans. Placement	38	38	27	8	-28.9%	237.5%
Home Confinement DUI	46	40	22	21	-45.0%	4.8%
HWH	171	205	177	173	-13.7%	2.3%
TS	208	197	174	178	-11.7%	-2.2%
Special Parole	85	84	83	88	-1.2%	-5.7%
Nursing home	2	1	2	1	-	-
End of Sentence	798	868	765	784	-11.9%	-2.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
<b>Pre-trial Releases*</b>						
No return from Court	529	603	552	485	-8.5%	13.8%
Release to Bond	444	467	504	419	7.9%	20.3%

\* Totals reflect events not individuals.

**Board of Pardons and Paroles**

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

	Parole-eligible	Not eligible
May	8,505	863
June	8,521	865
July	8,443	866

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

	2014			Paroles granted, 2013	Paroles granted, 2012
	Parole Hearings	Paroles granted	Grant rate		
Apr.	121	73	60%	113	162
May	111	73	66%	149	150
June	136	98	72%	133	155

**Table 4c – Other parole actions**

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
Apr.	40	6	117	40
May	50	8	25	37
June	44	4	21	38

**Pre-trial detainees**

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

Bond amount	Apr. 1, 2014	May 1, 2014	June 1, 2014	July 1, 2014
Less than \$20K	574	599	646	611
\$20K to < \$50K	552	555	591	616
\$50K to < \$100K	716	711	695	719
\$100K or higher	1602	1545	1508	1483
Over \$1M	209	203	196	192
Offenders w/bonds	3,444	3,410	3,440	3,429

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

Weeks since last DOC admit	Apr. 1, 2014	May 1, 2014	June 1, 2014	July 1, 2014
< 1 week	453	446	550	412
1 to < 3 weeks	400	403	414	402
3 to < 10 weeks	806	856	884	953
10 to < 30 weeks	950	904	858	933
30 wks or more	835	801	738	730
Pre-trial prisoners	3,444	3,410	3,444	3,430

**Court Support Services Division**

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

	Offenders interviewed	Offenders released	Releases last year
Apr.	1,474	761	970
May	1,613	827	942
June	1,626	841	848

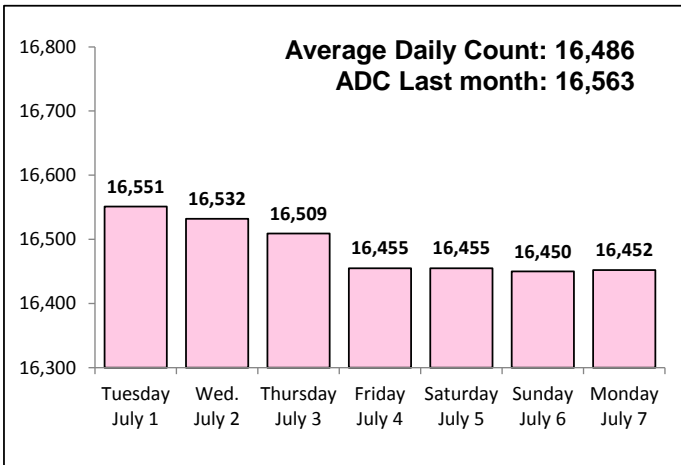
**Table 7 – Pre-Trial & split-sentence starts**

	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
April	2,479	2,301	393
May	2,624	2,300	467
June	2,491	2,155	411

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

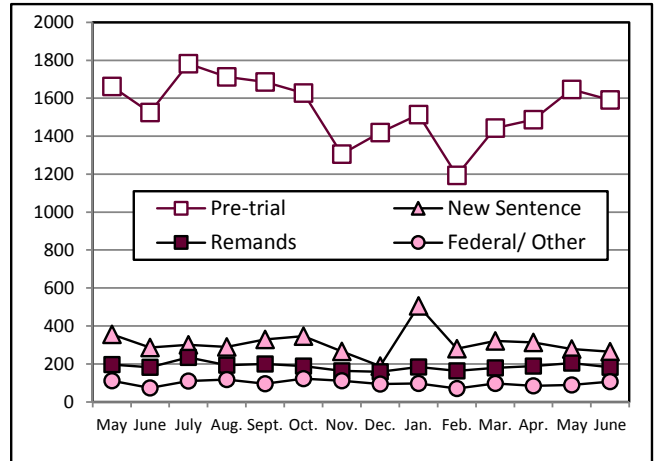
**Chart 3 – Prison population**

July 1, 2014 to July 7, 2014



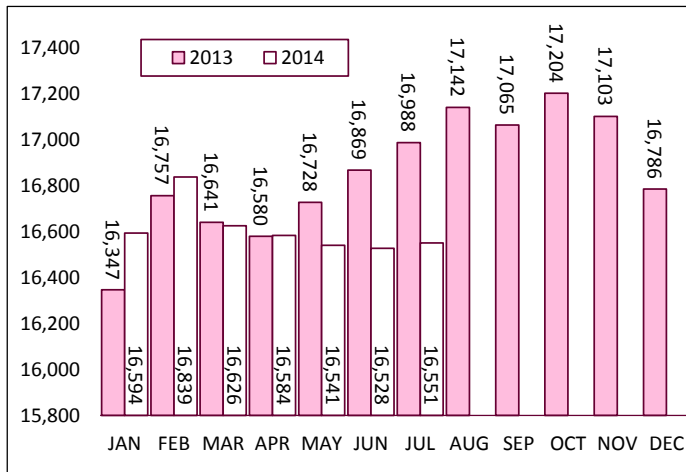
**Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions**

May 2013 through June 2014



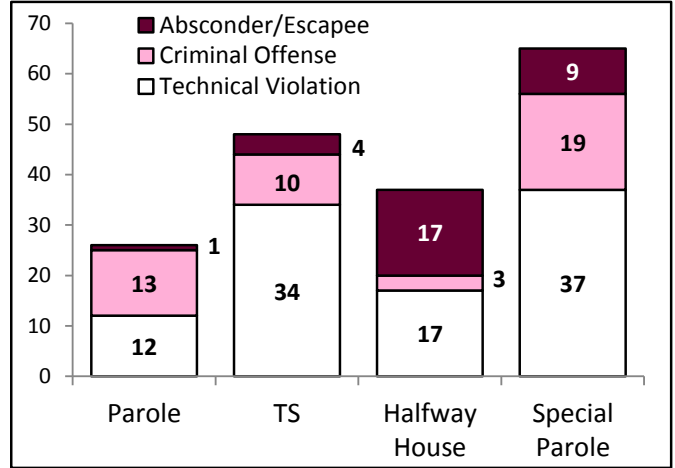
**Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month**

2013 and 2014



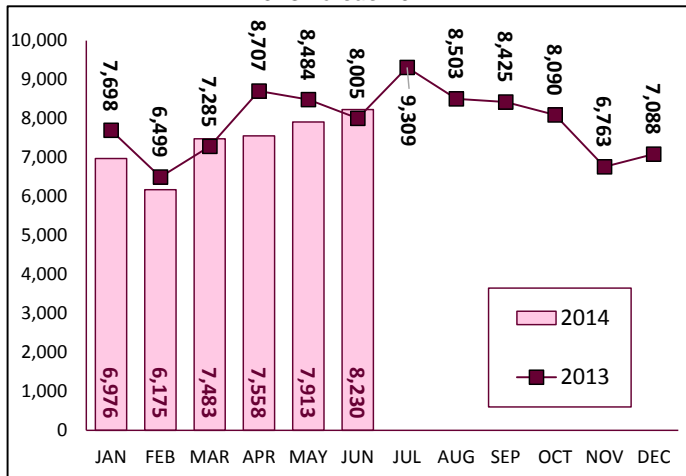
**Chart 7– Remands from community release**

June 2014



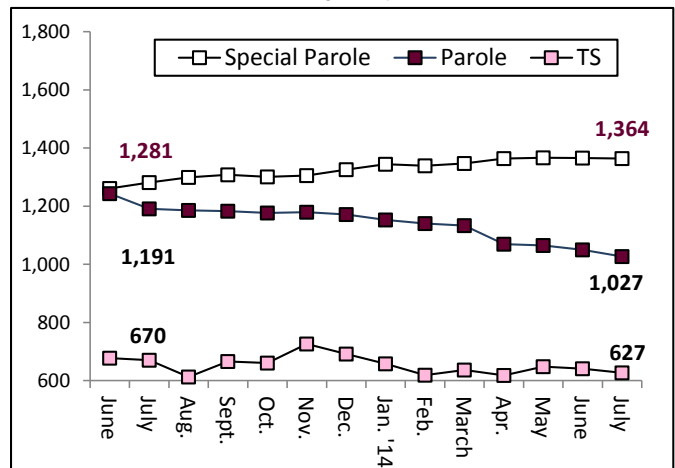
**Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests**

2013 versus 2014



**Chart 8 – DOC community supervision**

June 1, 2013 through July 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.