OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division
Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- The prison population was stable during August. On September 1st, 16,577 people were incarcerated in Connecticut. A month earlier, there were 16,569 prisoners in state prison facilities.

- Effective August 29th, James Dzurenda stepped down as Commissioner of the CT DOC to accept a position as First Deputy Commissioner at the DOC for the City of New York. He held the position for less than one year. Governor Malloy appointed Deputy Commissioner Scott Semple to lead the Department on an interim basis. Semple served as Warden at Garner CI, in Newtown, from 2009 to 2013.

- The volume of pre-trial offenders entering prison during the summer months has been trending downward in recent years (see chart 2a). Monthly statewide arrests have declined even more during the same period.

- The number of parole hearings continued to edge up this month. The number of offenders who were granted parole dates also increased during August although not to the levels witnessed in 2012 (see table 4b).

- The adult probation caseloads have been falling. Last month 42,137 people were on adult probation supervision. A year ago, in August, the number was 44,533. In 2012, there were 47,750 adult probationers in the state.

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Prison Population Forecast

The prison population was expected to jump during August. Instead, it remain relatively flat. Total admissions to prison were down 7.5% compared to August last year (see table3). It is not clear why.

At this point, it would not seem unreseaonable to estimate the end-of-the-year prison population dropping to somewhere in the region of 16,100 to 16,200. That said, the behavior of prison population trends in recent years have helped to illustrate that accurate forecasting is as much the product of good luck as of science.

The Research Unit at OPM is expanding. A by-product of this expansion will be an effort to develop a more accurate predective model of the prison system. From Chart 2, one can get a sense that the state's criminal justice system, including its prisons, is a multi-legged creature with many moving parts. The ability to develop better reporting and more-granular insight into operations should hopefully result in better system-wide modeling in the near future.

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	-	16,979	
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
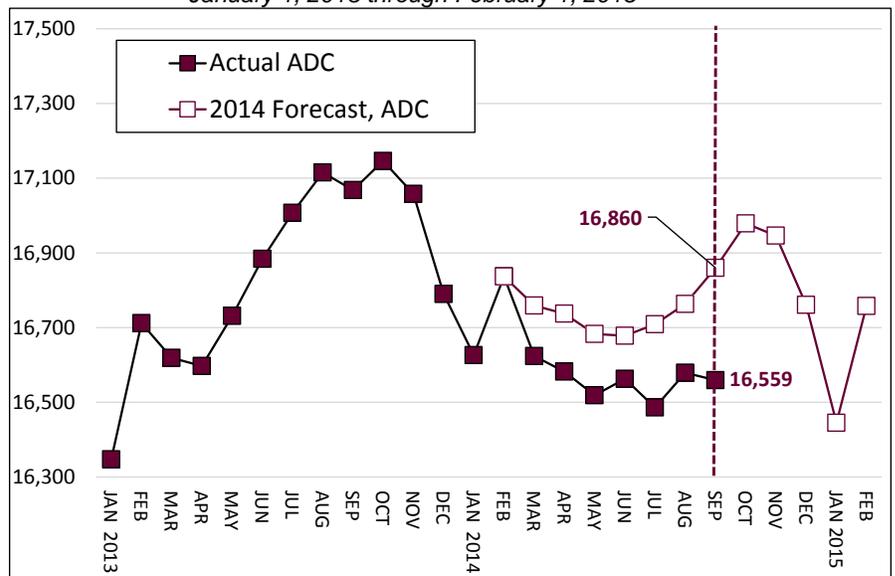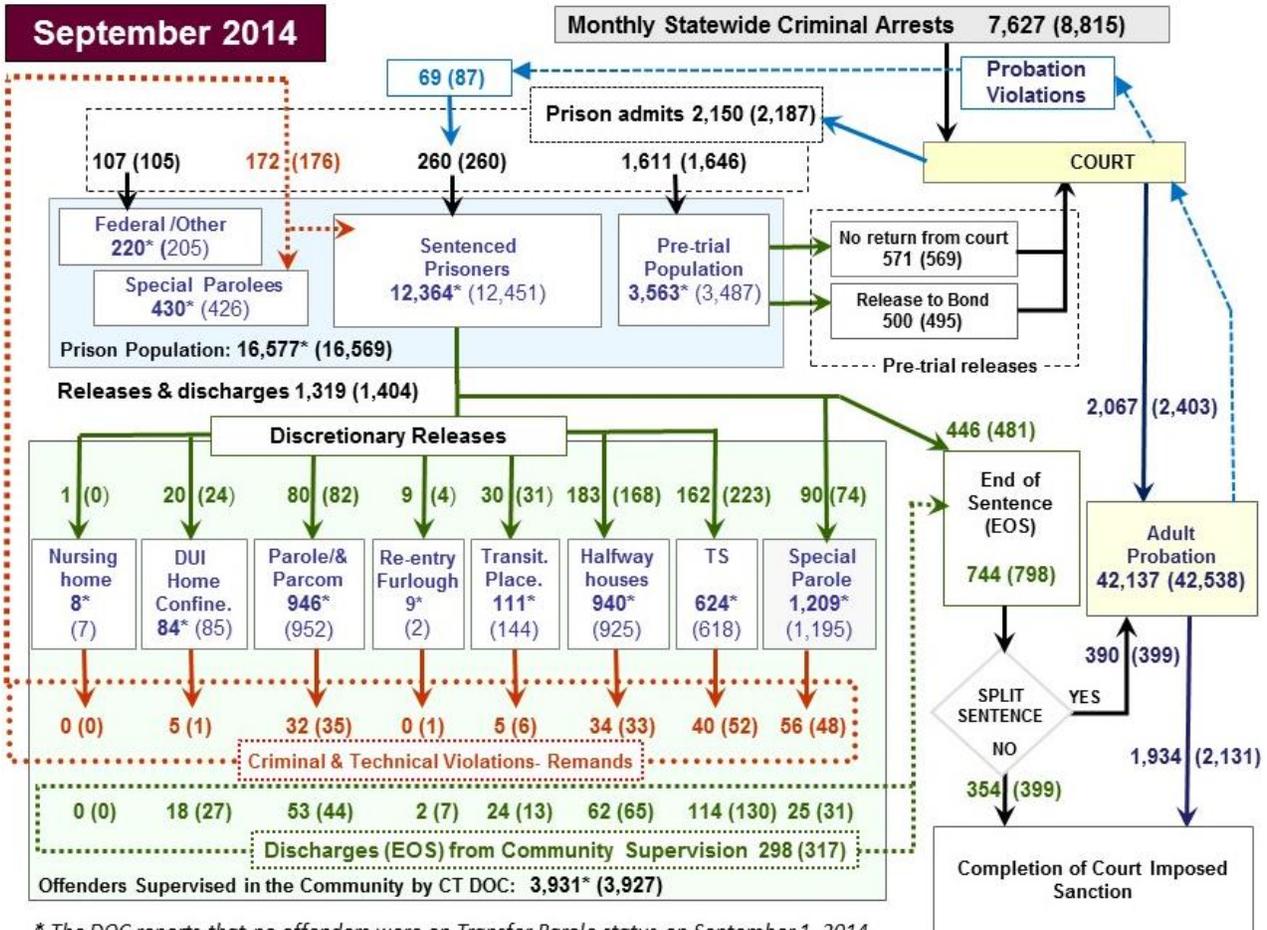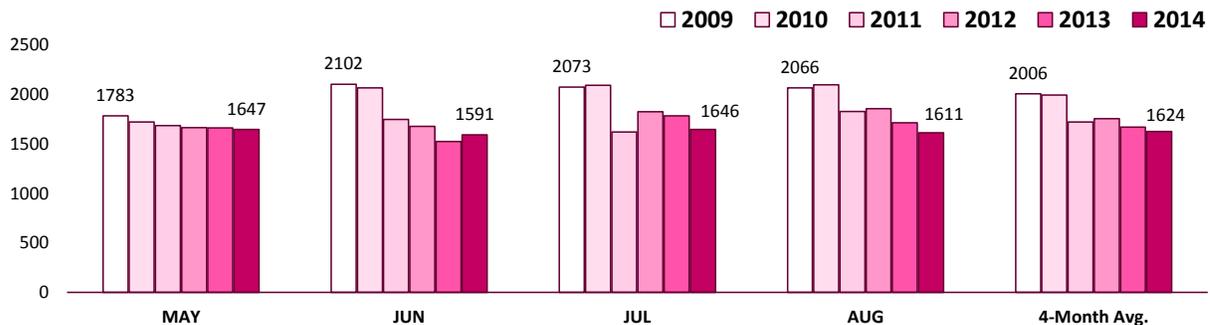*January 1, 2013 through February 1, 2015*

Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows

September 2014

Monthly Statewide Criminal Arrests 7,627 (8,815)

Probation Violations

69 (87)

Prison admits 2,150 (2,187)

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107 (105)   172 (176)   260 (260)   1,611 (1,646)

Federal /Other
220* (205)

Sentenced Prisoners
12,364* (12,451)

Pre-trial Population
3,563* (3,487)

No return from court
571 (569)

Release to Bond
500 (495)

Special Parolees
430* (426)

Prison Population: 16,577* (16,569)

Pre-trial releases

2,067 (2,403)

Releases & discharges 1,319 (1,404)

Discretionary Releases

446 (481)

End of Sentence (EOS)

744 (798)

Adult Probation
42,137 (42,538)

1 (0)	20 (24)	80 (82)	9 (4)	30 (31)	183 (168)	162 (223)	90 (74)
Nursing home 8* (7)	DUI Home Confine. 84* (85)	Parole/& Parcom 946* (952)	Re-entry Furlough 9* (2)	Transit. Place. 111* (144)	Halfway houses 940* (925)	TS 624* (618)	Special Parole 1,209* (1,195)
0 (0)	5 (1)	32 (35)	0 (1)	5 (6)	34 (33)	40 (52)	56 (48)

SPLIT SENTENCE   YES 390 (399)

NO

354 (399)

1,934 (2,131)

Criminal & Technical Violations- Remands

| 0 (0) | 18 (27) | 53 (44) | 2 (7) | 24 (13) | 62 (65) | 114 (130) | 25 (31) |

Discharges (EOS) from Community Supervision 298 (317)

Completion of Court Imposed Sanction

Offenders Supervised in the Community by CT DOC: 3,931* (3,927)

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

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

Chart 2a – Trends in summertime pre-trial prison admissions, 2009 - 2014

Legend: ☐ 2009 ☐ 2010 ☐ 2011 ☐ 2012 ▨ 2013 ▧ 2014

	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	4-Month Avg.
2009	1783	2102	2073	2066	2006
2014	1647	1591	1646	1611	1624

Pre-trial prison admissions during the months of May through August have fallen off in recent years. In 2009, approximately 2,000 pre-trial offenders were admitted to prison each month between May 1st and September 1st. This year, the average number of admissions was 1,624, a 19.1% decline.

The reasons for this development are not immediately apparent although the trend itself may help to explain why the prison population has not grown at the rate OPM forecast in February.

Coincidentally, perhaps, statewide criminal arrests during the same four-month period declined as well. In 2009, police agencies in the State reported 44,941 criminal arrests. During the same period in 2014, they reported only 32,585 arrests, a 27.5% drop.

The historical data reveals a useful rule-of-thumb relationship between criminal arrests and pre-trial admits. In a typical month, one DOC pre-trial admit is clocked for every five criminal arrests reported.

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

	2014 July 1	2014 Aug. 1	2014 Sept. 1	2013 Sept. 1	% Change Monthly	% Change Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	212	205	220	220	7.3%	0.0%
Sentenced	12,488	12,451	12,364	12,512	-0.7%	-1.2%
Special Parole	415	426	430	391	0.9%	10.0%
Pre-trial	3,436	3,487	3,563	3,942	2.2%	-9.6%
Total	**16,551**	**16,569**	**16,577**	**17,065**	**0.0%**	**-2.9%**
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	7	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	959	951	946	1,081	-0.5%	-12.5%
Parole	796	789	785	919	-0.5%	-14.6%
Parcom @ CT	163	162	161	162	-0.6%	-0.6%
Furlough	6	2	9	17	-	-
Trans Placement	150	144	111	40	-22.9%	177.5%
DUI/Home confine.	90	85	84	99	-1.2%	-15.2%
Halfway House Total	949	925	940	1,052	1.6%	-10.6%
Comm Release	697	683	706	766	3.4%	-7.8%
TS	25	36	31	29	-13.9%	6.9%
Parole	68	55	53	102	-3.6%	-48.0%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	159	151	150	155	-0.7%	-3.2%
TS Total	602	618	624	637	1.0%	-2.0%
Nursing home	7	7	8	2	-	-
Special Parole	1,205	1,195	1,209	1,153	1.2%	4.9%
Total	**3,968**	**3,927**	**3,931**	**4,088**	**0.1%**	**-3.8%**

Table 3 – Admissions, releases & discharges*

	2014 June	2014 July	2014 August	2013 August	% Change Monthly	% Change Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	107	105	107	118	1.9%	-9.3%
Remands	183	176	172	194	-2.3%	-11.3%
Trans.Parole / DUI	3	1	5	7	-	-
Parole	26	35	32	35	-8.6%	-8.6%
Trans Plac/Furlough	4	7	5	2	-	-
HWH	37	33	34	46	3.0%	-26.1%
TS	48	52	40	43	-23.1%	-7.0%
Special Parole	65	48	56	61	16.7%	-8.2%
New Sentence	265	260	260	290	0.0%	-10.3%
VOP	75	87	69	86	-20.7%	-19.8%
Pre-trial	1,591	1,646	1,611	1,712	-2.1%	-5.9%
Total	**2,146**	**2,187**	**2,150**	**2,314**	**-1.7%**	**-7.1%**
Releases and discharges						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Parole	84	82	80	134	-2.4%	-40.3%
Furlough	7	4	9	9	125.0%	0.0%
Trans. Placement	27	31	30	20	-3.2%	50.0%
Home Confinement DUI	22	24	20	37	-16.7%	-45.9%
HWH	177	168	183	215	8.9%	-14.9%
TS	174	223	162	241	-27.4%	-32.8%
Special Parole	83	74	90	87	21.6%	3.4%
Nursing home	2	0	1	0	-	-
End of Sentence	765	798	744	834	-6.8%	-10.8%
Total	**1,341**	**1,404**	**1,319**	**1,577**	**-6.1%**	**-16.4%**
Pre-trial Releases*						
No return from Court	552	569	571	665	0.4%	-14.1%
Release to Bond	504	495	500	429	1.0%	16.6%

* Totals reflect events not individuals.

Board of Pardons and Paroles

Table 4a – Inmates with sentences > 24 months

	Parole-eligible	Not eligible
July	8,443	866
August	8,422	864
Sept	8,337	859

Table 4b – Parole hearings, new cases

	Parole Hearings	Paroles granted, 2014	Grant rate	Paroles granted, 2013	Paroles granted, 2012
June	136	98	72%	133	155
July	167	125	75%	106	149
Aug	186	141	76%	124	151

Table 4c – Other parole actions

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
June	44	4	21	38
July	45	4	25	31
August	25	7	53	42

Pre-trial detainees

Table 5 – Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

Bond amount	July 1, 2014	Aug. 1, 2014	Sept. 1, 2014	Sept. 1, 2013
Less than $20K	611	687	687	713
$20K to < $50K	616	653	658	665
$50K to <$100K	719	740	729	854
$100K or higher	1,483	1,501	1511	1,768
Over $1M	192	193	188	211
Offenders w/bonds	3,429	3,581	3585	4,000

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

Weeks since last DOC admit	July 1, 2014	Aug. 1, 2014	Sept. 1, 2014	Sept. 1, 2013
< 1 week	412	527	511	537
1 to < 3 weeks	402	440	412	487
3 to < 10 weeks	953	936	1,005	1,012
10 to < 30 weeks	933	977	953	1,146
30 wks or more	730	701	707	818
Pre-trial prisoners	3,430	3,581	3,588	4,000

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 – The Jail Re-interview Program

	Offenders interviewed	Offenders released	Releases last year
June	1,626	841	848
July	1,700	837	1,016
August	1,619	834	998

Table 7 – Pre-Trial & split-sentence starts

	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
June	2,491	2,155	411
July	2,713	2,403	399
August	2,620	2,067	390

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
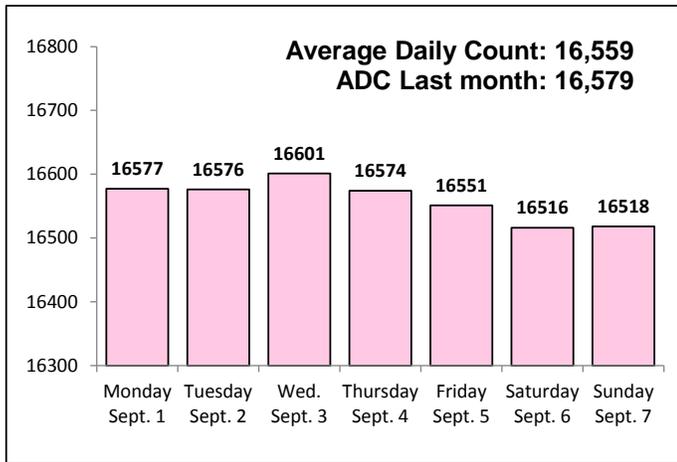*September 1, 2014 to September 7, 2014*

Average Daily Count: 16,559
ADC Last month: 16,579

Monday Sept. 1	Tuesday Sept. 2	Wed. Sept. 3	Thursday Sept. 4	Friday Sept. 5	Saturday Sept. 6	Sunday Sept. 7
16577	16576	16601	16574	16551	16516	16518

Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions
July 2013 through August 2014

Pre-trial, New Sentence, Remands, Federal/ Other
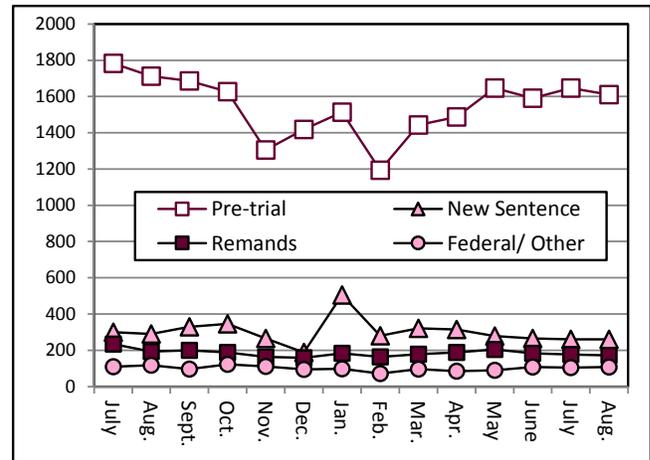
Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month
2013 and 2014

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2013	16,347	16,757	16,641	16,580	16,728	16,869	16,988	17,142	17,065	17,204	17,103	16,786
2014	16,594	16,839	16,626	16,584	16,541	16,528	16,551	16,569	16,577			
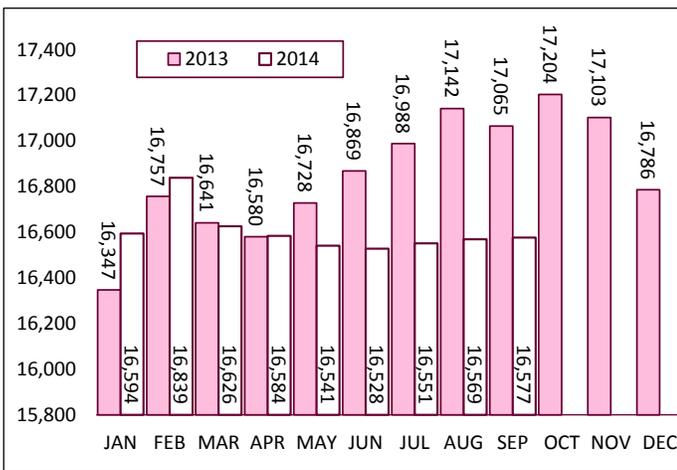
Chart 7– Remands from community release
August 2014

Absconder/Escapee, Criminal Offense, Technical Violation

	Parole	TS	Halfway House	Special Parole
Absconder/Escapee	7	4	8	6
Criminal Offense	14	8	6	18
Technical Violation	11	28	20	32
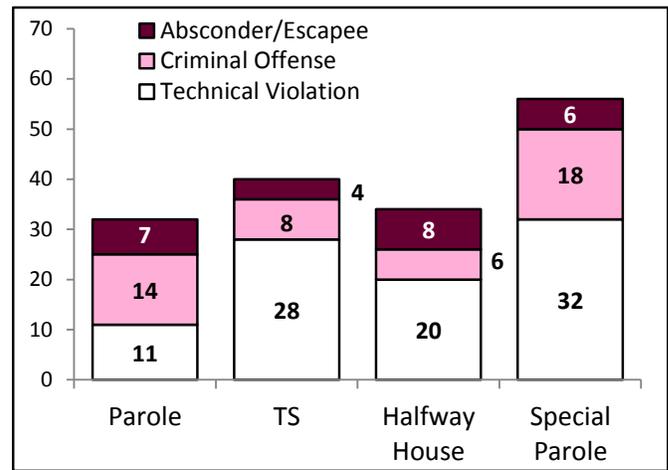
Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests
2013 versus 2014

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2013	7,698	6,499	7,285	8,707	8,484	8,005	9,309	8,503	8,425	8,090	6,763	7,088
2014	6,976	6,175	7,483	7,558	7,913	8,230	8,815	7,627				
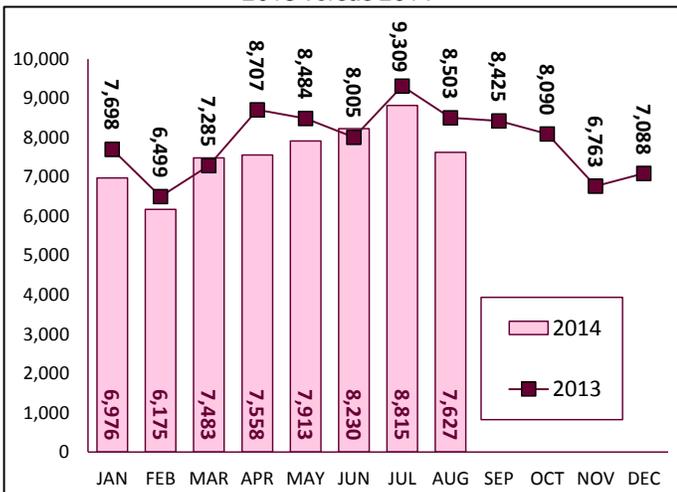
Chart 8 – DOC community supervision
August 1, 2013 through September 1, 2014

Special Parole, Parole, TS

1,308 ... 1,359
1,183 ... 999
666 ... 655
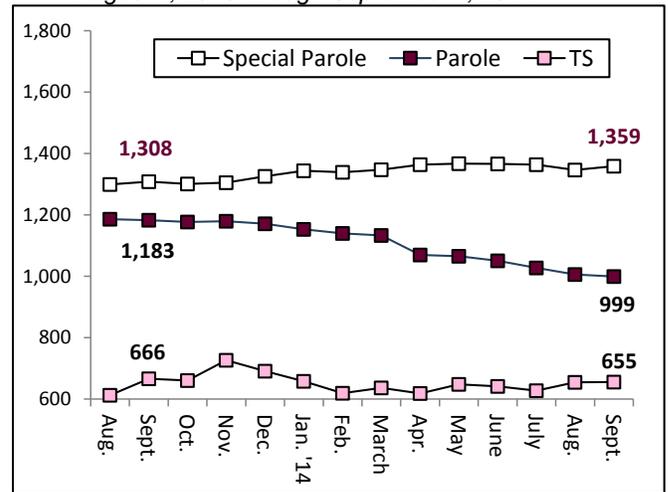
Note: Data for all charts, with the exception of Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 is based on new case starts in the state Offender-Based Tracking System (OBTS). Chart 8 includes offenders in halfway houses.