# OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division
# Monthly Indicators Report

## Highlights

- This month's total prison population is 9,648 inmates, a 3% decline from one month ago and a 26% drop from August 1st, 2019 (see Table 2)

- Statewide arrest totals, after initially dipping earlier in the year, have inched closer to prior year levels (Chart 5 on page 4).

- Month over month, pretrial admits increased in July but remain historically low, less than half of those in July 2019 (Table 2a on page 3).

- The drop in the pretrial population relative to July 2019 is more acute for people held on low bonds. The total pretrial population is down by 18% but most of that decline is among those held on bonds less than $50k and the largest decrease is among those on the lowest bonds, under $20k. (Table 5 on page 3).

- The number of parole hearings seems largely unaffected by the pandemic. The 131 full panel hearings held in July are nearly on par with 140 held in July 2019 (see Tables 4 and 4a on page 3). Meanwhile, transfer parole cases have come down from all-time highs in April and May but remain double or triple what they have been historically.

- Chart 2a graphs the dramatic decline in the number of inmates held on short sentences at the DOC. Since March of this year, the daily count of inmates held on sentences less than or equal to one year has fallen 77%, the fastest-shrinking segment of the inmate population since the pandemic began.

## Prison Population Forecast

The decline in the prison population softened in July, especially compared to prior months. The net drop seen during July (-263) was less than in March (-631), April (-848), May (-528) and June (-468). The inmate population has declined as a function of admits (see chart 6 on page 4) and releases from facilities depicted on chart 2 and table 2a on pages 2 and 3, respectively. As we will see, these two dyanamics are slowly shifting as the system responds to the pandemic.

Admissions, after falling to 355 (the lowest level ever recorded) in the month of April, have gradually increased each successive month since. Ticking up in May to 592 and 724 in July, more, albeit, many fewer admissions than would be expected, have contributed to the population falling less abruptly over the last few months.

Releases, particularly, discretionary releases bubbled up in April, reaching 522, but have fallen each month as fewer eligible candidates are available for review. The DOC managed to release 324 sentenced offenders in July (see chart 2 on page 2) despite a much smaller pool of sentenced inmates to draw from (also on chart 2). Further highlighting the change in the sentenced population, Chart 2a highlights the dramatic drop in the number of those held on short sentences.

| 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 | 9,644 | 12,074 | 2,430 |
| 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*

**Chart 1 – Actual prison population against the OPM forecasts**
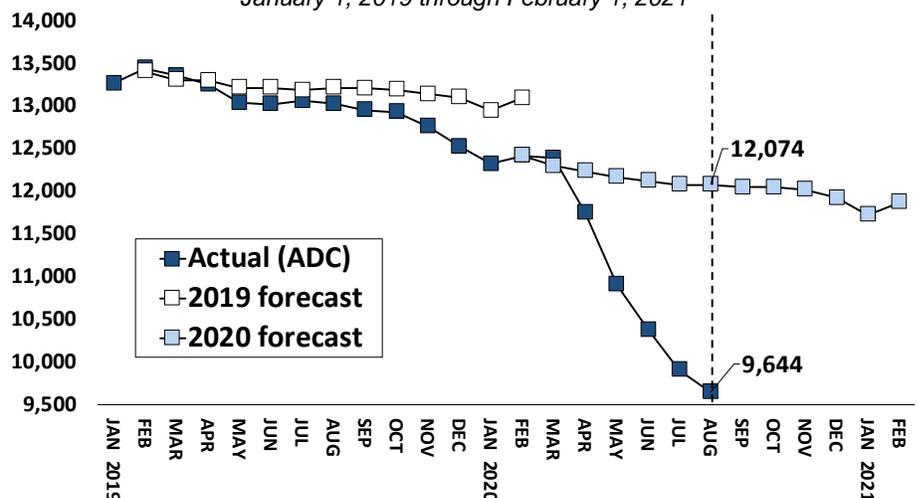*January 1, 2019 through February 1, 2021*

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

**August 1, 2020**

**Monthly Criminal Arrests 5,636 (5,349)**

**Prison admissions 724 (581)**

**THE COURTS**
**Arraignments 1,321 (1,038)**

17 (17)   90 (83)   7 (6)   610 (475)

**Federal /Other***
**127 (124)**

**Special Parolees***
**308 (312)**

**Sentenced Prisoners***
**6,660 (6,870)**

**Pre-trial Population***
**2,553 (2,640)**

**No return from court**
**71 (41)**

**Release to Bond**
**356 (311)**

**Probation Violations**

**Prison Population*: 9,648 (9,946)**    **DOC FACILITIES**

Pre-trial releases

184 (165)

Releases & discharges 825 (972)

**Discretionary Releases from Prison 324 (451)**    83 (77)

**Adult Probation**
**35,857 (35,857)**

0 (0)   4 (4)   24 (42)   66 (82)   45 (67)   21 (25)   97 (135)   67 (96)

160 (114)

243 (272)

| Nursing home 4 (4) | DUI Home Confine.* 67 (81) | Trans. parole* 169 (167) | Parole/& Parcom* 962 (953) | ReF.* 91 (102) | Trans. Place* 91 (96) | HWH* 872 (864) | TS* 501 (541) | Special Parole* 2,142 (2,150) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**End of Sentence (EOS)**
**414 (440)**

0 (0)   1 (2)   4 (3)   15 (9)   0 (2)   0 (1)   16 (17)   11 (13)   43 (36)

**Total remands to prison: 90 (83)**

**SPLIT SENTENCE?**
YES

NO

171 (268)   1,275 (1,091)

0 (0)   13 (31)   0 (0)   41 (54)   2 (3)   24 (23)   29 (44)   109 (104)   36 (67)

**Discharges (EOS) from Community Supervision 254 (326)**

**Completion of Court Imposed Sanction**

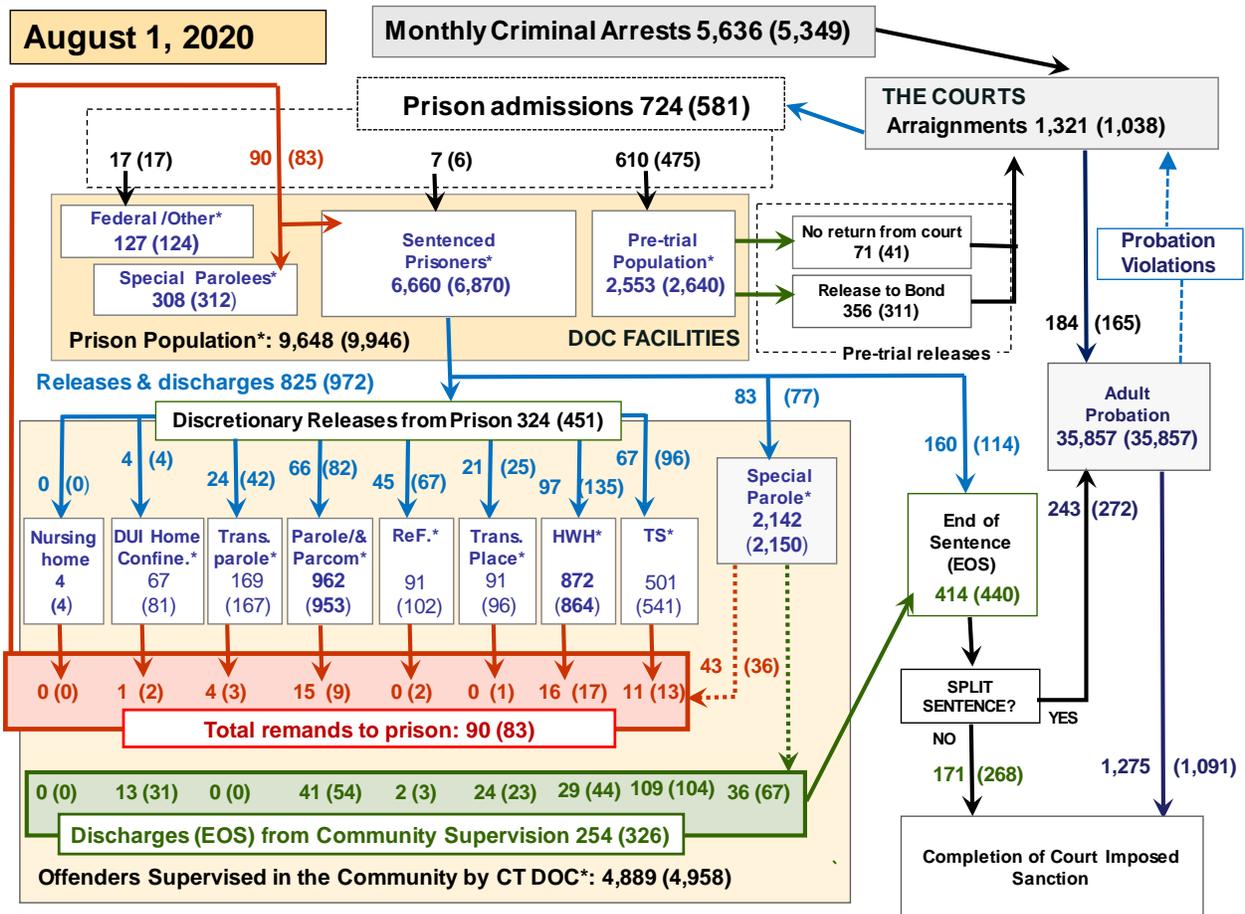**Offenders Supervised in the Community by CT DOC*: 4,889 (4,958)**

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

## Chart 2a – People in DOC with short sentences decreased by 77%



2018, 1,113
2019, 1,043
2020, 229

Legend: 2018 (dotted), 2019 (dashed), 2020 (solid)
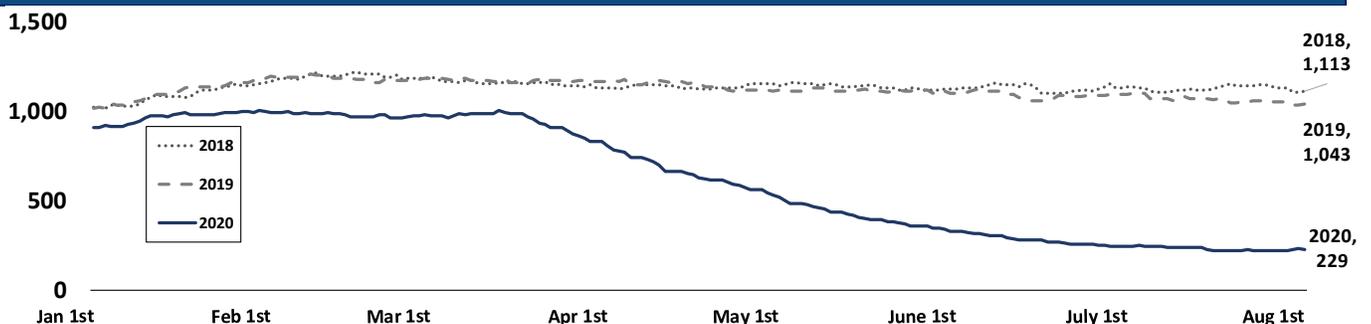
Interrupting historical trends, the number of sentenced inmates held at the DOC on sentences of one year or less, has declined significantly in recent months. The chart above tracks the daily count of this subset of the inmate population from January 1 to August 1 in 2018, 2019 and 2020. In 2018 and 2019, the lines change little except for typical, seasonal fluctuations.

A break happened in March 2020. Since then, inmates serving one year or less has fallen 77%, from 1,002 to 229. This group accounts for a disproportionately large fraction of the overall decline seen in the inmate count since the onset of the COVID-19 public-health emergency. Although it was only 8% of the inmate population in mid-March, its contraction accounts for 28% of the overall reduction in the population between March 1 and August 1.

One impact of this contraction is evident in table 3 on the next page, as the DOC's CRU relies on this churning, pool of offenders for cases to review.

## Table 2 - First-of-month totals

| | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2019 | % Change | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | June 1 | July 1 | Aug. 1 | Aug. 1 | Monthly | Annual |
| **DOC Facilities** | | | | | | |
| Federal/Other | 115 | 124 | 127 | 157 | 2.4% | -19.1% |
| Sentenced | 7,347 | 6,870 | 6,660 | 9,366 | -3.1% | -28.9% |
| Special Parole | 315 | 312 | 308 | 371 | -1.3% | -17.0% |
| Pre-trial | 2,668 | 2,640 | 2,553 | 3,141 | -3.3% | -18.7% |
| **Total** | **10,445** | **9,946** | **9,648** | **13,035** | **-3.0%** | **-26.0%** |
| **DOC Community** | | | | | | |
| Transfer Parole | 147 | 167 | 169 | 41 | 1.2% | 312.2% |
| Parole/ Parcom Total | 936 | 953 | 962 | 959 | 0.9% | 0.3% |
| Parole | 778 | 788 | 789 | 797 | 0.1% | -1.0% |
| Parcom @ CT | 158 | 167 | 173 | 162 | 3.6% | 6.8% |
| Furlough | 105 | 102 | 91 | 25 | -10.8% | 264.0% |
| Trans Placement | 96 | 96 | 91 | 59 | -5.2% | 54.2% |
| DUI/Home confine. | 115 | 81 | 67 | 92 | -17.3% | -27.2% |
| Halfway House Total | 843 | 864 | 872 | 1,087 | 0.9% | -19.8% |
| Comm Release | 418 | 430 | 428 | 472 | -0.5% | -9.3% |
| TS | 1 | 23 | 21 | 35 | -8.7% | -40.0% |
| Parole | 124 | 135 | 131 | 164 | -3.0% | -20.1% |
| Transfer Parole | 20 | 26 | 28 | 2 | 7.7% | 1300.0% |
| Special Parole | 265 | 250 | 264 | 414 | 5.6% | -36.2% |
| TS | 559 | 541 | 501 | 406 | -7.4% | 23.4% |
| Nursing home | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 0.0% | -33.3% |
| Special Parole | 2,159 | 2,150 | 2,142 | 2,055 | -0.4% | 4.2% |
| **Total** | **4,964** | **4,958** | **4,889** | **4,730** | **-1.4%** | **3.4%** |

## Table 2a - Monthly admissions, releases & discharges

| | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2019 | % Change | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | May | June | July | July | Monthly | Annual |
| **Admissions** | | | | | | |
| Federal/Other | 12 | 17 | 17 | 81 | 0.0% | -79.0% |
| Remands | 88 | 83 | 90 | 117 | 8.4% | -23.1% |
| DUI | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | - | - |
| Parole | 13 | 9 | 15 | 20 | 66.7% | -25.0% |
| Trans Plac/Furlough | 0 | 2 | 0 | 17 | - | - |
| HWH | 15 | 17 | 16 | 28 | -5.9% | -42.9% |
| TS | 9 | 13 | 11 | 15 | -15.4% | -26.7% |
| Special Parole | 46 | 36 | 43 | 46 | 19.4% | -6.5% |
| New Sentence | 2 | 6 | 7 | 183 | 16.7% | -96.2% |
| VOP | 2 | 6 | 0 | 66 | - | - |
| Pre-trial | 490 | 475 | 610 | 1,337 | 28.4% | -54.4% |
| **Total** | **592** | **660** | **724** | **1,718** | **9.7%** | **-57.9%** |
| **Releases and discharges** | | | | | | |
| Transfer Parole | 46 | 42 | 24 | 7 | -42.9% | 242.9% |
| Parole | 76 | 82 | 66 | 78 | -19.5% | -15.4% |
| Furlough | 66 | 67 | 45 | 10 | -32.8% | 350.0% |
| Trans. Placement | 23 | 25 | 21 | 17 | -16.0% | 23.5% |
| Home Confinement DUI | 11 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 0.0% | -77.8% |
| HWH | 216 | 135 | 97 | 118 | -28.1% | -17.8% |
| TS | 110 | 86 | 67 | 138 | -22.1% | -51.4% |
| Special Parole | 105 | 77 | 83 | 156 | 7.8% | -46.8% |
| Nursing home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| End of Sentence | 463 | 440 | 414 | 629 | -5.9% | -34.2% |
| **Total** | **1,116** | **958** | **821** | **1,171** | **-14.3%** | **-29.9%** |
| **Pre-trial Releases*** | | | | | | |
| From Court | 35 | 41 | 71 | 472 | 73.2% | -85.0% |
| Release to Bond | 293 | 311 | 356 | 378 | 14.5% | -5.8% |

*\* Totals reflect events, not individual offenders*

## DOC - Community Release Unit (CRU)

### Table 3 - Case reviews and release metrics

| | Cases | | | | Approval |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Reviewed | Approved | Denied | Continued | Rate |
| May | 380 | 207 | 61 | 39 | 54% |
| June | 342 | 164 | 68 | 36 | 48% |
| July 20 | 310 | 153 | 57 | 30 | 49% |
| July 19 | 711 | 312 | 125 | 115 | 44% |

*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 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| May | 128 | 86 | 67% | 78 | 93 |
| June | 116 | 77 | 66% | 74 | 62 |
| July | 131 | 79 | 60% | 62 | 77 |

### Table 4a - Other BOPP actions

| | Reparole from revocation | Reparole from rescission | Closed interest cases | Special parole cases | Transfer parole cases |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| May | 51 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 37 |
| June | 13 | 0 | 10 | 15 | 35 |
| July 2020 | 10 | 0 | 22 | 14 | 34 |
| July 2019 | 44 | 2 | 17 | 36 | 13 |

## The pre-trial population

### Table 5 - Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

| Bond amount | June 1, 2020 | July. 1, 2020 | Aug. 1, 2020 | Aug. 1, 2019 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Less than $20K | 304 | 283 | 279 | 508 |
| $20K to < $50K | 386 | 347 | 325 | 449 |
| $50K to <$100K | 514 | 459 | 433 | 570 |
| $100K or higher | 1,661 | 1,708 | 1,644 | 1,763 |
| Persons w/bonds | 2,877 | 2,797 | 2,693 | 3,290 |
| Over $1M | 229 | 251 | 250 | 193 |

### Table 5a - Pre-trial, weeks since admission

| Weeks since last DOC admit | June. 1, 2020 | July 1, 2020 | Aug. 1, 2020 | Aug. 1, 2019 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| < 1 week | 81 | 129 | 165 | 437 |
| 1 to < 3 weeks | 176 | 113 | 157 | 336 |
| 3 to < 10 weeks | 753 | 334 | 318 | 739 |
| 10 to < 30 weeks | 856 | 940 | 763 | 878 |
| 30 wks or more | 1,011 | 1,292 | 1,290 | 903 |
| Pre-trial prisoners | 2,877 | 2,808 | 2,693 | 3,293 |

### Table 5b - Pre-trial admits, new offenders

| | May 2020 | June 2020 | July 2020 | July 2019 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Arraignments | 1,015 | 1,038 | 1,321 | 3,049 |
| Pre-trial Admits | 490 | 475 | 610 | 1,337 |
| New to DOC | 138 | 134 | 141 | 359 |
| % New | 28% | 28% | 23% | 27% |

## Court Support Services Division

### Table 6 - The Jail Re-interview Program

| | Pre-trial admissions | Offender interviews | Offenders released | Released last year |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| May | 490 | 242 | 189 | 356 |
| June | 475 | 342 | 165 | 324 |
| July | 610 | 136 | 184 | 324 |

### Table 6a - Pre-trial bail and probation caseloads

| | Pre-trial Bail Case Starts | Client Supv. Starts | Split Sentence Starts | Pre-trial bail cases |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| May | 2,050* | 1,123 | 313 | 12,665* |
| June | 2,050* | 1,091 | 272 | 12,665* |
| July | 2,050* | 1275 | 243 | 12,665* |
| July 19 | 2,050* | 1,925 | 357 | 12,665* |

*\* CSSD estimates*

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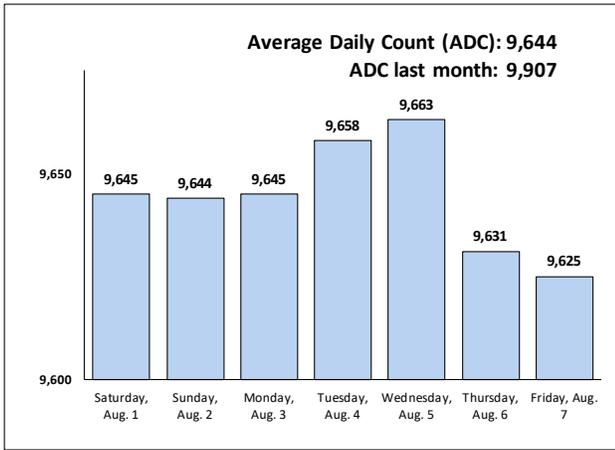*First week of the month, avg. daily count (ADC)*

Average Daily Count (ADC): 9,644
ADC last month: 9,907

| | |
|---|---|
| Saturday, Aug. 1 | 9,645 |
| Sunday, Aug. 2 | 9,644 |
| Monday, Aug. 3 | 9,645 |
| Tuesday, Aug. 4 | 9,658 |
| Wednesday, Aug. 5 | 9,663 |
| Thursday, Aug. 6 | 9,631 |
| Friday, Aug. 7 | 9,625 |

## Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions
*July 2019 through July 2020*

Pre-trial: 1,337; 1,303; 1,245; 1,224; 1,046; 1,054; 1,190; 1,081; 741; 300; 490; 475; 610

Legend: Federal/ Other; Remands; New Sentence; Pre-trial
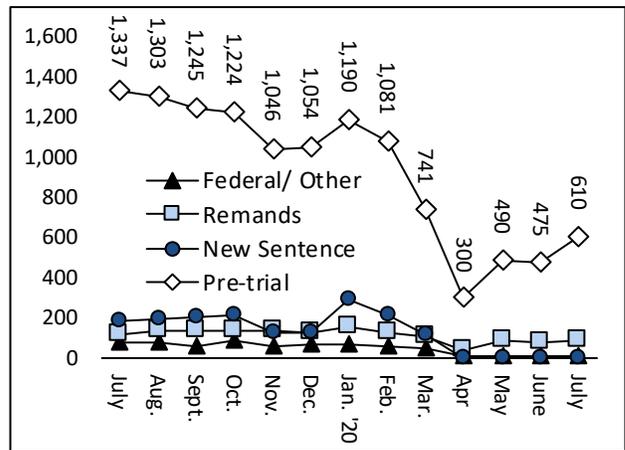
## Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month
*2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020*

14,204
13,444
13,035
9,645

Legend: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

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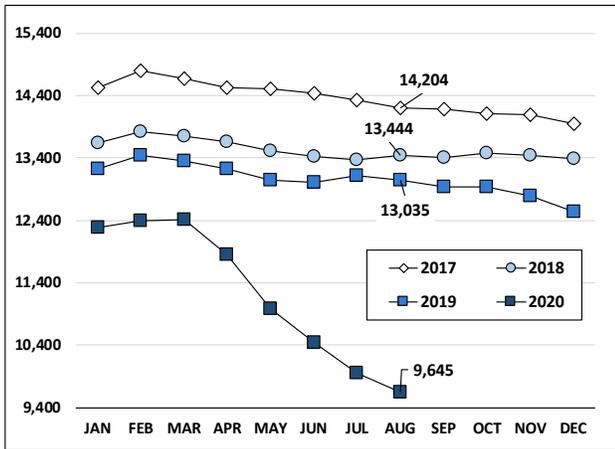
## Chart 7– Remands from community release
*July 2020*

Legend: Absconder/Escapee; Criminal Offense; Technical Violation

| | Parole | TS | Halfway House | Special Parole |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Absconder/Escapee | 3 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Criminal Offense | 4 | 6 | | 20 |
| Technical Violation | 7 | 4 | 10 | 15 |
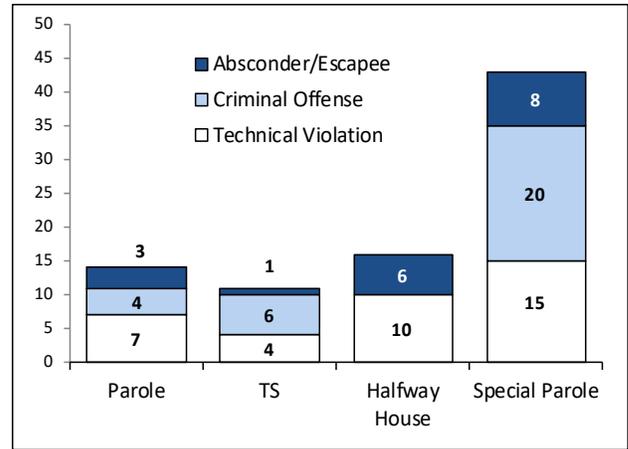
## Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests
*2019 and 2020*

Legend: 2020, 2019

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; 5,636

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC
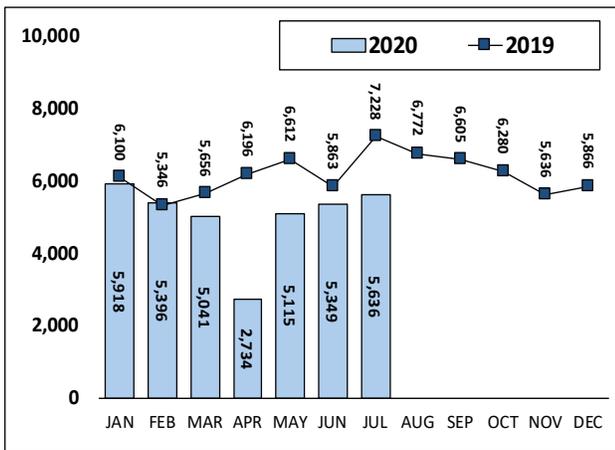
## Chart 8 – DOC community supervision
*July 1, 2019 through August 1, 2020*

Special Parole: 2,469 ... 2,406
Parole: 1,123 ... 1,093
TS: 441 ... 522

Legend: Special Parole; Parole; TS

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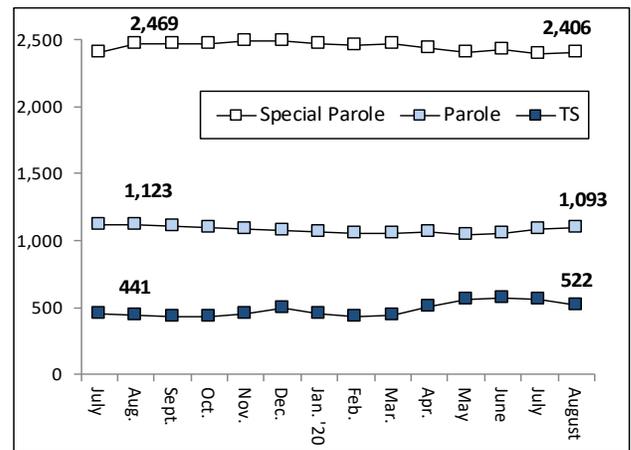
*Note: Data for all charts, except for Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 are for new case starts in the state Criminal Motor Vehicle System (CRMVS). Chart 8 includes offenders in halfway houses.*