



OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- As of September 1, Connecticut's prison and jail population reached 10,125 people, an increase of 119 individuals over the preceding month.
 - Year to date, the correctional population has risen 7.5%.
- The number of arrests, level with July's, are 13.6% higher than a year ago (see Chart 5).
- Other key front-end metrics increased by the following percentages from July to August:
 - Lock-up arraignments 28.2%, from 2,198 to 2,817, and
 - Pretrial admissions 26%, from 967 to 1,220.
- Releases and discharges, down slightly (-1.4%) in August, are up considerably (+24.3%) compared to a year ago (See Table 2a).
- The DOC community supervision population held steady between August 1 and September 1, differing by just 0.4%.
 - Compared to September 2021, however, the DOC community supervision population has declined 12.1% overall (see Table 2).

Correction Population Forecast

The Connecticut correctional population's steady rise in 2022 continued over the past month, with DOC facilities averaging 10,122 people over the first week of September. OPM CJPPD estimated a count of 9,822 for September, lifting the average daily count's percent difference from OPM's forecast to 3.1% in September, compared to 2.7% last month, a 0.4 percentage point difference (see Table 1 and Chart 1).

Both pretrial and sentenced populations within DOC facilities registered gains from the prior month, each growing by approximately 70 people compared to August 1 (see Table 2). The nearly 2% growth in the pretrial population likely stems from the increase in front-end metrics observed in August (see *Highlights*). On the other hand, new sentence admissions increased only modestly in August, suggesting that the sentenced population's recent growth primarily reflects transitions among those previously held pretrial to sentenced following case disposition.

TABLE 1 – Correction Population Forecast

	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2022 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '22	9,456	-	-
FEB	9,734	9,734	-
MAR	9,818	9,800	18
APR	9,838	9,759	79
MAY	9,905	9,709	196
JUN	9,923	9,708	215
JUL	9,981	9,737	244
AUG	10,048	9,777	271
SEP	10,122	9,822	300
OCT		9,864	
NOV		9,865	
DEC		9,796	
JAN '23		9,656	
FEB		9,820	

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

Each fall, the correctional population typically reaches a peak. Should that pattern hold, OPM CJPPD anticipates that 2022's DOC growth will crest soon before experiencing a modest contraction to end the year. As discussed in prior *Monthlies*, OPM CJPPD believes 2022's increases have narrowed the gap from long-term correctional trends, but correction populations remain 21.8% lower than the pre-pandemic September 2019 count.

Chart 1 – Actual Correction Population Against the OPM Forecasts

January 1, 2021 through February 1, 2023

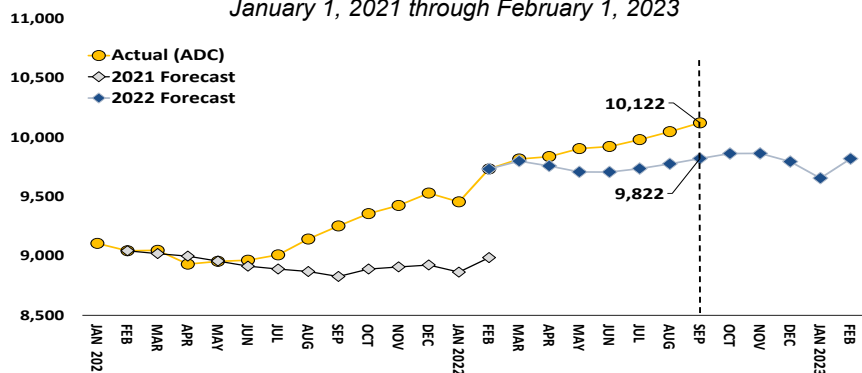


Chart 2 - Criminal Justice, Monthly Counts and Flows

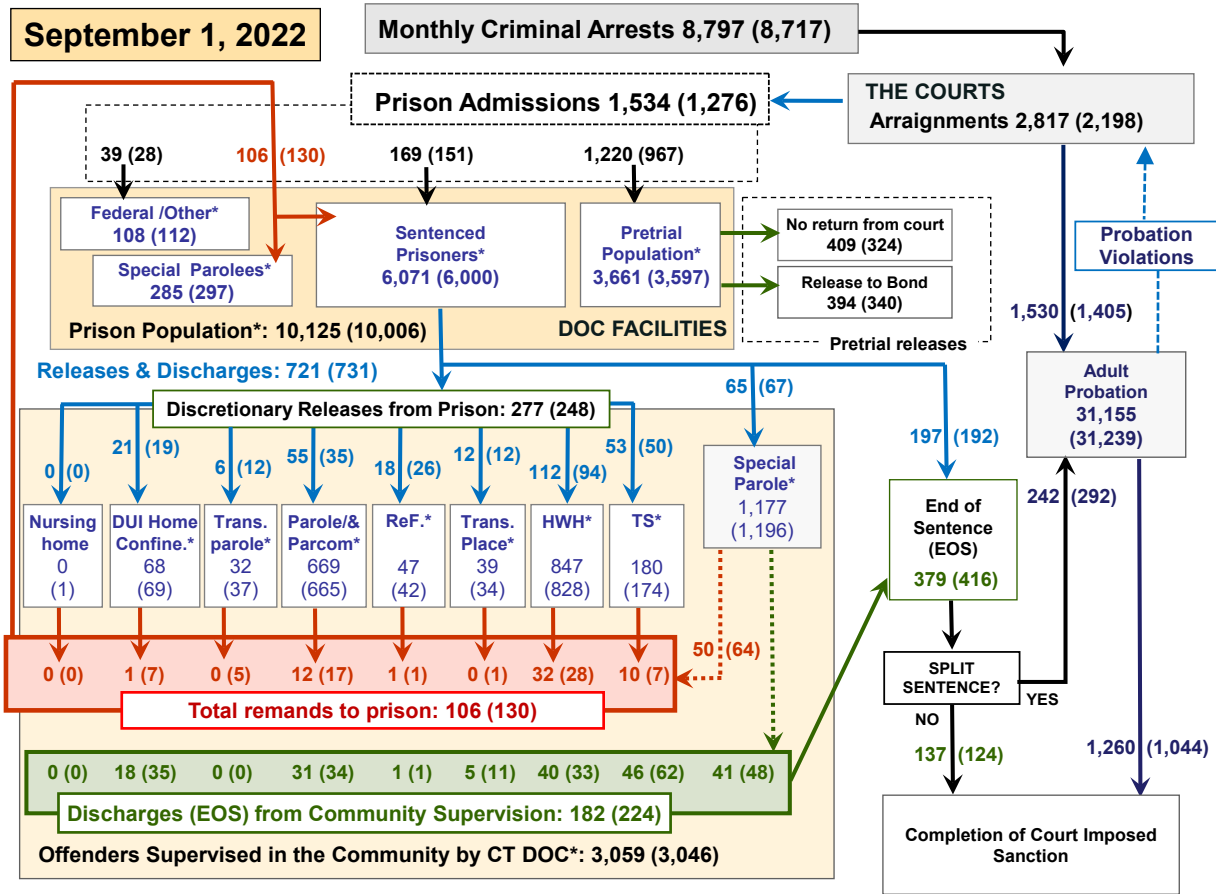
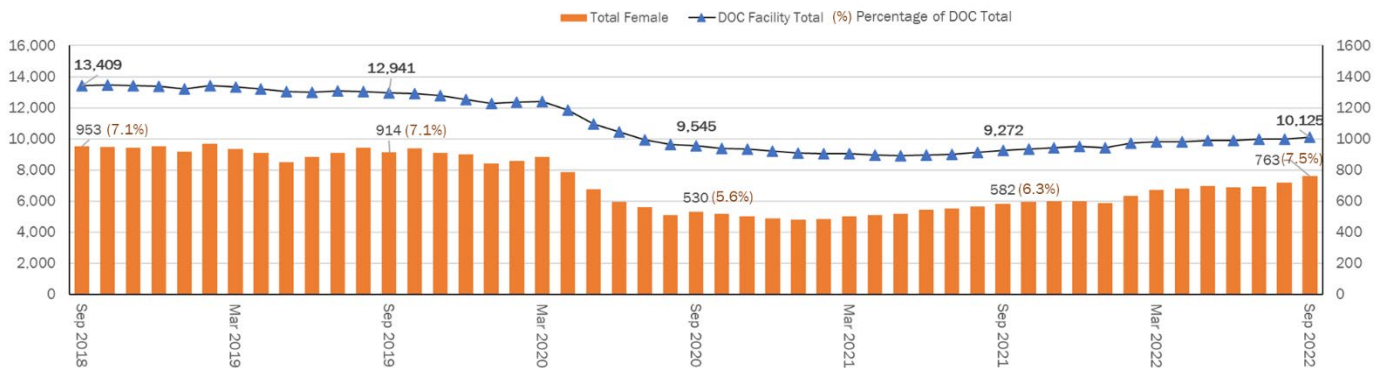


Chart 2 contains monthly operations data for August 2022 and daily counts reported on September 1, 2022. Asterisks (*) indicate the daily count on September 1st. Figures for last month are enclosed by parentheses. Sources: Arrests - CRMVS, via CJIS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC.

Spotlight: Female DOC Population Trends, 2018–2022



The chart above plots first-of-the-month populations for women housed in York Correctional Institution in pretrial or sentenced status from September 1, 2018, to 2022. The chart uses two series: (1) the total DOC facility population (blue triangles), and (2) the total female DOC population (orange bars). Note that the total female population is shown using a reduced scale with two y-axes (seen on the right side of the chart) so that population changes may be clearly discerned.

The chart demonstrates a largely consistent pattern with the number of women held in the DOC as a share of the overall correctional population during the five-year period.

As the total DOC population fell then rose following the pandemic, so too did the DOC's number of women. On September 1, 2018, the DOC held 953 women, 7.1% of the total population. As the total DOC population declined during 2020 and 2021, the count of women dropped to 5.6% of the total population by September 2020. In 2021, the DOC's female population began to increase, reaching 763 by September 1, 2022, 7.5% of the total facility population. The relative similarity shown in both the timing of the female population changes, and the proportionality to the total population, is notable. These trends suggest that women in the DOC were similarly impacted by the factors influencing the overall DOC count during the pandemic period.

Table 2 - First-of-Month Totals

	2022	2022	2022	2021	% Change	
	July 1	Aug. 1	Sep. 1	Sep. 1	Monthly	Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	119	112	108	91	-3.6%	18.7%
Sentenced	5,986	6,000	6,071	5,367	1.2%	13.1%
Special Parole	292	297	285	358	-4.0%	-20.4%
Pretrial	3,593	3,597	3,661	3,456	1.8%	5.9%
Total	9,990	10,006	10,125	9,272	1.2%	9.2%
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	36	37	32	59	-13.5%	-45.8%
Parole/ Parcom Total	703	665	669	904	0.6%	-26.0%
Parole	556	520	521	723	0.2%	-27.9%
Parcom @ CT	147	145	148	181	2.1%	-18.2%
Furlough	37	42	47	19	11.9%	147.4%
Trans Placement	36	34	39	60	14.7%	-35.0%
DUI/Home confine.	92	69	68	51	-1.4%	33.3%
Halfway House Total	814	828	847	784	2.3%	8.0%
Comm Release	346	368	382	390	3.8%	-2.1%
TS	14	10	10	8	0.0%	25.0%
Parole	151	159	164	138	3.1%	18.8%
Transfer Parole	19	18	16	7	-11.1%	128.6%
Special Parole	284	273	275	241	0.7%	14.1%
TS	194	174	180	123	3.4%	46.3%
Nursing home	0	1	0	0	-100.0%	-
Special Parole	1,228	1,196	1,177	1,480	-1.6%	-20.5%
Total	3,140	3,046	3,059	3,481	0.4%	-12.1%

Table 2a - Monthly Admissions, Releases, & Discharges

	2022	2022	2022	2021	% Change	
	JUNE	JULY	AUG	AUG	Monthly	Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	41	28	39	32	39.3%	21.9%
Remands	129	130	106	111	-18.5%	-4.5%
DUI	8	7	1	4	-85.7%	-75.0%
Transfer Parole	2	5	0	2	-100.0%	-100.0%
Parole	18	17	12	25	-29.4%	-52.0%
Trans Plac/Furlough	5	2	1	2	-50.0%	-50.0%
HWH	39	28	32	18	14.3%	77.8%
TS	9	7	10	3	42.9%	233.3%
Special Parole	48	64	50	57	-21.9%	-12.3%
New Sentence	201	151	169	102	11.9%	65.7%
VOP	39	23	29	25	26.1%	16.0%
Pretrial	1,037	967	1,220	951	26.2%	28.3%
Total	1,408	1,276	1,534	1,196	20.2%	28.3%
Releases and discharges						
Transfer Parole	8	12	6	18	-50.0%	-66.7%
Parole	55	35	55	59	57.1%	-6.8%
Furlough	23	26	18	14	-30.8%	28.6%
Trans. Placement	9	12	12	11	0.0%	9.1%
Home Confinement DUI	34	19	21	24	10.5%	-12.5%
HWH	91	94	112	50	19.1%	124.0%
TS	80	50	53	29	6.0%	82.8%
Special Parole	71	67	65	77	-3.0%	-15.6%
Nursing home	0	0	0	0	-	-
End of Sentence	419	416	379	298	-8.9%	27.2%
Total	790	731	721	580	-1.4%	24.3%
Pretrial Releases*						
From Court	353	324	409	219	26.2%	86.8%
Release to Bond	346	340	394	349	15.9%	12.9%

* 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
JUNE	408	206	36	99	50%
JULY	410	205	51	96	50%
AUG 22	418	201	39	109	48%
AUG 21	304	134	46	43	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	Granted: Prior Year	Granted: Two Years Prior
JUNE	57	33	58%	59	77
JULY	55	33	60%	64	79
AUG	73	50	68%	57	68

Table 4a - Other BOPP actions

	Reparole from revocation	Early Termination		Special parole discharges	Transfer Parole Approvals
		Discretionary Parole	Special Parole		
JUNE	35	12	23	8	8
JULY	53	10	18	12	7
AUG	37	6	24	10	15

The Pretrial Population

Table 5 - Bond ranges for pretrial detainees

Bond amount	July 1, 2022	Aug. 1, 2022	Sep. 1, 2022	Sep. 1, 2021
Less than \$20K	408	428	418	398
\$20K to < \$50K	437	429	459	423
\$50K to < \$100K	518	537	536	571
\$100K or higher	2,383	2,406	2,414	2,237
Persons w/bonds	3,746	3,800	3,827	3,629
Over \$1M	456	461	480	383

Table 5a - Pretrial, weeks since admission

Weeks since last DOC admit	July 1, 2022	Aug. 1, 2022	Sep. 1, 2022	Sep. 1, 2021
< 1 week	278	371	333	221
1 to < 3 weeks	291	279	271	246
3 to < 10 weeks	735	718	757	700
10 to < 30 weeks	960	988	1,039	989
30 wks or more	1,487	1,449	1,440	1,484
Pretrial prisoners	3,751	3,805	3,840	3,640

Table 5b - Pretrial admits, new offenders

	JUNE 2022	JULY 2022	AUG 2022	AUG 2021
Arraignments	2,361	2,198	2,817	2,115
Pretrial Admits	1,037	967	1,220	951
New to DOC	254	231	305	217
% New	24%	24%	25%	23%

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 - The jail reinterview program

	Pretrial admissions	Offender interviews	Offenders released	Released last year
JUNE	1,037	950	253	192
JULY	967	807	258	213
AUG	1,220	987	290	180

Table 6a - Pretrial bail and probation caseloads

	Pretrial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts	Pretrial bail cases*
JUNE	2,404	1,592	283	14,176
JULY	2,320	1,405	292	14,111
AUG	2,620	1,530	242	14,165
AUG '21	2,560	1,411	204	12,250

* reflects Pretrial Services cases open as of the first of the month

Chart 3 – Prison Population

First week of the month, avg. daily count (ADC)

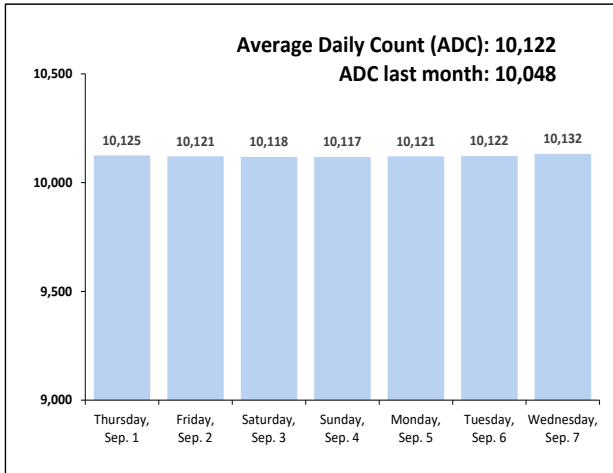


Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions

August 2021 through August 2022

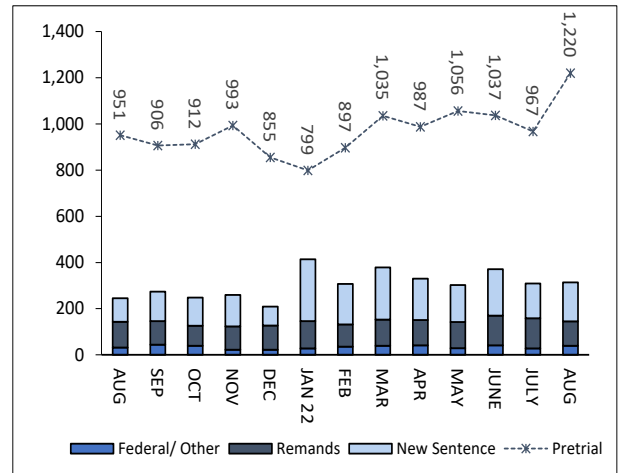


Chart 4 – Prison Population, First-of-Month

2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022

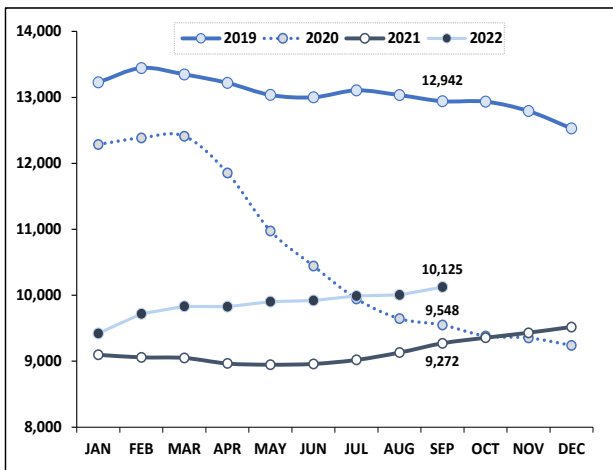


Chart 7– Remands From Community Release

August 2022

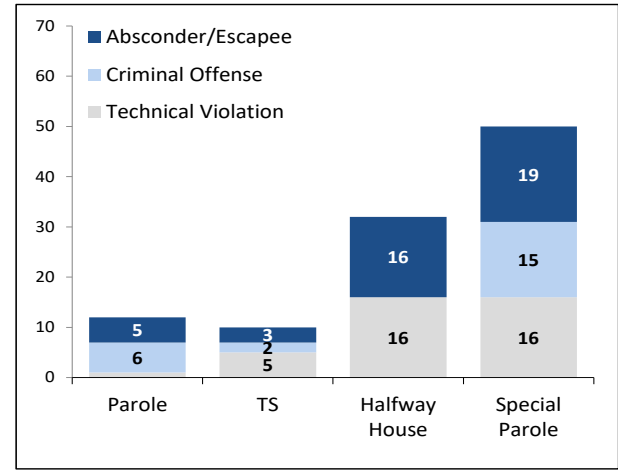


Chart 5 – Statewide Arrests

2021 and 2022

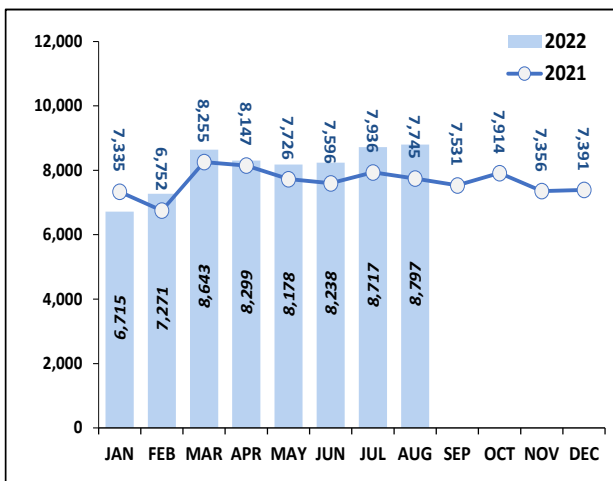
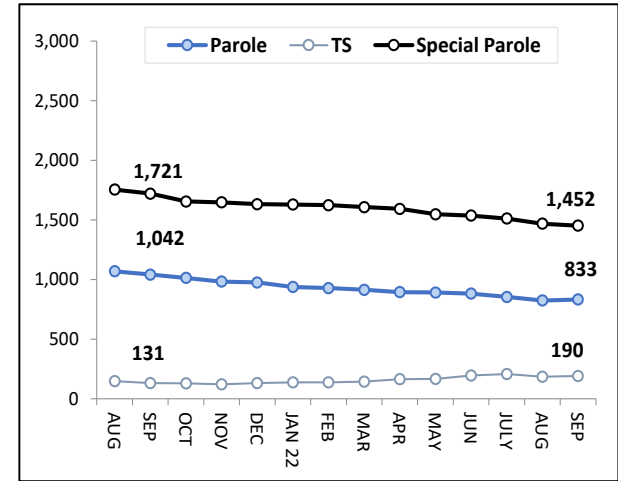


Chart 8 – DOC Community Supervision

August 1, 2021 through September 1, 2022



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.