OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division RREC Report: August 2019

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 462 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in August 2019. An additional 15 offenders, earned and subsequently forfeited all of the RREC they had earned.
- The average discharged offender was awarded 82 days. 291 or 68% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less, suggesting a large segment of discharging inmates served short sentences.
- Falling following a rules change in February 2016, the portion of discharging inmates who were awarded RREC has slowly crept over 80% again.
- The 462 offenders who discharged in August with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 82 controlling offenses associated with these discharges. The offenses and frequencies are listed in Table 2.

This report builds on the initial summary report published In February 2016 by this office. That report is available at the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/RRE C_REPORT_SUMMARY.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	% Change	
	May	June	July	Aug	Aug	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	647	527	629	609	666	-3%	-9%
With Awarded RREC	472	434	428	462	478	8%	-3%
Forfeited All Earned RREC	30	16	30	15	23		

TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded

RREC: August 2019

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Controlling	Controlling		Controlling		Controlling	
offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency	offense	Frequency	
53A032	120	53A073A	3	51-033A	1	
21A277A	38	29-035	3	53A072A	1	
53A125B	16	53A217C	3	53A130	1	
53A103	16	53-395	2	53A117	1	
14-227A	14	53A101	2	53A106	1	
53-021	14	53A136	2	53A103A	1	
53A060	12	53A223A	2	54-252	1	
53A061	11	53A070	2	53A174	1	
53A223*	11	29-038	2	12-428	1	
53A049	10	53A64BB	2	53A096	1	
21A279A	10	53A123	2	53A181C	1	
53A059	10	14-215C	2	53A090A	1	
53A167A	10	53A129D	2	53A196F	1	
53A048	9	53A138	2	53A070B	1	
53A134	8	53A125A	2	53A063	1	
53A124	8	53A125	2	53A179A	1	
53A135	7	53A095	2	53A181	1	
53A167C	7	53A139	2	53A182	1	
53A173	6	53A113	2	53A056	1	
53A217	6	53A107	2	53A055	1	
21A277B	6	14-223	2	53A196E	1	
53A169	5	14-222	1	53A092	1	
53A122	5	54-251	1			
53-021*	5	53A222A	1			
53A062	5	53A61AA	1			
53A102	4	14-224	1			
54-076B	4	53-247	1			
53A056B	3	53A061A	1			
53-206	3	14-227G	1			
53A172	3	53A008	1	Total	462	

Releases and discharges: In CT DOC parlance, a "discharge" occurs when an offender is no longer in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction. A "release" has an entirely different meaning. Prisoners are discharged at the end of their sentences. Prisoners in a community supervision program, like parole or transitional supervision, for example, have been released from a prison facility but they remain under the custody of the DOC until they "discharge" at the conclusion of their sentences. RREC is only applied toward a prisoner's eventual **discharge** date.

Awarded RREC: This analysis does not account for forfeited or revoked credits. The Commissioner has the ability to revoke credits for a variety of reasons and frequently exercises that authority. The total credits earned by an individual offender may have been more than what was ultimately awarded. In addition, some of the credits may have been earned after release but before discharge. The only way to determine whether RREC had any impact on a **release** must be done on a case-by-case basis.

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