

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: July 2016

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 592 offenders who earned at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in July 2016; 559 had been awarded at least one day of RREC at the time of discharge.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** day to **593** days. The average discharged offender was awarded **87** days. 311 or 56% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
- RREC related discharges are 23% lower than a year ago. Total sentenced discharges are down by 4% compared to 2015. See Table 1.
- The 559 offenders who discharged in July with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 76 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/cjppd/cjresearch/rrecreport/rrec_report_february_2016.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	% Change	
	Apr	May	June	July	July	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	706	783	737	778	809	6%	-4%
With Awarded RREC	521	520	506	559	726	10%	-23%
Forfeited Earned RREC	20	30	28	33	23	18%	43%

TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded RREC July 2016

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	140	53A101	5	53A61AA	1
21A277A	59	53A071	5	54-169	1
21A279A	27	53A122	5	14-223	1
53A103	27	53A125A	3	21A279C	1
53A223*	20	29-035	3	53A060D	1
53A060	19	53A092	3	53A116	1
14-227A	15	53A073A	3	53A097	1
53A048	14	53A070	3	53A117E	1
53A125B	13	53A008	3	53A119	1
53A124	12	53A136	3	53A072A	1
21A277B	12	53A173	3	53A182	1
53A061	12	53A107	3	53A149	1
53A049	10	53-206	2	53A114	1
53-021	8	53A115	2	53A155	1
53A059	8	53A64BB	2	53A166	1
54-076B	8	53A223B	2	53A056B	1
53A135	7	53A123	2	53A056	1
21A278B	7	53A125	2	53A172	1
53A217	7	53A223A	1	53A181D	1
53A102	6	53-021*	1	53A129D	1
53A169	6	53A211	1		
53A181	6	29-038	1		
53A167C	6	29-035A	1		
53A167A	6	53A217C	1		
14-215C	5	29-033	1		
SPECPAR	5	53A196D	1		
53A134	5	21A279B	1		
53A062	5	53A180B	1		
				Total	559

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.