

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: May 2016

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, **550** offenders who earned at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in May 2016; **520** 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 **86.7** days. 289 or 56% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
 - RREC related discharges are 19% lower than a year ago, but total sentenced discharges were up both month over month and year over year in May. See Table 1.
 - The 520 offenders who discharged in May with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 74 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		2015	% Change	
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	686	786	706	783	737	11%	6%
Awarded RREC	560	603	521	520	641	0%	-19%
Forfeited earned RREC	22	20	20	30	19	50%	58%

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

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	128	54-076B	5	53A172	2
21A277A	45	21A277B	5	53A196F	2
53A103	27	53A167C	5	53A196D	1
21A279A	23	53A217	5	21A279D	1
53A125B	19	53A123	4	53A196E	1
14-227A	18	53A062	4	53A181L	1
53A223*	18	53A125A	4	53A217C	1
53A061	16	14-215C	3	53A008	1
53A060	13	14-224	3	53A223A	1
53A048	11	53A167A	3	54-253	1
53-021	9	21A278B	3	21A278A	1
53A124	9	29-038	3	53-021*	1
53A049	8	53A169	3	53A119B	1
53A134	8	53-206	2	53-395	1
53A136	7	53A087	2	53A181C	1
53A102	7	53A115	2	53A155	1
53A101	7	53A063	2	53A055A	1
53A059	7	53A138	2	53A129B	1
29-035	7	53A182	2	53A060D	1
53A181	6	53A107	2	53A128D	1
53A173	6	54-252	2	53A128C	1
53A071	6	53A122	2	53A070B	1
53A070	5	53A125	2	53A073A	1
SPECPAR	5	53A64BB	2	53A181D	1
53A135	5	14-215A	2	Total	520

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.