

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: August 2016

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 553 offenders who earned at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in August 2016; 524 had been awarded at least one day of RREC at the time of discharge.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** day to **595** days. The average discharged offender was awarded **80** days. 309 or 59% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
- RREC related discharges are 18% lower than a year ago. Total sentenced discharges are up by 4% compared to 2015. See Table 1.
- The 524 offenders who discharged in August with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 81 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	
	May	June	July	Aug	Aug	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	783	737	778	756	724	-3%	4%
With Awarded RREC	520	506	559	524	640	-6%	-18%
Forfeited Earned RREC	30	28	33	29	20	-12%	45%

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

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	141	53A217	4	21A279D	1
21A277A	36	14-215C	4	53A217C	1
53A103	24	SPECPAR	4	53A223B	1
14-227A	23	53A173	4	53A119B	1
53A125B	18	53A095	4	21A277C	1
53A061	17	53A071	3	54-076B	1
21A279A	16	53A101	3	21A257	1
53A223*	15	21A279B	3	54-252	1
53A048	12	53-021*	3	14-223	1
53A134	12	53A123	3	21A278A	1
53A167A	10	53A125	3	53A180	1
53A060	10	53A172	3	53A116	1
53A059	8	53A129D	3	53A073A	1
29-035	6	53A181	2	53-202C	1
53A223A	6	53-021	2	53A189A	1
21A277B	6	53A060D	2	53A183B	1
53A122	6	29-035A	2	53A182B	1
53A64BB	6	53A64AA	2	53A055A	1
53A124	6	54-251	2	53A056	1
14-224	6	53-206	2	53A094	1
53A135	6	53A136	2	53A130	1
53A049	6	53A167C	2	53A174A	1
21A278B	5	53A125A	2	53A092	1
53A062	5	53A115	2	53A063	1
53A070	5	14-215A	2	29-038	1
53A107	5	53A117	2		
53A169	5	53A113	2		
53A102	5	53A138	1		
				Total	524

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.