

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: September 2016

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 563 offenders who earned at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in September 2016; 531 had been awarded at least one day of RREC at the time of discharge.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** day to **567** days. The average discharged offender was awarded 78.6 days. 318 or 59.9% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
- RREC related discharges are 24% lower than a year ago. Total sentenced discharges are down 5% compared to 2015. See Table 1.
- The 531 offenders who discharged in September with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 80 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	
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Sept	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	737	778	756	744	781	-2%	-5%
With Awarded RREC	506	559	524	531	697	1%	-24%
Forfeited Earned RREC	28	33	29	32	25	10%	28%

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

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	129	53A123	4	53A128D	1
21A277A	55	54-076B	4	53A182	1
53A223*	26	53A125B	4	53A129D	1
53A103	26	53A070	4	53A222A	1
14-227A	22	53A136	4	53A130	1
21A279A	20	53A124	3	21A108	1
53A048	15	53A217C	3	53A125	1
53A061	11	53A008	3	53A095	1
53A167A	11	53A071	3	53A119	1
21A277B	10	14-215C	3	53A181D	1
53-021	9	14-224	3	53A063	1
53A060	9	53A073A	3	53A196E	1
53A049	8	53A101	3	53A138	1
53A223B	8	53A102	3	51-033	1
53A173	7	SPECPAR	3	54-251	1
53A062	7	29-035	2	14-215A	1
53A135	6	53A061A	2	53A140	1
53A217	6	21A278A	2	53A61AA	1
53A167C	6	53A055	2	53-206	1
21A278B	6	53-021*	2	53A114	1
53A059	6	29-038	2	53-395	1
53A107	6	53A125A	2	21A279C	1
21A279B	5	53A115	2	53A139	1
53A134	5	53A096	1	53A108	1
53A64BB	5	29-035A	1		
53A181	4	14-223	1		
53A169	4	53A128C	1		
53A122	4	53A127F	1		
				Total	531

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.