

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: April 2017

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 471 offenders who earned at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in April 2017; 450 had been awarded at least one day of RREC at the time of discharge.
 - The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** to **634** days. The average discharged offender was awarded 87 days. 258 or 57% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
 - The proportion of discharging offenders who have earned RREC has substantively changed. Prior to April 2016 an average of 86% of all discharging inmates left with a positive RREC balance vs 71% in the last 12 months.
 - The 450 offenders who discharged in April with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 72 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/RREC_REPORT_SUMMARY.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	% Change	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Apr	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	691	680	748	619	786	-17%	-21%
With Awarded RREC	518	481	508	450	603	-11%	-25%
Forfeited Earned RREC	33	22	15	21	20	40%	5%

TABLE 2 - Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded RREC April 2017

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	124	53A182	3	14-222	1
21A277A	31	54-076B	3	53A174	1
53A103	31	53A060D	3	53-202C	1
53A048	17	53A196E	3	53A072A	1
14-227A	15	53A071	3	53-206	1
53A134	14	53A181	3	53A122	1
53A061	12	29-035	3	53A119B	1
21A277B	11	53A125	3	53A115	1
53A223*	10	53-021*	2	53A056	1
53A125B	10	53A008	2	53A113	1
21A278B	8	14-224	2	54-253	1
53A062	8	53A063	2	14-215C	1
53A060	8	53A070	2	53A061A	1
53A124	8	21A278A	2	53A089	1
53A059	7	53A212	2	53A073A	1
53A049	6	54-251	2	53A136A	1
53-021	6	53A64BB	2		
53A102	6	53A101	2		
21A279A	5	53A223A	2		
53A167C	5	53A136	2		
53A217	5	53A129D	2		
53A107	5	53A095	2		
53A123	4	29-038	1		
53A135	4	53A151	1		
53A223B	4	21A279C	1		
53A167A	4	21A279B	1		
53A173	4	53A196F	1		
53A217C	4	54-033D	1		
				Total	450

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.