

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: March 2016

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, **623** offenders discharged their sentences in March 2016; **603** had been awarded at least one day of RREC.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** day to **584** days. The average discharged offender was awarded **83.8** days. 351 or 58% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
- March saw the lowest number of offenders discharging without any awarded RREC since the program began. One month does not make a trend. It will be interesting to see if any patterns develop. See Table 1.
- The 603 offenders who discharged in March with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 82 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 link below.

http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/rrecreport/rrec_report_february_2016.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2015	2016	2016	2016	2015	% Change	
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Mar	Monthly	Annual
Discharges with RREC	750	563	560	603	629	8%	-4%
Discharges without RREC	90	107	126	20	101	-84%	-80%
Total Discharges	840	670	686	623	730	-9%	-15%

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

Controlling offense	Frequency						
53A032	145	53A135	5	53A139	3	14-215	1
21A277A	48	53A101	5	53A125	3	53A117	1
14-227A	27	54-076B	5	53A060D	2	53A060A	1
53A103	24	53A122	5	53A056B	2	53A095	1
21A279A	22	53-206	4	54-252	2	53A087	1
53A125B	17	29-038	4	53A073A	2	53A072A	1
53A223*	15	53A063	4	21A267	2	53A071	1
53A061	15	53A107	4	53A222	2	53A070	1
53A134	14	SPECPAR	4	53A112	2	53A129C	1
53A181	12	53A059	4	53A223A	2	53A212	1
21A277B	10	53A169	4	53A115	2	14-036A	1
53A124	9	53A64BB	4	29-035	2	53-021*	1
53A048	9	53A102	4	21A279C	2	53A127F	1
53A167A	9	53A125A	4	53A116	2	53A108	1
53-021	8	53A123	4	53A109	2	53A056	1
53A062	7	21A278B	3	51-164R	1	53A055A	1
14-215C	7	53A222A	3	53A217C	1	53A128C	1
53A060	6	53A182	3	21A277C	1	53A113	1
53A049	6	53A173	3	53A223B	1	53A138	1
53A217	6	53A172	3	21A268	1		
53A136	5	53A167C	3	14-224	1	Total	560

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.