

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: May 2017

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 570 offenders who earned at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in May 2017; 539 had been awarded at least one day of RREC at the time of discharge.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** to **619** days. The average discharged offender was awarded 80 days. 316 or 59% of offenders awarded RREC were awarded 60 days or less.
- Month to month the number of offenders discharging rose, but the annual change is consistent with the overall trends in the criminal justice system (-2%).
- The 539 offenders who discharged in May with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 76 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	
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	May	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	680	748	619	765	783	24%	-2%
With Awarded RREC	481	508	450	539	550	20%	-2%
Forfeited Earned RREC	22	15	21	31	30	48%	3%

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

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	145	53A64BB	4	14-224	1
21A277A	40	53A217	4	53A072A	1
53A103	26	53A223A	4	53A129D	1
14-227A	24	53A062	3	53A174	1
21A279A	19	53A059	3	53A119B	1
53A061	17	53A101	3	53A116	1
53A060	15	53A122	3	54-252	1
53A124	14	53A181	3	53A181C	1
21A277B	14	53A125A	3	14-215A	1
53A134	13	14-215C	3	53A211	1
53A223*	13	53-395	2	53A082	1
53A048	13	53A222A	2	53A212	1
53A125B	11	53A182	2	53A070	1
53A167C	11	21A279B	2	53A063	1
53-021	10	53-021*	2	53A129C	1
53A049	10	53A095	2	53A060D	1
53A125	7	53A102	2	53A109	1
53A123	7	53A117	2	53A056B	1
53-206	7	53A139	2	53A055A	1
53A173	6	53A223B	2	53A092	1
53A167A	5	53A215	1		
21A278B	5	53A196E	1		
53A136	5	21A279C	1		
53A135	5	53A223	1		
29-038	4	21A278A	1		
53A071	4	53A64AA	1		
53A107	4	14-227K	1		
54-076B	4	53A217C	1		
				Total	539

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.