

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Report: December 2017

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, 478 offenders who earned and maintained at least 1 day of RREC discharged their sentences in December 2017. An additional 24 offenders, earned and subsequently forfeited all of the RREC they had earned.
- The amount of RREC awarded ranged from **1** to **671** days. The average discharged offender was awarded 89 days. 272 or 57% of offenders discharging with awarded RREC had 60 days or less.
- Discharges, both RREC related and otherwise are shrinking. Last year 12% more offenders discharged from the DOC.
- The 478 offenders who discharged in December with awarded RREC had served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 77 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/0pm/RREC_REPORT_SUMMARY.pdf

TABLES

TABLE 1 - Discharges

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	% Change	
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec	Monthly	Annual
All Sentenced Discharges	663	650	651	630	713	-3%	-12%
With Awarded RREC	487	473	490	478	562	-2%	-15%
Forfeited All Earned RREC	40	29	21	24	27		

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

Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency	Controlling offense	Frequency
53A032	110	53A071	4	29-035	1
21A277A	43	53A169	4	14-222A	1
53A125B	18	53-021*	3	53A129D	1
53A103	17	21A278B	3	54-252	1
53A223*	15	14-215C	3	53A223B	1
21A279A	14	53A070	3	53A222A	1
53A134	14	53A055	2	53A196E	1
14-227A	14	53A64BB	2	53A189A	1
53A061	14	53A64AA	2	53A172	1
53A048	13	53A61AA	2	53A140	1
53A059	10	14-223	2	53A095	1
53A049	9	53A062	2	53A138	1
21A277B	9	53A064	2	53A056	1
53A135	9	53A125A	2	53A128C	1
53A060	9	53A073A	2	SPECPAR	1
53A217C	8	53A101	2	53A102	1
53-021	7	53A173	2	53A090A	1
53A122	7	53A094	2	53A070B	1
53A056B	7	29-038	2	53A060D	1
53A136	6	29-035A	2	53A058	1
53A223A	6	53A107	2	53A139	1
53A167A	6	53A115	2		
53A124	6	53A155	2		
53A123	6	21A279C	2		
53A181	5	53A182	2		
53A217	5	21A266	1		
53A008	5	53-206	1		
53A125	4	14-224	1		
				TOTAL	478

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.