

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

RREC Summary Report

Highlights

- According to data provided by the CT DOC, **31,157** sentenced offenders were discharged from DOC custody having been awarded at least one day of RREC between Oct. 1, 2011 and Dec. 31, 2015.
- There were **35,966** discharge events associated with these 31,157 offenders. During the same 51-month period, the CT DOC reported **42,368** total discharges.
- In the 51-month period between July 2007 and September 2011, before the introduction of RREC, there were **49,247** sentenced-offender discharges from DOC custody, 14% more than during the RREC window.
- The 31,157 offenders who were discharged with awarded RREC have served time for a wide range of offenses. There are 249 controlling offenses associated with these discharges. The offenses and frequencies are listed on page 2.
- Effective February 1, 2016, DOC Commissioner Semple authorized changes to the state’s RREC policy. With these changes, RREC will be awarded at a rate commensurate with each offender’s Security Risk Level. In the past, all eligible offenders were able to earn RREC at a rate of up to 5 days per month. Under the revised structure, only offenders with a Security Risk Level of 1, the least risky level, will be eligible for 5 days of RREC per month. Prisoners with higher Security Risk Levels will earn less time.

RREC is Risk Reduction Earned Credit

TABLES

RREC Metrics

Offenders discharged with at least 1 day of awarded RREC, 10/5/2011 to 12/31/2015: **31,157**
 Total number of sentenced discharges with RREC, 10/2011 through 12/2015: **35,966**
 Total number of sentenced discharges between 10/2011 and 12/2015: **42,368**
 Total number of sentenced discharges between 7/2007 and 9/2011: **49,247**
 Least number of days awarded to a discharged offender: **1**
 Maximum number of RREC awarded at discharge* : **573**
 Average number of RREC days awarded per discharge*: **68.6**
 Number of controlling offenses associated with RREC discharges: **249**
 Number of offenders who discharged with RREC more than once: **4,122**
 Percentage of offenders who discharged with RREC more than once: **13%**
 *includes RREC awarded retroactively to 4/1/2006

Monthly discharges from DOC custody, Oct. 2011 to Dec. 2015

Month and year	Discharges with RREC	Total DOC discharges
October 2011	247	940
November 2011	1,085	1,351
December 2011	1,027	1,096
January 2012	814	919
February 2012	820	996
March 2012	869	1,011
April 2012	721	853
May 2012	776	952
June 2012	786	978
July 2012	738	838
August 2012	846	948
September 2012	684	797
October 2012	685	808
November 2012	777	879
December 2012	746	862
January 2013	699	842
February 2013	652	755
March 2013	720	831
April 2013	628	782
May 2013	738	884
June 2013	686	784
July 2013	689	827
August 2013	727	834
September 2013	656	749
October 2013	679	810
November 2013	758	839

Month and year	Discharges with RREC	Total DOC discharges
December 2013	695	779
January 2014	646	816
February 2014	642	725
March 2014	669	790
April 2014	670	798
May 2014	728	868
June 2014	630	765
July 2014	699	798
August 2014	668	744
September 2014	618	710
October 2014	727	840
November 2014	613	688
December 2014	724	819
January 2015	704	793
February 2015	602	697
March 2015	629	730
April 2015	644	741
May 2015	641	735
June 2015	656	747
July 2015	726	809
August 2015	640	724
September 2015	697	781
October 2015	668	745
November 2015	627	721
December 2015	750	840
Total	35,966	42,368

OPM uses four measures to calculate the recidivism rates of sentenced offenders in CT. These measures: new arrest, new convictions, returns to prison for any reason, and returns to prison to begin a new sentence are only valid when all offenders under consideration are tracked over the same amount of time. Given that offenders tracked in this report were discharged over a 51-month period - some as recently as one month ago - recidivism for the entire group cannot be calculated.

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.

Controlling offenses at discharge of offenders awarded RREC

Controlling offense	Frequency								
53A032	8031	53A223B	110	53A182B	14	53A181C	4	17A101E	1
21A277A	2728	53A060D	102	53A057	14	53A102A	4	15-133	1
21A279A	1556	53A095	102	53-202C	14	12-428	4	FINE	1
53A103	1529	53A063	102	53A166	14	53A167	3	53A128G	1
14-227A	1527	21A279B	92	53A111	14	53A136A	3	53A092A	1
53A125B	1336	53A072A	87	21A266	13	53A090A	3	53A060C	1
53A061	1237	53A223A	85	53A171	12	53A129A	3	53A180B	1
53A223*	1005	53A055	75	53A61AA	12	53-206D	3	53A070A	1
53A048	950	53A056B	74	53A129C	11	53A088	3	53A149	1
53A134	659	53A117	69	51-164R	11	53A174	3	53A128F	1
53A060	632	29-035A	65	53A180C	10	54-254	3	53A117E	1
21A277B	632	53A096	58	29-033	10	IMMIG	3	53A054A	1
53A124	575	54-252	56	53A151	10	53A218	3	53A072B	1
53A167A	567	53A116	56	53A223	10	53A094A	3	53A040B	1
53A049	554	53A222A	48	53A128	10	21A279D	3	53-278B	1
54-076B	549	53A119B	46	21A108	10	53A181K	3	53A178	1
53A181	543	14-223	46	53A189A	9	53A156	3	53A087	1
53-021	493	14-222	46	54-253	9	21A268	3	29-037E	1
SPECPAR	449	53A64CC	44	53A196D	9	14-227G	2	53A213	1
53A059	405	53A212	44	53A151A	9	14-227	2	53A127B	1
53A062	366	53A109	43	53A157B	9	53-080A	2	53A165	1
53A135	354	21A278A	42	21A257	8	53A215	2	31-273	1
14-215C	348	21A267	41	53A060A	8	54-033D	2	31-071G	1
53A123	327	53A129D	41	53A181A	8	54-169	2	31-071B	1
53A173	326	53A138	40	53A127F	8	53A181E	2	53A216	1
53A122	294	53A064	40	53A070B	8	53A129	2	53A129E	1
53A167C	287	53A115	38	14-222A	7	29-036	2	29-037	1
53A136	278	53A134A	37	53A060B	7	53A126B	2	53A217B	1
53A107	262	53A108	36	53A059A	7	53A175	2	53A255	1
21A279C	259	53-395	32	53A181D	7	53A170	2	53A-323	1
53A071	244	53A056	30	14-227K	6	12-737	2	53A127A	1
53A169	238	54-251	30	53A119	6	53A059B	2	53A174B	1
53A217	236	53A196E	30	53A180	6	53A1801	2	53-021A	1
53A125	233	53A128C	29	53A64AA	6	53-142B	2		
53A182	215	53A055A	29	14-036A	6	53A117A	2		
21A278B	206	53A113	27	53A129B	6	53-202B	2		
53A102	205	53A183	26	53A174A	6	53A117K	2		
53A125A	197	53A222	23	53A130A	5	14-215B	2		
53A64BB	191	53A130	22	53-206C	5	53A040	2		
53A070	171	53A106	21	53A126A	5	53A196C	2		
29-035	168	53A114	19	53-020	5	53A083	2		
53A217C	151	53A112	18	20-427B	5	53A194	2		
14-215	150	53A128D	18	53A101A	5	14-052	1		
14-224	146	53A092	18	FED	5	54-076D	1		
53-021*	145	53A196F	18	14-147C	5	30-086	1		
53A172	142	53A140	18	14-036	5	21A267C	1		
29-038	133	53A183B	17	51-033	5	54-076J	1		
53A008	133	53A186	16	53A058	4	53A097	1		
53A139	132	53A061A	16	53A196B	4	54-170	1		
14-215A	128	21A277C	16	53-203	4	53A167*	1		
53A101	123	53A155	16	51-033A	4	53A104	1		
53A082	120	53A094	16	38A-371	4	53A10	1		
53A073A	116	53A211	16	53A192	4	53A098	1		
53-206	112	53-247	15	53A179A	4	21A246	1	Total	35,966