OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division
Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- On February 1, 2016, 15,860 people were incarcerated in Connecticut prisons and jails. A year ago, on the same date, 16,302 people were in prison.

- OPM has produced a new prison population projection through February 2017. If accurate, the prison population could drop to 15,277 by the end of the year. This projection assumes continuation of all current statutes and policies. Proposed changes could increase or decrease the actual population.

- Between January 1 and February 1, 2016, the prison population jumped by 360 prisoners. During January, prison admissions were up across the board, beating the December figure 2,176 to 1,739 (see chart 2).

- During January, the DOC ended its contract with the Maple Street House, a 61-bed halfway house in Bridgeport. The closure represents a reduction of approximately 5% to the DOC network of contracted residential beds. Though a small reduction, it could slow efforts to place eligible offenders in the community.

- Chart 2a contains recidivism and distribution data for all sentenced, male offenders who left prison in 2011. Over 80% of offenders, regardless of age, who were completing their 9th or higher prison sentence were rearrested within 3 years. A review of their criminal histories revealed a pattern of low-level property and drug crimes and administrative offenses like Failure to Appear.

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Prison Population Forecast

OPM has produced a new forecast of the prison population for the remainder of 2016 through February 2017. This projection is an estimate of what the prison population should look like if the internal and external forces that impact the prison population continue operating at current levels. On a February-to-February basis, the projection assumes that prison population will decline by 400 prisoners, or 2.6%, in the coming year.

From OPM's perspective, a steadily declining prison population is optimal for both public safety and operational concerns. There are many factors that OPM considers in its projections. Certainly, crime is down, as are arrests and overall prison admissions. Fewer new people are entering the state's prison system each year and there are many fewer young people incarcerated today than there were five years ago.
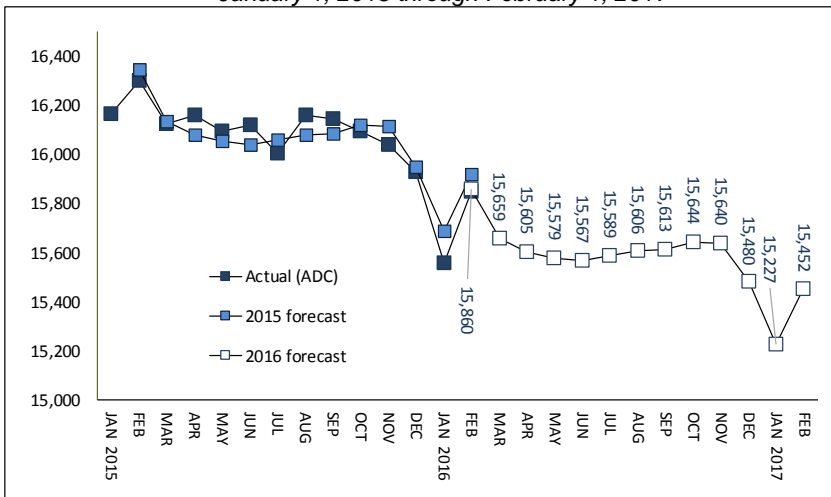
During 2015, the prison population tracked a path that was closely aligned with OPM's projection for much of the year. Fewer people coming into prison at the front of the system and greater efficiencies realized on the release and re-entry side of the equation resulted in a 2.6% drop in the prison population, all without any significant external impacts from new legislation or policies. If the DOC can build on the positive things that happened last year, the actual prison population could decline at a slightly faster rate than projected here.

TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast			
	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2015 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '16	15,556	-	-
FEB	15,852	15,860	-
MAR	-	15,659	-
APR	-	15,605	-
MAY	-	15,579	-
JUN	-	15,567	-
JUL	-	15,589	-
AUG	-	15,606	-
SEP	-	15,613	-
OCT	-	15,644	-
NOV	-	15,640	-
DEC	-	15,480	-
JAN '17	-	15,227	-
FEB	-	15,452	-
Avg. Daily Count (ADC) for 1st week of month			

Chart 1 – Actual prison population against the OPM forecasts
January 1, 2015 through February 1, 2017

Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows

February 1, 2016

Monthly Statewide Criminal Arrests 6,714 (7,096)

Prison admissions 2,176 (1,739)

107 (70)   181 (144)   447 (167)   1,441 (1,358)

THE COURTS
Arraignments 2,860 (2,901)

Federal /Other*
165 (138)

Special Parolees*
488 (521)

Sentenced Prisoners*
11,883 (11,601)

Pre-trial Population*
3,324 (3,240)

No return from court
497 (587)

Release to Bond
323 (439)

Pre-trial releases

Prison Population*: 15,860 (15,500)   DOC FACILITIES

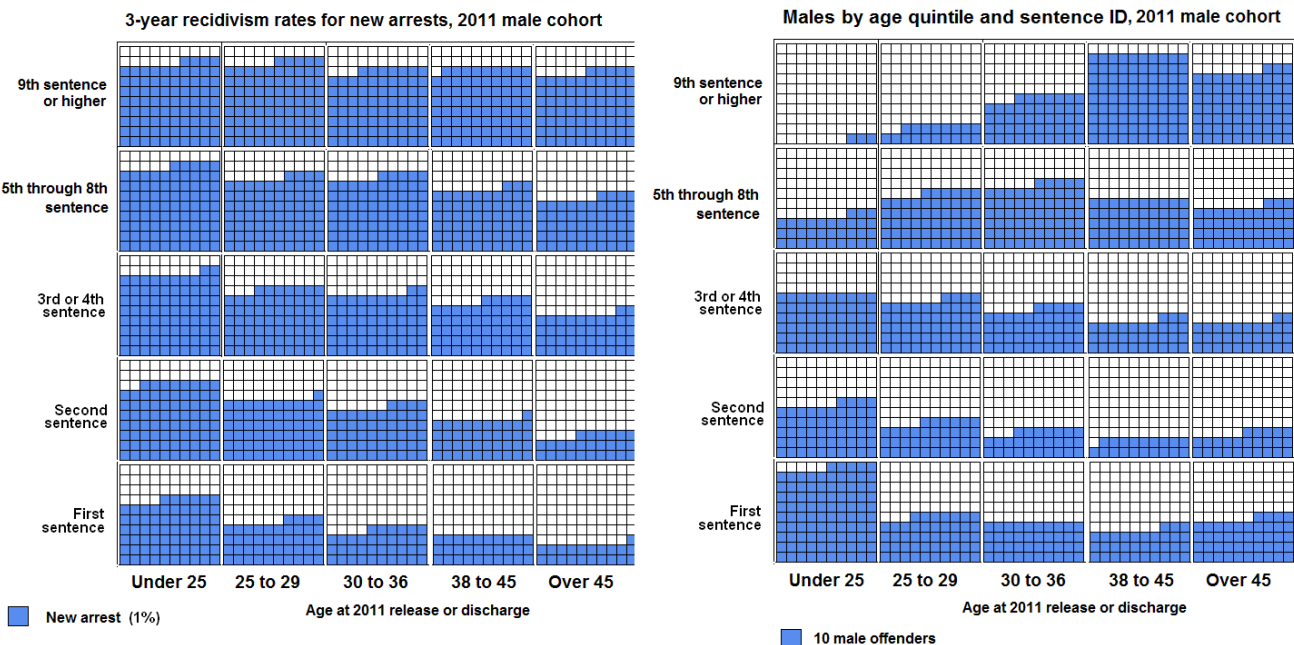Probation Violations

Releases & discharges 1,264 (1,576)

2,320 (2,305)

375 (504)

Discretionary Releases from Prison

0 (0)	30 (36)	109 (124)	28 (35)	31 (18)	105 (155)	178 (237)	113 (131)
Nursing home* 6 (8)	DUI Home Confine.* 82 (91)	Parole/& Parcom* 1,040 (1,005)	Re-entry Furlgh.* 40 (38)	Transit. Place.* 66 (46)	Halfway Houses* 891 (974)	TS* 588 (569)	Special Parole* 1,412 (1,405)

End of Sentence (EOS)
670 (840)

Adult Probation
41,160 (41,312)

376 (403)

| 0 (0) | 3 (3) | 33 (31) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 33 (26) | 42 (38) | 70 (46) |

Criminal & Technical Violations- Remands

SPLIT SENTENCE   YES

NO

1,821 (2,097)

| 0 (0) | 32 (29) | 45 (57) | 11 (11) | 3 (7) | 46 (55) | 115 (154) | 43 (23) |

294 (437)

Discharges (EOS) from Community Supervision 295 (336)

Completion of Court Imposed Sanction

Offenders Supervised in the Community by CT DOC*: 4,125 (4,136)

* There were no offenders on Transfer Parole status on February 1, 2016.
Chart 2 contains monthly, operation data for January 2016 and daily counts reported on February 1, 2016. Asterisks (*) indicate the daily count on February 1st. Last month's figures are enclosed by parentheses. Sources: Arrests - OBTS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC.

Chart 2a – Recidivism by age and sentence history, men leaving prison in 2011

3-year recidivism rates for new arrests, 2011 male cohort

9th sentence or higher

5th through 8th sentence

3rd or 4th sentence

Second sentence

First sentence

Under 25   25 to 29   30 to 36   38 to 45   Over 45
Age at 2011 release or discharge

■ New arrest (1%)

Males by age quintile and sentence ID, 2011 male cohort

9th sentence or higher

5th through 8th sentence

3rd or 4th sentence

Second sentence

First sentence

Under 25   25 to 29   30 to 36   38 to 45   Over 45
Age at 2011 release or discharge

■ 10 male offenders

Table 2 – The first-of-month totals

	2015 Dec. 1	2016 Jan. 1	2016 Feb. 1	2015 Feb. 1	% Change Monthly	Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	128	138	165	223	19.6%	-26.0%
Sentenced	11,854	11,601	11,883	12,273	2.4%	-3.2%
Special Parole	570	521	488	446	-6.3%	9.4%
Pre-trial	3,430	3,240	3,324	3,360	2.6%	-1.1%
Total	**15,982**	**15,500**	**15,860**	**16,302**	**2.3%**	**-2.7%**
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	981	1,005	1,040	929	3.5%	11.9%
Parole	804	828	863	762	4.2%	13.3%
Parcom @ CT	177	177	177	167	0.0%	6.0%
Furlough	40	38	40	17	-	-
Trans Placement	44	46	66	62	43.5%	6.5%
DUI/Home confine.	96	91	82	82	-9.9%	0.0%
Halfway House Total	1,009	974	891	972	-8.5%	-8.3%
Comm Release	555	526	465	677	-11.6%	-31.3%
TS	52	46	45	23	-2.2%	95.7%
Parole	163	158	132	78	-16.5%	69.2%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	239	244	249	194	2.0%	28.4%
TS	540	569	588	522	3.3%	12.6%
Nursing home	8	8	6	6	-	-
Special Parole	1,355	1,405	1,412	1,216	0.5%	16.1%
Total	**4,073**	**4,136**	**4,125**	**3,806**	**-0.3%**	**8.4%**

Table 3 – Admissions, releases & discharges*

	2015 Nov.	2015 Dec.	2016 Jan.	2015 Jan.	% Change Monthly	Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	75	70	107	95	52.9%	12.6%
Remands	164	144	181	148	25.7%	22.3%
DUI	5	3	3	7	-	-
Parole	20	31	33	29	6.5%	13.8%
Trans Plac/Furlough	2	0	0	1	-	-
HWH	32	26	33	20	26.9%	65.0%
TS	45	38	42	25	10.5%	68.0%
Special Parole	60	46	70	66	52.2%	6.1%
New Sentence	222	167	447	488	167.7%	-8.4%
VOP	70	59	127	133	115.3%	-4.5%
Pre-trial	1358	1358	1441	1299	6.1%	10.9%
Total	**1,819**	**1,739**	**2,176**	**2,030**	**25.1%**	**7.2%**
Releases and discharges						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Parole	118	124	109	73	-12.1%	49.3%
Furlough	29	35	28	16	-20.0%	75.0%
Trans. Placement	13	18	31	24	72.2%	29.2%
Home Confinement DUI	24	36	30	29	-16.7%	3.4%
HWH	137	155	105	174	-32.3%	-39.7%
TS	176	237	178	134	-24.9%	32.8%
Special Parole	102	131	113	90	-13.7%	25.6%
Nursing home	1	0	0	0	-	-
End of Sentence	721	840	670	793	-20.2%	-15.5%
Total	**1,321**	**1,576**	**1,264**	**1,333**	**-19.8%**	**-5.2%**
Pre-trial Releases*						
From Court	452	587	497	487	-15.3%	2.1%
Release to Bond	367	439	323	350	-26.4%	-7.7%

* Totals reflect events, not individual offenders

Table 3a – Community Release Unit metrics

	Cases Reviewed	Approved	Denied	Continued	Approval Rate
Nov.	903	420	137	129	47%
Dec	953	455	152	152	48%
Jan.	743	344	123	126	46%

Board of Pardons and Paroles

Table 4 – Parole hearings, new cases

	Parole Hearings	Paroles granted, 2015	Grant rate	Paroles granted, 1 year ago	Paroles granted, 2 years ago
Nov.	170	96	56%	103	124
Dec.	187	122	65%	107	117
Jan. '16	164	102	62%	81	96

Table 4a – Other Board actions

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
Nov.	64	4	21	30
Dec.	55	1	33	32
Jan.	37	5	41	45

The pre-trial population

Table 5 – Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

Bond amount	Dec. 1, 2015	Jan. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2015
Less than $20K	568	557	560	613
$20K to < $50K	593	581	561	555
$50K to <$100K	717	719	718	730
$100K or higher	1,540	1,501	1,502	1,541
Offenders w/bonds	3,418	3,358	3,341	3,439
Over $1M	176	177	167	185

Table 5a – Pre-trial, weeks since admission

Weeks since last DOC admit	Dec. 1, 2015	Jan. 1, 2015	Feb. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2015
< 1 week	351	356	545	401
1 to < 3 weeks	415	408	389	347
3 to < 10 weeks	921	890	773	782
10 to < 30 weeks	1,029	1,160	937	1,153
30 wks or more	706	776	700	759
Pre-trial prisoners	3,422	3,590	3,344	3,442

Table 5b – Pre-trial admits, new offenders

	Oct. 2015	Nov. 2015	Dec. 2015	Jan. 2016
Arraignments	3,084	2,780	2,901	2,860
Pre-trial Admits	1,488	1,358	1,358	1,441
New to DOC	413	367	402	355
% New	28%	27%	30%	25%

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 – The Jail Re-interview Program

	Pre-trial admissions	Offender interviews	Offenders released	Releases last year
Nov.	1,358	1,579	745	804
Dec.	1,358	1,651	883	877
Jan.'16	1,441	1,656	872	888

Table 6a – Pre-Trial & split-sentence starts

	Pre-trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
Nov.	2,254	2,176	377
Dec.	2,290	2,305	403
Jan. '15	2,403	2,320	376

Note: Figures published here are based on operational data available at publication. Data in subsequent issues may not agree.
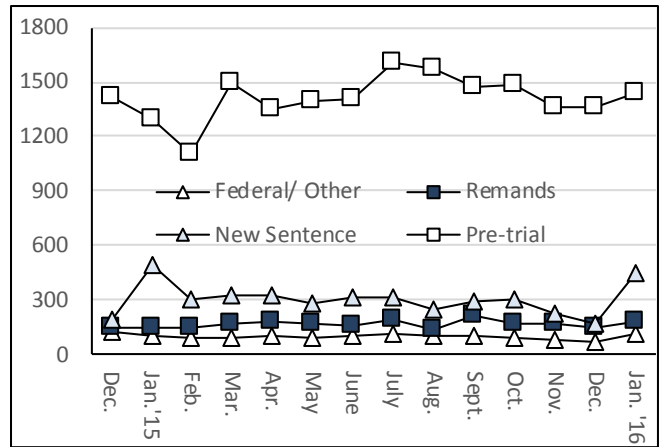
Chart 3 – Prison population
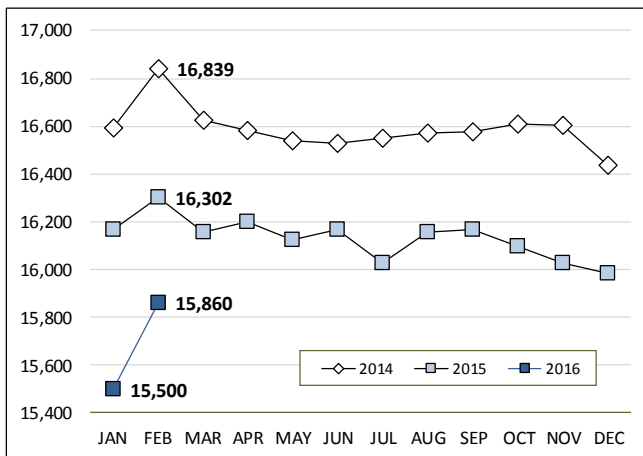*First week of the month, and ADC*

Average Daily Count (ADC): 15,852
ADC Last month: 15,556

Monday, Feb. 1	Tuesday, Feb. 2	Wed., Feb. 3	Thursday, Feb. 4	Friday, Feb. 5	Saturday, Feb. 6	Sunday, Feb. 7
15860	15883	15856	15858	15848	15829	15829
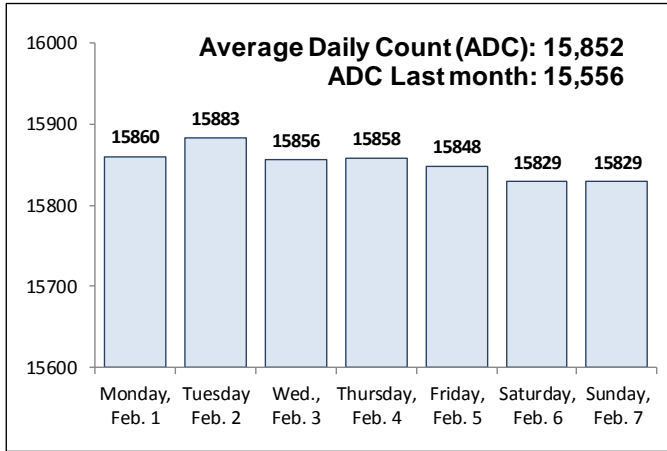
Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions
December 2014 through January 2016

Legend: Federal/ Other, Remands, New Sentence, Pre-trial

Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month
2014, 2015 and 2016

16,839 (2014)
16,302 (2015)
15,860 (2016)
15,500 (2016)

Legend: 2014, 2015, 2016

Chart 7– Remands from community release
January 2016

Legend: Absconder/Escapee, Criminal Offense, Technical Violation

	Parole	TS	Halfway House	Special Parole
Absconder/Escapee	5	4	11	6
Criminal Offense	11	6	1	14
Technical Violation	17	32	21	50
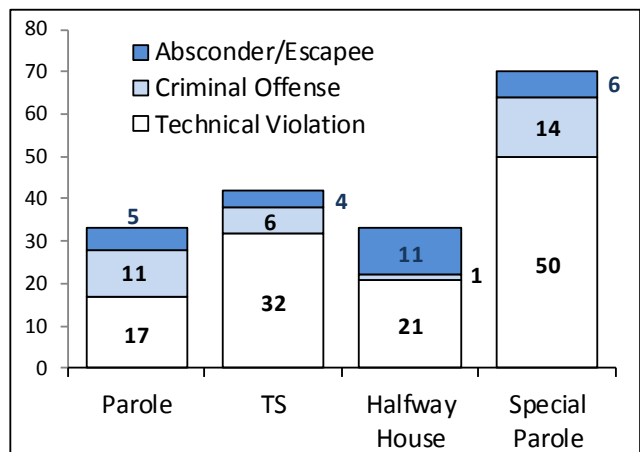
Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests
2015 and 2016

6,175 · 5,478 · 7,275 · 6,761 · 6,896 · 7,683 · 7,474 · 8,311 · 7,631 · 7,247 · 6,676 · 7,096

6,714 (2016 JAN)

Legend: 2016, 2015

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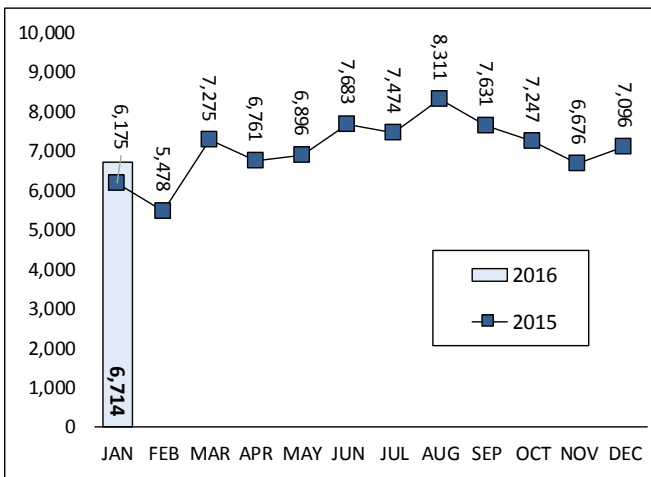
Chart 8 – DOC community supervision
January 1, 2015 through February 1, 2016

Legend: Special Parole, Parole, TS

1,410 → 1,661 (Special Parole)
1,007 → 1,172 (Parole)
545 → 633 (TS)
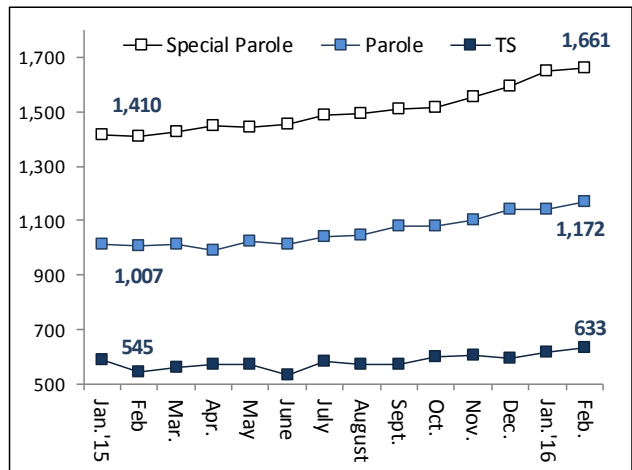
Note: Data for all charts, with the exception of Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 is based on new case starts in the state Offender-Based Tracking System (OBTS). Chart 8 includes offenders in halfway houses.