OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division
Monthly Indicators Report

Highlights

- On May 1, 2015, 16,122 people were incarcerated in Connecticut prisons, 76 fewer than the figure for April 1st. Last year, on May 1st, state prison count was 16,541.

- Total releases to community supervision were up 8.8% compared to last month (see table 3). Although it is too early to credit the Central Re-Entry Unit (CRU) at DOC, this new unit appears to be driving some efficiency through the facility release system. The CRU is heavily reliant on the CaseNotes system, which provides real-time data on the progress of cases as they make their way through the facilities. Using operational data to monitor system performance at DOC is a new and welcome development.

- In 2014, one million fewer prison bed days were used at the DOC than in 2008. One million prison bed-days represents the prison capacity required to incarcerate 2,740 prisoners for one year (see chart 2a).

- Statewide arrests were down in April compared to March by 7%. Given this, it was not surprisingly that pre-trial admissions to prison were also down by 10% compared to March.

- Grant rates at the Board of Pardons and Paroles (BOPP) have declined in recent months compared to historic grant rates of 70% to 75% (see table 4). It is not clear whether rates will rebound in the future or whether the impact of structured decision making and SCORES assessments means low grant going forward.

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Prison Population Forecast

The prison population is continuing to track along the same path that OPM predicted in February. That said, the months of April and May are generally less volatile in terms of wide swings in the prison population.

Over the next few months, OPM will try to assess the impact of various diversionary programs in reducing the size of the state's pre-trial population. The Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division is in the fore-front of these intitiavies, and although their efforts in pre-trial diversion are well recognized and appreciated at the DOC, no-one has yet quantified how large the impact of these efforts actually are in driving down the state's pre-trial prison population. The inability to measure this impact adds an area of uncertainty to OPM's efforts to forecast the state's prison population.

Although the warmer months generally signal a rise in the prison population, OPM assumes that continued efficiency on the back end of the system will mitigate any increases in admissions.

TABLE 1 – Prison Population Forecast

	Avg. Daily Count	OPM 2015 Forecast	Inmate difference
JAN '15	16,204	-	-
FEB	16,302	16,343	41
MAR	16,124	16,136	12
APR	16,161	16,079	(82)
MAY	16,093	16,052	(41)
JUN	-	16,039	-
JUL	-	16,061	-
AUG	-	16,078	-
SEP	-	16,085	-
OCT	-	16,117	-
NOV	-	16,112	-
DEC	-	15,948	-
JAN '16	-	15,686	-
FEB	-	15,917	-

Avg. Daily Count (ADC) for 1st week of month

Chart 1 – Actual prison population against the OPM forecasts
January 1, 2014 through February 1, 2016
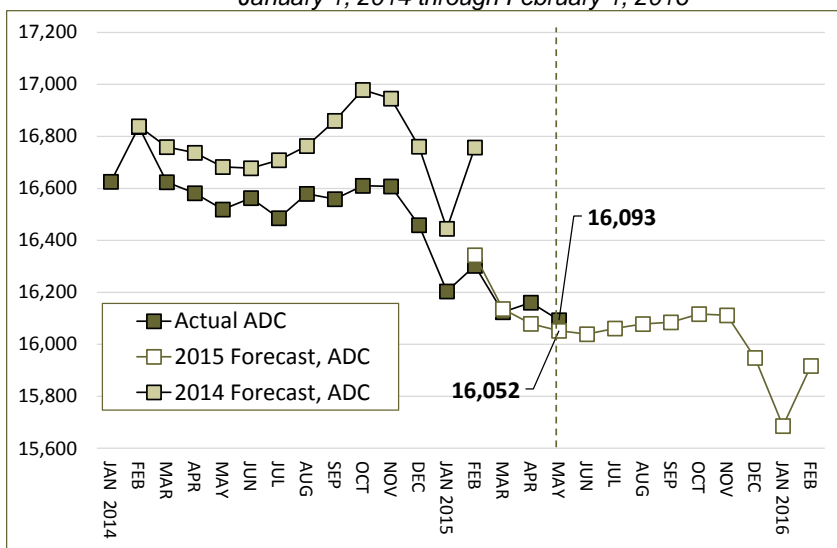
Chart 2 - Criminal justice, monthly counts and flows

May 1, 2015

Monthly Statewide Criminal Arrests 6,761 (7,275)

100 (105)

Prison admits 1,950 (2,071)

Probation Violations

COURT

95 (89) 180 (161) 325 (323) 1,350 (1,498)

Federal /Other 137* (134)
Special Parolees 546* (543)

Sentenced Prisoners 12,304* (12,296)

Pre-trial Population 3,135* (3,225)

No return from court 534 (531)

Release to Bond 361 (443)

Prison Population: 16,122* (16,198)

Pre-trial releases

2,351 (2,457)

Releases & discharges 1,387 (1,276)

472 (467)

Discretionary Releases from Prison

End of Sentence (EOS) 741 (730)

Adult Probation 41,774 (41,913)

	Nursing home 6* (6)	DUI Home Confine. 108* (83)	Parole/& Parcom 924* (911)	Re-entry Furlough 21* (10)	Transit. Place. 71* (71)	Halfway houses 966* (939)	TS 533* (542)	Special Parole 1,245* (1,254)
Discretionary	0 (1)	46 (32)	99 (92)	20 (8)	18 (25)	188 (136)	178 (165)	97 (87)
Criminal & Technical Violations- Remands	0 (0)	0 (3)	25 (41)	1 (2)	5 (1)	45 (23)	43 (45)	61 (46)
Discharges (EOS) from Community Supervision 269 (263)	0 (0)	21 (20)	39 (54)	1 (5)	5 (5)	54 (51)	122 (107)	27 (23)

373 (376)

SPLIT SENTENCE YES

NO

368 (354)

1,946 (2,100)

Completion of Court Imposed Sanction

Offenders Supervised in the Community by CT DOC: 3,878* (3,816)

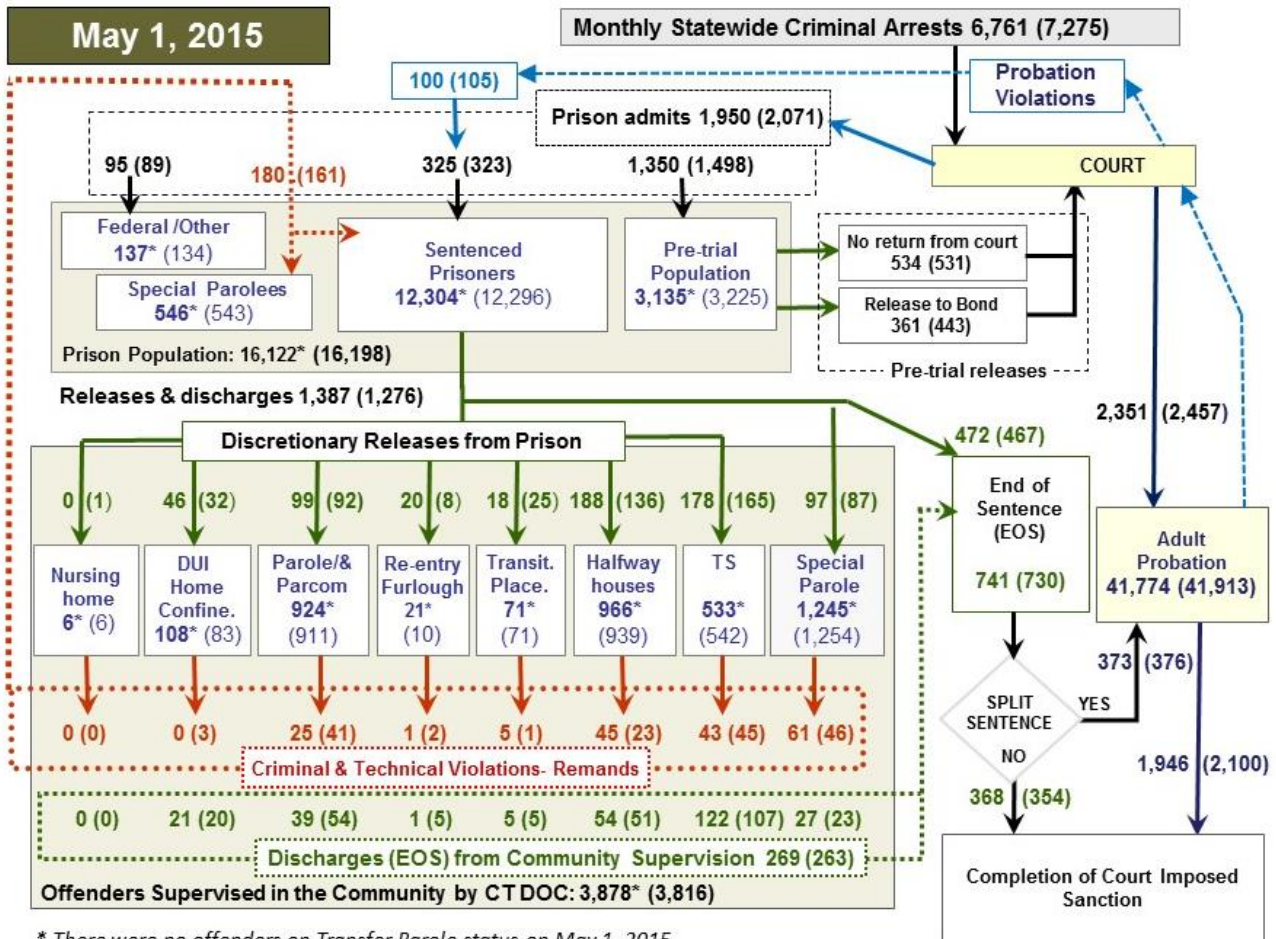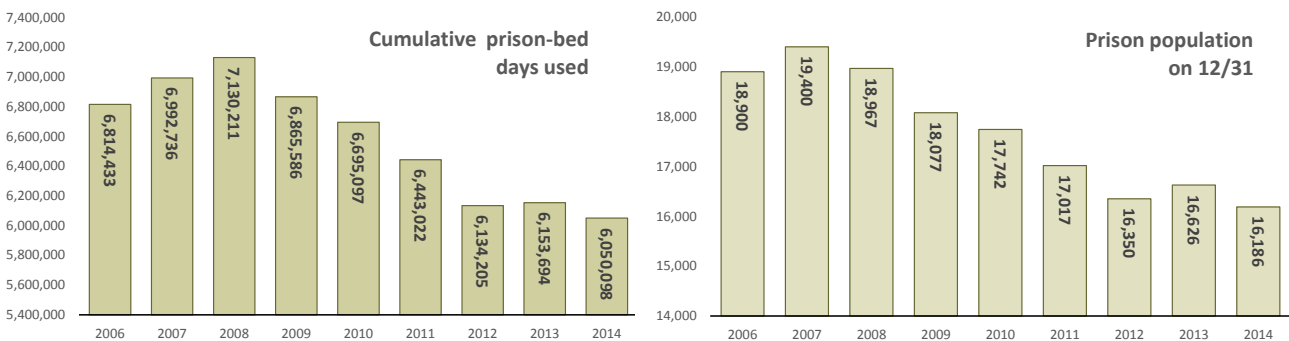*There were no offenders on Transfer Parole status on May 1, 2015.

Chart 2 contains monthly, operations data for the month of April 2015 and daily counts reported on May 1, 2015. Figures followed by asterisks (*) indicate the daily count on May 1st. Last month's figures are enclosed by parentheses. Sources: Arrests - OBTS, Court and probation data - CSSD, all other data - CT DOC.

Chart 2a – Prison bed-days and the count

Cumulative prison-bed days used

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
6,814,433	6,992,736	7,130,211	6,865,586	6,695,097	6,443,022	6,134,205	6,153,694	6,050,098

Prison population on 12/31

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
18,900	19,400	18,967	18,077	17,742	17,017	16,350	16,626	16,186

In recent years, the state's prison population has dropped significantly. The most direct measure of this decline can be seen in historical daily-count data published by DOC and OPM. What is less obvious is what these declines mean in terms of system capacity and cost.

The graph on the right in Chart 2a contains data for the prison population on December 31 for the years 2006 through 2014. On the left is a graph of the cumulative prison bed-days for the same years. A prison bed-day represents one prisoner occupying a prison bed for a single day. Thinking in bed-days allows us to better understand total demand on system resources.

Between 2008 and 2014, the number of prison bed-days used at the DOC fell from 7.1M to 6.1M, a 15% decrease. Assigning a cost of $50 per each bed-day, suggests savings to be in the range of $54M. A million bed-days is equivalent to incarcerating 2,740 offenders for one year.

Table 2 – The first-of-the-month totals

	2015 Mar. 1	2015 April 1	2015 May 1	2014 May 1	% Change Monthly	Annual
DOC Facilities						
Federal/Other	140	134	137	172	2.2%	-20.3%
Sentenced	12,267	12,296	12,304	12,631	0.1%	-2.6%
Special Parole	546	543	546	399	0.6%	36.8%
Pre-trial	3,205	3,225	3,135	3,339	-2.8%	-6.1%
Total	**16,158**	**16,198**	**16,122**	**16,541**	**-0.5%**	**-2.5%**
DOC Community						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Parole/ Parcom Total	937	911	924	995	1.4%	-7.1%
Parole	769	746	750	830	0.5%	-9.6%
Parcom @ CT	168	165	174	165	5.5%	5.5%
Furlough	20	10	21	4	-	-
Trans Placement	60	71	71	138	0.0%	-48.6%
DUI/Home confine.	76	83	108	126	30.1%	-14.3%
Halfway House Total	941	939	966	968	2.9%	-0.2%
Comm Release	647	637	631	691	-0.9%	-8.7%
TS	21	26	37	33	42.3%	12.1%
Parole	73	79	101	70	27.8%	44.3%
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Special Parole	200	197	197	174	0.0%	13.2%
TS Total	538	542	533	615	-1.7%	-13.3%
Nursing home	5	6	6	8	-	-
Special Parole	1,228	1,254	1,245	1,193	-0.7%	4.4%
Total	**3,805**	**3,816**	**3,874**	**4,047**	**1.5%**	**-4.3%**

Table 3 – Admissions, releases & discharges*

	2015 Feb.	2015 Mar.	2015 April	2014 April	% Change Monthly	Annual
Admissions						
Federal/Other	90	89	95	85	6.7%	11.8%
Remands	142	161	180	189	11.8%	-4.8%
DUI	1	3	0	4	-	-
Parole	23	41	25	36	-39.0%	-30.6%
Trans Plac/Furlough	2	3	6	8	-	-
HWH	23	23	45	43	95.7%	4.7%
TS	34	45	43	44	-4.4%	-2.3%
Special Parole	59	46	61	54	32.6%	13.0%
New Sentence	296	323	325	314	0.6%	3.5%
VOP	80	105	100	104	-4.8%	-3.8%
Pre-trial	1,101	1,498	1,350	1,487	-9.9%	-9.2%
Total	**1,629**	**2,071**	**1,950**	**2,075**	**-5.8%**	**-6.0%**
Releases and discharges						
Transfer Parole	0	0	0	0	-	-
Parole	86	92	99	98	7.6%	1.0%
Furlough	14	8	20	5	150.0%	300.0%
Trans. Placement	13	25	18	38	-28.0%	-52.6%
Home Confinement DUI	16	32	46	46	43.8%	0.0%
HWH	127	136	188	171	38.2%	9.9%
TS	146	165	178	208	7.9%	-14.4%
Special Parole	92	87	97	85	11.5%	14.1%
Nursing home	1	1	0	2	-	-
End of Sentence	698	730	741	798	1.5%	-7.1%
Total	**1,193**	**1,276**	**1,387**	**1,451**	**8.7%**	**-4.4%**
Pre-trial Releases*						
No return from Court	441	531	534	529	0.6%	0.9%
Release to Bond	369	443	361	444	-18.5%	-18.7%

* Totals reflect events not individuals.

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Table 4 – Parole hearings, new cases

	Parole Hearings	Paroles granted	Grant rate	Paroles granted, 2014	Paroles granted, 2013
Feb.	161	88	55%	103	121
Mar.	149	67	45%	78	113
Apr.	141	67	48%	73	113

Table 4a – Other parole actions

	Reparole from revocation	Reparole from rescission	Closed interest cases	Special parole cases
Feb.	22	7	29	41
Mar.	31	3	23	40
Apr.	51	7	79	27

Pre-trial detainees

Table 5 – Bond ranges for pre-trial detainees

Bond amount	Mar. 1, 2015	April 1, 2015	May 1, 2015	May 1, 2014
Less than $20K	560	573	547	599
$20K to < $50K	508	558	523	555
$50K to <$100K	678	687	677	711
$100K or higher	1,495	1,473	1,450	1545
Over $1M	181	186	188	203
Offenders w/bonds	3241	3291	3197	3410

Table 5a – Pre-trial offenders, weeks since admission

Weeks since last DOC admit	Mar. 1, 2015	April 1, 2015	May 1, 2015	May 1, 2014
< 1 week	422	435	458	446
1 to < 3 weeks	297	391	350	403
3 to < 10 weeks	709	731	771	856
10 to < 30 weeks	1,037	943	831	904
30 wks or more	781	797	790	801
Pre-trial prisoners	3,246	3,297	3,200	3,410

Table 5b – Pre-trial admits, new offenders

	Jan. 2015	Feb. 2015	Mar 2015	Apr. 2015
Pre-trial Admits	1,299	1,101	1,498	1,350
New to DOC	319	301	368	338
% New	25%	27%	25%	25%

Court Support Services Division

Table 6 – The Jail Re-interview Program

	Pre-trial admissions	Offender interviews	Offenders released	Releases last year
Feb.	1,101	1,099	753	642
Mar.	1,498	1,514	868	792
Apr.	1,450	1,790	827	761

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

	Pre-Trial Bail Case Starts	Client Supv. Starts	Split Sentence Starts
Feb.	1,978	2,112	367
Mar.	2,483	2,457	376
Apr.	2,370	2,351	373

Note: Figures published here are based on operational data available at publication. Data in subsequent issues may not agree.

Chart 3 – Prison population
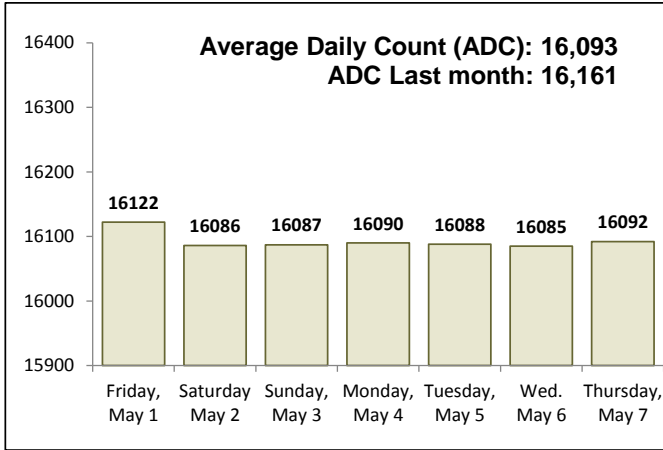*First week of the month, and ADC*

Average Daily Count (ADC): 16,093
ADC Last month: 16,161

Friday, May 1	Saturday May 2	Sunday, May 3	Monday, May 4	Tuesday, May 5	Wed. May 6	Thursday, May 7
16122	16086	16087	16090	16088	16085	16092

Chart 6 – Monthly DOC Admissions
February 2014 through April 2015

Legend: Pre-trial, New Sentence, Remands, Federal/ Other
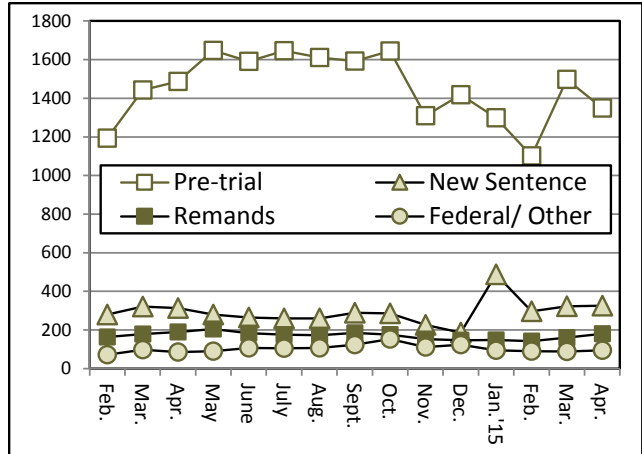
Chart 4 – Prison population, first-of-month
2013, 2014 and 2015

16,728
16,541
16,122

Legend: 2013, 2014, 2015

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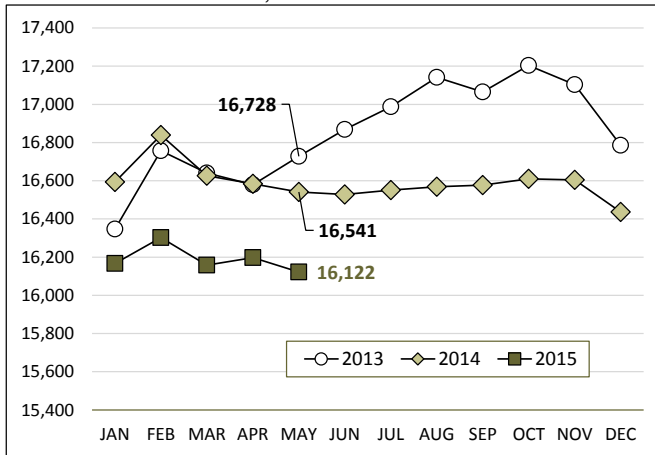
Chart 7– Remands from community release
April 2015

Legend: Absconder/Escapee, Criminal Offense, Technical Violation

	Parole	TS	Halfway House	Special Parole
Absconder/Escapee	4	3	14	4
Criminal Offense	6	7	2	15
Technical Violation	15	33	29	42
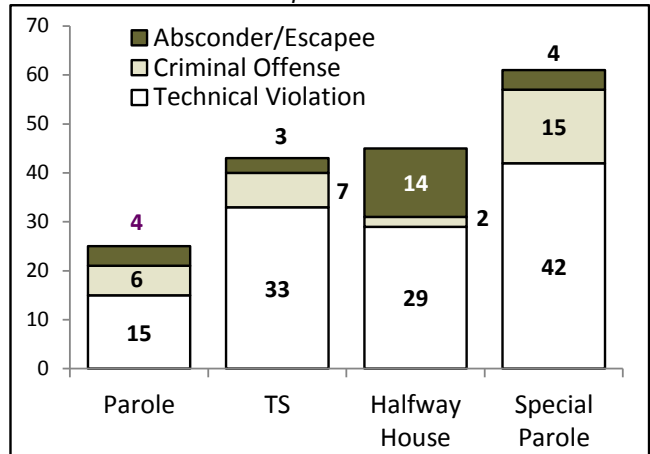
Chart 5 – Statewide criminal arrests
2014 and 2015

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2015	6,175	5,478	7,275	6,761								
2014	6,976	6,175	7,483	7,558	7,913	8,230	8,815	7,627	8,182	7,772	6,165	7,414

Legend: 2015, 2014
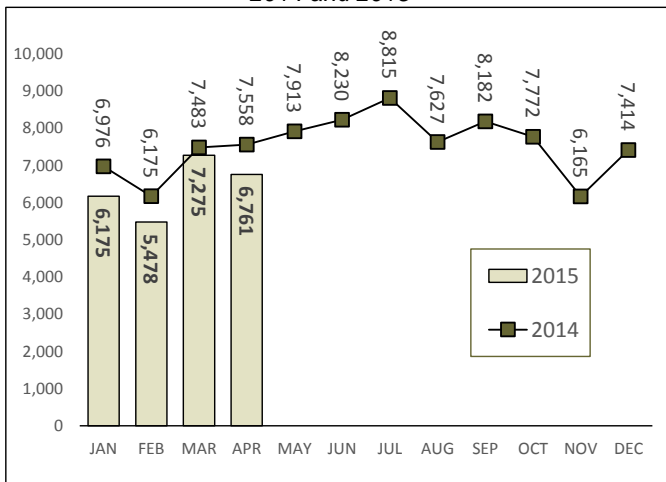
Chart 8 – DOC community supervision
April 1, 2014 through May 1, 2015

Legend: Special Parole, Parole, TS

1,367 → 1,442
1,065 → 1,025
648 → 570

Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan '15 Feb Mar. Apr. May
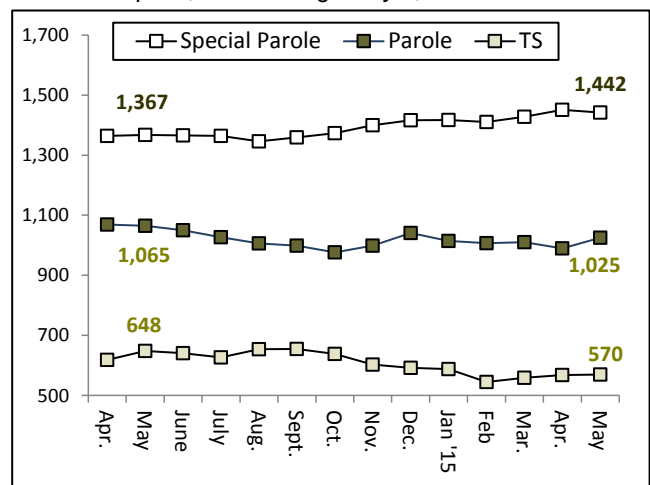
Note: Data for all charts, with the exception of Chart 5, was supplied by CT DOC. Data for Chart 5 is based on new case starts in the state Offender-Based Tracking System (OBTS). Chart 8 includes offenders in halfway houses.