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CONNECTICUT PRISON POPULATION STATISTICS

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You asked how the prison population has changed since 1980 and 2000. You also asked how it has changed over the last several years, including the total, sentenced, and unsentenced prison population.

SUMMARY

Since 1980, the total incarcerated population has grown from 3,845 on January 1, 1980 to 18,052 on January 1, 2010, an increase of 369.5%.

Since 2000, the total incarcerated population has grown from 17,305 on January 1, 2000 to 18,052 on January 1, 2010, an increase of 4.3%.

For the last four years, we looked at the daily incarcerated population reported by the Department of Correction. From January 1, 2006 to January 14, 2010:

1. the total incarcerated population varied from a low of 17,921 inmates on January 2 and 3, 2006 to a high of 19,894 inmates on February 1, 2008, with the population at 18,289 on January 14, 2010;
2. the sentenced inmate population varied from a low of 13,738 on January 4, 2006 to a high of 15,465 on February 8, 2008, with the population at 14,107 inmates on January 14, 2010; and

3. the unsentenced inmate population varied from a low of 4,011 on May 8, 2009 to a high of 4,777 on October 31, 2006, with the population at 4,182 inmates on January 14, 2010.

The table below displays the total incarcerated population on the 1st of each month since January 1, 2006 and on the dates of certain events during this time period.

Total Incarcerated Population Since 2006, by Month and on Selected Dates	
Date	Incarcerated Population
2006	
January 1	17,928
• January 2 and 3 (Lowest population during this period)	17,921
February 1	18,323
March 1	18,366
April 1	18,451
May 1	18,507
June 1	18,509
July 1	18,569
August 1	18,652
September 1	18,890
October 1	19,101
November 1	19,217
December 1	19,117
2007	
January 1	18,903
February 1	19,147
March 1	19,010
April 1	18,989
May 1	18,973
June 1	18,939
July 1	18,892
• July 23 (Cheshire home invasion)	18,864
August 1	18,875
September 1	19,125
• September 21 (Governor imposes temporary parole ban)	19,194
October 1	19,414
November 1	19,828
December 1	19,714

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Total Incarcerated Population Since 2006, by Month and on Selected Dates	
Date	Incarcerated Population
2008	
January 1	19,438
• January 25 (PA 08-1, January Special Session signed, most provisions take effect)	19,820
• January 27 (Governor lifts parole ban)	19,824
February 1 (Highest population during this period)	19,894
March 1	19,730
April 1	19,720
May 1	19,656
June 1	19,530
July 1	19,410
August 1	19,522
September 1	19,550
October 1	19,657
November 1	19,441
December 1	19,176
2009	
January 1	18,978
February 1	19,107
March 1	19,060
April 1	19,069
May 1	18,905
June 1	18,754
July 1	18,891
August 1	18,829
September 1	18,873
October 1	18,818
• October 5 (PA 09-7, September Special Session signed, provision reinstating reentry furloughs takes effect)	18,773
November 1	18,641
December 1	18,395
2010	
January 1	18,052
• January 14 (Most recent data)	18,289

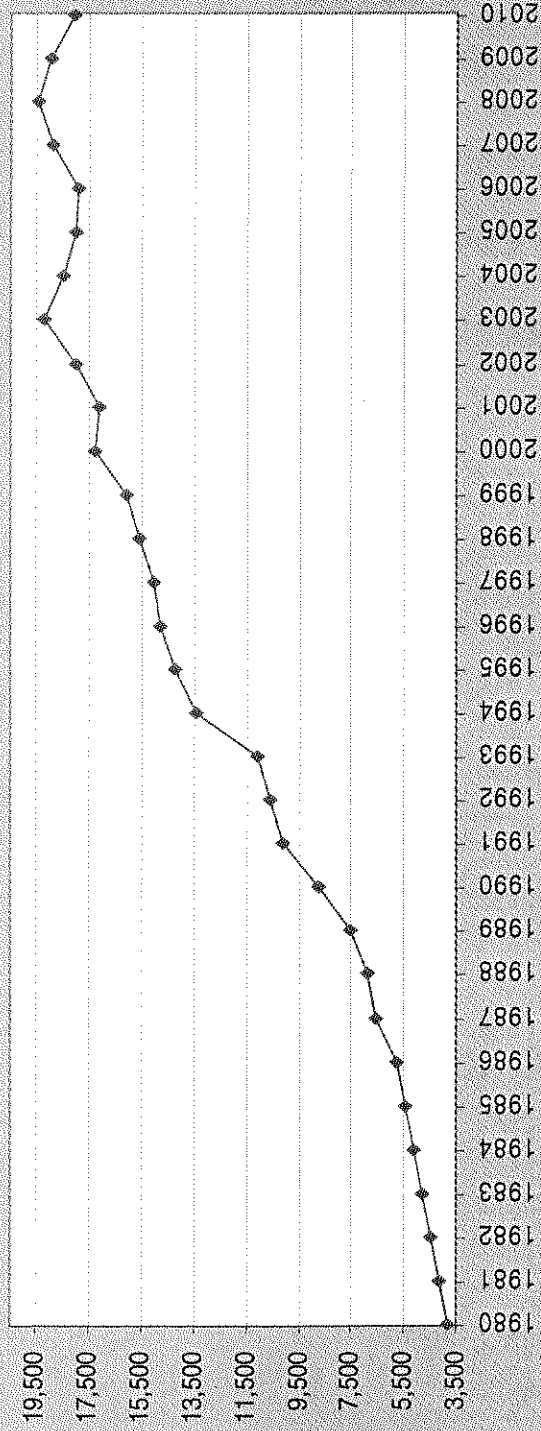
Source: Department of Correction

CHARTS

The charts below show the:

1. total incarcerated population in January of each year since 1980 (January 1 of each year except for January 2, 1981, January 4, 1982, January 6, 1983, and January 8, 1984);
2. total incarcerated population on January 1 of each year since 2000;
3. total incarcerated population on a daily basis from January 1, 2006 through January 14, 2010;
4. sentenced incarcerated population on a daily basis from January 1, 2006 through January 14, 2010; and
5. unsentenced incarcerated population on a daily basis from January 1, 2006 through January 14, 2010.

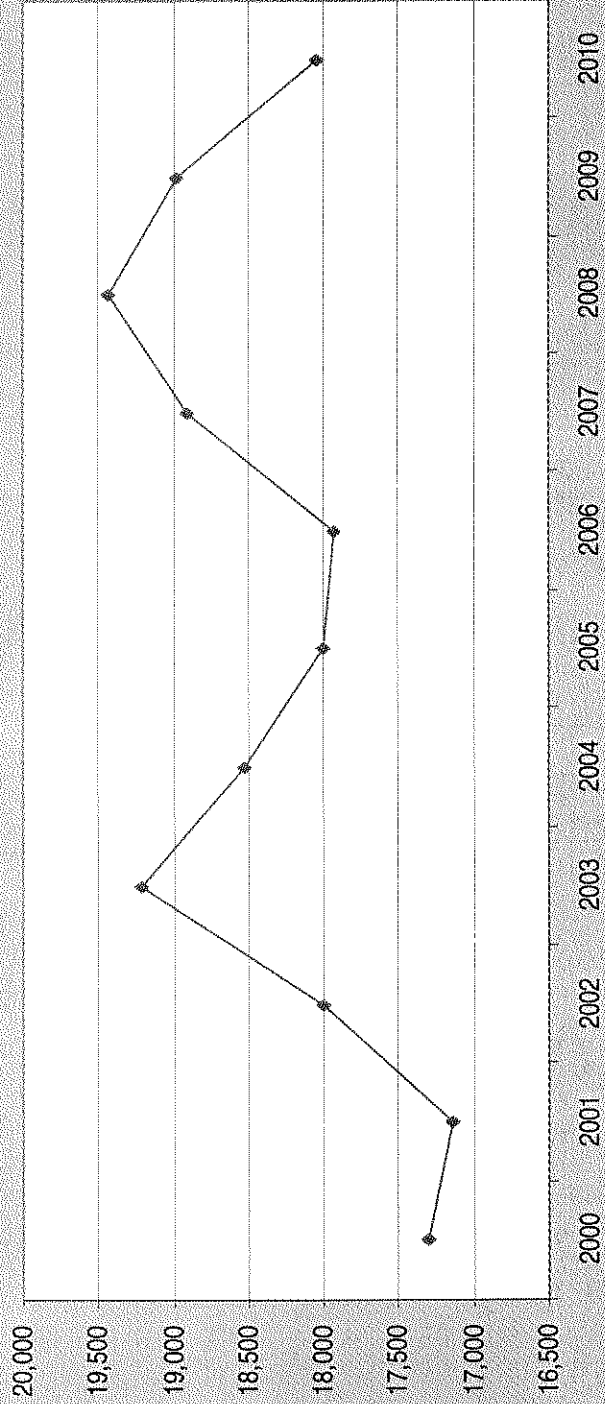
Incarcerated Population 1980 to 2010 (as of January each year)*



* January 1 of each year except
1/2/81, 1/4/82, 1/6/83, and 1/8/84

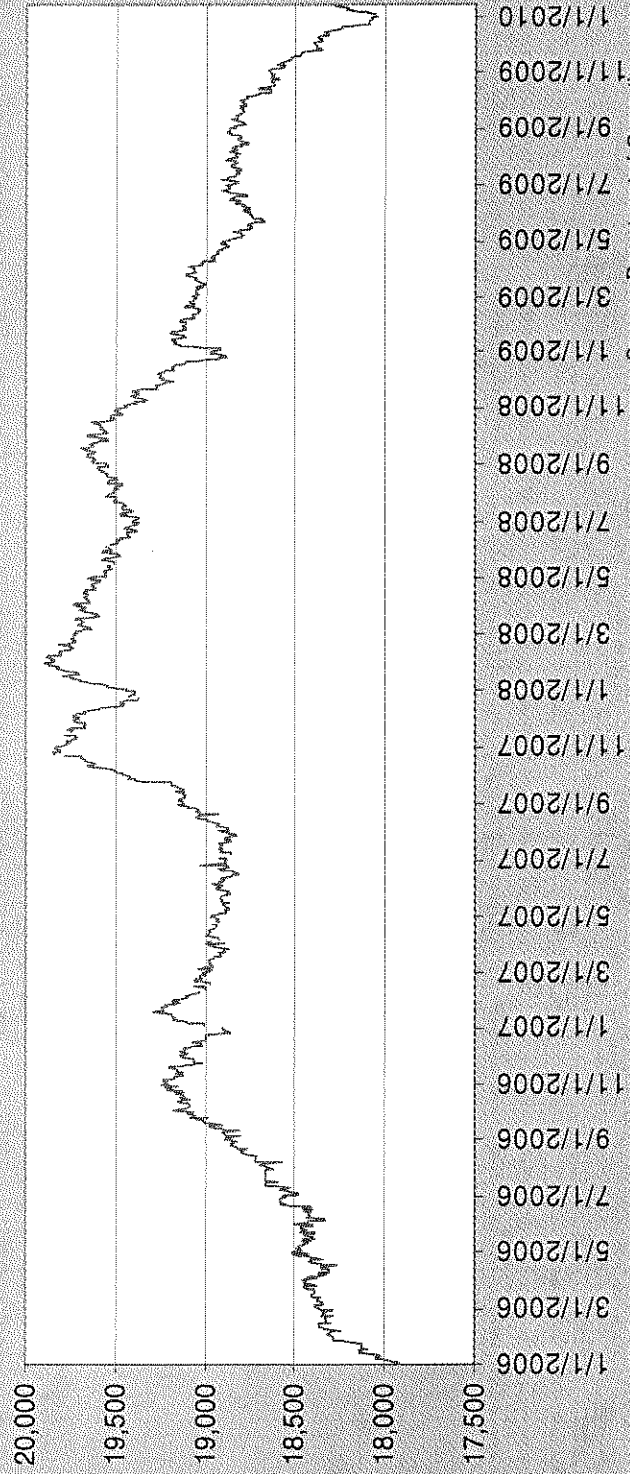
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Incarcerated Population 2000 to 2010
 (as of January 1 of each year)



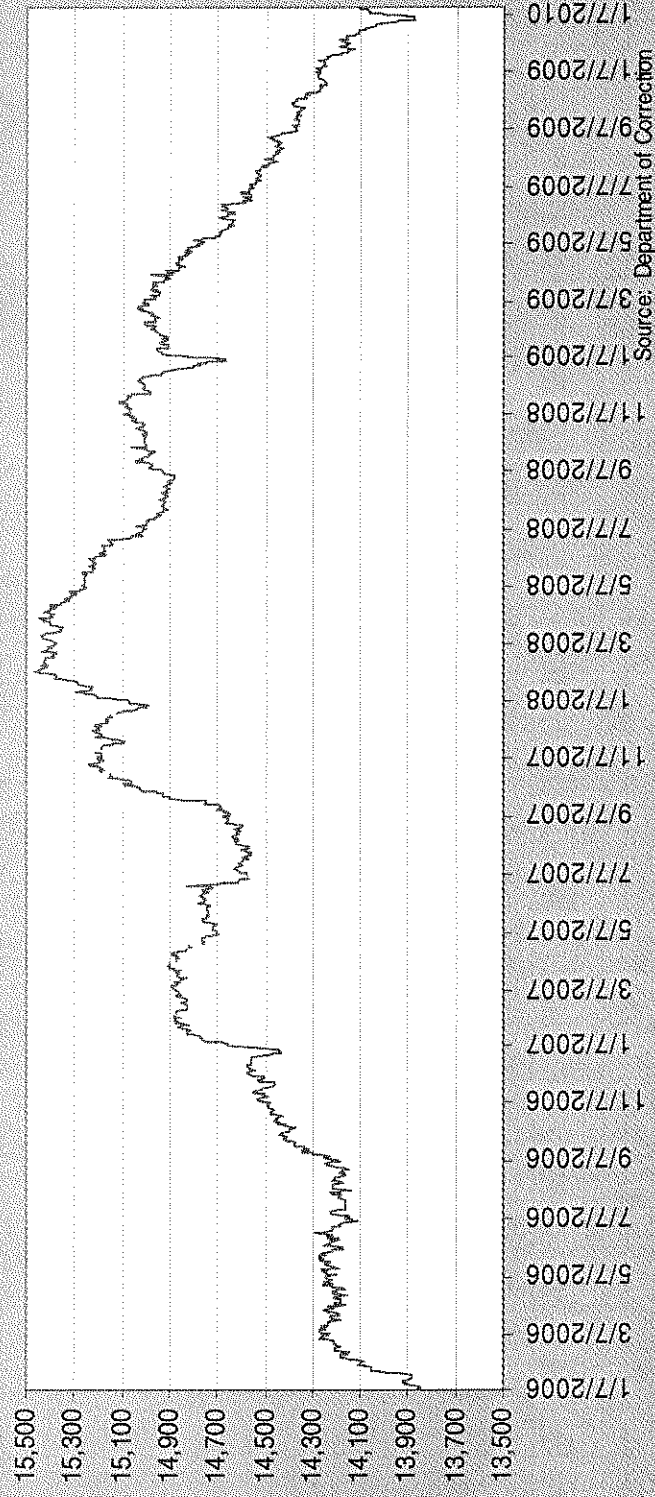
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Daily Total Incarcerated Population
January 1, 2006 to January 14, 2010

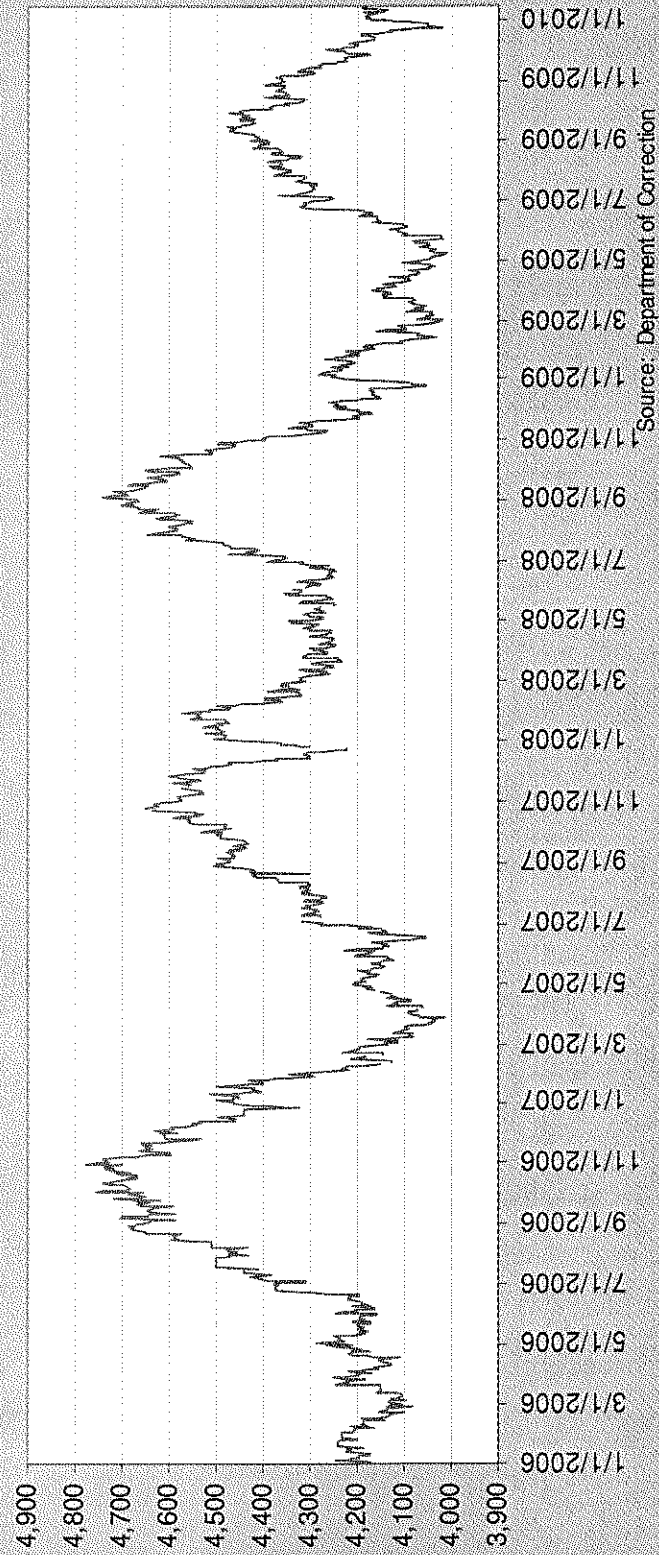


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Daily Sentenced Population
January 1, 2006 to January 14, 2010



Daily Unsentedenced Population
January 1, 2006 to January 14, 2010



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