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OLR BACKGROUNDER: CONNECTICUT PRISON POPULATION OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS

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SUMMARY

On January 1, 2011, Connecticut's prison population stood at 17,746, near the lowest total at any time during the last four years. The sentenced population, 13,578 inmates, reached its lowest point of the last four years on that date.

The Department of Correction's daily incarcerated population report from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2011 showed that:

1. the total incarcerated population varied from a low of 17,742 inmates on December 31, 2010 to a high of 19,894 inmates on February 1, 2008;
2. the sentenced inmate population varied from a low of 13,578 on January 1, 2011 to a high of 15,465 on February 8, 2008; and
3. the unsentenced inmate population varied from a low of 4,011 on May 8, 2009 to a high of 4,772 on September 21, 2010.

TABLE

Table 1 displays the total incarcerated, sentenced, and unsentenced populations on the first of each month since January 1, 2007 and on the dates of certain events during this time period.

**Table 1: Total Incarcerated, Sentenced, and Unsentenced Population
Since 2007, by Month and on Selected Dates**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Incarcerated Population</i>	<i>Sentenced Population</i>	<i>Unsentenced Population</i>
2007			
January 1	18,903	14,440	4,463
February 1	19,147	14,861	4,286
March 1	19,010	14,872	4,138
April 1	18,989	14,903	4,086
May 1	18,973	14,763	4,210
June 1	18,939	14,751	4,188
July 1	18,892	14,611	4,281
• July 23 (Cheshire home invasion)	18,864	14,591	4,273
August 1	18,875	14,580	4,295
September 1	19,125	14,657	4,468
• September 21 (Governor imposes temporary parole ban)	19,194	14,757	4,437
October 1	19,414	14,926	4,488
November 1	19,828	15,234	4,594
December 1	19,714	15,185	4,529
2008			
January 1	19,438	15,001	4,437
• January 25 (PA 08-1, January Special Session signed, most provisions take effect)	19,820	15,286	4,534
• January 27 (Governor lifts parole ban)	19,824	15,285	4,539
February 1	19,894	15,381	4,513
March 1	19,730	15,410	4,320
April 1	19,720	15,431	4,289
May 1	19,656	15,310	4,346
June 1	19,530	15,211	4,319
July 1	19,410	15,018	4,392
August 1	19,522	14,934	4,588
September 1	19,550	14,883	4,667
October 1	19,657	15,007	4,650
November 1	19,441	15,044	4,397
December 1	19,176	14,979	4,197
2009			
January 1	18,978	14,746	4,232
February 1	19,107	14,942	4,165
March 1	19,060	15,033	4,027
April 1	19,069	14,916	4,153
May 1	18,905	14,830	4,075
June 1	18,754	14,640	4,114
July 1	18,891	14,600	4,291
August 1	18,829	14,487	4,342
September 1	18,873	14,444	4,429
October 1	18,818	14,368	4,450
November 1	18,641	14,279	4,362
December 1	18,395	14,128	4,267

Table 1 (continued)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Incarcerated Population</i>	<i>Sentenced Population</i>	<i>Unsentenced Population</i>
2010			
January 1	18,052	13,880	4,172
February 1	18,381	14,108	4,273
March 1	18,328	14,106	4,222
April 1	18,329	14,110	4,219
May 1	18,257	14,083	4,174
June 1	18,362	14,155	4,207
July 1	18,430	14,039	4,391
August 1	18,489	13,900	4,589
September 1	18,592	13,856	4,736
October 1	18,480	13,783	4,697
November 1	18,319	13,833	4,486
December 1	18,172	13,761	4,411
2011			
January 1	17,746	13,578	4,168

Source: Department of Correction

CHARTS

The charts below show on a daily basis from January 1, 2007 through January 1, 2011 the (1) total incarcerated population, (2) sentenced incarcerated population, and (3) unsentenced incarcerated population.

Chart 1: Daily Incarcerated Population, January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2011

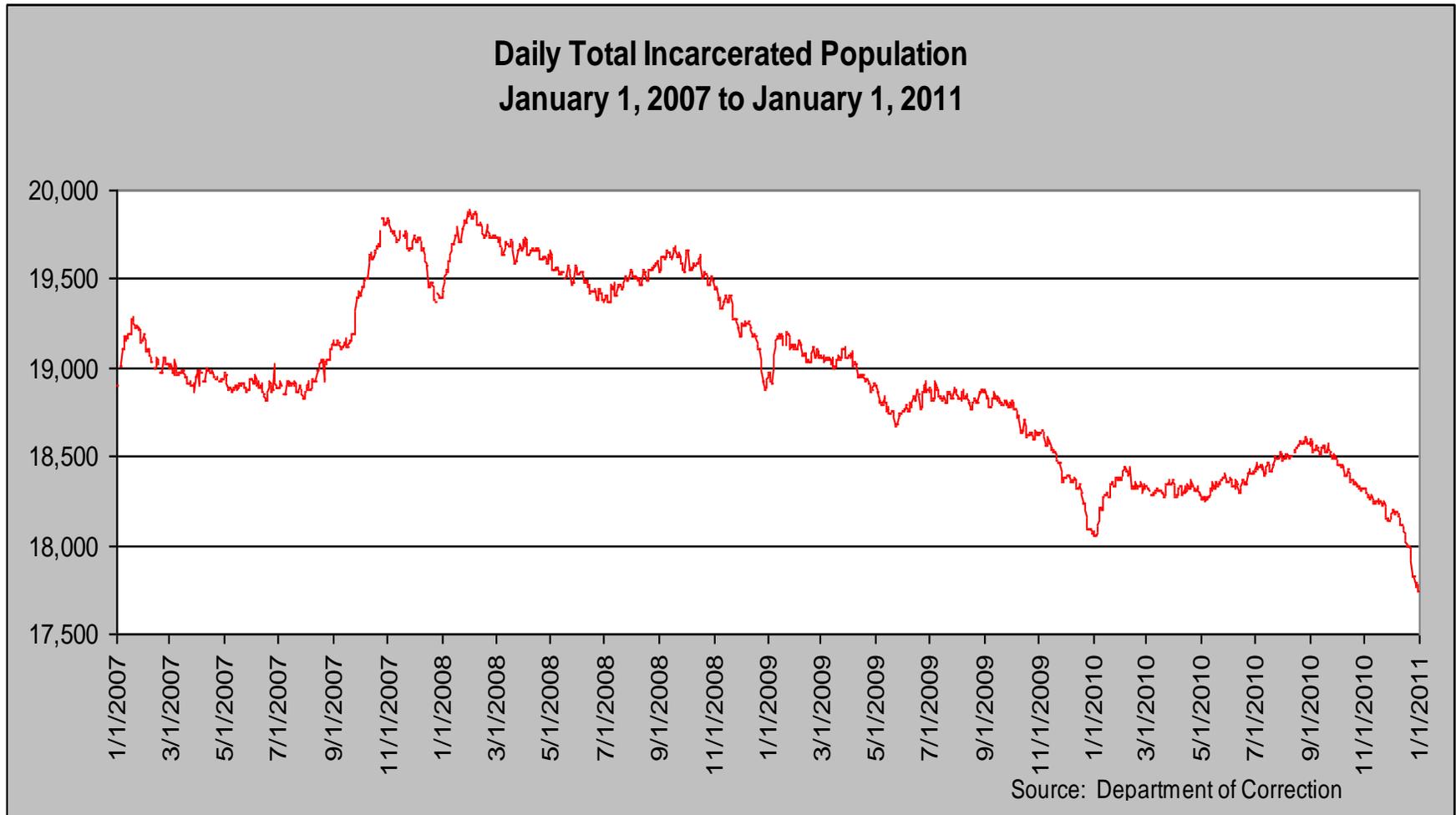


Chart 2: Daily Sentenced Population, January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2011

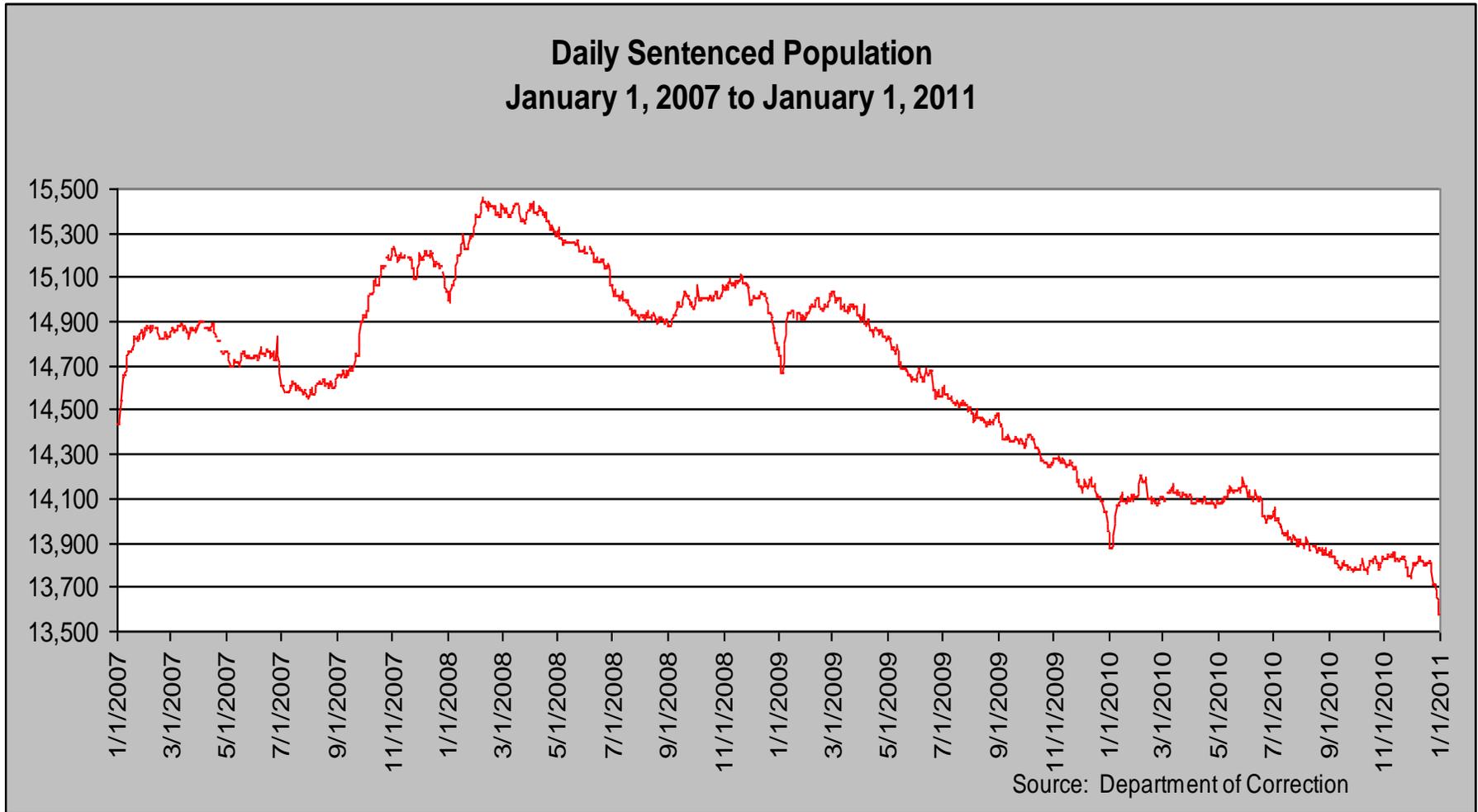
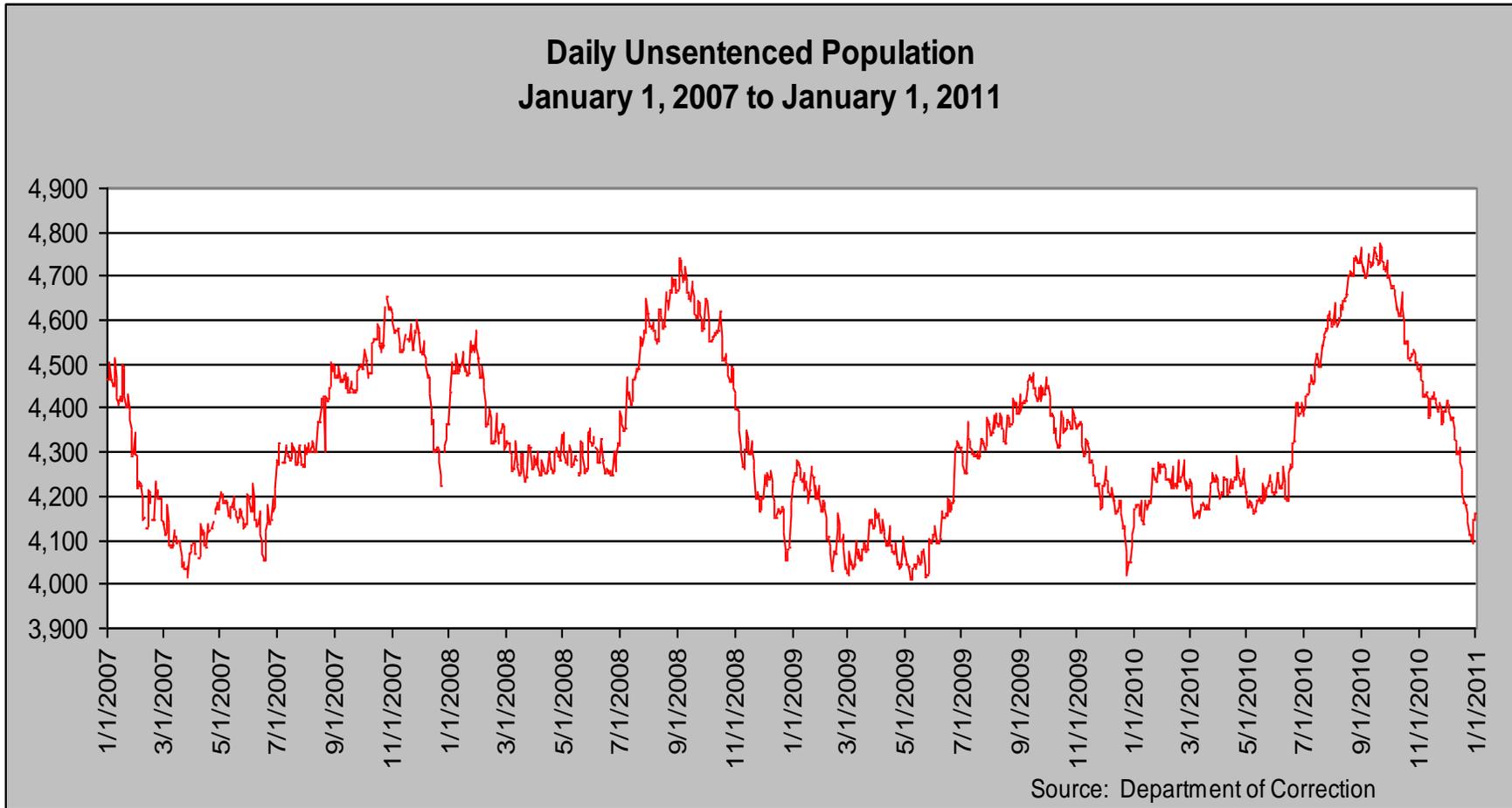


Chart 3: Daily Unsenteded Population, January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2011



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