



# OLR RESEARCH REPORT

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## **OLR BACKGROUNDER: CONNECTICUT PRISON POPULATION OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

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This Backgrounder provides statistics on how the prison population has changed over the last five years. It updates OLR report 2011-R-0014.

### **SUMMARY**

On January 1, 2012, Connecticut's prison population stood at 17,023. A day earlier, the population reached its lowest total at any time during the last five years: 17,017. The sentenced population also reached its lowest point that day: 12,955 inmates

Over a five year period, from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2012, the Department of Correction's daily incarcerated population report showed that:

1. the total incarcerated population varied from a low of 17,017 inmates on December 31, 2011 to a high of 19,894 inmates on February 1, 2008;
2. the sentenced inmate population varied from a low of 12,955 on December 31, 2011 to a high of 15,465 on February 8, 2008; and
3. the unsentenced inmate population varied from a low of 3,811 on April 30, 2011 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>
<b>2007</b>			
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
<b>2008</b>			
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
<b>2009</b>			
January 1	18,978	14,746	4,232
February 1	19,107	14,942	4,165
March 1	19,060	15,033	4,027

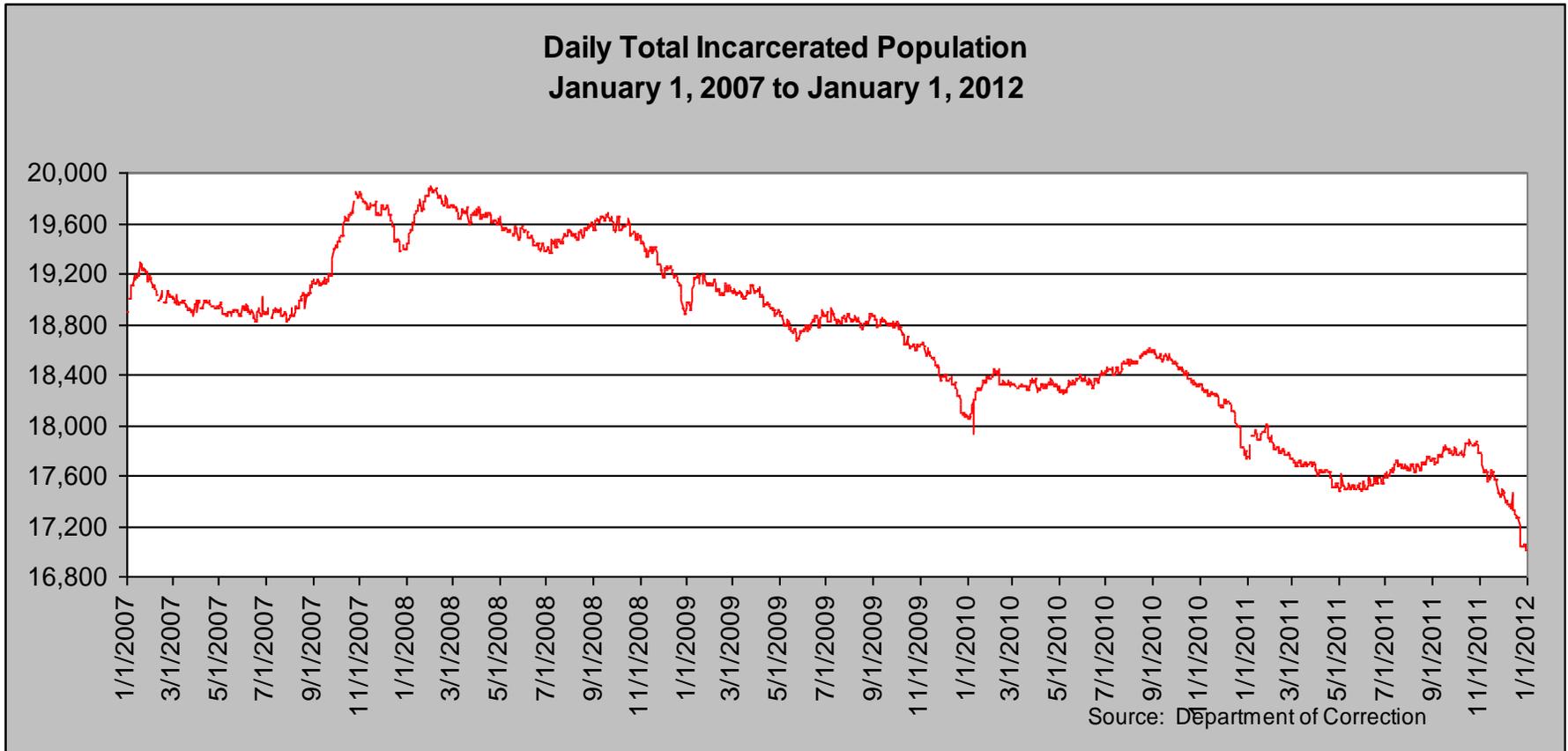
**Table 1 (continued)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Incarcerated Population</i>	<i>Sentenced Population</i>	<i>Unsentenced Population</i>
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
<b>2010</b>			
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
<b>2011</b>			
January 1	17,746	13,578	4,168
February 1	17,914	13,796	4,118
March 1	17,738	13,760	3,978
April 1	17,654	13,733	3,921
May 1	17,486	13,672	3,814
June 1	17,555	13,614	3,941
July 1	17,631	13,591	4,040
August 1	17,648	13,524	4,124
September 1	17,738	13,481	4,257
October 1	17,761	13,601	4,160
November 1	17,774	13,602	4,172
December 1	17,459	13,310	4,149
<b>2012</b>			
January 1	17,023	12,957	4,066

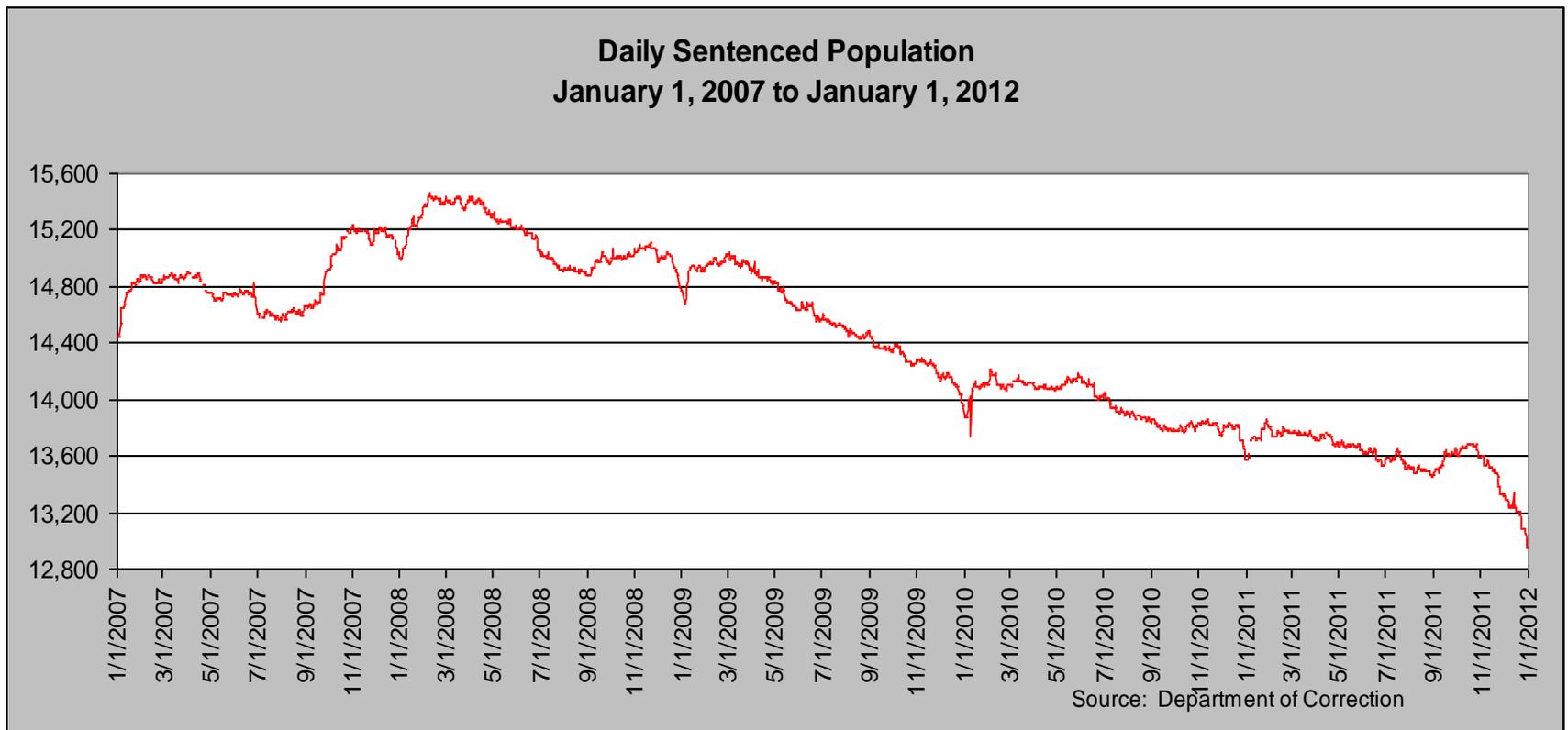
**CHARTS**

The charts below show on a daily basis from January 1, 2007 through January 1, 2012 the (1) total incarcerated population, (2) sentenced incarcerated population, and (3) unsentenced incarcerated population.

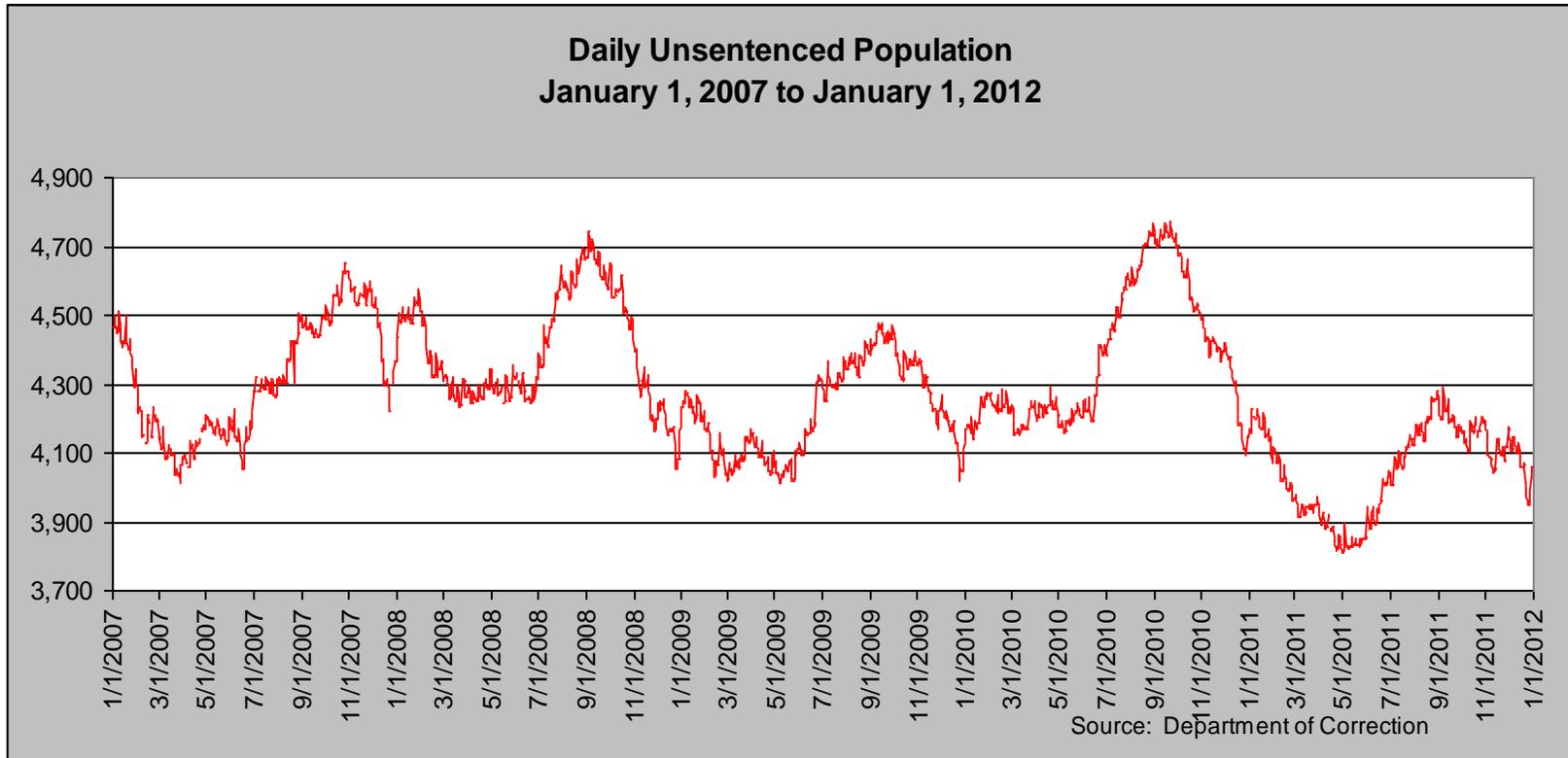
**Chart 1: Daily Incarcerated Population, January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2012**



**Chart 2: Daily Sentenced Population, January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2012**



**Chart 3: Daily Unsented Population, January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2012**



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