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Presentation to:

**Judiciary Committee
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- Progress Report: Implementation of 2008 Criminal Justice Reforms
- Correctional Population Background
- State Budget in Context



Progress Report: Implementation of 2008 Criminal Justice Reforms

- Board of Pardons and Paroles
- Reentry and Supervision Capacity
- Victim Rights and Notification
- CJIS Governing Board



Board of Pardons and Paroles

Board Changes and Enhancements

- Board of Pardons and Paroles expanded from 13 positions to 18 positions .
- Board receives training each month on information on coordination and integration of services, re-entry strategies, risk assessment and mental health issues, victims' issues and victims' rights.
- The use of the Administrative Review process was eliminated; full panel hearings are now being conducted for all offenders.
- Psychologist hired June 30, 2008; provides assistance with regard to risk assessment, particularly with high risk offenders.
- Received **\$925,000** in Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) grant funds from OPM to assist BOPP in the clearing of backlogged hearings and the implementation of changes per P.A. 08-01 (allowed for the hiring of up to 11 temporary staff).



Board of Pardons and Paroles

Board Changes and Enhancements

- Effective July 1, 2008, the DOC and the BOPP have been electronically linked to the Court Support Services Division (CSSD) - the **Judicial Electronic Bridge (JEB)**; allows both agencies to access Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSIs) and probation information.
- BOPP, in conjunction with DOC, has received a **\$600,000** Federal Stimulus Grant to upgrade and enhance their present information technology system.
- Staff from DCJ, BOPP, and DOC has been working on a project to transmit Police Reports from the various DCJ offices to DOC; a pilot program will be conducted starting in January 2010 with the DCJ office in Middletown and DOC/BOPP.



Board of Pardons and Paroles

Secure Video Conferencing

- Video conferencing capability is now available to all DOC facilities and the 3 largest parole and community services offices.

Date	Hearings Held via Video Conferencing
May 2008	77
Sept 2008	150
May 2009	367
Dec 2009	458

- OPM provided **\$600,000** in JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) Recovery Funds to the DOC to expand video conferencing capability by another 20 units; or 2 per correctional facility (grant started on October 1, 2009).
- OPM provided **\$1,100,000** in JAG Funds that will allow the Judicial Branch to expand video conferencing capability to all courthouses and adult probation offices (grant started on October 1, 2009).



Board of Pardons and Paroles

Develop a Risk Assessment Strategy

- DOC implemented a risk assessment instrument – **the Level of Service Inventory: Revised (LSI-R)** in the Bridgeport and Hartford parole offices, and is in the process of implementing it system wide; the same instrument being utilized by the Court Support Service Division – Adult Probation, thus ensuring consistency in the criminal justice system.
- In June 2009, DOC developed, validated and rolled out the **Treatment Program Assessment Instrument (TPAI)** in a collaborative effort with OPM's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division.



Reentry and Supervision Capacity

Repeal of Furlough

- Reentry furloughs for offenders eliminated.
- Section 35 of PA 09-07, September special session, reinstated reentry furloughs for a period of up to 45 days for any compelling reason consistent with rehabilitation.



Reentry and Supervision Capacity

Siting of Community Based Facilities

- The Siting Incentives Committee met regularly from July 2008 to November 2008.
- The Siting Incentives Committee's report was completed in December 2008, and submitted to the General Assembly. The Committee found that the most promising incentives revolve around educating the community and local leaders about the function and effectiveness of community-based criminal justice services.
- The Committee identified eight recommendations to develop incentives for communities to voluntarily allow establishment of community-based criminal justice facilities and programs.
- A copy of the report is available on the OPM website.



Reentry and Supervision Capacity

Secure Sex Offender Beds

- The Department of Correction issued a request for proposals for twelve beds in staff secure residential sex offender treatment facilities on January 8, 2010.
- Information regarding the RFP is available on the DOC's website. Responses are due by March 8th.
- The Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch proposal is under development.
- DOC is cooperating with the Judicial Branch in all facets of their proposal, including siting.



Reentry and Supervision Capacity

Reentry Beds

The Department of Correction

- 1. Funding for Reentry and Diversionary Services in Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven**
 - Full implementation of PA 08-01 provided for the purchase of 94 work release and supportive housing beds, enabling DOC to provide community housing for approximately 300 offenders in SFY 2009.
 - PA 08-01 also provided for the purchase of expanded services in the Bridgeport-based Fresh Start program as well as 3 Community Reentry Centers throughout the state.
 - These programs provided behavioral health, employment and support services for approximately 125 offenders per month.



Reentry and Supervision Capacity

Reentry Beds

The Department of Correction (cont'd)

2. Funding for Halfway House Beds

- Since the October 2008 update, the department has redesigned the statewide network of residential and nonresidential services. Existing services were reviewed and evaluated to determine the extent to which they met the needs of both the department and the community.
- This resulted in an RFP being put out, contractors selected, contracts written, and 1,145 beds being secured. Although this represents fewer beds, services are more appropriate for the needs of the DOC population, and are expected to be more productive in terms of services provided.

3. Funding for Additional Staff

- All parole officer positions under PA08-01 and PA08-51 have been filled. As of October 27, 2009 there are 102 Parole Officers in the Parole and Community Services Division.



Reentry and Supervision Capacity

GPS Monitoring

- As of January 1, 2010, 225 offenders were on GPS monitoring and 781 offenders were on the Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP).

Date	GPS	EMP	Total
2007	33	400	433
Oct 2008	200	502	702
Jan 2010	225	781	1006

- GPS is used primarily for curfew monitoring and, in limited cases, when a phone line is not available or for certain high profile cases. The majority of GPS utilization is for sex offenders and those offenders in the community for Burglary 1 and Burglary 2.
- Other instances of GPS use include Board of Pardons and Paroles stipulations, certain Transitional Supervision cases, and incremental sanctions for misconduct. Offenders are placed on GPS based on offense characteristics or clinical evaluation of risk, to monitor compliance and increase accountability.



Victim Rights and Notification

Implement SAVIN

SAVIN: State-wide Automated Victim Information and Notification system

- A SAVIN Planning Committee was convened by the Judicial Branch and first met in the summer of 2008. The Judicial Branch submitted a Federal grant application in January 2009 and the grant was awarded in July 2009.
- Per the United States Department of Justice grant application, the award is for \$190,000 to be matched by \$190,000 for a **total project cost of \$380,000**. The effective dates are July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011.
- The Judicial Branch selected a vendor (**APPRISS, Inc.**) and a project kick-off meeting was held on October 16, 2009. Business, Technology, Purchasing and Finance representatives from the Planning Committee as well as APPRISS, Inc. representatives were in attendance.
- Current expectation is to have the CT-SAVIN system up and running by late spring or summer of this year (2010).



CJIS Governing Board

Board Changes and Enhancements

- Criminal Justice Information System Governing Board: Designee and Co-Chair: Michael Fedele, Lt. Governor; Designee and Co-Chair: Patrick L. Carroll, III, Judge, Deputy Chief Court Administrator. Legislative members were also added to the Governing Board.
- Sean Thakkar was hired by the CJIS Governing Board as its first Executive Director; he began work on September 26, 2008. Mr. Thakkar has reformed the administrative structure of the CJIS Governing Board and has implemented a streamlined committee structure to assist the Governing Board with policy decisions.
- The activities of the Governing Board and the progress of its projects have been documented in the four semi-annual reports that have been submitted to the General Assembly since July of 2008.



CJIS Governing Board

Implement Comprehensive Statewide IT System

- Based upon the work of all the criminal justice partners, including the local police departments, a request for proposals is being prepared by the CJIS Executive Director for the building and implementation phase.
- Section 42 of PA 09-02, September special session, **authorizes the bonding of \$8 million to the CJIS project in fiscal year 2011** to begin the implementation of the state-wide information system.
- To ensure that all agencies can fully participate in the state-wide information sharing, the Division of Criminal Justice has been awarded a **three year \$3,000,000 grant by OPM** to upgrade its information technology hardware and implement a first ever case management system for the state's prosecutors. This grant is to begin in January 2010.

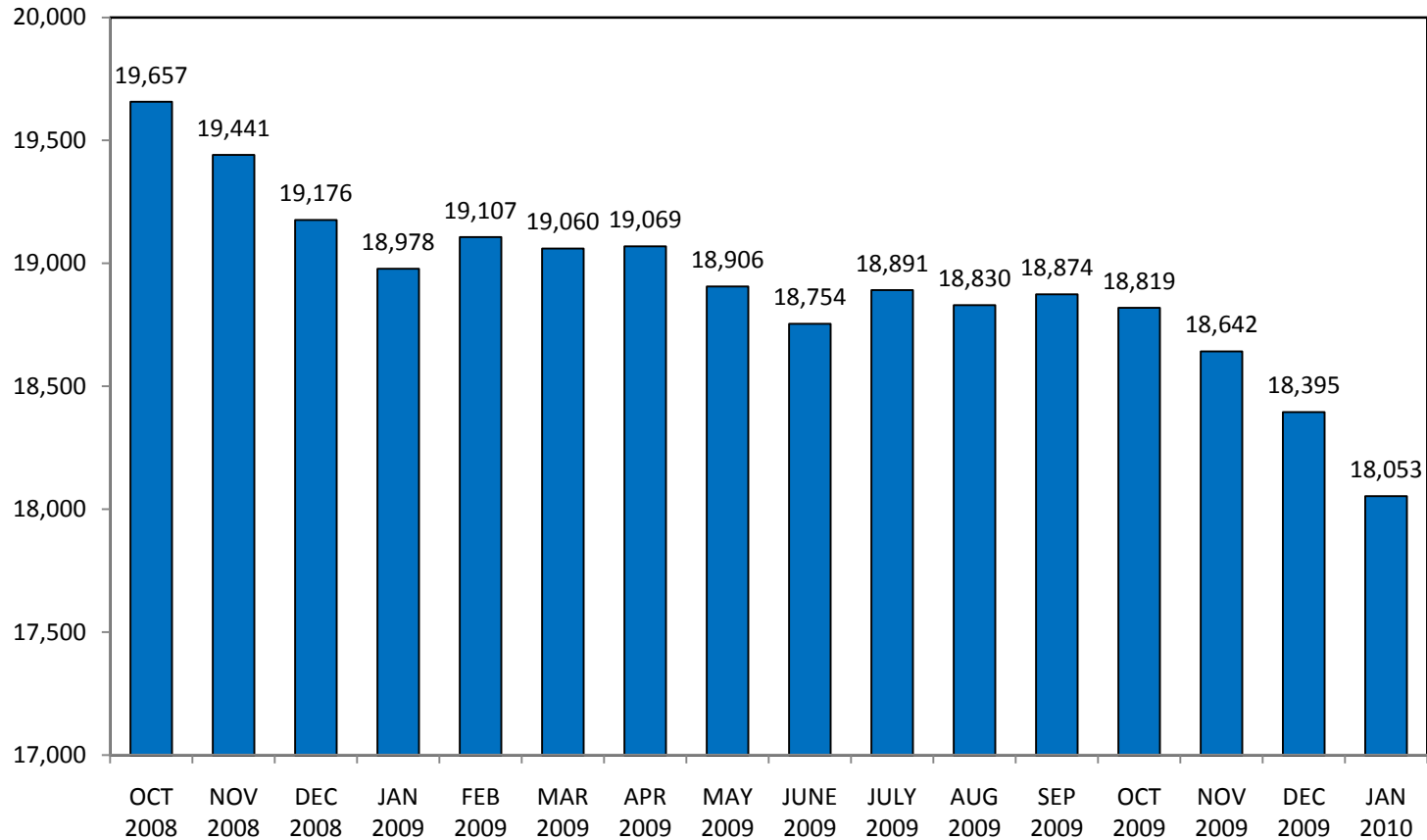


Correctional Population Background

- Total Facility Population: October 2008 to January 2010
- Offenders in DOC Community Supervision Programs
- Parole and Other Community Supervision
- Transition from Administrative Review Process



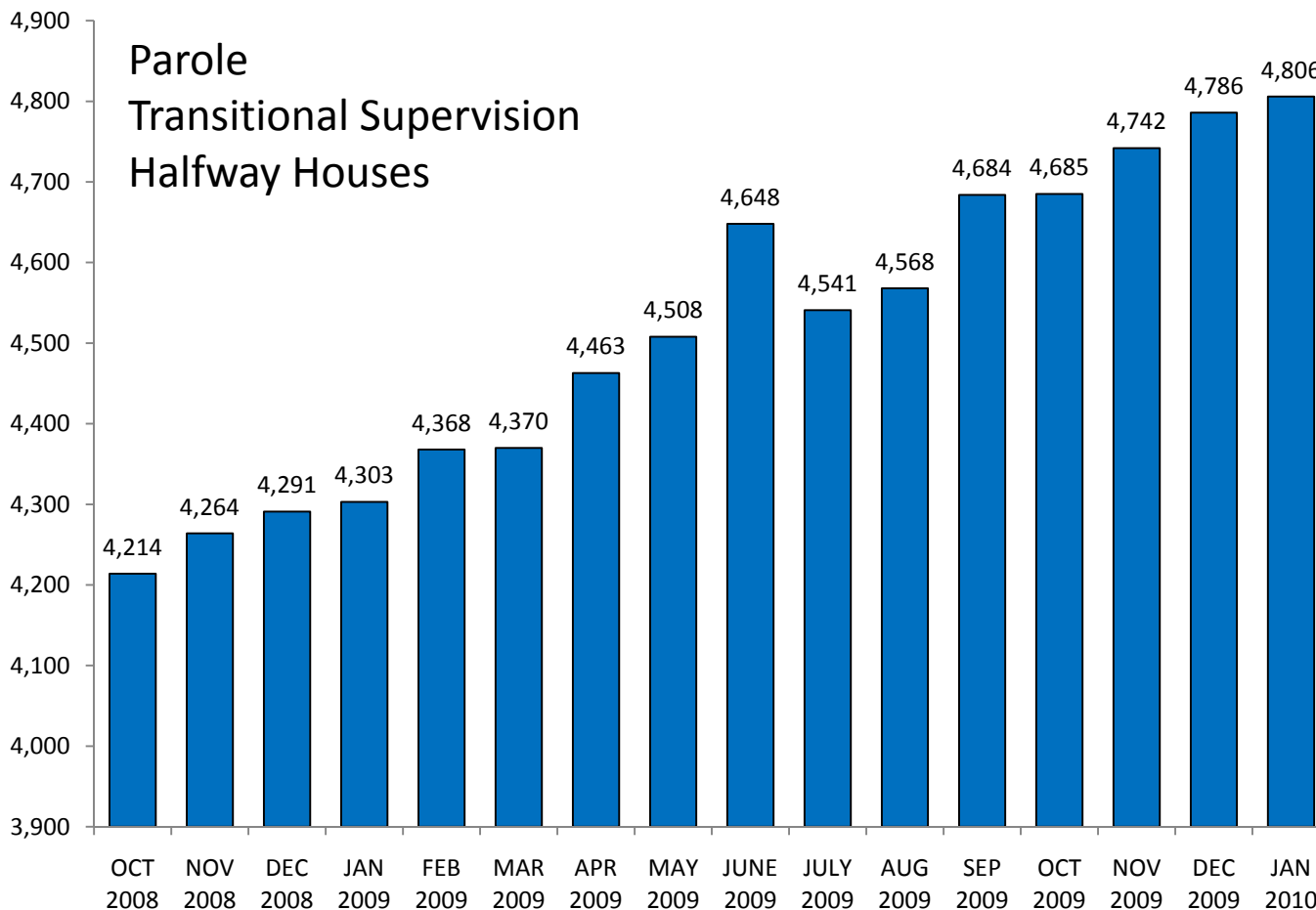
Facility Population October 1, 2008 through January 1, 2010



The facility population between October 2008 and January 2010 has fallen by 1,604 offenders (8.9%).



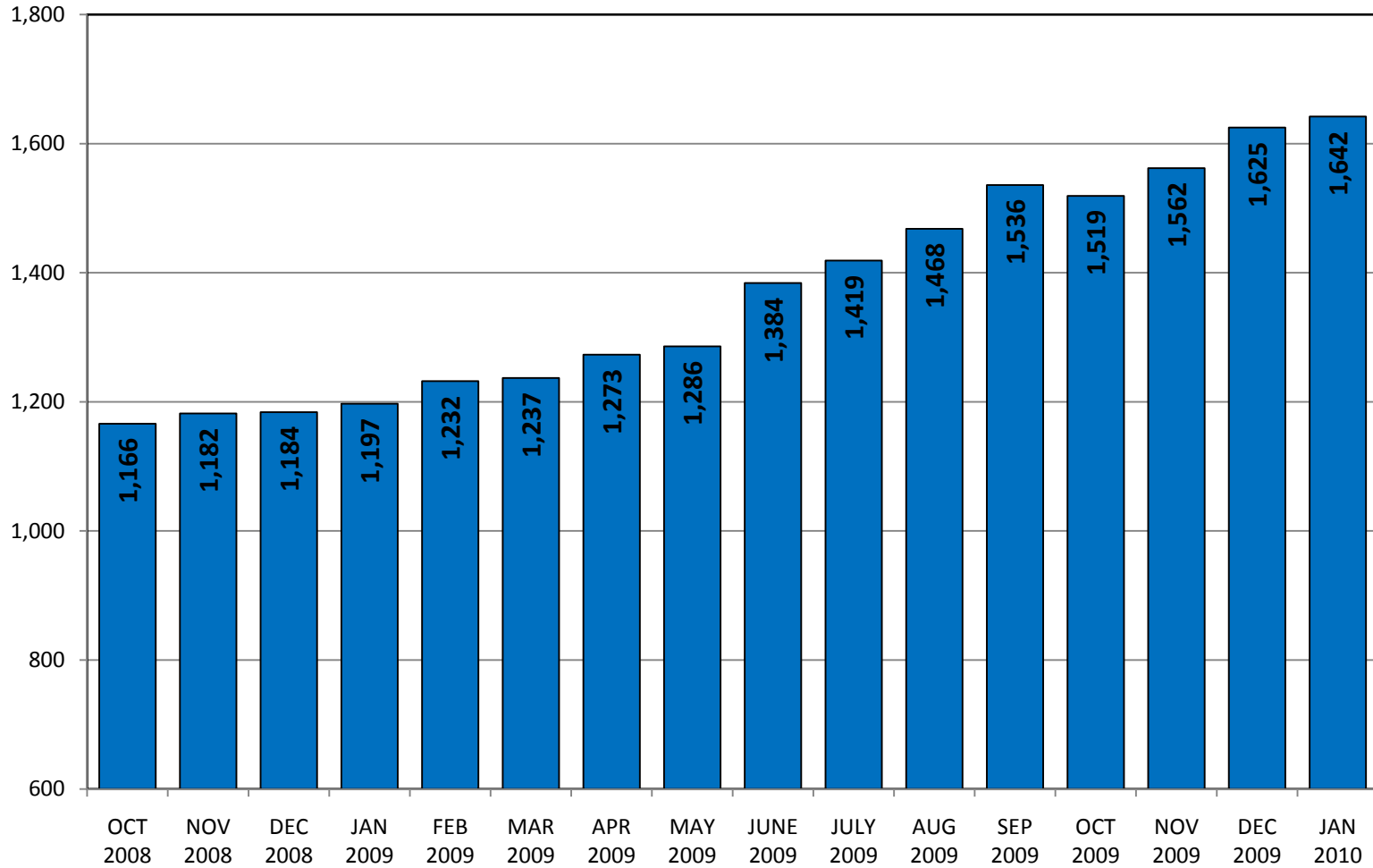
Offenders in DOC Community Supervision Programs



The number of offenders supervised in the community increased by 14%, from 4,214 to 4,806, between October 2008 and January 2010.



Offenders on Parole

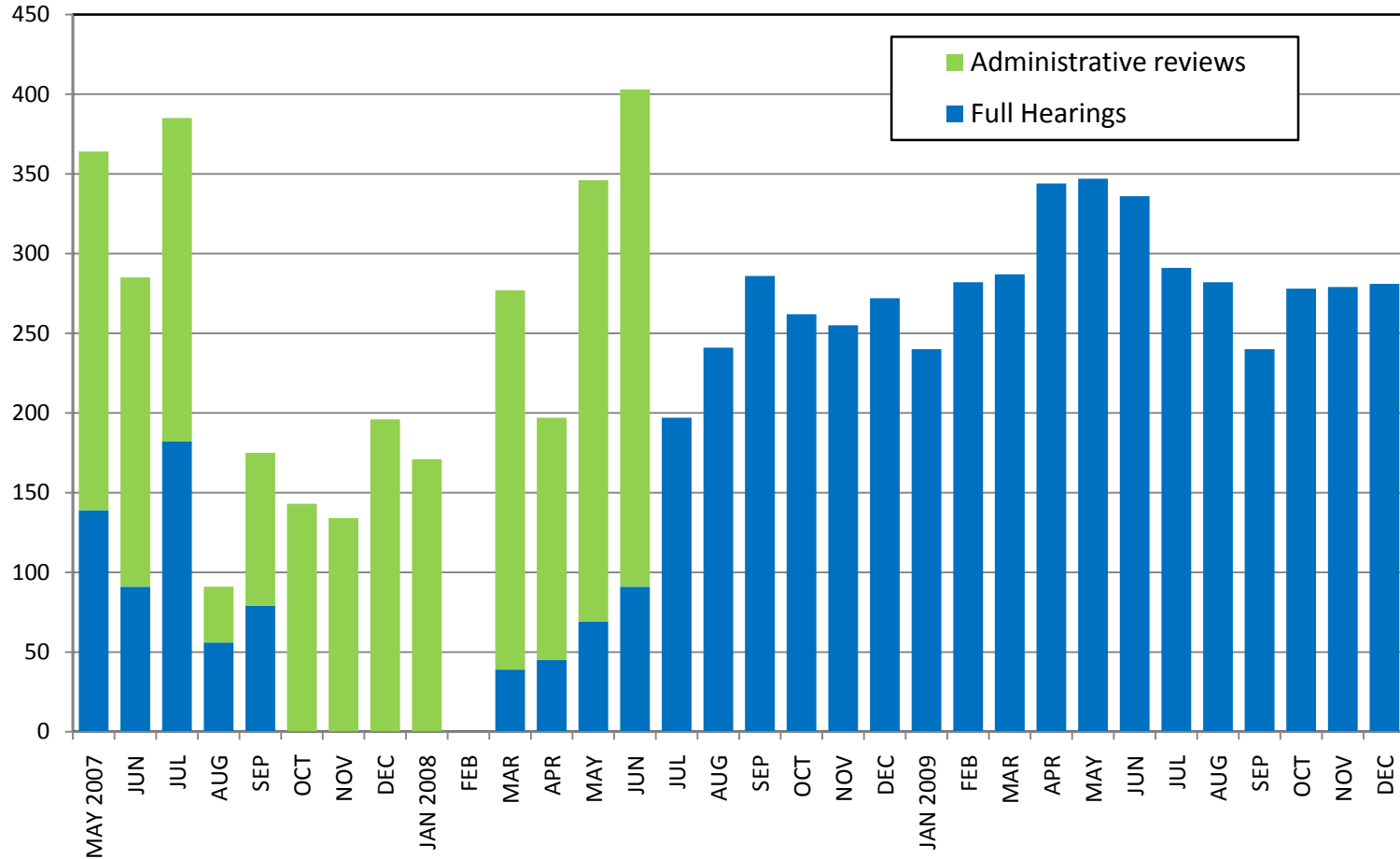


The number of parolees under DOC supervision increased by 40.8% between October 2008 and January 2010.



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Transition Away from the Administrative Review Process



By July 2008, the Board of Pardons and Paroles was conducting full-panel hearing for all parole cases.



State Budget in Context

- FY2010 General Fund OE Holdbacks
- DOC Deficiency History FY05 to FY10



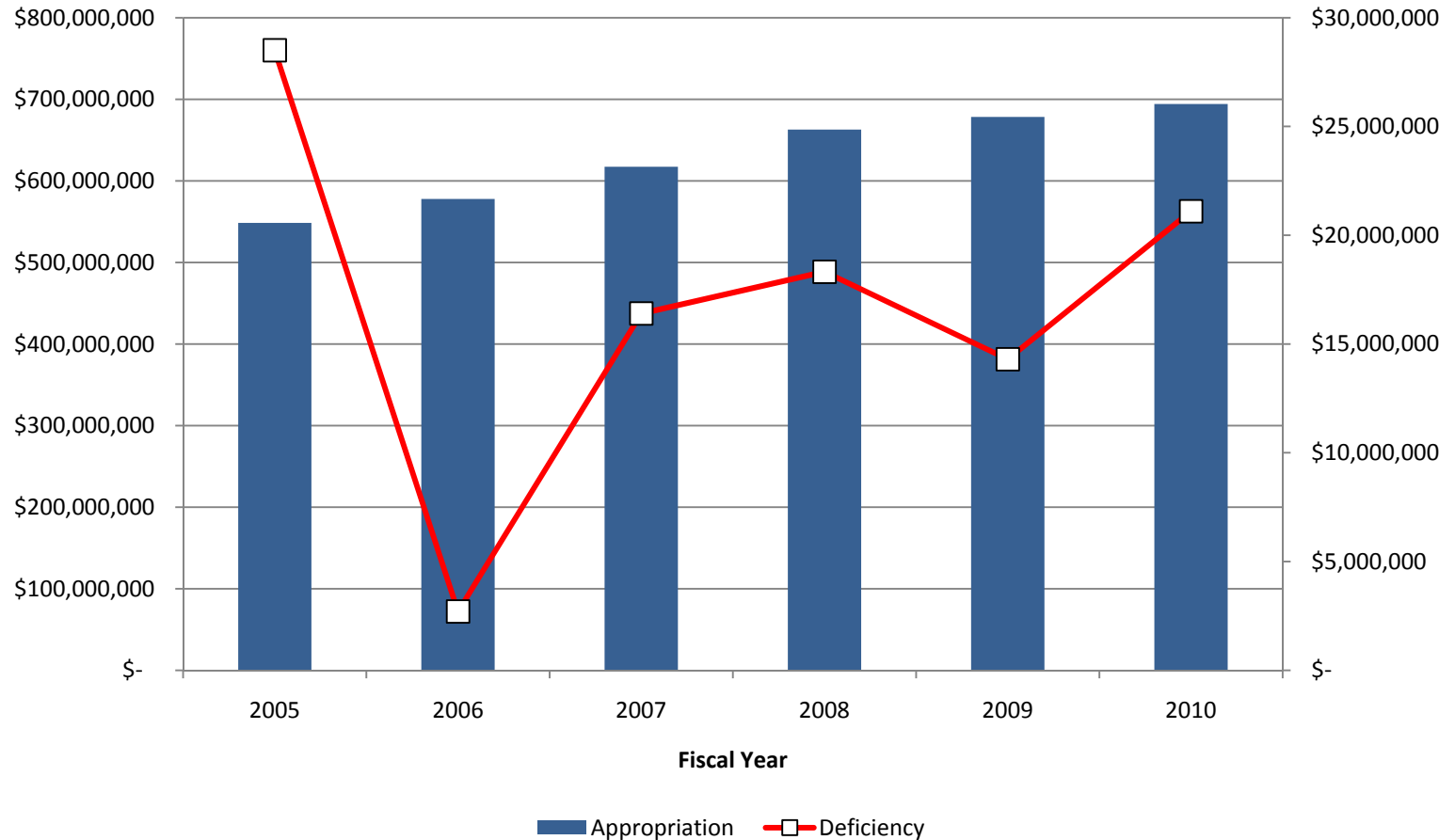
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FY 2010 General Fund OE Holdbacks

	Appropriation	General OE Adjustment	Reduce OE 2007 Level	Contracts Savings	Total Available After Lapses	Percentage Available After Lapses
Legislative Management	16,890,317	415,440	2,004,033	428,061	14,042,783	83.1%
Department of Public Works	26,785,784	658,832	668,639	3,183,500	22,274,813	83.2%
Department of Public Safety	29,997,894	737,839	0	5,317,303	23,942,752	79.8%
Department of Environmental Protection	3,456,277	85,012	0	612,688	2,758,577	79.8%
Commission on Culture and Tourism	857,658	21,095	0	383,783	452,780	52.8%
Department of Economic and Community Development	1,505,188	37,022	0	239,131	1,229,035	81.7%
Department of Public Health	5,549,136	136,488	0	1,636,931	3,775,717	68.0%
Department of Developmental Services	27,093,834	666,409	566,199	3,685,463	22,175,763	81.8%
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	34,667,107	916,635	2,707,056	8,317,188	22,726,228	65.6%
Department of Social Services	88,148,799	2,168,139	474,194	16,545,408	68,961,058	78.2%
Department of Education	16,689,076	410,490	0	3,058,921	13,219,665	79.2%
Department of Correction	84,791,809	2,085,569	9,506,572	6,268,886	66,930,782	78.9%
Department of Children and Families	46,185,390	1,135,992	613,092	7,089,543	37,346,763	80.9%
Judicial Department	74,956,525	1,843,657	7,818,118	2,558,880	62,735,870	83.7%
All Other Agencies	68,358,930	1,661,875	2,170,715	11,368,178	53,158,162	77.8%



Department of Correction Deficiency History FY05 to FY10





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