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Inmate Escape Report (Fiscal Year 2017-18)

This report provides information for FY 2017-18 in reference to attempted escapes, escapes and recaptures from Florida's correctional facilities. This report summarizes the following:

- Attempted escapes;
- Escapes by level, facility type, and facility type by region;
- Recaptures, recaptures within quarter, by time to recapture, and time to recapture by facility type;
- Escape rates and rates by region, and facility type by region;
- Escapes by facility type, by month; and
- Escape rates by region, by quarter.

For purposes of this report, attempted escape and escape are defined as follows:

- **Attempted escape:** Inmate is apprehended before completion of the escape act.
- **Escape:** Unauthorized absence from the designated facility boundary or absence from any official assignment outside this boundary.

An escape is further defined as one of the following levels:

- **Level I:** Escape from non-secure environment, such as a community correctional center or an outside work squad, in which no Level III behaviors are exhibited.
- **Level II:** Escape from a secure perimeter or supervised environment in which no Level III behaviors are exhibited.
- **Level III:** Escape that involves hostages, weapons/tools, outside assistance, or violence during or after the escape.

An **escape rate** is defined as the number of escapes/(total population on the last day of the month for each month in the quarter/3)* 1,000.

A **perimeter escape** is defined as one initiated from inside the perimeter of a correctional facility other than a community release facility.

Summary:

The number of escapes increased 16.7% from 42 in FY 2016-17 to 49 in FY 2017-18. Two (4.1%) of the 49 escapes were from a Correctional Institution (C.I.); one was a Level I escape, and one was a Level III escape. Two (4.1%) were from a work camp/road prison; one was a Level I escape, and one was a Level II escape. Forty-five (91.8%) were from work release/contract centers; all were Level I escapes.

Of the 49 escapes, 47 (95.2%) were Level I escapes. There was one Level II and one Level III escape in FY 2017-18.

Of the 49 escapes, 46 (93.9%) were recaptured as of July 18, 2018. Of the 46 recaptured, 40 (81.6%) were recaptured within the quarter. Of the 40 recaptured within the quarter, 27 (67.5%) were recaptured within 24 hours of the escape.

The overall escape rate for Fiscal Year 2017-18 was 0.52 escapes per 1,000 inmates. This is higher than the 0.44 rate observed for Fiscal Year 2016-17 as well as the 0.45 rate observed for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The escape rate for correctional institutions was 0.02 per 1,000 inmates. The escape rate for work camps/road prisons was 0.18 per 1,000 inmates. The escape rate for work release/community contract centers was 13.11 per 1,000 inmates. Region IV had the highest escape rate at 1.20 per 1,000 inmates. Region I had the lowest rate with a rate of 0.16 per 1,000 inmates during FY 2017-18.

There were 13 attempted escapes in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Escapes (July 2017 - June 2018)

Escapes*	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2017)		2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2017)		3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2018)		4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2018)		Fiscal Year 2017/2018	
Escapes	12		13		8		16		49	
Perimeter Escapes										
Escape Level										
Level I	12	100.0%	13	92.9%	8	100.0%	14	87.5%	47	95.9%
Level II	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.3%	1	2.0%
Level III	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.3%	1	2.0%
Not Rated	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Facility Type										
Correctional Institutions	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	12.5%	2	4.1%
Work Camps/Road Prisons	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.3%	2	4.1%
Work Release/Contract Centers	11	91.7%	13	100.0%	8	100.0%	13	81.3%	45	91.8%
Facility Type by Region										
Correctional Institutions	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	12.5%	2	4.1%
Region I	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region II	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Region III	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Region IV	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Work Camps/Road Prisons	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	6.3%	2	4.1%
Region I	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region II	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	2	100.0%
Region III	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region IV	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Work Release/Contract Centers	11	91.7%	13	100.0%	8	100.0%	13	81.3%	45	91.8%
Region I	3	27.3%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	1	7.7%	5	11.1%
Region II	2	18.2%	4	30.8%	0	0.0%	5	38.5%	11	24.4%
Region III	1	9.1%	3	23.1%	1	12.5%	6	46.2%	11	24.4%
Region IV	5	45.5%	5	38.5%	7	87.5%	1	7.7%	18	40.0%

*Numbers may differ from previous reports as facilities may change types across time and the number and level of escape may be updated upon receipt of further information.

Recaptures (July 2017 - June 2018)

Recaptures**	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2017)		2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2017)		3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2018)		4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2018)		Fiscal Year 2017/2018	
Escapes	12		13		8		16		49	
Recaptured	12	100.0%	13	100.0%	7	87.5%	14	87.5%	46	93.9%
Not Recaptured	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%	2	12.5%	3	6.1%
Recaptured Within the Quarter	10	83.3%	10	76.9%	6	85.7%	14	100.0%	40	81.6%
Time to Recapture Within the Quarter										
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	7	70.0%	9	90.0%	2	33.3%	9	64.3%	27	67.5%
Greater than 24 Hours	3	30.0%	1	10.0%	4	66.7%	5	35.7%	13	32.5%
Recaptures by Facility Type Within Quarter										
Correctional Institutions	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	2	4.9%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Greater than 24 Hours	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
Work Camps/Road Prisons	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	2	4.9%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	2	100.0%
Greater than 24 Hours	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Work Release/Contract Centers	9	90.0%	10	100.0%	6	100.0%	11	78.6%	36	87.8%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	6	66.7%	9	90.0%	2	33.3%	7	63.6%	24	66.7%
Greater than 24 Hours	3	33.3%	1	10.0%	4	66.7%	4	36.4%	12	33.3%

** The Recaptured/Not Recaptured categories may change over time as past escapes are recaptured.

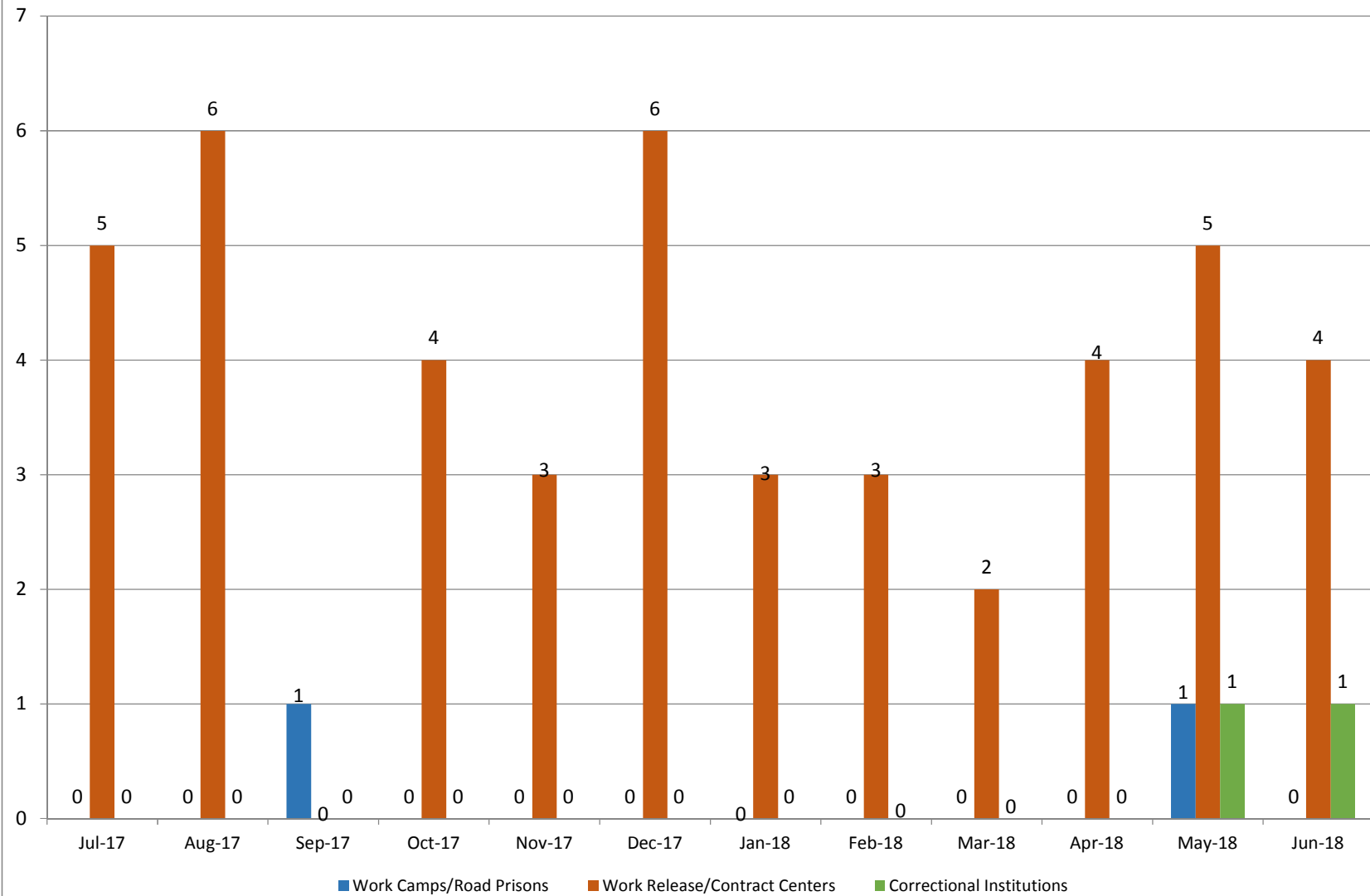
Breakdown of recaptured information is based on those captured within the quarter in which the escape occurred.

Escape Rates (July 2017 - June 2018)

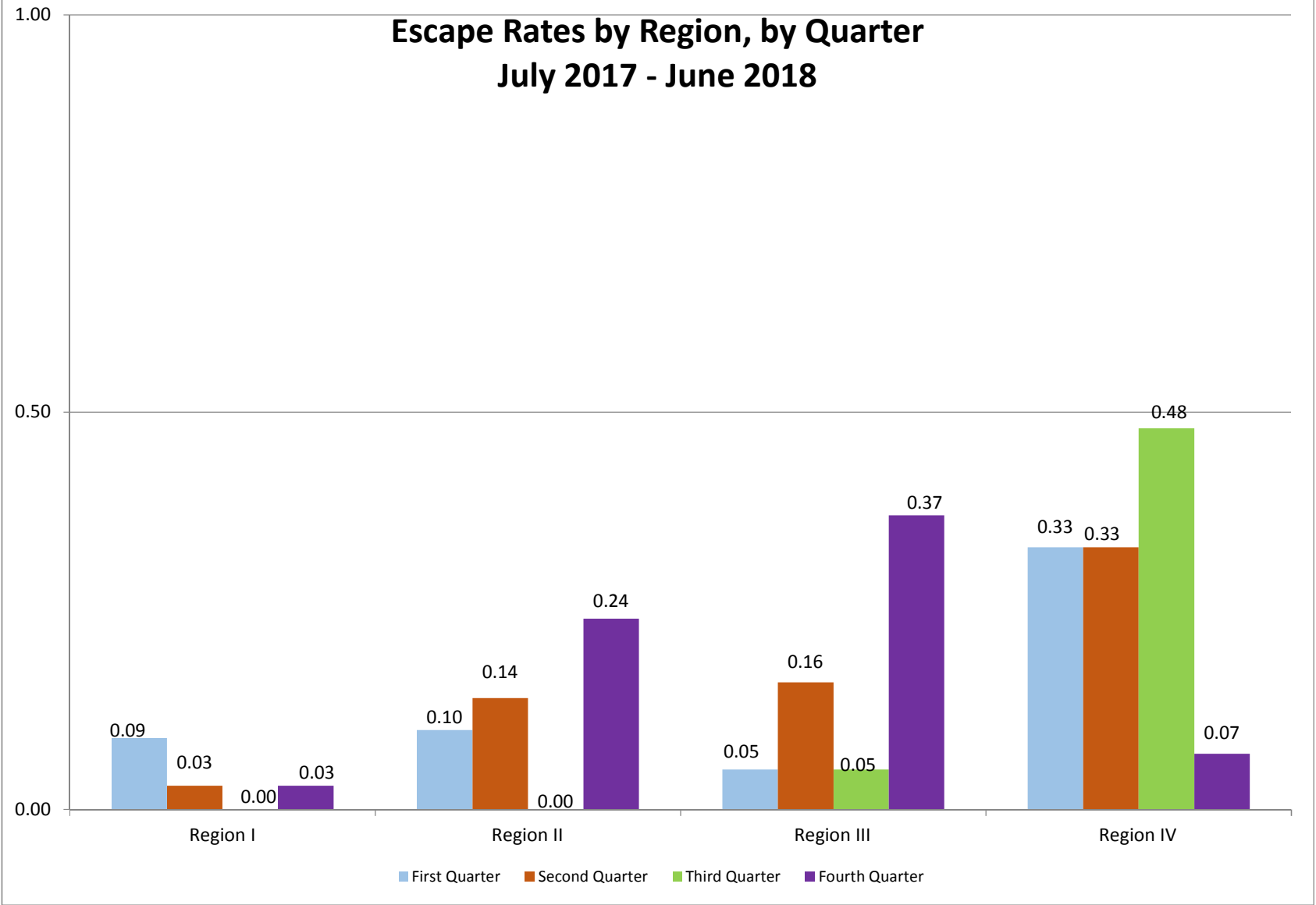
Escape Rates by Region***	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2017)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2017)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2018)	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2018)	Fiscal Year 2017/2018
Escapes	12	13	8	16	49
Escape Rate	0.13	0.14	0.08	0.17	0.52
Escapes by Region					
Region I	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.16
Region II	0.10	0.14	0.00	0.24	0.48
Region III	0.05	0.16	0.05	0.37	0.63
Region IV	0.33	0.33	0.48	0.07	1.20
Facility Type by Region					
Correctional Institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02
Region I	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region II	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04
Region III	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.07
Region IV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.18
Region I	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region II	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.46
Region III	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region IV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Work Release/Contract Centers	3.18	3.65	2.28	4.06	13.11
Region I	10.34	3.34	0.00	3.42	17.04
Region II	2.13	4.12	0.00	6.35	12.13
Region III	0.70	2.07	0.69	4.45	7.76
Region IV	6.16	5.95	8.42	1.29	22.11

***The escape rate is defined as the number of escapes/(total population on the last day of the month for each month in the quarter)/3)*1,000.

Escapes by Facility Type, by Month July 2017 - June 2018



Escape Rates by Region, by Quarter July 2017 - June 2018



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