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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE ESCAPES

**July 2019 – September 2019**



- For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-2020
  - Attempted Escapes
  - Escapes
  - Recaptures
- Short-term trends in inmate escapes

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## **Inmate Escape Report (First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-20)**

This report provides information for the first quarter (July 2019 - September 2019) of FY 2019-20 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:**

There were 12 escapes for the first quarter (July 2019 - September 2019) of Fiscal Year 2019-20. 11 (91.7%) of the 12 escapes were from Contracted Work Release Centers, and 1 (8.3%) of the 12 escapes was from a Correctional Institution. The escape from a Correctional Institution was an escape from a secure perimeter, during which an inmate used a homemade ladder to climb the perimeter fence undetected. Due to the use of the homemade ladder the escape was deemed a Level III escape. The inmate was recaptured in less than 24 hours.

11 of the 12 escapes (91.7%) were Level I escapes; 1 (8.3%) of the 12 escapes was a Level III escape. There were no escapes designated Level II during the first quarter.

Of the 12 completed escapes, 10 (83.3%) were recaptured. Of those recaptured, 9 (90.0%) were recaptured within the same quarter. 5 (55.6%) of the 9 were recaptured within 24 hours of escape.

The overall escape rate for the quarter was 0.13 escapes per 1,000 inmates. This is slightly higher than the 0.11 rate observed for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018-19, but equal to the 0.13 rate observed for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2017-18. Region IV had the highest escape rate at 0.45. Region II had the lowest rate with 0.03 overall for the quarter.

There was 1 attempted escape in the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2019-20.

## Escapes (July 2019 - June 2020)

Escapes*	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2019)		2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2019)		3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2020)		4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2020)		Fiscal Year 2019/2020	
<b>Escapes</b>	12									
<b>Perimeter Escapes</b>	1									
<b>Escape Level</b>										
Level I	11	91.7%								
Level II	0	0.0%								
Level III	1	8.3%								
Not Rated	0	0.0%								
<b>Facility Type</b>										
Correctional Institutions	1	8.3%								
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0	0.0%								
Work Release/Contract Centers	11	91.7%								
<b>Facility Type by Region</b>										
<b>Correctional Institutions</b>	1	8.3%								
Region I	0	0.0%								
Region II	0	0.0%								
Region III	0	0.0%								
Region IV	1	100.0%								
<b>Work Camps/Road Prisons</b>	0	0.0%								
Region I	0	0.0%								
Region II	0	0.0%								
Region III	0	0.0%								
Region IV	0	0.0%								
<b>Work Release/Contract Centers</b>	11	91.7%								
Region I	2	18.2%								
Region II	1	9.1%								
Region III	2	18.2%								
Region IV	6	54.5%								

\*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 2019 - June 2020)

Recaptures**	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2019)		2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2019)		3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2020)		4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2020)		Fiscal Year 2019/2020	
<b>Escapes</b>	<b>12</b>									
Recaptured	10	83.3%								
Not Recaptured	2	16.7%								
<b>Recaptured Within the Quarter</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>90.0%</b>								
<b>Time to Recapture Within the Quarter</b>										
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	5	55.6%								
Greater than 24 Hours	4	44.4%								
<b>Recaptures by Facility Type Within Quarter</b>										
<b>Correctional Institutions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11.1%</b>								
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	1	100.0%								
Greater than 24 Hours	0	0.0%								
<b>Work Camps/Road Prisons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>								
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	0	0.0%								
Greater than 24 Hours	0	0.0%								
<b>Work Release/Contract Centers</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88.9%</b>								
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	4	50.0%								
Greater than 24 Hours	4	50.0%								

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

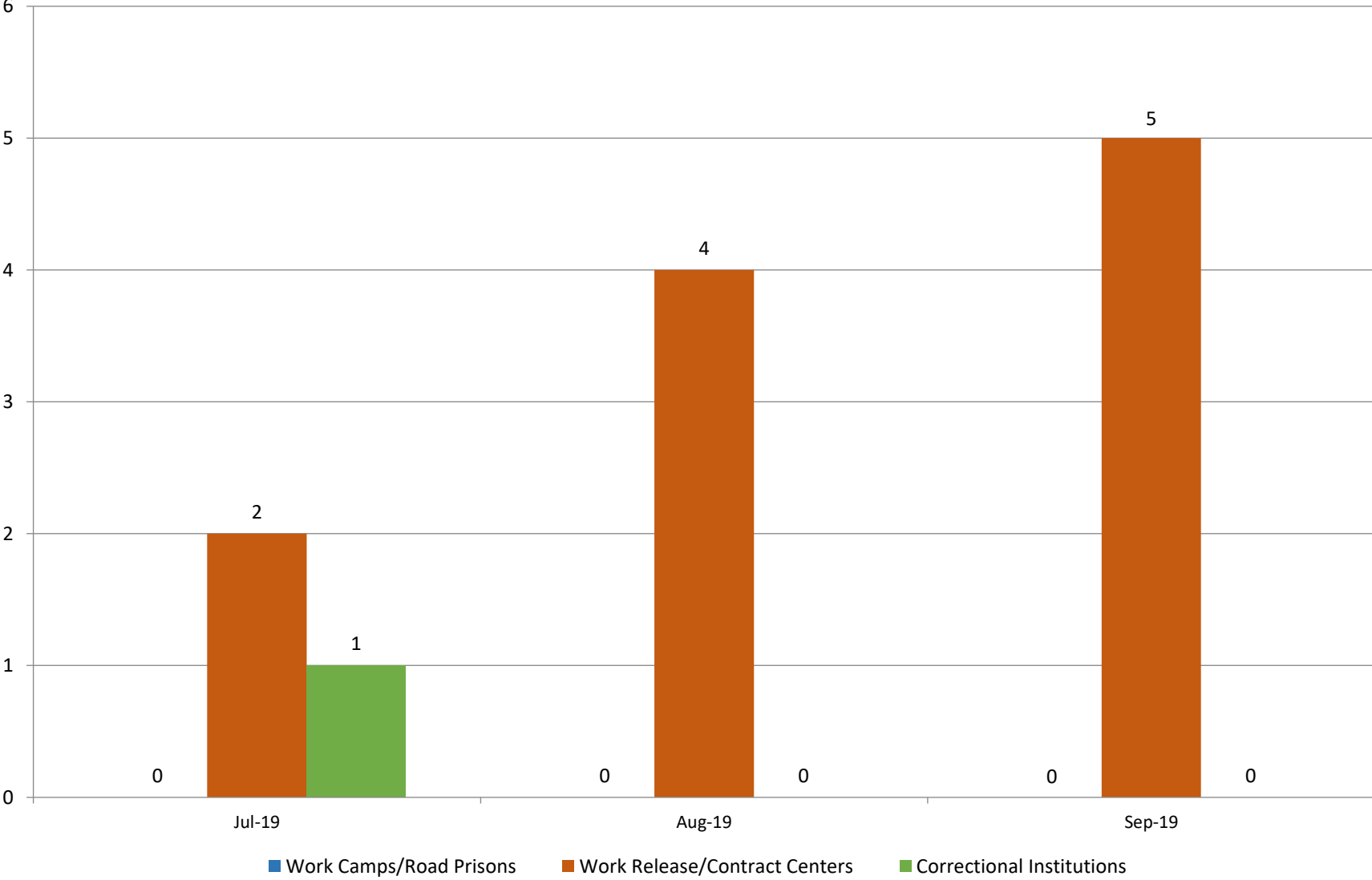
Breakdown of recaptured information is based on those captured within the quarter in which the escape occurred.

## Escape Rates (July 2019 - June 2020)

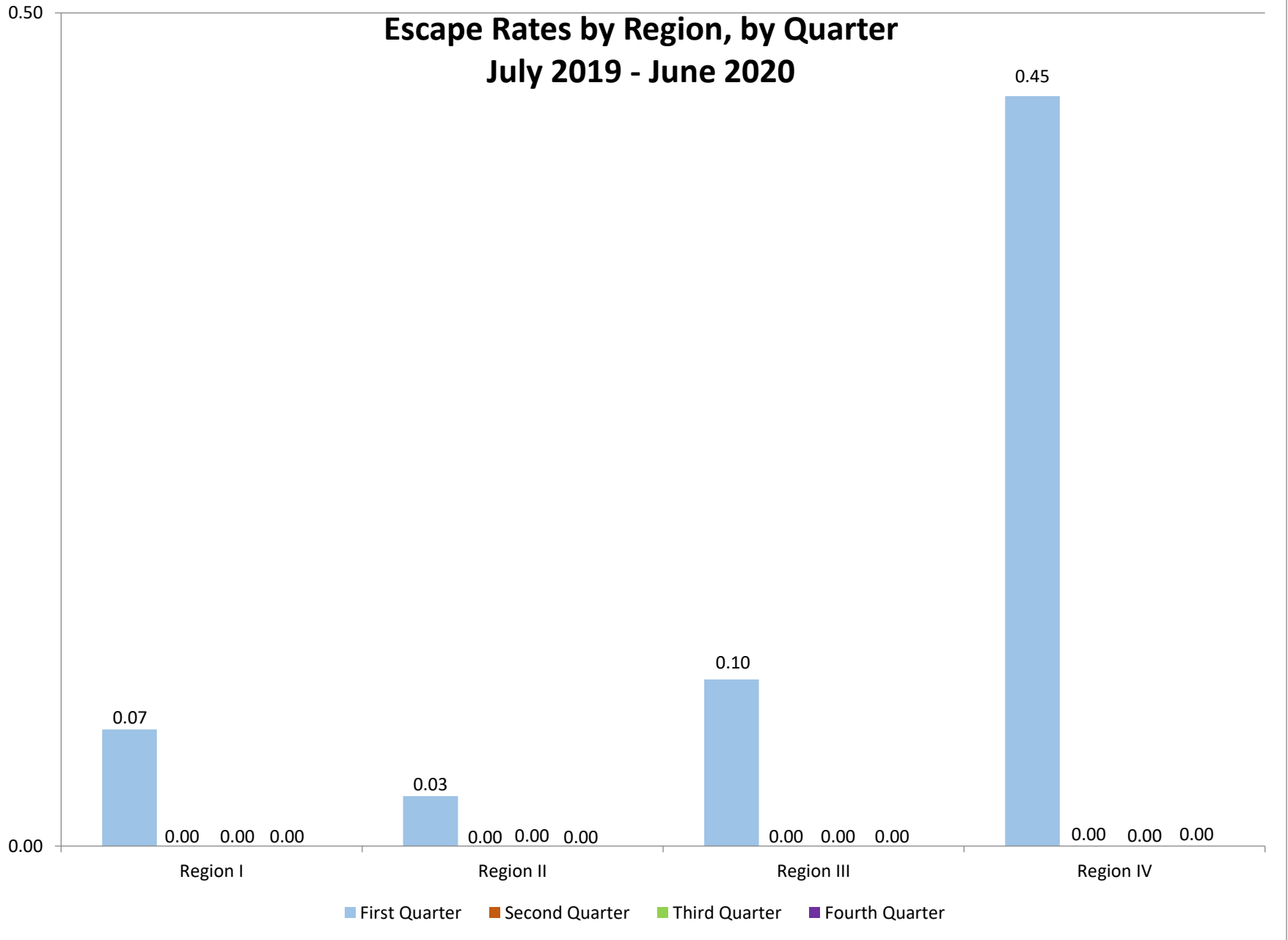
Escape Rates by Region***	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2019)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2019)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2020)	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2020)	Fiscal Year 2019/2020
<b>Escapes</b>	12				
<b>Escape Rate</b>	0.13				
<b>Escapes by Region</b>					
Region I	0.07				
Region II	0.03				
Region III	0.10				
Region IV	0.45				
<b>Facility Type by Region</b>					
<b>Correctional Institutions</b>	0.01				
Region I	0.00				
Region II	0.00				
Region III	0.00				
Region IV	0.07				
<b>Work Camps/Road Prisons</b>	0.00				
Region I	0.00				
Region II	0.00				
Region III	0.00				
Region IV	0.00				
<b>Work Release/Contract Centers</b>	3.47				
Region I	6.67				
Region II	1.18				
Region III	1.62				
Region IV	7.62				

\*\*\*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 2019 - June 2020



### Escape Rates by Region, by Quarter July 2019 - June 2020





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