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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE ESCAPES

July 2019 – June 2020



- For Fiscal Year 2019-2020
 - Attempted Escapes
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Inmate Escape Report

Fiscal Year 2019-20

This report is provided in accordance with Florida Statute 944.151 (7). The data provides information for Fiscal Year 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:

The number of escapes decreased by 11.8% from 34 in FY 2018-19 to 30 in FY 2019-20. One (3.3%) of the 30 escapes was from a Correctional Institution (C.I.). 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. One (3.3%) of the 30 escapes was from a Work Camp/Road Prison, and was a Level II escape. The remaining 28 (93.3%) escapes were from Work Release/Contract Centers and all of the 28 were Level I escapes.

Of the 30 escapes, 28 (93.3%) were recaptured as of July 7, 2020. Of the 28 recaptured, 22 (78.6%) were recaptured within the same quarter the escape occurred. Of the 22 recaptured within the quarter, 13 (59.1%) were recaptured within 24 hours of the escape.

The overall escape rate for Fiscal Year 2019-20 was 0.33 escapes per 1,000 inmates. This is lower than the 0.36 rate observed for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as well as the 0.52 rate observed for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The escape rate for Correctional Institutions was .01 per 1,000 inmates and the escape rate for Work Camps/Road Prisons was .10 per 1,000 inmates. Work Release/Contract Centers had the highest escape rates for Fiscal Year 2019-20 at 8.76 per 1,000 inmates. Region IV had the highest escape rate at 0.72 per 1,000 inmates and Region I had the lowest rate at .10.

There were 8 attempted escapes in 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		
Escapes	12		5		9		4		30		
Perimeter Escapes	1								1		
Escape Level											
Level I	11	91.7%	5	100.0%	8	88.9%	4	100.0%	28	93.3%	
Level II	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	
Level III	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	
Not Rated	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Facility Type											
Correctional Institutions	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	
Work Release/Contract Centers	11	91.7%	5	100.0%	8	88.9%	4	100.0%	28	93.3%	
Facility Type by Region											
Correctional Institutions	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	
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%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Region III	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Region IV	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	1	3.3%	
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%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
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%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	
Work Release/Contract Centers	11	91.7%	5	100.0%	8	88.9%	4	100.0%	28	93.3%	
Region I	2	18.2%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	3	10.7%	
Region II	1	9.1%	1	20.0%	5	62.5%	1	25.0%	8	28.6%	
Region III	2	18.2%	2	40.0%	2	25.0%	2	50.0%	8	28.6%	
Region IV	6	54.5%	2	40.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	9	32.1%	

*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	
Escapes	12		5		9		4		30	
Recaptured	12	100.0%	5	100.0%	7	77.8%	4	100.0%	28	93.3%
Not Recaptured	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	22.2%	0	0.0%	2	6.7%
Recaptured Within the Quarter	9	75.0%	2	40.0%	7	100.0%	4	100.0%	22	78.6%
Time to Recapture Within the Quarter										
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	5	55.6%	1	50.0%	5	71.4%	2	50.0%	13	59.1%
Greater than 24 Hours	4	44.4%	1	50.0%	2	28.6%	2	50.0%	9	40.9%
Recaptures by Facility Type Within Quarter										
Correctional Institutions	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.5%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
Greater than 24 Hours	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	0	0.0%	1	4.5%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	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	8	88.9%	2	100.0%	6	85.7%	4	100.0%	20	90.9%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	4	50.0%	1	50.0%	4	66.7%	2	50.0%	11	55.0%
Greater than 24 Hours	4	50.0%	1	50.0%	2	33.3%	2	50.0%	9	45.0%

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

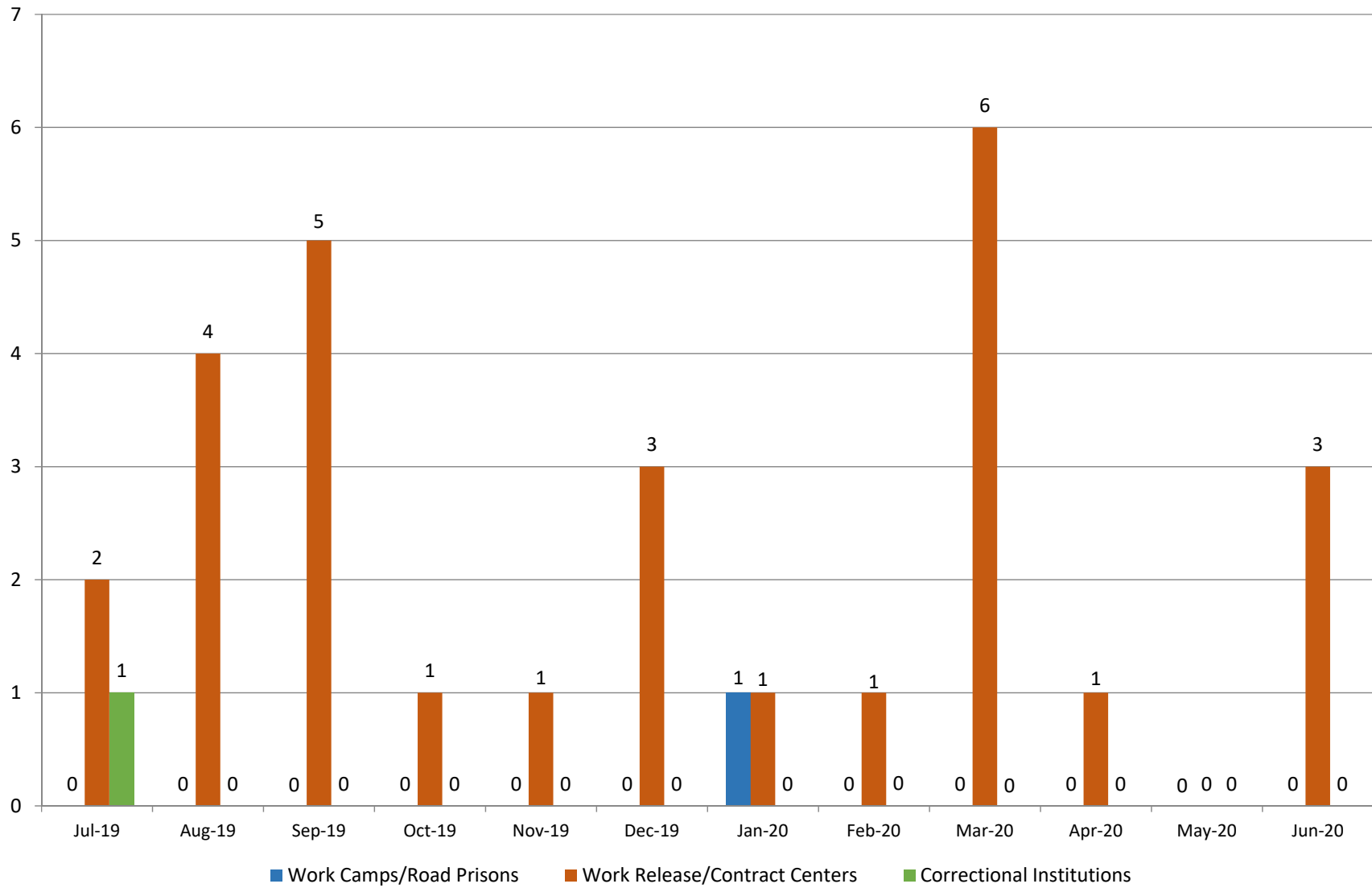
Breakdown of recaptured information is based on those captured within the quarter in which the escape occurred.

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
Escapes	12	5	9	4	30
Escape Rate	0.13	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.33
Escapes by Region					
Region I	0.07	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.10
Region II	0.03	0.03	0.18	0.04	0.28
Region III	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.42
Region IV	0.45	0.13	0.07	0.07	0.72
Facility Type by Region					
Correctional Institutions	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Region I	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region II	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region III	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region IV	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10
Region I	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region II	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region III	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Region IV	0.00	0.00	1.15	0.00	1.15
Work Release/Contract Centers	3.47	1.45	2.36	1.44	8.76
Region I	6.67	0.00	3.48	0.00	10.70
Region II	1.18	1.16	5.80	1.34	9.66
Region III	1.62	1.37	1.39	1.62	5.96
Region IV	7.62	2.40	0.00	1.80	12.07

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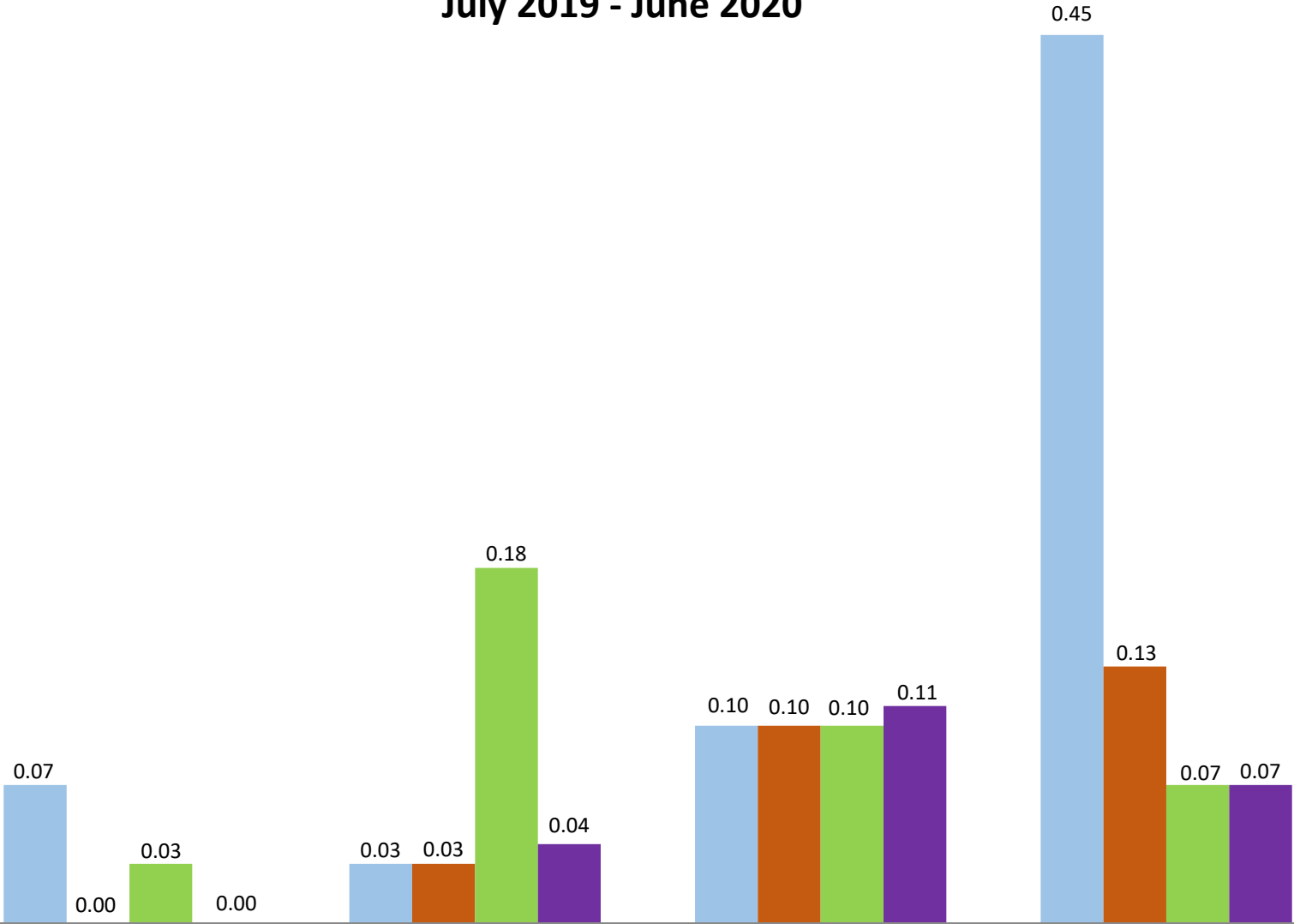
Escapes by Facility Type, by Month July 2019 - June 2020



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

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0.00



■ First Quarter ■ Second Quarter ■ Third Quarter ■ Fourth Quarter

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