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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INMATE ESCAPES

July 2020 – June 2021



- For Fiscal Year 2020-2021
 - Attempted Escapes
 - Escapes
 - Recaptures
- Short-term trends in inmate escapes

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Inmate Escape Report

Fiscal Year 2020-21

This report is provided in accordance with Florida Statute 944.151 (7). The data provides information for Fiscal Year 2020-21 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 23.3% from 30 in FY 2019-20 to 23 in FY 2020-21. One (4.3%) of the 23 escapes was from a Correctional Institution (C.I.). The escape from a Correctional Institution was not from a secure perimeter, but from an outside work squad. Due to the use of a shovel as a weapon to assault the work squad officer and the theft of a DOT vehicle, the escape was deemed a Level III escape. Two (8.7%) of the 23 escapes were from a Work Camp/Road Prison; one was a Level II escape, and one was a Level III escape. The Level III escape from a Work Camp/Road Prison was deemed Level III due to possible outside assistance. The remaining 20 (87.0%) escapes were from Work Release/Contract Centers and all of the 20 were Level I escapes.

Of the 23 escapes, 18 (78.3%) were recaptured as of July 7, 2021. Of the 18 recaptured, 17 (94.4%) were recaptured within the same quarter the escape occurred. Of the 17 recaptured within the quarter, 9 (52.9%) were recaptured within 24 hours of the escape.

The overall escape rate for Fiscal Year 2020-21 was 0.29 escapes per 1,000 inmates. This is lower than the 0.33 rate observed for Fiscal Year 2019-20 as well as the 0.36 rate observed for Fiscal Year 2018-19. The escape rate for Correctional Institutions was 0.01 per 1,000 inmates and the escape rate for Work Camps/Road Prisons was 0.29 per 1,000 inmates. Work Release/Contract Centers had the highest escape rates for Fiscal Year 2020-21 at 7.74 per 1,000 inmates. Region III had the highest escape rate at 0.77 per 1,000 inmates and Region I had the lowest rate at 0.12.

There were 3 attempted escapes in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Escapes (July 2020 - June 2021)

Escapes*	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2020)		2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2020)		3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2021)		4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2021)		Fiscal Year 2020/2021		
Escapes	5		5		6		7		23		
Perimeter Escapes											
Escape Level											
Level I	5	100.0%	3	60.0%	6	100.0%	6	85.7%	20	87.0%	
Level II	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	
Level III	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	2	8.7%	
Not Rated	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Facility Type											
Correctional Institutions	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	2	8.7%	
Work Release/Contract Centers	5	100.0%	3	60.0%	6	100.0%	6	85.7%	20	87.0%	
Facility Type by Region											
Correctional Institutions	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.3%	
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%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	
Region IV	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	2	8.7%	
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%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	
Region IV	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	1	50.0%	
Work Release/Contract Centers	5	100.0%	3	60.0%	6	100.0%	6	85.7%	20	87.0%	
Region I	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	50.0%	0	0.0%	3	15.0%	
Region II	2	40.0%	1	33.3%	1	16.7%	1	16.7%	5	25.0%	
Region III	2	40.0%	2	66.7%	2	33.3%	5	83.3%	11	55.0%	
Region IV	1	20.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.0%	

*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 2020 - June 2021)

Recaptures**	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2020)		2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2020)		3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2021)		4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2021)		Fiscal Year 2020/2021	
Escapes	5		5		6		7		23	
Recaptured	5	100.0%	3	60.0%	5	83.3%	5	71.4%	18	78.3%
Not Recaptured	0	0.0%	2	40.0%	1	16.7%	2	28.6%	5	21.7%
Recaptured Within the Quarter	4	80.0%	3	100.0%	5	100.0%	5	100.0%	17	94.4%
Time to Recapture Within the Quarter										
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	1	25.0%	2	66.7%	2	40.0%	4	80.0%	9	52.9%
Greater than 24 Hours	3	75.0%	1	33.3%	3	60.0%	1	20.0%	8	47.1%
Recaptures by Facility Type Within Quarter										
Correctional Institutions	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.9%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	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%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	2	11.8%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	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	4	100.0%	1	33.3%	5	100.0%	4	80.0%	14	82.4%
Less Than or Equal to 24 Hours	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	2	40.0%	3	75.0%	6	42.9%
Greater than 24 Hours	3	75.0%	1	100.0%	3	60.0%	1	25.0%	8	57.1%

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

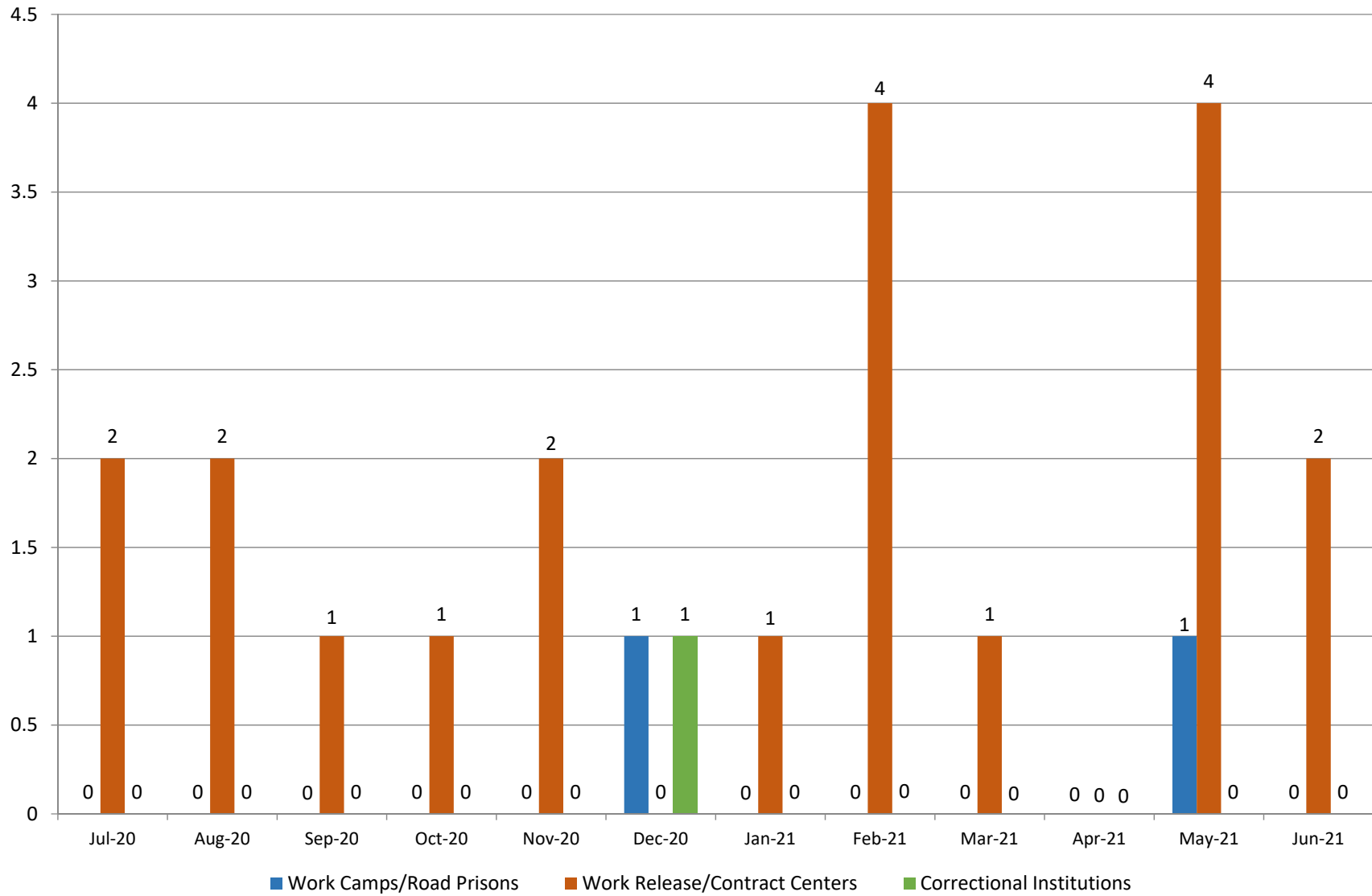
Breakdown of recaptured information is based on those captured within the quarter in which the escape occurred.

Escape Rates (July 2020 - June 2021)

Escape Rates by Region***	1st Quarter (July-Sept 2020)	2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec 2020)	3rd Quarter (Jan-Mar 2021)	4th Quarter (Apr-Jun 2021)	Fiscal Year 2020/2021
Escapes	5	5	6	7	23
Escape Rate	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.29
Escapes by Region					
Region I	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.00	0.12
Region II	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.21
Region III	0.12	0.24	0.12	0.29	0.77
Region IV	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.15
Facility Type by Region					
Correctional Institutions	0.00	0.01	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	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.07
Region IV	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Work Camps/Road Prisons	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.18	0.29
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	0.48	0.00	0.00	0.52
Region IV	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	1.38
Work Release/Contract Centers	2.31	1.13	2.17	2.19	7.74
Region I	0.00	0.00	11.54	0.00	12.12
Region II	3.10	1.43	1.48	1.52	7.45
Region III	1.96	1.69	1.57	4.05	9.33
Region IV	3.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.06

***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 2020 - June 2021



Escape Rates by Region, by Quarter July 2020 - June 2021

0.50

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.12

0.00

0.08

0.04

0.04

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0.07

First Quarter

Second Quarter

Third Quarter

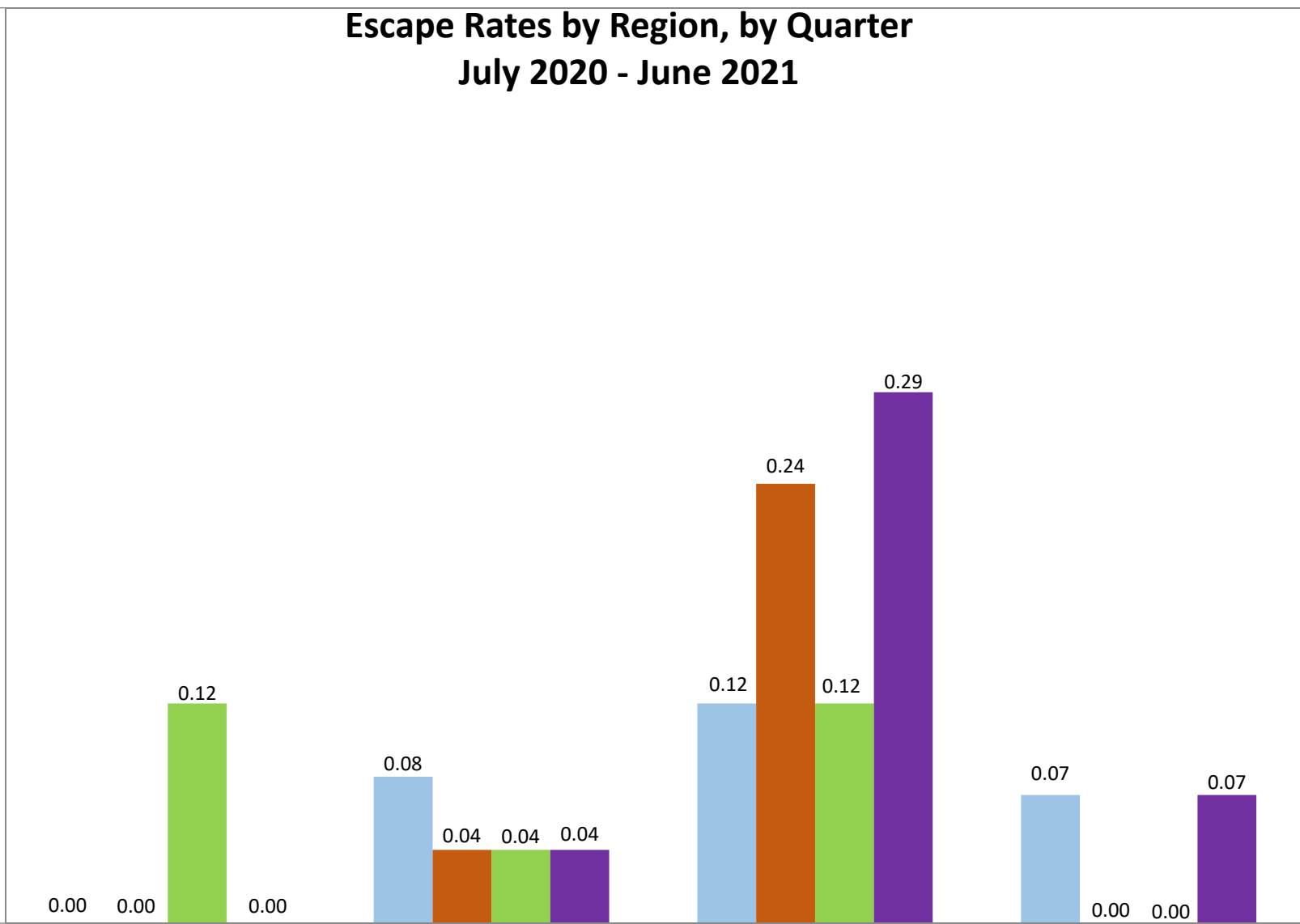
Fourth Quarter

Region I

Region II

Region III

Region IV



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