The Connecticut Second Chance Pardon Gap [updated 5/18/21]

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Key Findings

Population with convictions: ~407K people²
Population with felony convictions: ~157K people³
Share of adult Black men with a conviction: ~48% | ~27% with felonies
Share of people with convictions eligible to apply for pardons: ~89%
Share of people with convictions eligible for erasure under Clean Slate*: ~67%
Population with convictions eligible to apply for pardons: ~360K
Uptake rate of relief: ~3%
Pardons awarded per year: 626 (based on 2016-2019 actuals)
Years to clear the backlog based on current rates: 577 years
*updated 5/19/21 to include current version of the Clean Slate Bill.

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² Based on actuals from the state database described in Appendix B, removing people with out of state addresses in the database and taking into account mortality.

³ Id. Cf. with Shannon et al, which reports a 2010 estimated felony population in Connecticut of 213K available at .http://users.soc.umn.edu/~uggen/Shannon_Uggen_DEM_2017.pdf. If the 2010 estimate is projected forward linearly using the CAGR growth rate from 2000-2010, the 2020 estimated felony population would be 268K.

⁴ See summary of rules in Appendix A.