How Many People Are in Isolated Confinement in CT?

The DOC’s data shows that isolated confinement in Connecticut overwhelmingly targets people of color and includes large numbers of people with prior histories of mental illness and people under the age of 25. In January 2018, the DOC held approximately 350 people in isolated confinement and:

- Of the 76 people held in isolation at Northern, CT’s supermax, 84% were people of color.
  - 43% (33) people were Black.
  - 41% (31) people were Hispanic.

- Another facility, Garner, held 49 people in isolated confinement.
  - Of those, 88% were people of color: 51% (25) were Black and 37% (18) were Hispanic.
  - 12 people were under the age of 25.
  - 47% (23) were, by the DOC’s definition, already at least moderately impaired by a mental health condition (e.g., depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, etc.)

- The “SRG” program, a form of isolated confinement for those the DOC accuses of gang affiliation, held 103 people in isolation. Of those, 87% were people of color.
  - 49% (50) were Black.
  - 39% (40) were Hispanic.