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COUNTERING CUOMO'S
IMPRISONED IMAGINATION

SATURDAY
MAY 19, 2018



WHY IS CUOMO MIA ON COMMUTATIONS?

2011

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2016

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2017

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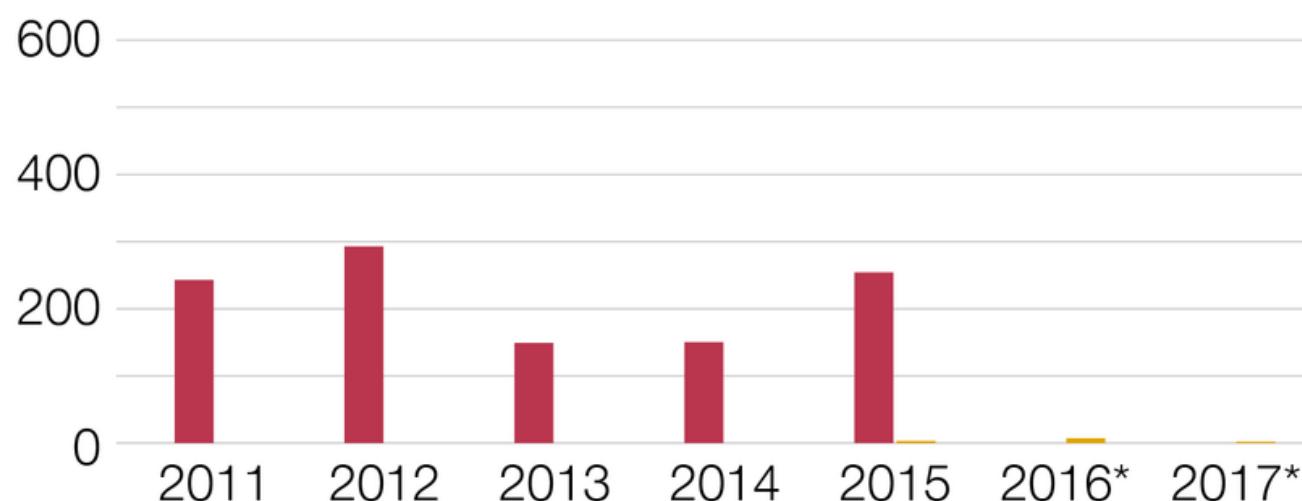
2018

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"With this new initiative, we are seeking to identify those deserving of a second chance and to help ensure that clemency is a more accessible and tangible reality," - Cuomo in a speech about his new clemency initiative in 2015.

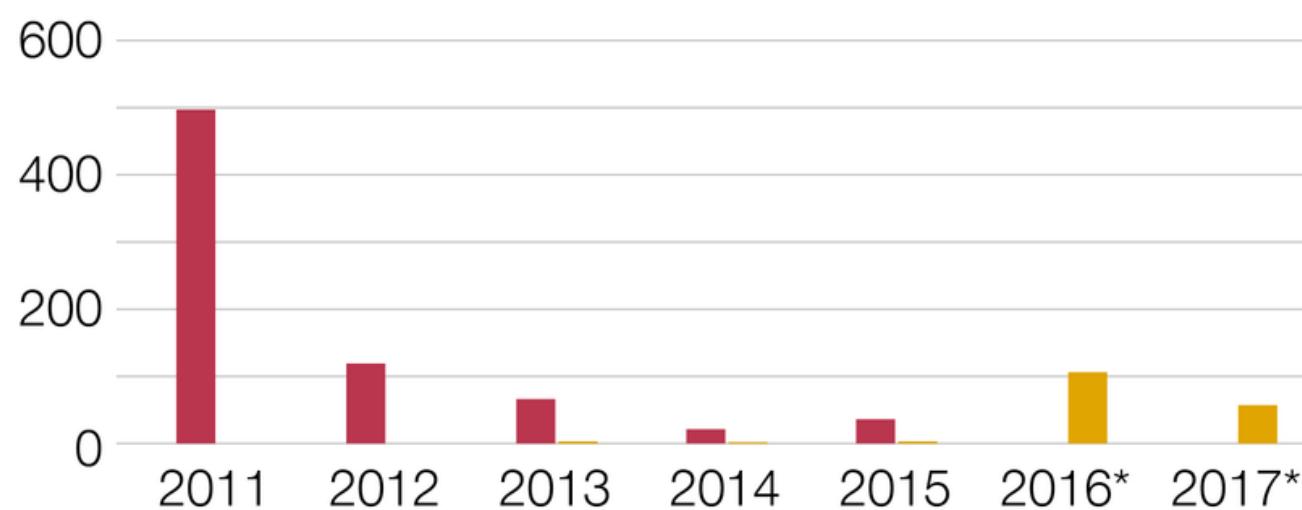
In his time as governor, Cuomo has only commuted 12 prison sentences...

■ Petitions for commutation received ■ Commutations granted



...and pardoned 163 people.

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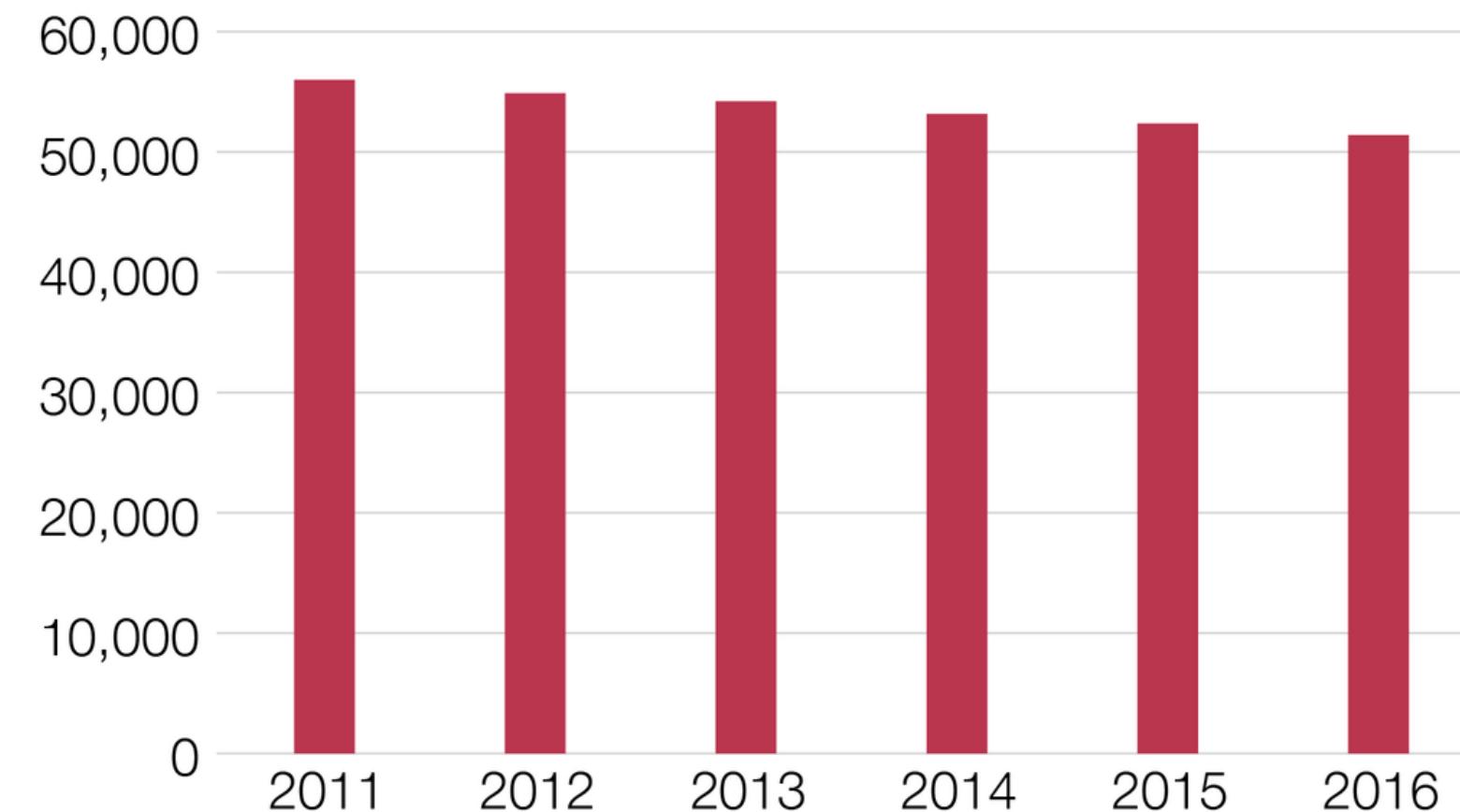
*Data on petitions received in 2016 and 2017 was not available.

Source: New York state

WHY IS CUOMO MIA ON COMMUTATIONS?

There are still more than 50,000 people in New York prisons.

Prison population in New York state, including Willard



Source: New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision

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Commutations

A commutation of sentence is a form of executive clemency that reduces an inmate's current sentence. The Governor may commute a sentence in any way that he considers appropriate. A sentence may be reduced to allow an inmate to be released immediately or on a specific date.

Eligibility

Except for extraordinary circumstances, a commutation of sentence will be considered only if the inmate meets the following eligibility criteria:

- The inmate's minimum period of imprisonment is more than one year;
- The inmate has served at least one-half of his or her minimum prison term; and
- The inmate is not eligible for parole within one year of the date of his or her application for clemency.



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The governor can free anyone, at any time, for any reason.

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The following guidance has been developed to assist applicants for commutation of sentence in further understanding the nature and scope of executive clemency review. Clemency is a matter within the sole discretion of the Governor. While compliance with this guidance is encouraged, it does not entitle an applicant to clemency.

A commutation of sentence is an extraordinary form of relief. Accordingly, the applicant has the strong burden of demonstrating that he/she:

- Has made exceptional strides in self-development and improvement; has made responsible use of available rehabilitative programs; has addressed identified treatment needs; and the commutation is in the interest of justice, consistent with public safety and the rehabilitation of the applicant;

or

- Is suffering from a terminal illness or has a severe and chronic disability that would be substantially mitigated by release from prison, and the release is in the interest of justice and consistent with public safety;

or

- Further incarceration would constitute gross unfairness because of the basic inequities involved.

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No one has to apply for clemency. The incarcerated person does not have the burden to demonstrate that they have the right to be free. The burden rests on the state.

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VIOLENCE BECAUSE WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE
SPECIFIC PIPELINE BETWEEN SURVIVING SEXUAL AND
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**WE DEMAND GOVERNOR CUOMO IMMEDIATELY USE HIS
CLEMENCY POWERS TO FREE CRIMINALIZED SURVIVORS OF
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