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## STATISTICAL BULLETIN

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### About this Bulletin

This publication is intended to provide an overview of statistical information and findings generated by this unit. Dissemination of this information to staff and other interested individuals will be provided through this periodical publication. ❖

### Comparison of Admissions and Releases for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999 (Preliminary)

A comparison of the number of admissions and releases for the adult prison system in Colorado for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (preliminary) is provided on the next page. Youthful Offender System (Y.O.S.) admissions and releases are also reported for the same time periods.

The quarterly average for fiscal year 1998 is computed for comparison to the quarterly figures for fiscal year 1999. The 1999 figures are preliminary and reflect only admission data which will differ slightly from the sentencing data reported later in the annual statistical report.

- The number of adult admissions increased over 7% as a result of increased parole returns for both technical and new felony convictions.
- All other admission types including new court commitments excluding parole returns remained stable.
- The increase in adult prison releases of 8.5% is attributable to the increase of 41.7% in mandatory releases to parole.
- Admissions to Y.O.S. were down 3.37% to 86 in fiscal year 1999 while releases from the program increased 33.3%.
- Fourth quarter 1999 figures indicate a continued increase in the number of parole returns and a decrease in the number of releases to discretionary parole.

**COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**ADMISSIONS AND RELEASES BY TYPE**  
**FISCAL YEAR 1998 TO FISCAL YEAR 1999 (PRELIMINARY) (1)**

	FISCAL YEAR 1998		FISCAL YEAR 1999				TOTAL	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	TOTAL	Qtrly. Ave.	First Qtr.	Second Qtr.	Third Qtr.	Fourth Qtr.		
<b>ADULT</b>								
<b>ADMISSIONS:</b>								
New Court Commitments	4,396	1,099	1,159	1,077	1,040	1,089	4,365	-0.71%
Parole Returns (2):								
Technical	1,269	317	365	424	430	512	1,731	36.41%
New Felony	364	91	97	107	101	73	378	3.85%
Subtotal	1,633	408	462	531	531	585	2,109	29.15%
Other (3)	163	41	44	35	38	44	161	-1.23%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>7.15%</b>
<b>RELEASES:</b>								
Parole:								
Discretionary	2,714	679	763	821	673	487	2,744	1.11%
Mandatory	962	241	297	329	350	387	1,363	41.68%
Total Parole	3,676	919	1,060	1,150	1,023	874	4,107	11.72%
Discharges	1,040	260	274	249	288	258	1,069	2.79%
Other (4)	371	93	108	100	61	76	345	-7.01%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>8.53%</b>
<b>Y.O.S.</b>								
<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>89</b>	22	29	23	14	20	<b>86</b>	-3.37%
<b>RELEASES</b>	<b>69</b>	17	18	26	19	29	<b>92</b>	33.33%

- (1) FY99 admission numbers are based on the date added to the backlog which may differ from sentencing numbers which reflect the date sentenced by the courts. FY98 admission numbers reflect sentencing data.
- (2) The number of technical parole returns is overstated and the number of returns with a new felony is understated for FY 1999 as the new felony conviction may be delayed. The admission type is changed to parole return-new felony when the conviction is received.
- (3) Other admissions include returns from a prior release to probation, court order discharge or appeal bond; interstate compact, and Y.O.S. terminations.
- (4) Other releases include releases to probation, court order discharge, appeal bond, and deceased.