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OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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The Office of Planning and Analysis exists within the Department of Corrections to provide research, information and data analysis services. The office also monitors population projections, analyzes legislative impact studies, oversees the administrative regulations, and conducts program and system evaluations as directed by statute or executive priority.

General Statistics, Reporting and Evaluation Unit

The General Statistics, Reporting and Evaluation Unit within the Office of Planning and Analysis analyzes data, evaluates programs and conducts research for internal management and external criminal justice use. This unit gathers, compiles and analyzes data for a multitude of agencies and purposes.

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.

>> 5.3% (896 inmates) of the CDCO incarcerated population as of June 30, 2001 is serving a life sentence <<
>> Six additional inmates are incarcerated under a sentence of death <<

LIFE SENTENCES

Offenses eligible for life sentences include class one felonies of first degree murder and first degree kidnapping, and offenses with special habitual enhancements. Life sentencing provisions are as follows:

- Life without parole eligibility – Class 1 felonies committed on or after July 1, 1990 (CRS 17-22.5-104) are sentenced to life in prison without parole eligibility.
- Life with parole eligibility – (CRS 17-22.5-104)
 - Parole eligibility after 40 years – class one felonies committed on or after July 1, 1985, but before July 1, 1990, and certain habitual enhancements.
 - Parole eligibility after 20 years – class one felonies and big habitual enhancements committed on or after July 1, 1977 but before July 1, 1985.
 - Parole eligibility after 10 years – class one felonies and big habitual enhancements committed before July 1, 1977.
- Indeterminate Sentences – Maximum sentence is life.
 - Sex Offenses
 - Lifetime Supervision – Crimes committed on or after November 1, 1998 (CRS 16-13-801) with a minimum sentence in the presumptive range.
 - One day to life Colorado Sex Offenders Act – Offenders sentenced to a minimum sentence of 1 day. (CRS 16-13-203)
 - Pre-1979 - Offenders sentenced for crimes committed before July 1, 1979 with a fixed minimum sentence.

INMATE POPULATION – JUNE 30, 2001

Sentence:	No. Of Offenders
Life - without parole eligibility	269
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	235
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	147
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	45
Subtotal	696
Indeterminate Sentence:	
Sex Offenders	
Lifetime Supervision	153
1 day to Life	38
Pre-1979	9
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	896
Conviction:	
1 st degree murder	553
1 st degree kidnapping	7
Habitual offender	136
Sex offenders	191
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	9

**~ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ~
~ AS OF JUNE 30, 2001 ~**

FACILITY	Life w/o Parole Eligibility	Life w/ Parole Eligibility	SEX OFFENDERS		Indeterminate Pre-1979	TOTAL
			Lifetime	1 Day to Life		
CDOC FACILITIES:						
Colorado State Penitentiary	47	47	1	2		97
Centennial Correctional Facility	32	36	1	1	1	71
Sterling Correctional Facility	21	27	17	1	1	67
Limon Correctional Facility	90	99	4	3	1	197
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	42	48	6	8	1	105
Buena Vista Correctional Complex	6	13		1		20
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	6	23	14	6		49
Fremont Correctional Facility	3	37	86	12	2	140
Arrowhead Correctional Center		6	3	1	1	11
Four Mile Correctional Center		15				15
Pre-Release Correctional Center						0
Pueblo Minimum Center						0
Adult Males at Y.O.S						0
Skyline Correctional Center		9				9
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Delta Correctional Center						0
Rifle Correctional Center						0
Colorado Correctional Alt Program						0
Colorado Women's Corr Facility	10	6	2			18
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	2	3				5
Adult Females at Y.O.S.						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	1	5	6			12
San Carlos Correctional Facility	3	8	3	1	2	17
CONTRACTS FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		1	1			2
Huerfano County Correctional Center		10	2			12
Crowley County Correctional Facility	1	9	2	1		13
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		8	2	1		11
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		6				6
Community ISP		4				4
Jail Backlog / Contracts			1			1
Other*	5	7	2			14
TOTAL	269	427	153	38	9	896

* Other includes non-custody population in external placement, interstate compact, federal transfer, fugitive status, and state hospital.