



Colorado Department of Corrections



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OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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Office of Planning and Analysis

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.

- **6.0% (1,104 inmates) of the CDCO incarcerated population as of September 30, 2002 is serving a life sentence** ◀◀
- **Five additional inmates are incarcerated under a sentence of death** ◀◀
- **A recent court decision changed 28 offender's sentences from life without parole eligibility to life with 40 year parole eligibility** ◀◀

-- 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 --

Sentence:	Number Of Offenders	
	September 30, 2001	September 30, 2002
Life - without parole eligibility	274	284
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	236	261
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	147	143
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	46	46
Subtotal	703	734
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	180	325
1 day to Life	38	37
Pre-1979	8	8
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	929	1,104
Conviction as of September 30, 2002:		
1 st degree murder	_____	589
1 st degree kidnapping	_____	9
Habitual offender	_____	136
Sex offenders	_____	362
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	_____	8

~ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ~
~ AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 ~

FACILITY	Life w/o	Life w/	SEX OFFENDERS		Indeter- minate Pre-1979	TOTAL
	Parole Eligibility	Parole Eligibility	Lifetime	1 Day to Life		
CDOC FACILITIES:						
Colorado State Penitentiary	50	40	1	1		92
Centennial Correctional Facility	28	31	3			62
Sterling Correctional Facility	35	37	39	2	1	114
Limon Correctional Facility	90	98	10	3	1	202
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	42	65	20	6	1	134
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	5	7	3	1		16
Buena Vista Minimum Center		2				2
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	4	30	24	6		64
Fremont Correctional Facility	4	40	172	10	1	227
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility		2				2
Arrowhead Correctional Center		12	20	2		34
Four Mile Correctional Center		8			1	9
Pueblo Minimum Center						0
Adult Males at Y.O.S						0
Trinidad Correctional Facility		3				3
Skyline Correctional Center		8				8
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Delta Correctional Center						0
Rifle Correctional Center						0
Colorado Correctional Alt Program						0
Colorado Women's Corr Facility	9	5	2			16
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	2	6				8
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	3	3	5			11
San Carlos Correctional Facility	5	9	7	2	2	25
CONTRACTS FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		2	3		1	6
Huerfano County Correctional Center		10	4			14
Crowley County Correctional Facility	1	10	7	3		21
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		5	4	1		10
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		3				3
Community ISP		7				7
Jail Backlog / Contracts						0
Other*	6	7	1			14
TOTAL	284	450	325	37	8	1,104

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