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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.

➤➤ **6.6% (1,249 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of June 30, 2003 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 Sept. 20, 1991 (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 Sept. 20, 1991 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 18-1.3-1001) 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 18-1.3-904)
 - Pre-1979 - Offenders sentenced for crimes committed before July 1, 1979 with a fixed minimum sentence.

◆◆ INMATE POPULATION ◆◆

Sentence:	Number Of Offenders	
	06/30/02	06/30/03
Life - without parole eligibility	276	306
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	262	256
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	143	145
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	46	45
Subtotal	727	752
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	287	455
1 day to Life	37	34
Pre-1979	8	8
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	1,059	1,249

Conviction as of June 30, 2003:

1 st degree murder	→	609
1 st degree kidnapping	→	10
Habitual offender	→	133
Sex offenders	→	489
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	8

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF JUNE 30, 2003 ❖

FACILITY	Life w/o Parole Eligibility	Life w/ Parole Eligibility	Sex Offenders		Indeter- minate Pre-1979	TOTAL
			Lifetime	1 Day to Life		
CDOC FACILITIES:						
Colorado State Penitentiary	54	37	8	2		101
Centennial Correctional Facility	36	21	4			61
Sterling Correctional Facility	45	47	60	2	2	156
Limon Correctional Facility	84	92	11	3	1	191
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	43	66	25	5	1	140
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	8	10	17	1		36
Buena Vista Minimum Center		3				3
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	4	31	27	4		66
Fremont Correctional Facility	4	33	197	10		244
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility		8	5	1		14
Arrowhead Correctional Center		12	29	1		42
Four Mile Correctional Center		7			1	8
Pueblo Minimum Center						0
Adult Males at Y.O.S.						0
Trinidad Correctional Facility		5				5
Skyline Correctional Center		6				6
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Delta Correctional Center						0
Rifle Correctional Center						0
Colorado Correctional Alt Program						0
Colorado Women's Corr Facility	9	4	3			16
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	2	6	1			9
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	4	5	13			22
San Carlos Correctional Facility	5	6	9	1	2	23
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		4	6		1	11
Huerfano County Correctional Center		9	12	1		22
Crowley County Correctional Facility		9	9	2		20
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		2	10	1		13
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		4	1			5
Community ISP		9				9
Jail Backlog / Contracts			7			7
Other*	8	10	1			19
TOTAL	306	446	455	34	8	1,249

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