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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.

➤➤ **7.4% (1,469 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of 09/30/2004 is serving a life sentence** ◀◀

➤➤ **Three offenders remain under a sentence of death and are not included.** ◀◀

#### ◆◆ 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	
	09/30/03	09/30/04
Life - without parole eligibility	311	332
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	256	252
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	144	144
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	45	45
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>773</b>
<b>Indeterminate Sentence:</b>		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	489	654
1 day to Life	34	34
Pre-1979	8	8
<b>TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>1,469</b>

#### Conviction as of September 30, 2004:

1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder	→	630
1 <sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping	→	11
Habitual offender	→	132
Sex offenders	→	688
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	8

**❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖**  
**❖ AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 ❖**

FACILITY	Life w/o	Life w/	Sex Offenders		Indeter-	TOTAL
	Parole	Parole	Lifetime	1 Day to	minate	
	Eligibility	Eligibility		Life	Pre-1979	
<b>CDOC FACILITIES:</b>						
Colorado State Penitentiary	57	32	13	2		104
Centennial Correctional Facility	30	17	5			52
Sterling Correctional Facility	54	59	80	3	2	198
Limon Correctional Facility	95	85	21	4	1	206
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	42	63	39	3	1	148
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	8	8	22	1		39
Buena Vista Minimum Center		2				2
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	7	37	30	5		79
Fremont Correctional Facility	3	34	276	9		322
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility		7	8	2		17
Arrowhead Correctional Center		11	34	1		46
Four Mile Correctional Center		9			1	10
Pueblo Minimum Center						0
Adult Males at Y.O.S.						0
Trinidad Correctional Facility		1				1
Skyline Correctional Center		3				3
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Delta Correctional Center						0
Rifle Correctional Center						0
Colorado Correctional Alt Program						0
Colorado Women's Corr Facility	7	4	5			16
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	5	6				11
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	1	7	4			12
San Carlos Correctional Facility	6	7	10	1	2	26
<b>CONTRACT FACILITIES:</b>						
Bent County Correctional Center		3	24		1	28
Huerfano County Correctional Center		8	25	1		34
Crowley County Correctional Facility		11	21	1		33
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		1	25	1		27
Tallahatchie MS Correctional Facility	7	3	1			11
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Community Corrections		4	2			6
Community ISP		10	1			11
Jail Backlog / Contracts	1		8			9
Other*	9	9				18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,469</b>

\*Other includes non-custody population, (16) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer, and (1) fugitive status.