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OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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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.

➤➤ **8.0% (1,737 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of 03/31/2006 is serving a life sentence** <<

➤➤ **Two 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	
	03/31/05	03/31/06
Life - without parole eligibility	351	385
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	249	244
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	142	142
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	44	43
Subtotal	786	814
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	728	885
1 day to Life	33	31
Pre-1979	8	7
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	1,555	1,737

Conviction as of March 31, 2006:

1 st degree murder	→	676
1 st degree kidnapping	→	12
Habitual offender	→	126
Sex offenders	→	916
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	7

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF MARCH 31, 2006 ❖

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	60	26	21	2		109
Centennial Correctional Facility	25	17	11			53
Sterling Correctional Facility	71	52	99	3	1	226
Limon Correctional Facility	115	80	34	3		232
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	52	64	29	1	1	147
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	7	11	27	2		47
Buena Vista Minimum Center		1				1
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	12	40	38	2	1	93
Fremont Correctional Facility	7	21	366	7	1	402
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	1	12	10	1	1	25
Arrowhead Correctional Center		6	45	1		52
Four Mile Correctional Center		11				11
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	8	5	6			19
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	7	5	3			15
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	3	5	10	1		19
San Carlos Correctional Facility	4	7	10		1	22
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		7	40		1	48
Huerfano County Correctional Center		10	28	3		41
Crowley County Correctional Facility		7	46	3		56
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		3	44	2		49
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Brush Correctional Facility						0
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		9	2			11
Community ISP		14	2			16
Jail Backlog / Contracts	3		14			17
Other*	10	12				22
TOTAL	385	429	885	31	7	1,737

* Other includes non-custody population, (19) interstate compact, (1) external placement (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.