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OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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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.

➤➤ **9.2% (2,136 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of 03/31/2008 is serving a life sentence** ◀◀

➤➤ **One offender remains under a sentence of death and is 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	
	03/31/07	03/31/08
Life - without parole eligibility	429	464
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	239	232
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	138	133
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	43	39
Subtotal	849	868
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,096	1,233
1 day to Life	31	29
Pre-1979	6	6
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	1,982	2,136

Conviction as of March 31, 2008:

1 st degree murder	→	735
1 st degree kidnapping	→	15
Habitual offender	→	118
Sex offenders	→	1,262
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	6

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF MARCH 31, 2008 ❖

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	56	33	21	1		111
Centennial Correctional Facility	22	8	15	2		47
Sterling Correctional Facility	120	53	139	3	1	316
Limon Correctional Facility	127	68	45	2		242
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	62	49	54	1	1	167
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	14	7	40	1		62
Buena Vista Minimum Center		1				1
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	14	36	52	1		103
Fremont Correctional Facility	10	16	419	5	1	451
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	3	16	16	1		36
Arrowhead Correctional Center		3	65	1		69
Four Mile Correctional Center		15				15
La Vista Correctional Facility		1				1
Adult Males at Y.O.S.						0
Trinidad Correctional Facility		1			1	2
Skyline Correctional Center		7				7
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Delta Correctional Center						0
Rifle Correctional Center						0
Colorado Correctional Alt Program						0
Colorado Women's Corr Facility	9	4	11			24
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	10	4	2			16
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center		3	13			16
San Carlos Correctional Facility	7	7	19	1	1	35
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		10	46	3	1	60
Huerfano County Correctional Center		6	42	2		50
Crowley County Correctional Facility		9	74	3		86
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		8	46	1		55
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
High Plains Correctional Facility						0
North Fork OK Correctional Facility		6	103	1		110
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		1	1			2
Community ISP		20	6			26
Jail Backlog / Contracts			2			2
Other*	10	12	2			24
TOTAL	464	404	1,233	29	6	2,136

* Other includes non-custody populations: (22) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.