



# 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 and Reporting

The General Statistics and Reporting within the Office of Planning and Analysis analyzes data, 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.

➤➤ **9.5% (2,199 inmates) of the CDCOC incarcerated population as of 09/30/2008 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	
	09/30/07	09/30/08
Life - without parole eligibility	447	479
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	237	230
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	137	131
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	42	39
Subtotal	863	879
<b>Indeterminate Sentence:</b>		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,163	1,284
1 day to Life	30	30
Pre-1979	6	6
<b>TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>2,199</b>

### Conviction as of September 30, 2008:

1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder	→	746
1 <sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping	→	16
Habitual offender	→	117
Sex offenders	→	1,314
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	6

**❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖**  
**❖ AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 ❖**

FACILITY	Life w/o Parole Eligibility	Life w/ Parole Eligibility	Sex Offenders		Indeter- minate Pre-1979	TOTAL
			Lifetime	1 Day to Life		
<b>CDOC FACILITIES:</b>						
Colorado State Penitentiary	57	24	25	1		107
Centennial Correctional Facility	20	17	19	2		58
Sterling Correctional Facility	127	49	129	1	1	307
Limon Correctional Facility	121	65	55	2		243
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	64	44	64	1	1	174
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	14	7	39			60
Buena Vista Minimum Center		1				1
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	18	38	64	6		126
Fremont Correctional Facility	13	17	434	3	1	468
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	3	16	15			34
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	64	1		67
Four Mile Correctional Center		12				12
La Vista Correctional Facility		1				1
Adult Males at Y.O.S.						0
Trinidad Correctional Facility		2			1	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	10	3	10			23
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	12	4	3			19
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	2	7	9	1		19
San Carlos Correctional Facility	8	8	16	1	1	34
<b>CONTRACT FACILITIES:</b>						
Bent County Correctional Center		19	76	5	1	101
Huerfano County Correctional Center		7	39	2		48
Crowley County Correctional Facility		9	85	3		97
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		9	130	1		140
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center		1				1
High Plains Correctional Facility						0
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Community Corrections		1	1			2
Community ISP		19	5			24
Jail Backlog / Contracts						0
Other*	10	10	2			22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,199</b>

\* Other includes non-custody populations: (20) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.