



# Colorado Department of Corrections



## 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.

➤➤ **10.5% (2,370 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of 12/31/2009 are 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 one 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, or convicted as adult following direct filing on or after July 1, 2006, 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	
	12/31/08	12/31/09
Life - without parole eligibility	491	532
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	231	231
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	130	127
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	39	37
Subtotal	891	927
<b>Indeterminate Sentence:</b>		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,308	1,408
1 day to Life	30	30
Pre-1979	5	5
<b>TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>2,370</b>

### Conviction as of December 31, 2009:

1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder	→	791
1 <sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	119
Sex offenders	→	1,438
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	5

**❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖**  
**❖ AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 ❖**

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>						
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	64	45	121	1		231
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	82			84
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	24	10	53		1	88
Buena Vista Minimum Center		1				1
Centennial Correctional Facility	33	11	16	1		61
Colorado Correctional Alt Program						0
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	42	24	30	3		99
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	23	37	81	4		145
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	7	4	14	1		26
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	19	5	8			32
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	2	17	16	1		36
Four Mile Correctional Center		11				11
Fremont Correctional Facility	12	19	485	5		521
La Vista Correctional Facility	8	2	6			16
Limon Correctional Facility	134	68	56	2		260
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	8	6	16	1	1	32
Skyline Correctional Center		7				7
Southern Transport Unit at YOS						0
Sterling Correctional Facility	145	58	115		1	319
Trinidad Correctional Facility		2			1	3
<b>CONTRACT FACILITIES:</b>						
Bent County Correctional Center		14	93	5	1	113
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		9	91	4		104
High Plains Correctional Facility		1	1			2
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		11	116	2		129
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Community Corrections		5	2			7
Community ISP		17	3			20
Jail Backlog / Contracts						0
Other*	11	9	3			23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2,370</b>

\* Other includes non-custody populations: (21) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.