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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.

➤➤ **10.6% (2,433 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of 06/30/2010 are 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 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	
	06/30/09	06/30/10
Life - without parole eligibility	503	545
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	230	229
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	127	125
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	37	34
Subtotal	897	933
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,363	1,466
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	5	5
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,294	2,433

Conviction as of June 30, 2010:

1 st degree murder	→	800
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	116
Sex offenders	→	1,495
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	5

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF JUNE 30, 2010 ❖

FACILITY	Life w/o	Life w/	Sex Offenders		Indeter-	TOTAL
	Parole	Parole	Lifetime	1 Day to	minate	
	Eligibility	Eligibility		Life	Pre-1979	
CDOC FACILITIES:						
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	70	47	140	3		260
Arrowhead Correctional Center		1	84			85
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	28	11	51		1	91
Buena Vista Minimum Center		2				2
Centennial Correctional Facility	32	6	21	1		60
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	39	23	32	3		97
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	24	32	94	3	1	154
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	1	5	13			19
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	20	5	8			33
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	2	17	16	2		37
Four Mile Correctional Center		11				11
Fremont Correctional Facility	11	18	502	4		535
La Vista Correctional Facility	8	3	6			17
Limon Correctional Facility	136	64	55	1		256
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	7	6	14	1	1	29
Skyline Correctional Center		7				7
Southern Transport Unit at La Vista				1		1
Sterling Correctional Facility	154	61	109	1	1	326
Trinidad Correctional Facility		3				3
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		12	117	5		134
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		12	97	2		111
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		9	94	2		105
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		5	7		1	13
Community ISP		16	2			18
Jail Backlog / Contracts	2		2			4
Other*	11	12	2			25
TOTAL	545	388	1,466	29	5	2,433

* Other includes non-custody populations: (23) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.