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OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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Statistical Bulletin

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>> 10.9% (2,474 inmates) of the CDOC incarcerated population as of 09/30/2010 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 ♦ ♦

Number of Offenders		
09/30/09	09/30/10	
522	554	
230	229	
128	123	
37	35	
917	941	
1,380	1,499	
29	29	
5	5	
2,331	2,474	
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	808	
	17	
	116	
	1,528	
	5	
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♦INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ♦AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 ♦

	Life w/o	Life w/	Sex Of	fenders	Indeter-	т. -
	Parole	Parole		1 Day to	minate	1
FACILITY	Eligibility	Eligibility	Lifetime	Life	Pre-1979	TOTAL
CDOC FACILITIES:						
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	71	48	137	4		260
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	84			86
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	33	11	56		1	101
Buena Vista Minimum Center		2				2
Centennial Correctional Facility	50	17	33	2		102
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	32	12	29	2		75
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	20	33	106	3	1	163
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center		5	10			15
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	20	5	10			35
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	2	18	16	2		38
Four Mile Correctional Center		10				10
Fremont Correctional Facility	11	17	517	4		549
La Vista Correctional Facility	7	3	5			15
Limon Correctional Facility	142	62	55	1		260
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	7	6	20	1	1	35
Skyline Correctional Center		8				8
Southern Transport Unit at La Vista			3			3
Sterling Correctional Facility	146	61	102	1	1	311
Trinidad Correctional Facility		3				3
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						1.
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Bent County Correctional Center		12	115	5		132
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center		12	115	5		0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		13	106	2		121
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility			82	2		91
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OTHER:						1
Community Corrections		4	10		1	15
Community ISP		15	1			16
Jail Backlog / Contracts		1				1
Other*	13	12	2			27
TOTAL	554	387	1,499	29	5	2,474

* Other includes non-custody populations: (25) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.