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OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ **10.9% (2,498 inmates) of the CDCO inmate population as of 12/31/2010 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	
	12/31/09	12/31/10
Life - without parole eligibility	532	566
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	231	228
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	127	123
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	37	35
Subtotal	927	952
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,408	1,513
1 day to Life	30	29
Pre-1979	5	4
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,370	2,498

Conviction as of December 31, 2010:

1 st degree murder	→	819
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	116
Sex offenders	→	1,542
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	4

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010 ❖

FACILITY	Life w/o Parole Eligibility	Life w/ Parole Eligibility	Sex Offenders		Indeter- minate Pre-1979	TOTAL
			Lifetime	1 Day to Life		
CDOC FACILITIES:						
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	74	46	146	4		270
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	85			87
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	33	10	58			101
Buena Vista Minimum Center		1				1
Centennial Correctional Facility	49	17	34	2		102
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	48	15	45	2		110
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	19	33	106	4	1	163
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	3	6	13			22
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	20	5	10			35
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	2	17	19	2		40
Four Mile Correctional Center		10				10
Fremont Correctional Facility	10	19	517	4		550
La Vista Correctional Facility	7	3	8			18
Limon Correctional Facility	142	62	47	1		252
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	8	6	20	1	1	36
Skyline Correctional Center		7				7
Southern Transport Unit at La Vista						0
Sterling Correctional Facility	137	59	88	1		285
Trinidad Correctional Facility		3				3
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		12	114	4		130
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		13	109	2	1	125
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		8	82	2		92
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		4	9		1	14
Community ISP		16				16
Jail Backlog / Contracts	1					1
Other*	13	12	3			28
TOTAL	566	386	1,513	29	4	2,498

* Other includes non-custody populations: (26) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer and (1) fugitive.