



# Colorado Department of Corrections



## OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ **11% (2,525 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 3/31/2011 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	
	3/31/10	3/31/11
Life - without parole eligibility	534	574
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	230	227
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	126	122
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	35	34
Subtotal	925	957
<b>Indeterminate Sentence:</b>		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,440	1,535
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	5	4
<b>TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>2,525</b>

#### Conviction as of March 31, 2011:

1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder	→	822
1 <sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	118
Sex offenders	→	1,564
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	4

**❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖**  
**❖ AS OF MARCH 31, 2011 ❖**

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	73	45	156	4		278
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	86			88
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	36	8	62			106
Buena Vista Minimum Center		1				1
Centennial Correctional Facility	50	22	36	2		110
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	51	15	39	2		107
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	17	35	112	4	1	169
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	3	5	13			21
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	21	5	11			37
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	1	15	17	2		35
Four Mile Correctional Center		9				9
Fremont Correctional Facility	10	20	496	5		531
La Vista Correctional Facility	7	3	9			19
Limon Correctional Facility	147	60	63	1		271
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	10	7	22	1	1	41
Skyline Correctional Center		7				7
Southern Transport Unit at La Vista						0
Sterling Correctional Facility	134	60	96			290
Trinidad Correctional Facility		3				3
<b>CONTRACT FACILITIES:</b>						
Bent County Correctional Center		12	111	4		127
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		12	113	2	1	128
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		8	80	2		90
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Community Corrections		3	8		1	12
Community ISP		14	2			16
Jail Backlog / Contracts	1	1				2
Other*	13	11	3			27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,525</b>

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