



Colorado Department of Corrections



OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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Statistical Bulletin

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➤➤ **11% (2,559 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 6/30/2011 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	
	6/30/10	6/30/11
Life - without parole eligibility	545	578
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	229	228
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	125	123
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	34	34
Subtotal	933	963
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,466	1,563
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	5	4
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,433	2,559

Conviction as of June 30, 2011:

1 st degree murder	→	828
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	118
Sex offenders	→	1,592
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	4

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF JUNE 30, 2011 ❖

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	75	45	160	4		284
Arrowhead Correctional Center		1	86			87
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	38	7	62			107
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	49	22	35	4		110
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	55	17	42			114
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	15	35	110	5	1	166
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	4	7	21			32
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	21	5	11			37
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility	2	15	20	1		38
Four Mile Correctional Center		8				8
Fremont Correctional Facility	12	21	513	5		551
La Vista Correctional Facility	7	3	7			17
Limon Correctional Facility	150	61	61	1		273
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	11	7	19	1	1	39
Skyline Correctional Center		5				5
Southern Transport Unit at La Vista						0
Sterling Correctional Facility	125	59	91			275
Trinidad Correctional Facility		4				4
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		13	109	4		126
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center		1				1
Crowley County Correctional Facility		13	113	2	1	129
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		9	80	2		91
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		2	15		1	18
Community ISP		14	3			17
Jail Backlog / Contracts	1		1			2
Other*	13	11	4			28
TOTAL	578	385	1,563	29	4	2,559

* Other includes non-custody populations: (25) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer, (1) community regressive awaiting return to facility and (1) fugitive.