



Colorado Department of Corrections



OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ 12% (2,598 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 9/30/2011 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	
	9/30/10	9/30/11
Life - without parole eligibility	554	582
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	229	226
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	123	123
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	35	36
Subtotal	941	967
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,499	1,598
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	5	4
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,474	2,598

Conviction as of September 30, 2011:

1 st degree murder	→	831
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	119
Sex offenders	→	1,627
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	4

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF SEPTEMBER 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	76	44	159	4		283
Arrowhead Correctional Center			87			87
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	37	7	60			104
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	47	20	33	4		104
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	62	18	38			118
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	15	41	115	5	1	177
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	1	9	24	1		35
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	21	5	14			40
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility		3	1			4
Four Mile Correctional Center		9				9
Fremont Correctional Facility	15	22	536	4		577
La Vista Correctional Facility	8	8	10			26
Limon Correctional Facility	154	58	61	1		274
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	9	7	21	1	1	39
Skyline Correctional Center		5				5
Sterling Correctional Facility	123	64	100	1		288
Trinidad Correctional Facility		5				5
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		11	119	4		134
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center		1				1
Crowley County Correctional Facility		11	112	2	1	126
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		9	84	2		95
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		2	16			18
Community ISP		14	3		1	18
Jail Backlog / Contracts	1		2			3
Other*	13	12	3			28
TOTAL	582	385	1,598	29	4	2,598

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