



Colorado Department of Corrections



OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ **12% (2,616 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 12/31/2011 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	
	12/31/10	12/31/11
Life - without parole eligibility	566	589
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	228	226
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	123	121
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	35	34
Subtotal	952	970
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,513	1,613
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	4	4
Subtotal	1,546	1,646
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,498	2,616

Conviction as of December 31, 2011:

1 st degree murder	→	837
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	116
Sex offenders	→	1,642
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	4

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF DECEMBER 31, 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	77	49	191	5		322
Arrowhead Correctional Center		1	95			96
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	39	6	59			104
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	43	17	25	4		89
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	62	18	40			120
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	16	37	118	5	1	177
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	4	7	25	1		37
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	21	5	15			41
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility			1			1
Four Mile Correctional Center		10				10
Fremont Correctional Facility	16	26	516	4		562
La Vista Correctional Facility	8	8	10			26
Limon Correctional Facility	153	52	61	1		267
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	10	7	21		1	39
Skyline Correctional Center		4				4
Sterling Correctional Facility	127	68	101	1		297
Trinidad Correctional Facility		4				4
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		9	113	4		126
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		11	112	2	1	126
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		11	84	2		97
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		5	16			21
Community ISP		13	4		1	18
Jail Backlog / Contracts			2			2
Other*	13	13	4			30
TOTAL	589	381	1,613	29	4	2,616

Other includes non-custody populations: (26) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer, (1) community regressive awaiting return to facility and (2) fugitive.