



Colorado Department of Corrections



OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ **12% (2,637 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 03/31/2012 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	
	03/31/11	03/31/12
Life - without parole eligibility	574	599
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	227	227
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	122	117
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	34	34
Subtotal	957	977
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders		
Lifetime Supervision	1,535	1,627
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	4	4
Subtotal	1,568	1,660
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,525	2,637

Conviction as of March 31, 2012:

1 st degree murder	→	846
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	114
Sex offenders	→	1,656
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	4

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF MARCH 31, 2012 ❖

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	6	1	324
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	97			99
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	48	10	61	1		120
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	48	18	24	2		92
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	69	22	55			146
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	13	34	119	3	1	170
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	7	5	22	1		35
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	22	5	14			41
Fort Lyon Correctional Facility						0
Four Mile Correctional Center		10				10
Fremont Correctional Facility	19	24	522	5		570
La Vista Correctional Facility	7	8	10	1		26
Limon Correctional Facility	155	50	57	1		263
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	10	8	20		1	39
Skyline Correctional Center		4				4
Sterling Correctional Facility	111	67	106	1		285
Trinidad Correctional Facility		4				4
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		9	111	4		124
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center						0
Crowley County Correctional Facility		10	110	2		122
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		9	79	2		90
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		5	19			24
Community ISP		13	3		1	17
Jail Backlog / Contracts			4			4
Other*	13	12	3			28
TOTAL	599	378	1,627	29	4	2,637

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