



Colorado Department of Corrections



OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ 13% (2,621 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 09/30/2012 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	
	09/30/11	09/30/12
Life - without parole eligibility	582	605
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	226	222
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	123	109
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	36	34
Subtotal	967	970
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders:		
Lifetime Supervision	1,598	1,619
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	4	3
Subtotal	1,631	1,651
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,474	2,621

Conviction as of September 30, 2012:

1 st degree murder	→	846
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	107
Sex offenders	→	1,648
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	3

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 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	76	47	186	6		315
Arrowhead Correctional Center		2	98			100
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	44	6	55	1		106
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	20	10	9	1		40
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	64	23	59	2		148
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	16	32	110	4	1	163
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	7	9	28	1		45
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	21	5	13			39
Four Mile Correctional Center		9				9
Fremont Correctional Facility	20	29	510	4		563
La Vista Correctional Facility	9	6	11	1		27
Limon Correctional Facility	179	49	67			295
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	12	8	21		1	42
Skyline Correctional Center		4				4
Sterling Correctional Facility	123	63	99	1		286
Trinidad Correctional Facility		2				2
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		10	121	4		135
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center			1			1
Crowley County Correctional Facility		11	118	2		131
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		9	83	2		94
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		7	22			29
Community ISP		12	4		1	17
Jail Backlog / Contracts						0
Other*	14	12	4			30
TOTAL	605	365	1,619	29	3	2,621

*Other includes non-custody populations: (27) interstate compact, (1) community return to custody offender, (1) federal transfer, and (1) fugitive.