



Colorado Department of Corrections



OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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➤➤ **13% (2,649 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 12/31/2012 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	
	12/31/11	12/31/12
Life - without parole eligibility	589	615
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	226	221
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	121	108
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	34	34
Subtotal	970	978
Indeterminate Sentence:		
Sex Offenders:		
Lifetime Supervision	1,613	1,639
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	4	3
Subtotal	1,646	1,671
TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence	2,616	2,649

Convictions as of December 31, 2012:

1 st degree murder	→	854
1 st degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	107
Sex offenders	→	1,668
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	3

❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖
❖ AS OF DECEMBER 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	48	196	6		327
Arrowhead Correctional Center		1	98			99
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	40	8	54	1		103
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	16	4	18	1		39
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	65	27	49	2		143
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	14	34	123	4	1	176
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	8	8	28	1		45
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	24	5	18			47
Four Mile Correctional Center		10				10
Fremont Correctional Facility	26	30	514	4		574
La Vista Correctional Facility	8	5	6	1		20
Limon Correctional Facility	181	47	62			290
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	14	8	22		1	45
Skyline Correctional Center		4				4
Sterling Correctional Facility	127	59	98	1		285
Trinidad Correctional Facility		3				3
CONTRACT FACILITIES:						
Bent County Correctional Center		10	122	4		136
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center		1	1			2
Crowley County Correctional Facility		11	117	2		130
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		10	81	2		93
OTHER:						
Community Corrections		6	21			27
Community ISP		12	2		1	15
Jail Backlog / Contracts			6			6
Other*	15	12	3			30
TOTAL	615	363	1,639	29	3	2,649

*Other includes non-custody populations: (28) interstate compact, (1) federal transfer, and (1) fugitive.