



# Colorado Department of Corrections



## OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE SENTENCES

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Statistical Bulletin

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➤➤ **13% (2,682 inmates) of the CDOC inmate population as of 3/31/2013 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	
	3/31/12	3/31/13
Life - without parole eligibility	599	623
Life - with 40 year parole eligibility	227	222
Life - with 20 year parole eligibility	117	108
Life - with 10 year parole eligibility	34	34
Subtotal	977	987
<b>Indeterminate Sentence:</b>		
<b>Sex Offenders:</b>		
Lifetime Supervision	1,627	1,663
1 day to Life	29	29
Pre-1979	4	3
Subtotal	1,660	1,695
<b>TOTAL - Life Maximum Sentence</b>	<b>2,637</b>	<b>2,682</b>

#### Convictions as of March 31, 2013:

1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder	→	862
1 <sup>st</sup> degree kidnapping	→	17
Habitual offender	→	106
Sex offenders	→	1,692
Pre-1979 (various offenses)	→	3

**❖ INMATE POPULATION SERVING LIFE SENTENCES ❖**  
**❖ AS OF MARCH 31, 2013 ❖**

FACILITY	Life w/o Parole Eligibility	Life w/ Parole Eligibility	Sex Offenders		Indeter- minate Pre-1979	TOTAL
			Lifetime	1 Day to Life		
<b>CDOC FACILITIES:</b>						
Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility	77	47	203	6		333
Arrowhead Correctional Center		3	96			99
Buena Vista Correctional Facility	39	8	57	1		105
Buena Vista Minimum Center						0
Centennial Correctional Facility	19	5	25	1		50
Colorado Correctional Center						0
Colorado State Penitentiary	61	25	42			128
Colorado Terr Correctional Facility	18	33	116	5	1	173
Delta Correctional Center						0
Denver Reception Diagnostic Center	9	14	31	2		56
Denver Women's Correctional Facility	24	5	18			47
Four Mile Correctional Center		9				9
Fremont Correctional Facility	29	32	533	4		598
La Vista Correctional Facility	8	5	7	1		21
Limon Correctional Facility	185	40	64			289
Rifle Correctional Center						0
San Carlos Correctional Facility	12	10	21		1	44
Skyline Correctional Center						0
Sterling Correctional Facility	126	60	99	1		286
Trinidad Correctional Facility		2				2
<b>CONTRACT FACILITIES:</b>						
Bent County Correctional Center		13	127	4		144
Cheyenne Mountain Reentry Center		1	1			2
Crowley County Correctional Facility		10	116	2		128
Kit Carson County Correctional Facility		12	80	2		94
<b>OTHER:</b>						
Community Corrections		5	17			22
Community ISP		13	3		1	17
Jail Backlog / Contracts	1		4			5
Other*	15	12	3			30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2,682</b>

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