

# Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice



## Overview: Paths to Reentry

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# Some Definitions

**Parole Eligibility Date (PED)**: The earliest possible Parole Release date, which is established by *length of sentence, computation of time served, good time credits earned* and/or *lost*, and governed by statute as calculated by CDOC's offender time/release operations. PED reflects the first date for which an inmate is eligible to make initial Parole application.

**Mandatory Release Date (MRD)** – Parole Release date over which the Board has no discretion that mandates an inmate's release to parole.



# Some Definitions

**Discretionary Parole**: At the discretion of the Board, the release of an inmate who has met his or her Parole Eligibility Date but not yet met his or her Mandatory Release Date, and is returned to the community subject to conditions imposed by the Board, and subject to the custody of the Division of Parole and jurisdiction of the Board.

**Mandatory Parole**: The release of an inmate who was sentenced to one or more terms of imprisonment, has met his or her statutory Mandatory Release Date, and is returned to the community subject to conditions imposed by the Board, and subject to the custody of the Division of Parole and jurisdiction of the Board.



# Some Definitions

**Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate (ISP-I):** Structure supervision monitoring and guiding the activities of an offender living in an approved private residence such as a house or apartment. The CDOC operated the ISP-I. Offenders may be placed on ISP upon review and approval of the Community Corrections Board in the county in which they are requesting to live. Individuals placed in ISP-I programs are on Inmate status and can be referred directly from a DOC facility for placement into ISP-I or upon completion of community corrections prior to parole.

**Community Corrections:** Offenders that meet acceptance criteria are transferred from Colorado's state prisons before release. Community corrections involves the management and supervision of offenders in the community. Transition clients are on Inmate status. A small number of parolees can be placed in community corrections as a condition of parole.



# Paths to Reentry

Number of offenders incarcerated in CDOC on 6/30/22: 16,361  
Total Releases FY 2022: 5,335

Parole review process  
3 months before PED

Parole Eligibility Date  
(PED)

Discretionary  
decision period

Mandatory Release  
Date (MRD)

Not eligible for discretionary parole hearing if commit a Type 1 of Code of Penal Discipline (COPD) violation in the last year

**Eligibility**  
For most offenders, after serving 50% of sentence minus earned time (up to 10 days/mo.).  
For violent crime and Felony 2 offenses, after serving 75% of sentence.

FY22 Discretionary release  
2,928  
(55% of parole releases\*)

FY22 Mandatory release  
1,666  
(31% of parole releases\*)

*\* Other release types account for the remaining 14% of releases (Reparole, sentence completion, release to probation, court ordered discharge, appeal bond and deceased)*

Source: Monthly Population and Capacity Report (see <https://cdoc.colorado.gov/about/data-and-reports/statistics>)



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## Community Corrections

- Non-violent offenders
  - Referrals at 19 months prior to PED (eligible at 50% of sentence)
  - Placement at 16 months prior to PED
- Violent offenders
  - 9 months prior to PED (eligible at 75% of sentence)
  - Placement at 6 months prior to PED
- Subsequent referrals can be made after initial referrals every 6 months – 12 months
- Supervised by Community Parole Officers (CPOs) from Adult Parole at DOC
- Local boards and programs determine acceptance
- DOC offenders in community corrections remain inmates (Transition)
- Parolees may be placed in community corrections as a condition of parole

FY21 - Transition referred: 4599 / Accepted: 1932 (42%)  
Condition of Parole referred: 678/Accepted: 379 (56%)

## Intensive Supervision-Inmate (ISP-I)

- A transition release program run by DOC
- Structured supervision of an offender living in an approved private residence.
- Referrals at 180 days (6 months) to PED
- Inmates are supervised by Community Parole Officers (CPOs) from Adult Parole at DOC
- Approved by local community corrections boards of the county they are requesting to live.

Snapshot: 3/31/21

Direct Referred/eligible: 320  
Accepted: 215 (59%)

## Parole

- Individual conditions of Parole set by State Board of Parole and varies due to risk and need
- Parolees report to Community Parole Officers
- Division of Adult Parole provide supervision and assistance in securing housing, employment and services for successful integration of the parolees

Number of parolees on 6/30/21: 11,890