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PAROLE BOARD AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE DISPOSITIONS

Calendar Year 2020

(Preliminary Data)

Total Parole Board workload for Calendar Year 2020 was 8,339 interviews, including 412 administrative interviews/hearings for rescission decisions, alternate date considerations, or special considerations. Initial appearances made up 71.9% of the Parole Board interviews for Calendar Year 2020. The tables below summarize in detail Parole Board activity for the month.

TABLE 1. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

INTERVIEW TYPE	NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS	Approval RATE	PROPORTION OF ALL INTERVIEWS		
Total Initials ¹	5,699	43.6%	71.9%		
Initials	4,289	33.8%	54.1%		
Shock	405	80.7%	5.1%		
Medical	11	81.8%	0.1%		
Early Deportation	15	73.3%	0.2%		
LCTI	110	50.9%	1.4%		
Merit Time	869	73.2%	11.0%		
Supplemental Merit	0		0.0%		
Reappearances ²	2121	37.4%	26.8%		
Parole & CR Violators	107	56.1%	1.3%		
Total ³	7,927	42.1%	100.0%		

^{1.} Includes Shock, Medical, INS-open, Final Deportations, LCTI, Presumptive, and Merit Interviews.

^{2.} Includes regular reappearance, Shock reappearance and INS-open reappearance interviews.

^{3.} Excludes 412 administrative interviews/hearings for rescission decision, alternate date considerations, and special considerations.

TABLE 2. ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERVIEW/HEARING TYPE	NUMBER	NUMBER GRANTED RELEASE OR RESTORED		
Rescission Hearings	81	38		
Alternate Date Interviews	137	129		
Special Consideration Interviews ¹	194	68		
TOTAL	412	235		

¹ Special considerations reflect appeals for previously denied inmates. All other administrative interviews/hearings are for persons previously granted release.

Table 3 shows that during calendar year 2020, the Board of Parole and the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision made determinations on 7,970 cases that were eligible for release to parole supervision. This was a decrease of 2,631 cases (-24.8%) compared to calendar year 2019. Of the 7,970 cases reviewed during calendar year 2020, 3,383 (42.4%) were approved for release. This rate of approval was 0.4% higher than calendar year 2019 when 4,448 (42.0%) of the 10,601 reported parole eligible cases were approved for release.

TABLE 3. PAROLE BOARD AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE SUMMARY 2019 and 2020

	2019	2020
Parole Eligible Interviews	10,601	7,970
Approved	4,448	3,383
Percent Approved	42.0%	42.4%

According to Table 4, there were 5,742 Initial appearances reported for calendar year 2020. This was 23.7% lower than the 7,523 reported for calendar year 2019 (see Table 5). The 44.1% approval rate for Initial interviews for calendar year 2020 was 0.5% higher than the 43.6% reported in calendar year 2019.

The 2,228 Reappearances reported for calendar year 2020 was 27.6% lower than the 3,078 reported in calendar year 2019. The approval rate for Reappearances during calendar year 2020 was 38.3%, compared to 37.8% reported in calendar year 2019, an increase of 0.5%.

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF PAROLE BOARD INTERVIEW AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE ACTIVITY

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

	INITIALS* (Includes Shock and Presumptive)			REAPPEARANCES			TOTAL INTERVIEWS		
MONTH/YEAR	Interviews	Granted Release	Approval Rate	Interviews	Granted Release	Approval Rate	Interviews	Granted Release	Approval Rate
Jan-20	572	226	39.5%	202	88	43.6%	774	314	40.6%
Feb-20	586	277	47.3%	175	69	39.4%	761	346	45.5%
Mar-20	552	222	40.2%	205	73	35.6%	757	295	39.0%
Apr-20	196	102	52.0%	178	83	46.6%	374	185	49.5%
May-20	132	88	66.7%	166	80	48.2%	298	168	56.4%
Jun-20	742	369	49.7%	199	79	39.7%	941	448	47.6%
Jul-20	752	359	47.7%	173	61	35.3%	925	420	45.4%
Aug-20	469	187	39.9%	179	65	36.3%	648	252	38.9%
Sep-20	441	186	42.2%	207	80	38.6%	648	266	41.0%
Oct-20	420	163	38.8%	210	69	32.9%	630	232	36.8%
Nov-20	453	184	40.6%	165	53	32.1%	618	237	38.3%
Dec-20	427	167	39.1%	169	53	31.4%	596	220	36.9%
TOTAL	5,742	2,530	44.1%	2,228	853	38.3%	7,970	3,383	42.4%

^{*} Presumptive Release Condition setting activity (Presumptive Release, Merit Presumptive Release, Medical Review Release and Executive Clemency Release) is added into both the interview and granted release numbers to compute a combined Board Interview/Presumptive Release release rate. There were 4 Presumptives in January; 3 in February; 4 in March; 2 in April; 0 in May; 6 in June; 1 in July; 0 in August; 7 in September; 1 in October; 12 in November; 3 in December.

TABLE 5. SUMMARY OF PAROLE BOARD INTERVIEW AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE ACTIVITY

CALENDAR YEAR 2019

	INITIALS* (Includes Shock and Presumptive)			REAPPEARANCES			TOTAL INTERVIEWS		
MONTH/YEAR	Interviews	Granted Release	Approval Rate	Interviews	Granted Release	Approval Rate	Interviews	Granted Release	Approval Rate
Jan-19	660	289	43.8%	286	104	36.4%	946	393	41.5%
Feb-19	651	275	42.2%	278	103	37.1%	929	378	40.7%
Mar-19	658	289	43.9%	297	108	36.4%	955	397	41.6%
Apr-19	685	290	42.3%	254	116	45.7%	939	406	43.2%
May-19	625	273	43.7%	250	103	41.2%	875	376	43.0%
Jun-19	652	309	47.4%	279	119	42.7%	931	428	46.0%
Jul-19	617	265	42.9%	254	73	28.7%	871	338	38.8%
Aug-19	597	253	42.3%	263	82	31.4%	860	335	39.0%
Sep-19	654	263	40.2%	269	100	37.2%	923	363	39.3%
Oct-19	585	253	43.2%	232	90	38.8%	817	343	42.0%
Nov-19	616	282	45.8%	222	94	42.3%	838	376	44.9%
Dec-19	523	242	46.3%	194	73	37.6%	717	315	43.9%
TOTAL	7,523	3,283	43.6%	3,078	1,165	37.8%	10,601	4,448	42.0%

^{*} Presumptive Release Condition setting activity (Presumptive Release, Merit Presumptive Release, Medical Review Release and Executive Clemency Release) is added into both the interview and granted release numbers to compute a combined Board Interview/Presumptive Release release rate. There were 10 Presumptives in January; 4 in February; 4 in March; 0 in April; 1 in May; 0 in June; 3 in July; 9 in August; 4 in September; 1 in October; 2 in November; 3 in December.