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PAROLE BOARD AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE DISPOSITIONS

Calendar Year 2021

(Preliminary Data)

Total Parole Board workload for Calendar Year 2021 was 6,936 interviews, including 460 administrative interviews/hearings for rescission decisions, alternate date considerations, or special considerations. Initial appearances made up 70.1% of the Parole Board interviews for Calendar Year 2021. The tables below summarize in detail Parole Board activity for Calendar Year 2021.

TABLE 1. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

INTERVIEW TYPE	NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS	APPROVAL RATE	PROPORTION OF ALL INTERVIEWS						
Total Initials ¹	4,540	37.6%	70.1%						
Initials	3,722	30.4%	57.5%						
Shock	179	76.5%	2.8%						
Medical	12	83.3%	0.2%						
Early Deportation	17	64.7%	0.3%						
LCTI	106	53.8%	1.6%						
Merit Time	504	72.2%	7.8%						
Reappearances ²	1,842	35.0%	28.4%						
Parole & CR Violators	94	78.7%	1.5%						
Total ³	6,476	37.5%	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 460 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	67	41		
Alternate Date Interviews	96	90		
Special Consideration Interviews ¹	297	91		
TOTAL	460	222		

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

Table 3 shows that during Calendar Year 2021, the Board of Parole and the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision made determinations on 6,531 cases that were eligible for release to parole supervision. This was a decrease of 1,439 cases (-18.1%) compared to Calendar Year 2020. Of the 6,531 cases reviewed during Calendar Year 2021, 2,483 (38.0%) were approved for release. This rate of approval was 4.4% lower than Calendar Year 2020 when 3,383 (42.4%) of the 7,970 reported parole eligible cases were approved for release.

TABLE 3. PAROLE BOARD AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE SUMMARY 2020 and 2021

	2020	2021
Parole Eligible Interviews	7,970	6,531
Approved	3,383	2,483
Percent Approved	42.4%	38.0%

As shown in Table 4, there were 4,595 Initial appearances reported for Calendar Year 2021. This was 20.0% lower than the 5,742 reported for Calendar Year 2020 (see Table 5). The 38.4% approval rate for Initial interviews during Calendar Year 2021 was 5.7% lower than the 44.1% reported for Calendar Year 2020.

The 1,936 Reappearances reported for Calendar Year 2021 was 13.1% lower than the 2,228 reported in Calendar Year 2020. The approval rate for Reappearances during Calendar Year 2021 was 37.1%, compared to 38.3% during Calendar Year, a decrease of 1.2%.

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

CALENDAR YEAR 2021

	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-21	389	181	46.5%	175	67	38.3%	564	248	44.0%
Feb-21	377	203	53.8%	185	64	34.6%	562	267	47.5%
Mar-21	362	171	47.2%	194	82	42.3%	556	253	45.5%
Apr-21	281	118	42.0%	150	53	35.3%	431	171	39.7%
May-21	350	116	33.1%	129	41	31.8%	479	157	32.8%
Jun-21	432	155	35.9%	199	84	42.2%	631	239	37.9%
Jul-21	413	126	30.5%	174	66	37.9%	587	192	32.7%
Aug-21	378	125	33.1%	150	58	38.7%	528	183	34.7%
Sep-21	362	124	34.3%	182	64	35.2%	544	188	34.6%
Oct-21	426	149	35.0%	137	42	30.7%	563	191	33.9%
Nov-21	421	132	31.4%	118	48	40.7%	539	180	33.4%
Dec-21	404	164	40.6%	143	50	35.0%	547	214	39.1%
TOTAL	4,595	1,764	38.4%	1,936	719	37.1%	6,531	2,483	38.0%

^{*} 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 11 Presumptives in January; 11 in February; 2 in March; 2 in April; 1 in May; 4 in June; 1 in July; 9 in August; 6 in September; 4 in October; 3 in November; 1 in December.

TABLE 5. 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.