



PAROLE BOARD AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE DISPOSITIONS

Calendar Year 2015

(Preliminary Data)

Total Parole Board workload for calendar year 2015 was 12,450 hearings, including 260 administrative hearings for rescission decisions, INS-closed, alternate date considerations, or special considerations. Initial appearances made up 75% of the Parole Board interviews for calendar year 2015. The tables below summarize in detail Parole Board activity for the year.

TABLE 1. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Table with 4 columns: INTERVIEW TYPE, NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS, RELEASE RATE, and PROPORTION OF ALL INTERVIEWS. Rows include Total Initials, Initials, Shock, Medical, Early Deportation, LCTI, Merit Time, Supplemental Merit, Reappearances, Parole & CR Violators, and Total.

- 1. Includes Shock, Medical, INS- open, Final Deportations, LCTI and Merit Interviews.
2. Includes regular reappearance, Shock reappearance and INS- open reappearance interviews.
3. Excludes 260 administrative hearings for rescission decision, INS- closed, alternate date considerations, and special considerations.

TABLE 2. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SUMMARY

| ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING TYPE | NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS | NUMBER GRANTED RELEASED OR RESTORED |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rescission | 51 | 15 |
| INS-Closed | 0 | 0 |
| Alternate Date | 23 | 19 |
| Special Considerations ¹ | 186 | 36 |
| TOTAL | 260 | 70 |

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

Table 3 shows that during calendar year 2015, the Board of Parole and the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision made determinations on 12,217 cases that were eligible for release to parole supervision. This was a decrease of 654 cases (-5.1%) compared to calendar year 2014. Of the 12,217 cases reviewed during 2015, 2,875 (23.5%) were approved for release. This rate of approval was 0.3% lower than calendar year 2014, when 3,059 (23.8%) of the 12,871 reported parole eligible cases were approved for release.

**TABLE 3. PAROLE BOARD AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE SUMMARY
2014 and 2015**

| | Jan-Dec 2014 | Jan-Dec 2015 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Parole Eligible Hearings | 12,871 | 12,217 |
| Approved | 3,059 | 2,875 |
| Percent Approved | 23.8% | 23.5% |

According to Table 4, there were 9,137 Initial appearances reported for calendar year 2015. This was 450 fewer (-5%) than the 9,587 reported for the same period in 2014 (see Table 5). The 24.8% approval rate for Initial hearings during 2015 was up 0.1% from the 24.7% reported in 2014.

The 3,080 Reappearances reported during 2015 were 204 fewer (-6%) than the 3,284 reported for 2014. The approval rate for Reappearances during 2015 was 19.8%, compared to 21.0% during 2014, a decrease of 1.2%.

**TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF PAROLE BOARD INTERVIEW AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE ACTIVITY
CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE 2015**

| MONTH/YEAR | INITIALS* (Includes Shock and Presumptive) | | | REAPPEARANCES | | | TOTAL INTERVIEWS | | |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Interviews | Granted Release | Release Rate | Interviews | Granted Release | Release Rate | Interviews | Granted Release | Release Rate |
| Jan-15 | 812 | 183 | 22.5% | 239 | 57 | 23.8% | 1,051 | 240 | 22.8% |
| Feb-15 | 769 | 191 | 24.8% | 248 | 56 | 22.6% | 1,017 | 247 | 24.3% |
| Mar-15 | 777 | 205 | 26.4% | 288 | 42 | 14.6% | 1,065 | 247 | 23.2% |
| Apr-15 | 834 | 189 | 22.7% | 259 | 43 | 16.6% | 1,093 | 232 | 21.2% |
| May-15 | 767 | 206 | 26.9% | 305 | 73 | 23.9% | 1,072 | 279 | 26.0% |
| Jun-15 | 810 | 230 | 28.4% | 270 | 72 | 26.7% | 1,080 | 302 | 28.0% |
| Jul-15 | 765 | 217 | 28.4% | 263 | 51 | 19.4% | 1,028 | 268 | 26.1% |
| Aug-15 | 730 | 183 | 25.1% | 255 | 45 | 17.6% | 985 | 228 | 23.1% |
| Sep-15 | 739 | 163 | 22.1% | 252 | 45 | 17.9% | 991 | 208 | 21.0% |
| Oct-15 | 750 | 172 | 22.9% | 240 | 39 | 16.3% | 990 | 211 | 21.3% |
| Nov-15 | 771 | 170 | 22.0% | 281 | 56 | 19.9% | 1,052 | 226 | 21.5% |
| Dec-15 | 613 | 156 | 25.4% | 180 | 31 | 17.2% | 793 | 187 | 23.6% |
| TOTAL | 9,137 | 2,265 | 24.8% | 3,080 | 610 | 19.8% | 12,217 | 2,875 | 23.5% |

* Presumptive Release Condition setting activity is added into both the interview and granted release numbers to compute a combined Board Interview/Presumptive Release release rate. There were 2 Presumptives in January; 4 in February; 7 in March; 0 in April; 2 in May and 2 in June; 1 in July; 4 in August; 3 in September; 1 in October; 1 in November and 0 in December.

**TABLE 5. SUMMARY OF PAROLE BOARD INTERVIEW AND PRESUMPTIVE RELEASE ACTIVITY
CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE 2014**

| MONTH/YEAR | INITIALS* (Includes Shock and Presumptive) | | | REAPPEARANCES | | | TOTAL INTERVIEWS | | |
|--------------|---|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Interviews | Granted Release | Release Rate | Interviews | Granted Release | Release Rate | Interviews | Granted Release | Release Rate |
| Jan-14 | 781 | 210 | 26.9% | 257 | 63 | 24.5% | 1,038 | 273 | 26.3% |
| Feb-14 | 839 | 210 | 25.0% | 237 | 40 | 16.9% | 1,076 | 250 | 23.2% |
| Mar-14 | 796 | 192 | 24.1% | 255 | 57 | 22.4% | 1,051 | 249 | 23.7% |
| Apr-14 | 793 | 182 | 23.0% | 276 | 53 | 19.2% | 1,069 | 235 | 22.0% |
| May-14 | 805 | 183 | 22.7% | 305 | 54 | 17.7% | 1,110 | 237 | 21.4% |
| Jun-14 | 827 | 215 | 26.0% | 328 | 78 | 23.8% | 1,155 | 293 | 25.4% |
| Jul-14 | 849 | 225 | 26.5% | 278 | 62 | 22.3% | 1,127 | 287 | 25.5% |
| Aug-14 | 780 | 203 | 26.0% | 295 | 69 | 23.4% | 1,075 | 272 | 25.3% |
| Sep-14 | 778 | 174 | 22.4% | 279 | 48 | 17.2% | 1,057 | 222 | 21.0% |
| Oct-14 | 753 | 164 | 21.8% | 267 | 64 | 24.0% | 1,020 | 228 | 22.4% |
| Nov-14 | 834 | 209 | 25.1% | 295 | 55 | 18.6% | 1,129 | 264 | 23.4% |
| Dec-14 | 752 | 203 | 27.0% | 212 | 46 | 21.7% | 964 | 249 | 25.8% |
| TOTAL | 9,587 | 2,370 | 24.7% | 3,284 | 689 | 21.0% | 12,871 | 3,059 | 23.8% |

* Presumptive Release Condition setting activity is added into both the interview and granted release numbers to compute a combined Board Interview/Presumptive Release release rate. There were 7 Presumptives in January; 4 in February; 5 in March; 6 in April; 3 in May and 3 in June; 7 in July; 1 in August; 3 in September; 1 in October; 4 in November and 2 in December.