



# Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners

## Parole Board Report of Actions, Fiscal Year 2020

This report summarizes Quarterly Reports submitted for FY 2020 in an annual format.

It summarizes all parole decisions during the reporting period. Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions.

Parole actions are also summarized by Parole Guideline Recommendation, actions that deviate from the Parole Board's Guideline Recommendation and by Offense Group.

Because the numbers were derived from a number of reports, there may be slight variances in the totals.

## Section 1. Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period

### ***Fiscal Year Totals***

Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions. Hearings that resulted in 'No Action' being taken and hearings resulting in the rescission of a parole as a result of ineligibility are also displayed in the following table.

The total number of hearings conducted this year decreased due to COVID-19. Per Governor Sisolak’s Directive ordering all State agencies to close to the public effective close of business on Friday, March 20, 2020, through May 31, 2020, only in absentia parole was granted during this time period, if the inmate met certain requirements. (The Parole Board cannot deny parole without an in-person hearing). As such, there were no parole denials during this Directive. As a result, “No Action” hearings increased this year. (As the Parole Board only had the ability to grant parole in absentia during this Directive, the grant rates reflected during this Directive increased significantly, well above normal. The grant rate will likely decrease significantly over the next year as inmates who did not qualify for in absentia parole during this Directive will likely be heard in the next year).

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Discretionary Parole Hearings	3487	644	4131
Discretionary Paroles Granted	2297	549	2846
Discretionary Paroles Denied	1190	95	1285
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	1591	181	1772
Mandatory Paroles Granted	1161	164	1325
Mandatory Paroles Denied	430	17	447
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	619	128	747
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	208	32	240
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	411	96	507
MPR Release Violation Hearings	96	10	106
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	4	1	5
MPR Violators Revoked	92	9	101
Total Decisions	5793	963	6756
Total Grant/Continued	3670	746	4416
Total Denied/Revoked	2123	217	2340
Hearings with No Action	1721	189	1910
Rescissions (not eligible)	44	13	57
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	7558	1165	8723

***Percentage of Action by Gender***

<b>Percent of Action by Gender</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	65.9%	85.2%	68.9%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	73.0%	90.6%	74.8%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	68.1%	86.4%	70.7%

## Section 2: Statistics of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation

The following charts represent discretionary and mandatory parole actions based on the discretionary parole guideline. The MPR actions appear as reference only. The guideline for consideration for release under NRS 213.1215 (Mandatory Parole) is whether there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety. When an inmate being considered for release under Mandatory Parole is denied, the underlying reason is the determination that there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety if released on parole.

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<b>Discretionary Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation</b>			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	735	49	94%
Parole at 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hearing	1335	416	76%
Consider Factors	769	674	53%
Deny Parole	7	146	5%
Total	2846	1285	69%
<b>Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation</b>			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	159	17	90%
Parole at 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hearing	629	104	86%
Consider Factors	535	214	71%
Deny Parole	2	109	2%
Total	1325	444	75%

### Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviated from the discretionary parole guideline

The following represents the number of inmates who were denied parole when the guideline recommended parole should be granted (denials when the guideline recommends parole be granted at 1st or 2nd hearing would become a deviation when parole is denied at the 2nd hearing):

# of Actions to Deny Parole that Deviated:	40
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	1285
Percent of Deviation:	3.1%

The following represents the number of inmates who were granted parole when the guideline recommended parole should be denied:

# of Actions to Grant Parole that Deviated:	8
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	2846
Percent of Deviation:	.03%

## Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group

The following charts represent parole actions by offense group as defined by the Department of Corrections. Offenses appearing in the "Sex" category include offenses such as "Prostitution with HIV," "Pandering" and "Failure to Register as a Sex Offender." Offenses that involved violence during the commission of the offense, but with an actual conviction title that would not by itself appear to be violent will not appear in the "Violence" offense group (i.e., a Burglary conviction that included striking a resident would appear in the "Property" offense group). Offenses appearing in the "Other" offense group includes offenses that cannot be readily categorized into one of the other offense groups (i.e., Habitual Criminals, gaming related offenses and Victim over 65 Enhancement which could be a property or violent offense).

	Sex	Violence	Drug	Property	DUI	Other	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	306	1208	781	1242	131	463	4131
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	136	621	680	981	107	321	2846
Percent Favorable	44%	51%	87%	79%	82%	69%	69%

MPR Hearings	91	766	197	425	88	205	1772
MPR Hearings Granted	59	519	180	347	77	143	1325
Percent Favorable	65%	68%	91%	82%	88%	70%	75%

Total Parole Hearings	397	1974	978	1667	219	668	5903
Total Parole Grants	195	1140	860	1328	184	464	4171
Percent Favorable	49%	58%	88%	80%	84%	69%	71%

PV Hearings	32	154	164	372	11	120	853
PV's Reinstated	13	65	38	89	5	35	245
Percent Favorable	41%	42%	23%	24%	45%	29%	29%

Total	429	2128	1142	2039	230	788	6756
Total Favorable	208	1205	898	1417	189	499	4416
Percent Favorable	48%	57%	79%	69%	82%	63%	65%

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