



STATE OF IOWA

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BOARD OF PAROLE
ELIZABETH ROBINSON
CHAIR

February 1, 2007

On behalf of the members and the staff of the Iowa Board of Parole, I am pleased to submit highlights of Fiscal Year 2006 (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006)

During FY 2005 the Board deliberated on 13,377 cases approving 1,178 work releases and 4,076 paroles. These figures represent a 5.3 percent decrease in work releases and a 4.6 percent increase in paroles. FY 2006 data show that the Board has continued to work diligently to protect the public: while there were 4,055 individuals on parole at the end of FY 2006, there were 1160 revocations during the year, of which 16 involved new in-state felonies against person. Parole revocation rose slightly in FY06, with about 2.5% of active paroles revoked each month (compared to 2.1% in FY05).

In FY2005 the Board continued its innovative use of the Iowa Communications Network, which enables the board to maximize productive use of its time and permit interested parties the opportunity to view parole hearings without extensive travel. The Board continued extensive use of the ICN in conducting hearings in FY2006, and the families of victims and inmates also attended hearings via the ICN. The ICN was also used as an educational tool for high school students, permitting them to view Board hearings and question members and staff about their activities.

The Board continued to expand its list of registered victims, ensuring that victims are notified of parole, work release, and revocation hearings, and providing them the opportunity for input in the deliberative process. The total number of registered victims at the end of FY06 was 2,534, up 8.8 percent from the previous year. The number of victim requests processed by the Board has more than doubled since FY1996. The Board has also established a toll-free victim number to facilitate communications: 866-448-4611.

The Board continued its use of risk assessment in granting or denying work release or parole, with over 4,000 risk assessments completed during the year. This tool has enabled the Board to better protect the public while not delaying release for inmates who are good risk.

The Board took participation in ICON, the state corrections database, facilitating electronic communication and data sharing between the Board and the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully,

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THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
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BOARD OF PAROLE
CLARENCE KEY, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 11, 2006,

Facts and Figures Iowa Board of Parole Board

Overview:

The Iowa Board of Parole was established in 1907 by the 37th General assembly. The Board is comprised of one full-time chairperson, one full-time vice-chairperson, and three per diem members who are appointed by the Governor and conformed by the Senate for staggered four year terms. The Board is responsible directly to the Governor, and the chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Governor. During the 1998 legislative session, the General Assembly funded a vice-chairperson position to assist with administrative responsibilities of the Board. The Board has its own support staff but receives administrative support services from the Iowa Department of Corrections.

The Iowa Board of Parole's mission is to reintegrate offenders into the community who can be released from prison without detriment to the public or themselves.

To achieve this mission, the Board:

- * Performs periodic, objective risk evaluations for prison inmates, hold hearings with eligible inmates and selects viable candidates for conditional release on parole and work release.
- * Revokes the conditional release and returns to prison those offenders who fail while on parole and work release.
- * Provides for an early release program for offenders convicted of certain property crimes.
- * Notifies victims of relevant information not less than 20 days before a parole hearing, so victims opinion's may be considered when making parole and work release decisions.
- * Advises the Governor on matters of executive clemency.

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Fiscal Year 2006

Below is some FY 06 “preliminary” information on parole action data:

Release Deliberations

Inmate Interviews (ICN)/Case Reviews	FY 05-13,518	FY 06-13,377
Paroles Granted	3,747	4,076
Work Release Granted	1,146	1,178

Revocations Deliberations

Revocation Hearings	1,260	1,570
Parole Revoked	1,232	1,422

Executive Clemencies

Number of Executive Clemency Apps Reviewed (Keeping in mind that the Governor signed and “Executive Order” in regards to Restoration of Citizenship, dropping the number of applications)	656	281
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Number of Executive Clemency Apps Granted	369	185
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Lifer Reviews/Reprives

Commutations/Reprives Applications	19	39
Recommended	0	2

Number of persons on parole at the end of FY 06 4,055

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Fiscal Year 1994

Total number of persons on parole at the end of FY 1994-2,379

Total number of parole deliberations – 7,728

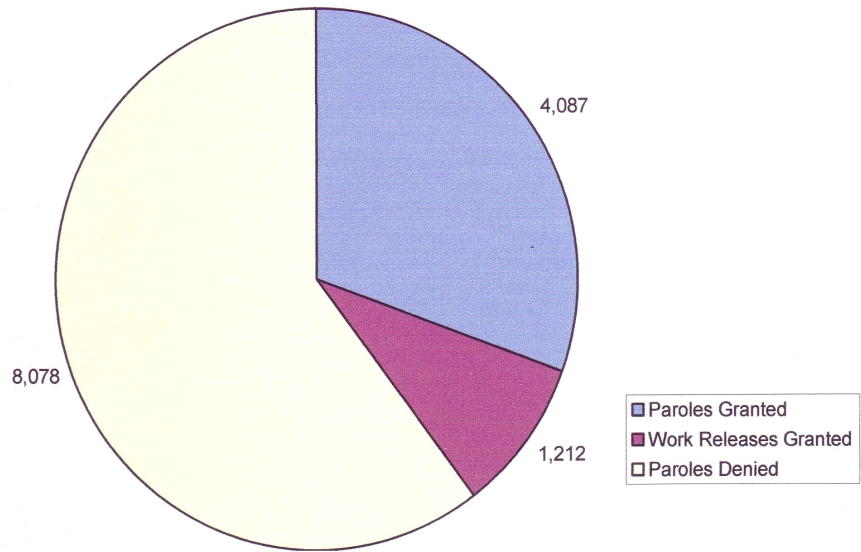
Total number of cases reviewed – 6,124

Total number of parole granted – 2,417

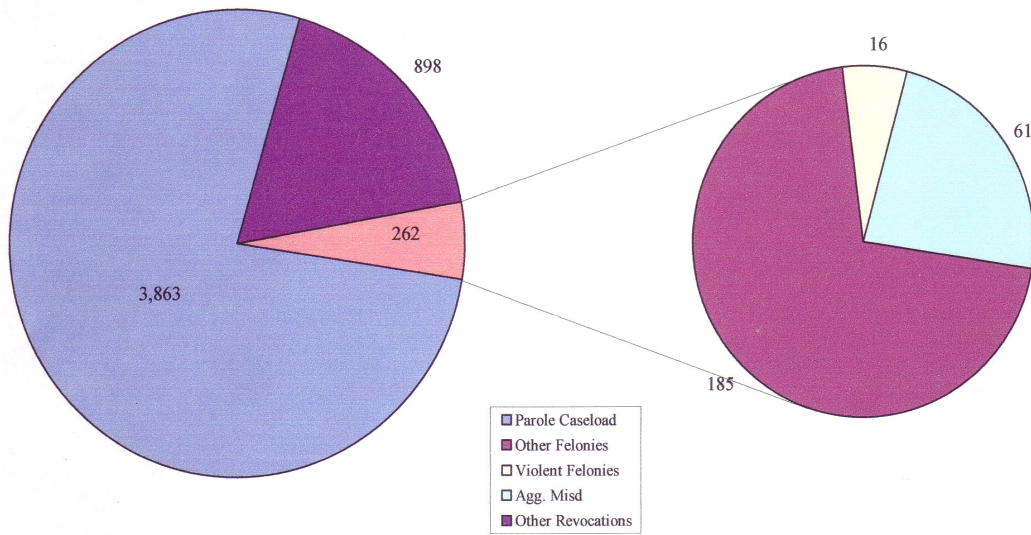
Total number of work releases granted _ 914

Prison population on June 30, 1994 – 5,090

Board of Parole Decisions, FY2006



Protecting the Public, FY2006



STATS - FISCAL YEAR 06

	Paroles	Work Releases	Interviews	Case Reviews
July 05	281	78	166	995
Aug. 05	366	109	274	789
Sept. 05	278	89	205	713
Oct. 05	313	96	231	843
Nov. 05	375	97	209	938
Dec. 05	203	80	268	881
Jan. 06.	364	111	240	943
Feb. 06	297	126	249	753
Mar. 06	656	91	154	1266
Apr. 06	347	72	200	867
May 06	266	80	194	943
June 06	330	149	252	804
TOTALS:	4076	1178	2642	10,735

TOTAL DELIBERATIONS: 13,377

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September 12, 2006