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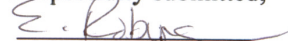
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On behalf of the members and staff of the Iowa Board of Parole, I am pleased to submit our highlights for State Fiscal Year 2008 (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008).

- During FY08 the Board deliberated on 15,995 cases and granted 1,201 work release and 3,424 paroles. These figures represent an 8.6 percent decrease in work release and a 0.5 percent increase in paroles from last year. FY 08 data show that the Board has continued to work diligently to protect the public; while 3,627 individuals on parole caseloads at the end of the year, 1,093 paroles were revoked during FY08. Thirteen of these revocations were due to new in-state felonies against persons. Parole revocations as a function of the number of persons on parole increased slightly in FY08, with about 2.5% of active parolees revoked each month (compared to 2.3% in FY07).
- 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 FY08 was 3,417 up 11.6 percent from the previous year. The number of victim requests processed by the Board has more than doubled since FY96. 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 our research division completing 3,558 risk assessments during the year. This tool has enabled the Board to better protect the public.
- In FY08 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 FY08, 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. It also allows us to conduct revocation hearings and offer statewide public education from our own conference room.

The Board is also continuing its participation in ICON, the state corrections database, facilitating electronic communications and data sharing between the Board (IPAROLE) and the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elizabeth Robinson  
Chairwoman



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### **Facts and figures Iowa Board of Parole**

#### **Overview:**

The Iowa Board of Parole was established in 1907 by the 37<sup>th</sup> 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 confirmed 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 the administrative responsibilities of the Board and that person also serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Board has its own support staff but receives a limited amount of support services from the Iowa Department of Corrections.

The Iowa Board of Parole's mission is to enhance public safety by making informed parole decisions and to transition offenders back into the community 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 or work release.
- Revokes the conditional release and return to prison those offenders who fail while on parole or work release.
- Provides for early release program for offenders convicted of certain property crimes
- Notifies victims of relevant information not less than 20 days before a parole hearing (per Iowa Code 915.18), so victims opinion's may be considered when making parole or work release decision.
- Advises the Governor on matters of executive clemency.

**Facts and Figures FY 2008  
Iowa Board of Parole**

**Fiscal Year 2008**

<u>Release Deliberations</u>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>
Inmates Interviews /Reviews	13,337	14,571	15,995
Paroles Granted	4,076	3,408	3,424
Work Release Granted	1,176	1,314	1,201

<u>Revocation Deliberations</u>	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>FY 07</b>	<b>FY 08</b>
Revocation Hearings	1,570	1,464	1,640
Parole Revocations	1,422	1,058	1,093

**Executive Clemencies**

Number of Executive Clemency Applications Reviewed  
(Keeping in mind that the Governor signed and “Executive Order” in regards to Restoration of Citizenship, dropping the number of applications.)

	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>FY 07</b>	<b>FY 08</b>
Executive Clemency Applications Reviewed	281	172	196
Executive Clemency Application Granted	185	131	159
<u>Lifer Review/Reprieves</u>	39	40	14
Recommended	2	0	0

\* Number of person on parole at the end of FY 2008-3,627\*

**Facts and Figures**

**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

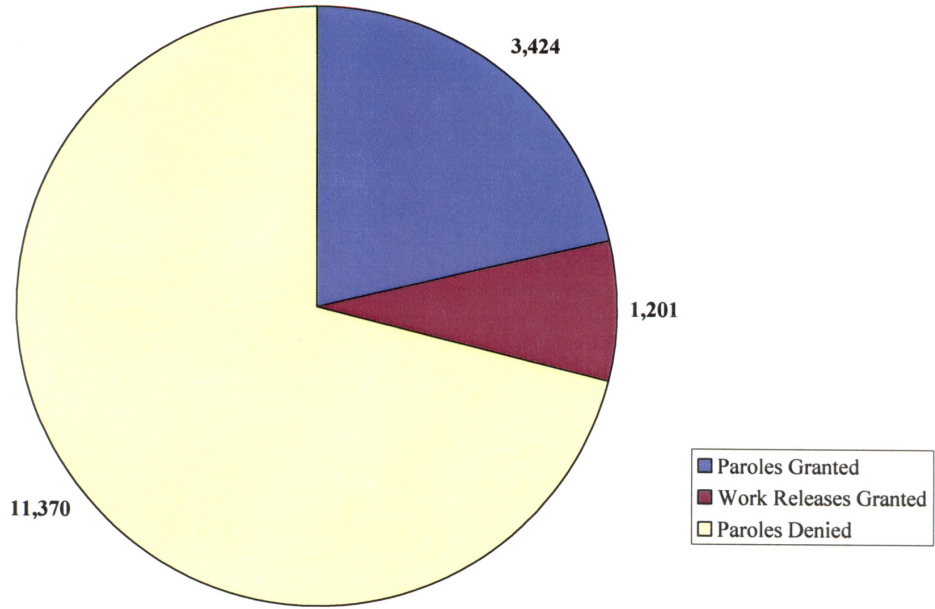
Total number of paroles granted – 2,417

Total number of work releases granted – 914

Prison population on June 30, 2004 – 5,090



**Board of Parole Decisions, FY2008**



**Protecting the Public, FY2008**

