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Section 502. *The department shall issue quarterly reports for the previous 4 quarters detailing outcomes of prisoners who have been reviewed for parole. The report shall include all of the following:*

a) The number of prisoners in each quarter who were reviewed.
b) The number of prisoners who were granted parole.
c) The number of prisoners who were denied parole.
d) The number of parole decisions that were deferred.
e) The distribution of the total number of prisoners reviewed during that quarter grouped by whether the prisoner had been interviewed for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or more than sixth time.
f) The number of paroles granted, denied, or deferred for each of the parole guideline scores of low, average, and high.
g) The reason for denying or deferring parole.

The Michigan Parole Board is the only paroling authority for felony offenders committed to the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Corrections. That Parole Board gains jurisdiction of a case when a prisoner serving a non-life sentence has served his or her minimum sentence, less any good time or disciplinary credits the prisoner may have earned.

The Parole Board is divided into three member panels. The decision whether to grant or deny parole is determined by majority vote of a Parole Board panel. Cases involving a life sentence must be decided by a majority vote of the full Parole Board. If an offender is denied parole, a date is selected for the next Parole Board review.

The data in this report will follow its own respective date ranges to allow for the settling of data into the system and to ensure accurate analysis of the data. Below is how we have chosen to divide each report:

- January report: September – November
- April report: December – February
- July report: March – May
- October report: June – August

Table 1 breaks down the total number of hearings that have been granted parole, denied parole and deferred. It also gives the distribution of the number of hearings grouped by whether the prisoners had been interviewed for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or more than sixth time.

Table 1 – Hearing Number by Decision Type

		Hearing							Total
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	More than 6th	
Mar '25 - May '25	Grant	1,232	373	132	67	33	10	32	1,879
	Deny	375	305	188	79	69	27	105	1,148
	Defer	1,031	97	32	36	13	11	17	1,237
	Total	**2,638**	**775**	**352**	**182**	**115**	**48**	**154**	**4,264**
Jun '25 - Aug '25	Grant	1,113	347	121	48	21	6	22	1,678
	Deny	276	246	127	85	61	40	98	933
	Defer	884	93	37	20	9	5	20	1,068
	Total	**2,273**	**686**	**285**	**153**	**91**	**51**	**140**	**3,679**
Sep '25 - Nov '25	Grant	1,061	305	136	51	23	9	17	1,602
	Deny	257	191	120	83	68	40	86	845
	Defer	887	92	51	23	11	12	16	1,092
	Total	**2,205**	**588**	**307**	**157**	**102**	**61**	**119**	**3,539**
Dec '25 – Feb '26	Grant	998	271	135	53	17	10	18	1,502
	Deny	242	203	129	79	54	33	86	826
	Defer	791	93	54	35	16	5	11	1,005
	Total	**2,031**	**567**	**318**	**167**	**87**	**48**	**115**	**3,333**
Total	Grant	4,404	1,296	524	219	94	35	89	6,661
	Deny	1,150	945	564	326	252	140	375	3,752
	Defer	3,593	375	174	114	49	33	64	4,402
	Total	**9,147**	**2,616**	**1,262**	**659**	**395**	**208**	**528**	**14,815**

The parole guidelines score is a numerical scoring system designed to assist in applying objective criteria to any decision made by the Parole Board. Information used in the calculation of the parole guideline score includes the prisoner's current offense, the prior criminal record, institutional conduct and program performance, age, mental health status and statistical risk.

Table 2 shows the number of paroles granted, denied or deferred for each of the parole guideline scores of low, middle and high.

Table 2 – Number of Paroles Granted, Denied or Deferred by Parole Guideline Description

		Parole Guideline (PG) Description			Total
		Low	Average	High	
Mar '25 - May '25	Grant	59	846	891	1,796
	Deny	322	666	160	1,148
	Defer	74	675	480	1,229
	Total	**455**	**2,187**	**1,531**	**4,173**
Jun '25 - Aug '25	Grant	48	684	877	1,609
	Deny	270	515	148	933
	Defer	69	565	418	1,052
	Total	**387**	**1,764**	**1,443**	**3,594**
Sep '25 - Nov '25	Grant	80	719	753	1,552
	Deny	250	484	110	844
	Defer	63	632	381	1,076
	Total	**393**	**1,835**	**1,244**	**3,472**
Dec '25 – Feb '26	Grant	54	650	738	1,442
	Deny	249	453	124	826
	Defer	72	561	349	982
	Total	**375**	**1,664**	**1,211**	**3,250**
Total	Grant	241	2,899	3,259	6,399
	Deny	1,091	2,118	542	3,751
	Defer	278	2,433	1,628	4,339
	Total	**1,610**	**7,450**	**5,429**	**14,489**
SAI Grants					228
No Parole Guideline Score					98
Total					**14,815**

Table 3 shows the typical reasons for denying or deferring parole.

Table 3 – Decision Type by Reason

Reasons for Denying or Deferring	Decision Type					
	Deny	%	Defer	%	Total	%
Current Therapy or Psychological Report	0	0.00%	2,954	67.11%	2,954	36.23%
Further Discussion	0	0.00%	615	13.97%	615	7.54%
Investigation	0	0.00%	776	17.63%	776	9.52%
Lack of Effort	2	0.05%	0	0.00%	2	0.02%
Risk to Community	3,750	99.95%	0	0.00%	3,750	45.99%
Satisfactory Placement	0	0.00%	57	1.29%	57	0.70%
Total	**3,752**	**100%**	**4,402**	**100%**	**8,154**	**100%**