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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	
Jun '25 - Aug '25	Grant	1,114	346	121	48	21	6	22	1,678
	Deny	299	272	133	89	65	40	105	1,003
	Defer	892	95	38	20	8	5	20	1,078
	Total	**2,305**	**713**	**292**	**157**	**94**	**51**	**147**	**3,759**
Sep '25 - Nov '25	Grant	1,064	305	137	51	23	10	17	1,607
	Deny	264	198	124	82	67	40	89	864
	Defer	890	94	51	23	11	13	16	1,098
	Total	**2,218**	**597**	**312**	**156**	**101**	**63**	**122**	**3,569**
Dec '25 - Feb '26	Grant	1,000	272	136	52	18	11	18	1,507
	Deny	246	203	134	78	53	33	89	836
	Defer	789	93	52	35	16	5	12	1,002
	Total	**2,035**	**568**	**322**	**165**	**87**	**49**	**119**	**3,345**
Mar '26 - May '26	Grant	1,199	334	128	54	33	20	16	1,784
	Deny	321	278	168	135	55	37	102	1,096
	Defer	1,106	121	74	30	19	18	20	1,388
	Total	**2,626**	**733**	**370**	**219**	**107**	**75**	**138**	**4,268**
Total	Grant	4,377	1,257	522	205	95	47	73	6,576
	Deny	1,130	951	559	384	240	150	385	3,799
	Defer	3,677	403	215	108	54	41	68	4,566
	Total	**9,184**	**2,611**	**1,296**	**697**	**389**	**238**	**526**	**14,941**

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	
Jun '25 - Aug '25	Grant	48	685	877	1,610
	Deny	293	552	158	1,003
	Defer	71	577	419	1,067
	Total	**412**	**1,814**	**1,454**	**3,680**
Sep '25 - Nov '25	Grant	79	725	753	1,557
	Deny	256	495	112	863
	Defer	65	638	386	1,089
	Total	**400**	**1,858**	**1,251**	**3,509**
Dec '25 - Feb '26	Grant	54	652	743	1,449
	Deny	249	463	124	836
	Defer	73	564	351	988
	Total	**376**	**1,679**	**1,218**	**3,273**
Mar '26 - May '26	Grant	63	821	860	1,744
	Deny	336	586	172	1,094
	Defer	103	802	463	1,368
	Total	**502**	**2,209**	**1,495**	**4,206**
Total	Grant	244	2,883	3,233	6,360
	Deny	1,134	2,096	566	3,796
	Defer	312	2,581	1,619	4,512
	Total	**1,690**	**7,560**	**5,418**	**14,668**
SAI Grants					181
No Parole Guideline Score					92
Total					**14,941**

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%	3,121	68.35%	3,121	37.31%
Further Discussion	0	0.00%	657	14.39%	657	7.85%
Investigation	0	0.00%	756	16.56%	756	9.04%
Risk to Community	3,799	100.00%	0	0.00%	3,799	45.42%
Satisfactory Placement	0	0.00%	32	0.70%	32	0.38%
Total	**3,799**	**100%**	**4,566**	**100%**	**8,365**	**100%**