

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 166 of 2022
Section 506
Parole Board Decisions Report – April 2023

***Section 506:** 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) How many prisoners in each quarter were reviewed.*
- b) How many prisoners were granted parole.*
- c) How many prisoners were denied parole.*
- d) How many parole decisions were deferred.*
- e) The distribution of the total number of prisoners reviewed during that quarter grouped by whether the prisoners 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 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 '22 - May '22	Grant	1,120	296	119	37	17	12	11	1,612
	Deny	321	212	102	81	44	31	63	854
	Defer	1,434	87	33	21	11	4	10	1,600
	Total	2,875	595	254	139	72	47	84	4,066
Jun '22 - Aug '22	Grant	1,241	269	118	36	16	13	16	1,709
	Deny	279	190	95	56	44	30	59	753
	Defer	1,182	106	33	18	19	10	14	1,382
	Total	2,702	565	246	110	79	53	89	3,844
Sep '22 - Nov '22	Grant	978	234	80	39	12	13	12	1,368
	Deny	250	164	89	63	44	28	52	690
	Defer	884	75	34	18	11	4	19	1,045
	Total	2,112	473	203	120	67	45	83	3,103
Dec '22 - Feb '23	Grant	1,054	256	91	41	17	9	14	1,482
	Deny	243	174	106	49	33	20	68	693
	Defer	848	76	31	19	6	13	11	1,004
	Total	2,145	506	228	109	56	42	93	3,179
Total	Grant	4,393	1,055	408	153	62	47	53	6,171
	Deny	1,093	740	392	249	165	109	242	2,990
	Defer	4,348	344	131	76	47	31	54	5,031
	Total	9,834	2,139	931	478	274	187	349	14,192

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 '22 - May '22	Grant	23	744	778	1,545
	Deny	205	491	155	851
	Defer	37	807	729	1,573
	Total	265	2,042	1,662	3,969
Jun '22 - Aug '22	Grant	37	754	856	1,647
	Deny	167	451	130	748
	Defer	45	739	563	1,347
	Total	249	1,944	1,549	3,742
Sep '22 - Nov '22	Grant	27	586	710	1,323
	Deny	150	423	115	688
	Defer	33	570	424	1,027
	Total	210	1,579	1,249	3,038
Dec '22 - Feb '23	Grant	17	633	775	1,425
	Deny	170	393	129	692
	Defer	33	569	375	977
	Total	220	1,595	1,279	3,094
Total	Grant	104	2,717	3,119	5,940
	Deny	692	1,758	529	2,979
	Defer	148	2,685	2,091	4,924
	Total	944	7,160	5,739	13,843
SAI Grants					187
No Parole Guideline Score					162
Total					14,192

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

Table 3 – Decision Type by Reason

Reasons for Denying or Deferring	Decision Type				Total	%
	Deny	%	Defer	%		
Current Therapy or Psychological Report	0	0.00%	3,559	70.74%	3,559	44.37%
Further Discussion	0	0.00%	813	16.16%	813	10.14%
Investigation	0	0.00%	626	12.44%	626	7.80%
Risk to Community	2,990	100.00%	0	0.00%	2,990	37.28%
Satisfactory Placement	0	0.00%	33	0.66%	33	0.41%
Total	2,990	100.00%	5,031	100.00%	8,021	100.00%