

Overview and Glossary of Terms and Concepts Published by PBC

Conditional Release Special Conditions Dataset

Foreword

The Parole Board of Canada (PBC or "the Board"), as part of the criminal justice system, makes independent, quality conditional release and record suspension decisions and clemency recommendations. The Board contributes to the protection of society by facilitating, as appropriate, the timely reintegration of offenders as law-abiding citizens.

The Board makes conditional release decisions for federal offenders, as well as for provincial offenders in provinces and territories that do not have their own provincial boards. Only the provinces of Ontario and Quebec currently have their own parole boards that make parole decisions for offenders serving sentences of less than two years.

The PBC has four programs: Conditional Release Decisions, Conditional Release Openness and Accountability, Record Suspension Decisions and Clemency Recommendations, and Internal Services.

Conditional Release Decisions is the Board's largest program. It includes: the review of offenders' cases and the making of quality conditional release decisions, including appeals; the provision of in-depth training on how to assess the risk of reoffending; and the coordination of program delivery throughout the Board and with the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) and other key partners.

Conditional Release Openness and Accountability is the second largest program at the Board. It focuses on the provision of information to victims and other interested parties within the community, as well as coordinating victims' and other observers' attendance at PBC hearings, providing assistance to victims in preparing their victim statements and providing access to the Decision Registry.

Record Suspension Decisions and Clemency Recommendations, the third program at the Board, involves the review of record suspension and clemency applications and the rendering of record suspension decisions and clemency recommendations.

Internal Services, although a separate program, exists to support the Board's main activities by providing procurement, accommodation, and financial management as well as human resource services. The PBC publishes an annual [Performance Monitoring Report](#) which provides a broad range of statistical information on its programs.

The report presents information using easy to read graphs as well as text and provides links to detailed statistical tables which are found in the Appendix.

The [Departmental Results Report](#) provides information on the Board's performance by strategic outcome and financial expenditures.

Additional information on the PBC's environment can be found in the PBC's [Quick Stats Fact Sheets](#).

About this Dataset

The Conditional Release Special Conditions dataset provides information on the number of special conditions imposed by the PBC in a given period. The information is sorted according to location and category of decision. Items found in this dataset include, among others, jurisdiction, sentence type, review type, condition type, race, gender and offence type.

The data were extracted from the Conditional Release Information Management System (CRIMS) and reflect the decisions taken within the selected fiscal year.

Terms and Concepts

Number – Unique record identifier

Race – This corresponds to the race/ethno-cultural background of the offender. This is voluntary information that is self reported by the offender.

Race Group – This groups the Race column into categories. “Aboriginal” corresponds to offenders who self identify as “First Nations”, “Métis”, or “Inuit”. “Asian” refers to offenders who self identify as Arab, Asian-south, Asians-west, Asiatic, Asian-east/southeast, Chinese, Japanese and Korean. “Black” refers to offenders who self identify as Black, Caribbean or Sub-Saharan Africa. “Caucasian” refers to offenders who self identify as White, British Isles, Euro-eastern, Euro-western, Euro-northern or Euro-southern. The “Other” category includes offenders who do not self identify, as well as those who self identify as Arab/West Asian, Latin American, Multiracial/Ethnic, Oceania, East Indian, Filipino, Hispanic, Other and Unable to Specify.

Gender – This corresponds to the gender of the offender.

Decision Type Group – Identifies the type of decision taken by the PBC. DAY PAROLE, DETENTION, ESCORTED TEMPORARY ABSENCE, FULL PAROLE, STATUTORY RELEASE, LONG TERM SUPERVISION, UNESCORTED TEMPORARY ABSENCE.

Condition Type – Identifies the type of special condition imposed by the PBC. ABST FROM INTOX = Abstain from intoxicants, ABST. ALCOHOL = Abstain from alcohol, AVOID CERT PERS = Avoid certain persons, AVOID CERT PLAC = Avoid certain places, AVOID CHILDREN, AVOID DRINK EST = Avoid drinking establishments, AVOID GAMB EST = Avoid gambling establishments, AVOID SEX WORK = Avoid sex workers, AVOID VICTIM(S), COMP/NET REST. = Computer/internet restriction, DEPORT. RETURN = Deportation-return to Canada, FINANCIAL DISC. = Financial Disclosure, FOLLOW TREAT. = Follow treatment plan, MEDS PRESCRIBED = Take medication as prescribed, MOTOR V REST = Motor vehicle restriction, NO CHILD AREAS = Not to be near children areas, NOT CONSUME ALC = Not to consume alcohol, NOT CONSUME DRU = Not to consume drugs, NOT TO GAMBLE, OTHER, PORN RESTRICT = Pornography restriction, PROVIDE URIN = Provide urinalysis, PSYCH ASSESS = Participate in psych. assessment, PSYCH. COUNSEL. = Follow psychiatric counsel, PSYCH. TREAT = Psychiatric treatment, PSYCHIATRIC TRT = Follow psychiatric treatment, PSYCHO COUNSEL = Follow psychological counsel, REPORT POLICE = Must report to police, REPORT RELATION = Report relationships, RESIDE AT PLACE = Reside at a specific place, RESPECT CURFEW, SEEK

EMPLOYMENT, TELECOM REST. = Telecommunication restriction, TO RESIDE. = To reside at a specific place, VOL DEP. RETURN = Voluntary departure – return to Canada.

Condition Category – FP-PRE (IMPOSED) = Full parole pre-release (imposed), FP-PRE (CANCELLED) = Full parole pre-release (cancelled), FP-POST (IMPOSED) = Full parole post-release (imposed), FP-POST (REMOVED) = Full parole post-release (removed), FP-POST (PROLONGED) = Full parole post-release (prolonged), SR-PRE (IMPOSED) = Statutory release pre-release (imposed), SR-PRE (CANCELLED) = Statutory release pre-release (cancelled), SR-PRE (CONFIRMED) = Statutory release pre-release (confirmed), SR-POST (IMPOSED) = Statutory release post-release (imposed), SR-POST (REMOVED) = Statutory release post-release (removed), SR-POST (PROLONGED) = Statutory release post-release (prolonged), DETENTION TO STAT. RELEASE = Detention to statutory release, DET. TO SR RES. (PROLONGED) = Detention to statutory release residency (prolonged), LTS-PRE-WED (IMPOSED) = Long-term supervision pre-warrant expiry date (imposed), LTS-PRE-WED (CANCELLED) = Long-term supervision pre-warrant expiry date (cancelled), LTS-POST-WED (IMPOSED) = Long-term supervision post-warrant expiry date (imposed), LTS-POST-WED (REMOVED) = Long-term supervision post-warrant expiry date (removed), LTS-POST-WED (PROLONGED) = Long-term supervision post-warrant expiry date (prolonged), DP-PRE (IMPOSED) = Day parole pre-release (imposed), DP-PRE (CANCELLED) = Day parole pre-release (cancelled), DP-PRE (CONFIRMED) = Day parole pre-release (confirmed), DP-PRE (PROLONGED) = Day parole pre-release (prolonged), DP-POST (IMPOSED) = Day parole post-release (imposed), DP-POST (REMOVED) = Day parole post-release (removed), DP-POST (CONFIRMED) = Day parole post-release (confirmed), DP-POST (PROLONGED) = Day parole post-release (prolonged), FP-PRE (CONFIRMED) = Full parole pre-release (confirmed), FP-POST (CONFIRMED) = Full parole post-release (confirmed), SR-POST (CONFIRMED) = Statutory release post-release (confirmed), LTS-PRE-WED (CONFIRMED) = Long-term supervision pre-warrant expiry date (confirmed), LTS-POST-WED (CONFIRMED) = Long-term supervision post-warrant expiry date (confirmed)

Decision Purpose – Indicates the decision purpose used by the Board. ACC.PAR.REV.INI = accelerated parole review initial, PERS.DEV.60 = personal development 60 days, ACC.PAR.REV.FIN. = accelerated parole review final, FAMILY CONT. = family contacts. ADM.REASONS = administrative reasons, FOR DEPO = for deportation, REGULAR, PERS.DEV.15 = personal development 15 days, COMPASS. = compassionate, MEDICAL REAS. = medical reasons, BY EXEC.FOR DEP = by exception for deportation, BY EXCEPT. = by exception, VOL.DEPART. = voluntary departure. COMM.SERVICES = community services, PAR.RESP. = parental responsibilities, DET. INT. REV. = detention interim review, DET. REVIEW. = detention review, DET. RES. REVIEW. = detention – residency subsequent review, POST-DETENTION = post detention, SENT. AMENDED = sentence amended.

Decision Type – Identifies the type of decision taken by the PBC. 1 CH.SR-PR.REL = one chance statutory release pre-release, 1 CH.SR-PT.REL = one chance statutory release post-release, DAY PAR.-PR.REL = day parole pre-release, DAY PAR.-PT.REL = day parole post-release, DETENTION, ESC.TEMP.ABSC. = escorted temporary absence, F.PAROLE-PR.REL = full parole pre-release, F.PAROLE-PT.REL = full parole post-release, L T SUP PRE-WED = long term supervision pre-warrant expiry date, L T SUP POST-WED = long term supervision post-warrant expiry date, STA.REL.PRE.REL = statutory release pre-release, STA.REL.PT.REL = statutory release post-release, UTA PRE RELEASE = unescorted temporary absence pre-release and UTA PT. RELEASE = unescorted temporary absence post-release, .DET. INT. REV. = Detention Interim Review, DET. REVIEW = Detention Review, DET.RES.REVIEW = Detention residency annual subsequent review, POST-DETENTION, SENT.AMENDED = Sentence amended

Decision Date Fiscal Year – This identifies the fiscal year during which the decision was taken. A fiscal year starts on April first of a given year and ends on March 31st of the following year (e.g. Fiscal year 2016-2017 starts April 1st 2016 and ends March 31st 2017).

Decision Month – Indicates the month during which the decision was taken.

APR Qualifier – Indicates for offenders who qualify for an accelerated parole review whether the decision is an initial or final decision. APR-FIN = Accelerated parole review-final, APR-INI = Accelerated parole review-initial

Review Type – Identifies the format of the review. PANEL, PANEL INTERPRET = Hearing with an interpreter, PANEL VIDEOCON = Hearing where videoconferencing was used by at least one Board member, PAPER, PANEL TELECON = Hearing where at least one Board member participated by teleconference, PANEL COMMUNITY = Hearing conducted in the community.

Jurisdiction – This identifies if the offender is serving a federal sentence (2 years or more) or a provincial sentence (less than two years).

Sentence Type – This corresponds to the type of sentence imposed by the courts. Determinate sentences have a set expiry date. Indeterminate sentences never expire.

Hearing Facility Region – This corresponds to the region where the decision was made.

Hearing Facility PBC Office – For decisions that were made in the Prairie region this corresponds to the specific PBC office which was responsible for the file. As there is only one office in each of the other regions, this term is not applicable to the other regions.

Major Offence Group – This is the category into which the offender's most serious offence on the current sentence falls. MURDER 1 = First degree murder, MURDER 2 = Second degree murder, NON SCHEDULE = an offence which is not murder or part of Schedule I or Schedule II of the CCRA, SCHE 1 W/O SEX = an offence which is part of Schedule I of the CCRA but is not an offence of a sexual nature, SCHE 1 WITH SEX = an offence which is part of Schedule I of the CCRA and is an offence of a sexual nature, SCHEDULE 2 = an offence which is part of Schedule II of the CCRA.

Acronyms used in this dataset

APR	Accelerated Parole Review
CCRA	<i>Corrections and Conditional Release Act</i>
CSC	Correctional Service of Canada
DP	Day Parole
FP	Full Parole
LTS	Long-Term Supervision
PBC	Parole Board of Canada
SR	Statutory Release
UTA	Unescorted Temporary Absence

Note: Due to ongoing data quality assurance processes, data may differ from previously reported numbers.

Source: Parole Board of Canada, October, 2018