

Overview and Glossary of Terms and Concepts

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Conditional Release Appeal Decisions Datasets

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 [Department Performance Reports](#) 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 Appeal Decisions dataset provides information on the number and results of decisions rendered by the PBC Appeal Division for a given period. Decisions are sorted according to location and final decision. Items found in this dataset include, among others, jurisdiction, decision purpose, sentence 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 five 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, Asian-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 – This groups the types of decisions taken by the PBC into categories. DP-Pre = Day Parole Pre-Release, DP-Post = Day Parole Post-Release, ETA = ESCORTED TEMPORARY ABSENCE, FP-Pre = Full Parole Pre-Release, FP-Post = Full Parole Post-Release, SR-Pre = Statutory Release-Pre-Release, SR-Post = Statutory Release-Post-Release, DETENTION, UTA-Pre = Unescorted Temporary Absence-Pre-Release, UTA-Post= Unescorted Temporary Absence-Post-Release,

Decision Type – Identifies the type of decision taken by the PBC. 1 CHANCE SR = One Chance Statutory Release, 1C CHG.COND-PRE = One Chance Statutory Release Change Condition Pre-Release, 1C.SR.D.REV.CON = One Chance Statutory Release Direct Revocation Confirmed, CAN.-UTA CON.PR = Cancellation of Unescorted Temporary Absence Confirmed Pre-Release, CAN.-UTA CON.PT = Cancellation of Unescorted Temporary Absence Confirmed Post-Release, DAY PAR DIR CAN = Day Parole Directed Cancelled, DAY PAR NOT DIR = Day Parole Not Directed, DAY PAR. GRANT. = Day Parole Granted, DET ORD.CONFIR. = Detention Order Confirmed, DET. ORD. MOD. = Detention Order Modified, DET. ORD. CAN. R,R = Detention Order Cancelled Release to Residency, DETENT. ORDERED = Detention Ordered, DP CHG.COND-PRE = Day Parole Change Condition Pre-Release, DP CHG.COND-PST = Day Parole Change Condition Post-Release, DP CONTINUED = Day Parole Continued, DP DENIED = Day Parole Denied, DP DIR REV CONF = Day Parole Direct Revocation Confirmed, DP DIRECTED = Day Parole Directed, DP GRANT CANC. = Day Parole Grant Cancelled, DP NO ACT-POST = Day Parole No Action Post-Release, DP NO ACTION = Day Parole No Action, DP REV R N RECR = Day Parole Revoked Remission Not Recredited, DP REV REM RECR = Day Parole

Revoked Remission Recredited, DP REVOKED = Day Parole Revoked, DP SUSP. CANC. = Day Parole Suspension Cancelled, DP TERMINATED = Day Parole Terminated, DP.GT. CANC.CONF = Day Parole Grant Cancelled Confirmed, DP. REVOC.CONFIR = Day Parole Revocation Confirmed, DP. TERM.CONFIR. = Day Parole Termination Confirmed, ETA APPROVED = Escorted Temporary Absence Approved, ETA NO ACTION = Escorted Temporary Absence No Action, ETA NOT APPR. = Escorted Temporary Absence Not Approved, ETA NOT AUTH = Escorted Temporary Absence Not Authorized, FP CHG.COND-PST = Full Parole Change Condition Post-Release, FP DENIED = Full Parole Denied, FP DIR REV CONF = Full Parole Direct Revocation Confirmed, FP DIRECT.CANC. = Full Parole Direct Cancelled, FP DIRECTED = Full Parole Directed, FP GR.CANC.CONF = Full Parole Grant Cancelled Confirmed, FP GRANT CANC. = Full Parole Grant Cancelled, FP GRANTED = Full Parole Granted, FP NO ACT-POST = Full Parole No Action Post-Release, FP NO ACTION = Full Parole No Action, FP NOT DIRECTED = Full Parole Not Directed, FP PRO.ACT-POST = Full Parole Proposed Action Post-Release, FP REV R N RECR = Full Parole Revoked Remission Not Recredited, FP REVOC.CONF. = Full Parole Revocation Confirmed, FP REVOKED = Full Parole Revoked, FP SUSP. CANC. = Full Parole Suspension Cancelled, FP TERMIN.CONF. = Full Parole Termination Confirmed, FP TERMINATED = Full Parole Terminated, FULL PAR. w/RES = Full Parole with Residency, ONE CH SR RE.CO = One Chance Statutory Release Revocation Confirmed, ONE CH SR REVO. = One Chance Statutory Release Revoked, RES. ORDER CONF = Residency Order Confirmed, SR CHG.COND-PRE = Statutory Release Chance Condition Pre-Release, SR CHG.COND-PST = Statutory Release Change Condition Post-Release, SR DIR REV CONF = Statutory Release Direct Revocation Confirmed, SR DIR. REVOC. = Statutory Release Direct Revocation, SR NO ACT-POST = Statutory Release No Action Post-Release, SR NO ACT-PRE = Statutory Release No Action Pre-Release, SR RES COND IMP = Statutory Release Residency Condition imposed, SR REVOKED = Statutory Release Revoked, SR SUSP. CANC. = Statutory Release Suspension Cancelled, STA.REL-RES.ORD = Statutory Release with Residency Ordered, STA.REL.REV.CON = Statutory Release Revocation Confirmed, STAT. RELEASE = Statutory Release, UTA AUT.CAN.PRE = Unescorted Temporary Absence Authorization Cancelled Pre-Release, UTA AUTH.CAN.PT = Unescorted Temporary Absence Authorization Cancelled Post-Release, UTA AUTHORIZED – Unescorted Temporary Absence Authorized, UTA CHG.CON-PRE = Unescorted Temporary Absence Change Condition Pre-Release, UTA CHG.CON-PST = Unescorted Temporary Absence Change Condition Post-Release, UTA NO ACT-POST = Unescorted Temporary Absence No Action Post-Release, UTA NO ACT.-PRE = Unescorted Temporary Absence No Action Pre-Release, UTA NOT AUTHOR. = Unescorted Temporary Absence Not Authorized, UTA RENEWED = Unescorted Temporary Absence Renewed

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.

Decision Purpose – Indicates the decision purpose used by the Board. REGULAR, APR = Accelerated Parole Review

Final Decision – Indicates the final decision taken by the Appeal Division, AFFIRMED, DIRECTED, REVOC.CANCELLED = Revocation Cancelled, DET. ORDER CANC = Detention Order Cancelled, GRANTED, APPROVED, CANCELLED, TERMINATED, DET.ORD.CAN.RES = Detention Order Cancelled Residency, PAN.HEAR.ORDER. = Panel Hearing Ordered, TERMIN. CANCEL. = Termination Cancelled, REV.DATE MOD.SE = Review Date Modified Further Review Date Set, SPLIT VOTE, REVIEW ORDERED, CHANGE CONDITI. = Change Condition, RES COND CAN = Residency Condition Cancelled.

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-INIT = Accelerated parole review-initial.

Review Type – Identifies the format of the review. PAPER.

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 initial 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 offences 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
PBC	Parole Board of Canada
SR	Statutory Release
UTA	Unescorted Temporary Absence
WED	Warrant Expiry Date
CRIMS	Conditional Release Information Management System

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

Source: Parole Board of Canada, October, 2017