

VICTIM SERVICES

The Parole Board and the Department of Corrections jointly operate an office to assist the needs of victims. This includes a 24-hour automated system (V.I.P., Victim Information Program) allowing registered victims access to offender information and an automated process notifying the victim of the offender's release.

V.I.P. - 1-800-593-9474

Victims Visitors' Days

Parole Board Members and staff travel to Georgia cities to meet one-on-one with victims and their families to discuss the status of the offender.

BUDGET SERVICES

FY13 Expenditures: \$53.5M (State: \$52M)

Total Offender Fees Collected FY13: \$15M

*Supervision Fees: \$1.3M

Restitution Fees: \$13.4M

Georgia Crime Victims Emergency Fund (victims' compensation): \$349,319

*Supervision fees go into the Treasury. Victims' Compensation and Restitution go to victims. (restitution collected was from parolees and probationers)

STAFFING

661 Total Staff

418 Sworn Staff – (Chief Parole Officer, Assistant Chief Parole Officer, Parole Officer)

63 Parole Investigators

Average years of service of Parole Officers: 10

Average Turnover Rate of Parole Officers: 1%

Parole Officer Starting Salary: \$32,103

MISSION

To serve the citizens of Georgia as an integral component of the Criminal Justice System by making informed release considerations and protecting the public through effective offender supervision.

VISION

To be the most efficient and effective paroling agency in the nation.

CORE VALUES

We value Ethics, Integrity, Fairness and Honesty.

STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

To contact us for web links and more information on Employment, Clemency, Parole Supervision, Victim Services, Reentry Housing, the On-line Reentry Manual, Legislative and Public Affairs, please visit our website at:

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THE STATE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES

The State Board of Pardons and Paroles is a part of the executive branch of Georgia's government, authorized to grant paroles, pardons, reprieves, remissions, commutations and to restore civil and political rights.

Parole is the discretionary decision of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to release offenders from confinement after serving an appropriate portion of a prison sentence. Offenders on parole remain under state supervision and control according to conditions which, if violated, allow for re-imprisonment.

Parole Board Members are appointed by the Governor to serve seven-year staggered terms and are full-time employees. The five members made over **88,000** offender votes in Fiscal Year 2013.

The Executive Director of Parole manages the day-to-day operations for the agency. The Georgia Parole Board consists of two major divisions: Clemency and Field Operations.

CLEMENCY

Clemency is responsible for the parole decision making process. In Georgia, no inmate is entitled to parole. By law, most are eligible to be considered for parole, usually after serving one-third of their prison sentence.

Eligible inmates are automatically considered for parole.

A decision to grant any type of clemency requires an affirmative vote by a majority of the members of the Parole Board. A favorable parole decision results in the Board establishing a "tentative parole month" (TPM) for the offender. A decision to grant parole may be withdrawn by the Board at any time, for any reason, prior to the scheduled prison release date.

Clemency Action FY 2013

Total offender releases: **15,677** (parole releases, supervised reprieves, conditional transfers and commutations)

Parole Revocations: **2,199**

Pre-parole Investigations: **40,654**

Life Sentence Parole Considerations: **1,289**
Granted: **144**
Denied: **1,145**
(11% grant rate)

FIELD OPERATIONS

Field Operations is responsible for the supervision of the parolee. The goal is to carefully transition the offender back into the community and to quickly re-incarcerate those offenders who fail to follow the conditions of parole. There are more than 25,000 offenders under parole supervision in Georgia annually. The average parole caseload is 87 offenders per parole officer.

Field Operations FY 2013

41 Parole Districts (five regions—Northeast, Northwest, Metro, Southeast and Southwest)

Georgia has the 7th largest parolee population in the nation. Parolees constitute 10% of the Georgia offender population with 67% on state probation and 23% incarcerated.

Average daily cost of supervision per parolee is **\$4.32** compared to ***\$51.19** per day for incarceration in a state prison. (*Figure is for FY12, FY13 was not available)

Georgia offenders under parole supervision: **24,026**

Out-of-state offenders under Georgia parole supervision: **994**

Georgia offenders on parole in other states: **2,265**

Total offenders under Georgia Parole Supervision: **25,020**

<u>Parolees by Race and Sex</u>	<u>Supervision Level</u>
White male—32%	High - 34%
White female—6%	Standard - 66%
Non White male—58%	
Non White female—4%	

Average Education Level: 11 (50% without H.S. diploma)
Approximately 6% have mental health diagnosis
Approx. 76% have a substance abuse diagnosis

Georgia Offenders by Crime Type (June 30, 2013)

Parolees

Drug Offenders (38%), Violent to include sex offenders (27%), Property (28%), Other (7%)

Probationers

Property Offenders (36%), Drug (32%), Violent to include sex offenders (24%), Other (8%)

State Inmates

Violent Offenders to include sex offenders (63%)
Property (20%), Drug (13%), Other (4%)