Santiam Correctional Institution (SCI) is a minimum custody institution focusing on the transition and release of adults in custody (AIC) that have four years or less to release. Staff manage and oversee a population of 480 AICs who participate in a full range of jobs, education, and various programs.

SCI is in Salem, Oregon, located in the north central Willamette Valley, in Marion and Polk counties. The 45th parallel, roughly the halfway point between the North Pole and the Equator passes through Salem’s city limits. Marion county is in the heart of the Willamette Valley, and the Willamette River was established as its western boundary in 1856. Among its public buildings are the Courthouse, Courthouse Square, State Capitol, Capitol Mall buildings, and Salem Civic Center.

Located just south of the Portland metropolitan area, Marion County stretches from the Willamette River to the Cascade Mountains encompassing nearly 1,200 square miles. Most of its population of 346,000 can reach the Pacific beaches in under two-hours.