



Issue Brief

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Oregon State Penitentiary

Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) was established in 1866 and, until 1959, was Oregon's only prison. OSP is a multi-custody facility surrounded by a 25-foot-high wall with 10 towers. The facility has multiple special housing units including death row, disciplinary segregation, behavioral health, intermediate care housing, and an infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care.

Site information:

- Total acreage: 194.4
- Total acres inside the walled perimeter: 22.0

Capacity:

- Built capacity: 2,124
- Inmate count on 3/1/18: 2,117
- Emergency beds: 98

Special housing:

- Disciplinary Segregation Unit (DSU)
- Death Row
- Mental Health Housing
- Intermediate Care Housing
- Behavioral Health Unit
- Infirmary/hospice with 24-hour nursing care

Number of staff: 588

Labor representation: Association of Oregon Corrections Employees (AOCE)

Programs and services:

- Special needs and release housing
- Work-based education and programs
- Institution work programs
- Education, including ABE, GED, & ESL

Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) industries:

- Furniture factory
- Laundry
- Metal shop
- Contact center

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OSP Minimum: Deactivated 10/28/2010

In 2002, management of the former Oregon Women's Correctional Center adjacent to the Penitentiary was assumed by OSP. It housed minimum-custody male inmates until its deactivation in October 2010.



The mission of the
Oregon Department of Corrections
is to promote public safety by
holding offenders accountable for their
actions and reducing the risk of future
criminal behavior.



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