



# 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 surrounded by a 25-foot-high wall with 10 towers. It is Oregon's only maximum security facility,\* and is home to death row.

### Site information:

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

### Capacity:

- Budgeted capacity: 2,194
- Inmate count on 10/30/2015: 2,096
- Emergency beds: 98

### Special housing:

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

**Number of staff:** 590

**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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