



# ISSUE BRIEF

## 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 disciplinary segregation, behavioral health, intermediate care housing, and an infirmary (with hospice) with 24-hour nursing care.

### Site information:

- Total acreage: 194
- Total acres inside the fenced perimeter: 22

### Capacity:

- Budgeted capacity: 2,075
- Adult in custody count 7/2022: 1,665
- Emergency bed capacity: 88

### Special housing:

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

**Number of staff:** 466

**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, and ESL

### Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE)

#### Industries:

- Furniture factory
- Laundry
- Metal shop
- Contact center

**OSP Minimum:** Deactivated October 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 AICs until its deactivation in October 2010.

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