

Background Information on Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities

The Minnesota Department of Corrections was created in 1959 to consolidate state correctional functions into one agency. A service and regulatory agency, the department has a broad scope of activities and responsibilities.

The department currently operates ten correctional facilities, including eight for adults and two for juveniles. For adult offenders, a five-level classification system reflects the necessary level of control for offenders classified in each designation. Adult prison populations total approximately 9,500 inmates, and juvenile residents number around 150. Department agents supervise nearly 20,000 adult and juvenile offenders on probation, supervised release, and parole. Through the state Community Corrections Act, the department also administers subsidy funds to units of local government for corrections program. The department is organized into three divisions:

- 1) The Facility Services Division, which oversees Health Services, MINNCOR Industries, Safety, Special Investigations, Government Relations, and Finance Services.
- 2) The Community Services Division, which oversees Administrative Services, Field Services, Information & Technology, and Policy & Legal Services.
- 3) The Support Services Division, which oversees the Office of Diversity, Strategic Planning, Restorative Justice, Best Practices, Employee Development, and Human Resource Management.

The department has 4,200 employees working in facilities, field offices, the central office, and MINNCOR Industries.

All of the department's correctional institutions meet standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The standards relate to all aspects of institutional operation. The department's central office, adult and juvenile release functions, and adult and juvenile field services also meet ACA standards.

Inmates in state facilities have access to a variety of work, education, and other program activities. MINNCOR Industries provides positive activities for inmates while they are incarcerated and develops work skills they can use in productive employment after release. Education programs focus on basic literacy instruction. Programs are also provided for sex offenders and chemically dependent inmates.

The adult inmate profile of the Department of Corrections as of July 2012 was as follows:

Population:	Males.....	8,844	93.1%
	Females	<u>657</u>	6.9%
	Total	9,501	
Types of Offenses:	Person.....	4,689	49.3%
	Drug	1,646	17.3%
	Property.....	1,136	12.0%
	DWL.....	680	7.2%
	Other/Not Reported.....	858	9.0%
	Weapons.....	468	4.9%
	PSI Holds	<u>24</u>	0.3%
	Total	9,501	
	Average Age (in years).....	36.3	
	Current Inmates Age 50 or Older	1,238	
	Current Inmates Under Age 18.....	4	
	MINNCOR Industry - Inmates Employed.....	1,354	
Race:	White.....	5,077	53.4%
	Black	3,339	35.1%
	American Indian.....	843	8.9%
	Asian	239	2.5%
	Unknown.....	<u>3</u>	>0.1%
	Total	9,501	
	(Note: 688 (7.2%) of the above are of Hispanic ethnicity)		
Education Level:	Grades 0-8.....	385	4.1%
	Grades 9-11	2,433	25.6%

	High School Graduate.....	2,369	24.9%
	GED	2,453	25.8%
	College and Up.....	1,629	17.1%
	Other/Unknown.....	<u>232</u>	2.4%
	Total	9,501	
Marital Status:	Single	6,852	72.1%
	Married.....	1,203	12.7%
	Divorced/Separated.....	1,278	13.4%
	Other/Unknown.....	<u>168</u>	1.8%
	Total	9,501	
Population by Facility/Location:	Faribault	1,993	21.0%
	Stillwater	1,616	17.0%
	Lino Lakes	1,313	13.8%
	Moose Lake	1,028	10.8%
	Rush City	981	10.3%
	St. Cloud	1,034	10.9%
	Shakopee	606	6.4%
	Oak Park Heights	434	4.6%
	Willow River	172	1.8%
	Red Wing	43	0.5%
	Togo	30	0.3%
	Work Release	185	1.9%
	Institution Community Work Crews ...	33	0.3%
	County Jail (Contract)	<u>33</u>	0.3%
	Total	9,501	

Source: Minnesota Department of Corrections, Adult Inmate Profile as of 07/01/2012;
www.doc.state.mn.us/aboutdoc/stats/documents/2012JulyAdultProfile.pdf

Appropriations to Correctional Facilities:	FY2012	FY2013
Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF)-Faribault.....	\$39,910	\$38,532
MCF-Lino Lakes.....	\$29,911	\$29,424
MCF-Oak Park Heights	\$20,689	\$20,472
MCF-Red Wing	\$12,215	\$10,623
MCF-Rush City.....	\$24,335	\$23,687
MCF-St. Cloud.....	\$28,306	\$27,436
MCF-Shakopee	\$15,931	\$15,479
MCF-Stillwater	\$36,473	\$35,543
MCF-Willow River/Moose Lake		
Willow River (CIP males).....	\$ 4,846	\$ 4,773
Moose Lake.....	\$25,088	\$24,599
MCF-Togo juveniles.....	\$ 23	\$ 19
MCF-Togo (CIP females)	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,622
Education	\$ 348	\$ 6,956
Health Services	\$66,346	\$66,346
Support Services/Bed Rental	\$17,845	\$11,708
Office of Special Investigations.....		\$ 4,207
Transportation.....		\$ 2,289
Safety		\$ 925
Total	\$323,916	\$324,640

Source: Minnesota Department of Corrections Budget, Fiscal Year 2012-13 General Fund Appropriation
(reflects Laws 2012; dollars in thousands); www.doc.state.mn.us/aboutdoc/stats/budget.htm

MCF-Faribault

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Faribault is a medium-security, level-three facility housing adult males. A level one and two minimum-security unit is also located outside the secure perimeter. The 1989 Minnesota Legislature initially approved opening of the facility by authorizing funds to convert portions of the Faribault Regional Center for correctional use. Population is 1,993 (2012).

The facility includes ten remodeled buildings used for living quarters. One of the buildings has been adapted to meet the needs of the department's geriatric and special needs populations.

A variety of work, vocational/academic, and other programs is offered, MINNCOR Industries include wood furniture manufacturing, truck refurbishing, laundry, cleaning products, and subcontract work.

Education programs include adult basic education, literacy, general educational development (GED), critical thinking skills, and transitional life skills. Vocational diploma/certificate programs include cabinetmaking, painting and decorating, commercial drywall, floor covering installation, carpentry, computer certification, small business management, and mechanical drafting.

The facility also has a treatment unit for alcohol and other drugs.

MCF-Lino Lakes

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Lino Lakes opened in 1963, originally served as a juvenile facility. In 1978 the institution was remodeled and converted to a level three, medium-security facility for adult males transferred from the state's higher-security locations that are housed inside a secure perimeter. A level one, minimum-security unit is located outside the perimeter. Population is 1,313 (2012).

The facility is the primary department treatment center for sex offenders and provides prerelease programming for sex offenders released to the community. Chemical dependency programming is provided in TRIAD, a 380-bed therapeutic community. Additional programming is offered through educational and vocational classes, and work opportunities are available through support services.

Lino Lakes is also the site of the InnerChange Freedom Initiative, a faith-based program funded and operated by Prison Fellowship through a partnership with the corrections department.

MCF-Oak Park Heights

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights opened in 1982, receives offenders transferred primarily from other adult male institutions who are classified as maximum custody or extreme risks to the public. The level five, maximum-security institution has a population of 434 (2012). The facility has nine self-contained complexes that can operate independently. Six are designed to house 52 inmates each.

Inmates participate in highly structured programming including industry, education, and institutional housekeeping. The remaining three complexes contain the mental health, transitional healthcare, and administrative control units that serve adult male offenders department-wide.

Oak Park Heights is the site of the consolidated offender canteen service, operated by MINNCOR Industries and servicing all department adult facilities.

MCF-Red Wing

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Red Wing was constructed in 1889 and provides treatment, education, and transition services for approximately 150 serious and chronic male juvenile offenders placed at the facility either as a condition of court-ordered probation or as the result of having been committed to the commissioner of corrections. The facility also provides 90- and 120-day short-term programming, detention and predisposition evaluation services as requested by the courts. In addition, the facility provides a separate community re-entry program for 30 minimum-security adult male offenders.

Juvenile residents participate in the facility's cognitive/behavior restructuring and skill development treatment model, which incorporate the principles of the restorative justice and therapeutic communities. The facility's Mental Health Treatment Support Unit provides services for residents assessed to be in need of mental health management and counseling.

The facility also provides sex offender and substance abuse-specific treatment programs.

The education program includes academic and prevocational components. Special education and Title 1 remedial/transition services are also available.

The facility provides both a prerelease and post-release transition services program, in collaboration with community-based service providers.

MCF-Rush City

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Rush City opened in February 2000. The close-custody, level-four facility currently houses 981 offenders (2012), most in double-bunked cells. Offender activities are conducted on a strict schedule. These activities include institution support and prison industry jobs, education assignments, religious programming, and recreation and visiting times.

MINNCOR Industries at the facility focuses on providing production space and offender labor to the business community through subcontract services.

Educational programming focuses on basic education, parenting, English as a second language, vocational, and transitional programming.

MCF-St. Cloud

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-St. Cloud is a level-four, close-security institution that was built in 1889 and has been remodeled and modernized. Population is 1,034 (2012). A variety of programs are offered such as individual and group counseling and chemical dependency. The facility serves as the department's intake center for adult males.

Varied educational opportunities are available including adult basic education, GED instruction, and vocational training with programs in barbering and masonry.

MCF-Shakopee

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee, opened in 1986, houses adult women offenders committed to the commissioner of corrections. Population is 606 (2012), which includes all custody levels. The facility has 11 buildings including a core building for administration and inmate activities, a segregation unit with a mental health programming unit connected, seven living units, an industry/vocational educational building, and a heating plant.

MINNCOR Industries provides part or full-time work for the offender population in the areas of data processing, assembly, market research, sewn products, and subcontract work. Many inmates also work in institution maintenance crews and in food service.

Offenders have access to a variety of academic and vocational educational opportunities. Mental health and treatment services are also available.

MCF-Stillwater

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater, built in 1914 as an industrial prison, is the state's largest close-security, level-four institution for adult male felons. Population is 1,616 (2012).

MINNCOR Industries at Stillwater include metal products, upholstery, warehousing, and logistics.

A wide variety of vocational and academic educational programs, a chemical dependency program, and a level-one minimum-security unit for selected offenders nearing release are available.

MCF-Willow River/Moose Lake

The Minnesota Correctional Facility-Willow River/Moose Lake has two locations. The Moose Lake site is a level-three, medium-security institution for adult males, with a population of 1,028 (2012). The site is the former Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center. Conversion to a correctional facility began in 1988. The facility provides a variety of programming including vocational and academic education, sex offender programming, and industry. MINNCOR Industries encompasses textile/garment manufacturing, signage, printing, and subcontract work.

Willow River was the facility's original site. It serves as phase 1 for male offenders in the department's Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP), a boot camp mandated by the 1992 Legislature. Phase 1 is a six-month, intensive program for up to 180 non-dangerous male offenders, with a current population (2012) of 172. Programming components include education, critical thinking skills development, chemical dependency programming, and rigorous physical exercise. Phases 2 and 3, supervised release phases, are at least six months in duration and served in the community.

MCF-Togo/Thistledeew Camp

Thistledeew Camp is available for use on a per diem basis by all Minnesota juvenile county courts and provides court and social service agencies with an alternative residential program. Average daily population is approximately 41.

Thistledeew offers a three-week program, operated separately for boys and girls between 13 and 17 years of age. Thistledeew also offers a three-month program and a separate chemical dependency treatment program for boys. Each program is intended to serve as a treatment resource for juveniles who have experienced failure in the home, school, and community.

Thistledeew Camp also serves as the site for adult female offenders in phase 1 of CIP, a boot camp mandated by the 1992 Legislature that accepted its first squad in October 1992. Phase 1 is a six-month intensive program for up to 24 non-dangerous female offenders (CIP phase 1 male offenders are housed at Willow River). Programming components include education, critical thinking skills development, chemical dependency programming, and rigorous physical exercise. Phases 2 and 3, supervised release phases, are at least six months in duration and served in the community.