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DOCCS FACT SHEET

The management and operation of prisons is difficult work. It requires an equal measure of patience, discipline and creativity. DOCCS is responsible for the care, custody, and treatment of individuals sentenced to state prison, working with these inmates to ensure successful re-entry into the community and supervising those who are placed on parole. That’s our Department’s mission and it’s the guide we follow to carry out the very serious responsibility entrusted to us.

The material contained within this Fact Sheet is based on statistical information compiled by DOCCS and it is intended to provide insight into the function and operation of the Department’s 60 facilities that house approximately 56,000 inmates.

Prison Safety

Statewide Assaults*

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Statewide Assaults on Staff	557	580	567	576	563**
Statewide Assaults on Inmates	700	657	603	677	666

* Through February 2012: 56 inmate-on-staff assaults versus 92 inmate-on-staff assaults for the same period last year – a 39% decrease in such assaults

** Lowest number of inmate-on-staff assaults in four years

Statewide Staff Injury*

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
No Staff Injury	96.4%	95.9%	95.9%	96.1%	96.1%
Minor Staff Injury**	2.9%	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%	3.6%
Total	99.3%	99.4%	99.4%	99.5%	99.7%

*Count of all incidents, including employee accidents, etc.

**Injuries that require either no treatment, minimal treatment (scratch, bruise, aches/pains), or precautionary treatment

Maximum vs. Medium Facility Inmate-on-Staff Assaults

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Assaults on Staff Statewide	557	580	567	576	563
Maximum-Security	424	428	421	436	425
Medium-Security	110	124	102	118	113

NOTE: Unlike the Penal Law where physical injury is a required element, any attack by an inmate is classified by DOCCS as an assault. This includes events where no physical injury occurs and events where any object is thrown at and hits another person, such as a Styrofoam cup. By contrast, in the Penal Law, an assault requires physical injury, which means impairment of physical condition or substantial pain.

Escape Incidents

- The last escape from within a DOCCS maximum security facility’s secure perimeter was 2003 at Elmira Correctional Facility.
- The last escape from within a DOCCS medium security facility’s secure perimeter was 1994 at Wyoming Correctional Facility.

Prison Closures

- Since 1999, New York's prison population has declined by 23 percent, from a high of 72,649 offenders incarcerated (includes Willard DTC) to 55,858 today (3/15/12).
- DOCCS security staff reductions have been consistent with inmate population declines.
- In 2011, due to excess capacity in the state’s prison system, three medium security and four minimum security prisons were closed.
 - Of 1,115 affected security staff, 1,016 were transferred to other DOCCS facilities.
 - 3,800 excess beds were eliminated from the system.
 - Taxpayers expected to save approximately \$184 million from closure process.

DOCCS Security Staff and Inmate Population

December	Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants Positions Filled	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Offender Population (includes Willard)	Numeric Change	Percent Change
1999	22,112	399	1.8	72,649	1,457	2.0%
2000	22,455	343	1.6	71,354	-1,295	-1.8%
2001	21,821	-634	-2.8	68,351	-3,003	-4.2%
2002	21,303	-518	-2.4	67,658	-693	-1.0%
2003	20,839	-464	-2.2	66,109	-1,549	-2.3%
2004	21,133	294	1.4	64,905	-1,204	-1.8%
2005	21,414	281	1.3	63,928	-977	-1.5%
2006	21,510	96	0.4	64,410	482	0.8%
2007	21,386	-124	-0.6	63,425	-985	-1.5%
2008	21,278	-108	-0.5	60,933	-2,492	-3.9%
2009	20,580	-698	-3.3	59,279	-1,654	-2.7%
2010	20,596	16	0.1	57,229	-2,050	-3.5%
2011	19,570	-1,026	-5.0	55,980	-1,249	-2.2%

	December 31, 1999	March 15, 2012	Numeric Difference	Percent Change
Correction Officers Sergeants Lieutenants	22,112	19,381	-2,731	-12.4
Inmates (includes Willard)	72,649	55,858	-16,748	-23.0

**DOCCS Correctional Facility Security Personnel
Council 82 / NYSCOPBA Staff**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Feb. 2012
Council 82														
Lieutenants	548	556	550	549	528	539	540	543	541	535	526	521	458	487
NYSCOPBA														
Sergeants	1,275	1,294	1,306	1,310	1,291	1,266	1,297	1,308	1,308	1,289	1,236	1,256	1,169	1,165
Officers	20,289	20,605	19,965	19,444	19,020	19,328	19,577	19,660	19,537	19,454	18,818	18,819	17,942	17,732
Subtotal	21,564	21,899	21,271	20,754	20,311	20,593	20,874	20,967	20,845	20,743	20,054	20,075	19,112	18,897
Total	22,112	22,455	21,821	21,303	20,839	21,133	21,414	21,510	21,386	21,278	20,580	20,596	19,570	19,383

**Number and Proportion of Violent Felony Offender's
in Male Maximum and Medium Security Facilities**

March 1 of Selected Years

	2002			2007			2012		
	# VFO	# Inmates	%	# VFO	# Inmates	%	# VFO	# Inmates	%
Maximum Facilities	17,519	23,015	76%	17,241	22,331	77%	18,703	23,325	80%
Medium Facilities	17,539	35,253	50%	17,312	34,058	51%	15,121	27,641	55%

While the percentage of VFO's in Medium Security Facilities has risen, their actual number has steadily decreased over the last 10 years.

Statewide Violent Felony Offenders

12/31	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Violent Offenders	36,153	35,409	35,317	35,243	35,122	33,824

DOCCS Facilities by Security Classification

Maximum (17)

Attica
Bedford Hills (F)
Coxsackie
Eastern
Five Points
Green Haven
Sing Sing
Sullivan
Wende

Auburn
Clinton
Downstate
Elmira
Great Meadow
Shawangunk
Southport
Upstate

Medium (34)

Adirondack
Albion (F)
Altona
Bare Hill
Bayview (F)
Butler
Cape Vincent
Cayuga
Chateaugay
Collins
Fishkill
Franklin
Gouverneur
Gowanda
Greene
Groveland
Hale Creek
Hudson
Livingston
Marcy
Mid-State
Mohawk
Mt. McGregor
Ogdensburg
Orleans
Otisville
Riverview
Taconic (F)
Ulster
Wallkill
Washington
Watertown
Woodbourne
Wyoming

Minimum (8)

Beacon (F)
Edgecombe
Lakeview Shock(& F)
Lincoln
Monterey Shock
Moriah Shock
Queensboro
Rochester

Drug Treatment Campus (1)

Willard (& F)