

Minnesota Department of Corrections Overview

Mission

The Minnesota Department of Corrections' (DOC) mission is to transform lives for a safer Minnesota.

DOC's Person-Centered Approach

Human dignity is the foundation, organizing principle of Minnesota's corrections system. We are putting people at the center of our decision-making. We create multi-disciplinary teams to work with the people we serve to design and deliver transformational services.

DOC by the Numbers

- **Employees:** approx. 4,200 individuals
- **Prisons:** 11
- **Incarcerated Population:** approx. 8,000 individuals
- **Total DOC facilities footprint:** 7.5 million sq. ft.
- **DOC-provided supervision:** 20,000 individuals
- **DOC district supervision offices:** 13

Community Supervision/Probation

- Approximately 93,000 people are on supervised release or probation in Minnesota.
- The DOC is one of four delivery systems for supervision:
 - (1) Minnesota Community Corrections Act (CCA)
 - (2) Department of Corrections (DOC)
 - (3) DOC/County Probation Officer
 - (4) Tribal Supervision

Considerations for Policymakers

- The DOC has a **Constitutional obligation** to provide healthcare and a standard of living for those that are incarcerated under state law.
- The DOC is a **24/7/365 operation**. Supporting staff, keeping everyone safe, and providing

transformational services are central to public safety.

- **97%** of the DOC's budget is appropriated by the state General Fund.
- The DOC buildings represent **34%** of the state's deferred maintenance.
- **More than 95%** of individuals incarcerated in the state's prisons will return to the community.

Minnesota's Incarcerated Population

- Average age: **39.9 years**
- Average time in DOC prison: **36 months**
 - **27** have life sentences
 - **167** of those without the possibility of parole
- **89%** have high school/GED or higher
- **68%** have minor children
- Race:
 - White: **51%**
 - Black: **37%**
 - American Indian: **9%**
 - Asian: **2.5%**
 - Unknown/Other: **0.2%**
- Health:
 - The DOC pays **100%** of all health care costs for individuals in our prisons.
 - **85%** are diagnosed with an alcohol or substance use disorder
 - **39%** are on psychiatric medication
 - **10%** have diabetes
- **25%** of those leaving MN prisons are homeless
- **27%** unemployment rate for formerly incarcerated
- **64%** of incarcerated individuals remained free of felony convictions for three years post-release

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