



# INSTITUTIONS

## Quick Facts

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Division of Institutions has oversight over three state institutions, 11 county regional facilities, five private prisons, the classification and records division, treatment and programs division, and agricultural enterprises. The division is led by Deputy Commissioner Christopher Epps.

The Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) located in Rankin County, Miss., serves as the receiving and classification facility for all persons convicted of felonies. CMCF is the second oldest state facility, having opened in February 1986. CMCF serves as the only state institution to house female inmates. The institution's capacity on June 30, 2002, was 3,049. CMCF houses male inmates with special needs, to include male inmates who are disabled and require medical treatment in the Jackson area.



The Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) located in Parchman, Miss., serves as the maximum security facility and houses only males convicted of felonies. MSP is the oldest and largest state prison, occupying more than 17,000 acres. The institution's capacity on June 30, 2002, was 5,551. MSP operates the Agricultural Enterprises division, which planted and harvested more than 4,231 acres of vegetables, rice, wheat, soybeans and corn.

The South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) located in Leakesville, Miss., serves as a medium custody facility and houses only males convicted of felonies. SMCI is the newest state facility, having opened in 1989. SMCI occupies approximately 360 acres. The institution's capacity on June 30, 2002, was 2,214.



The MDOC has a contract with 11 county regional facilities to house a minimum of 200 state inmates daily. These 11 county regional facilities follow the policies and procedures established by the MDOC. They include:

- Bolivar County Correctional Facility
- Carroll-Montgomery County/Regional Correctional Facility
- Holmes-Humphreys County/Regional Correctional Facility
- Issaquena County Correctional Facility
- Jefferson-Franklin County/Regional Correctional Facility
- Kemper-Neshoba County/Regional Correctional Facility
- Leake County Correctional Facility
- Marion-Walthall County/Regional Correctional Facility

Winston-Choctaw County/Regional Correctional Facility  
Stone County Correctional Facility  
George-Greene County/Regional Correctional Facility

The MDOC has a contract with five private prisons to house up to 3,400 state inmates. They are:

Delta Correctional Facility in Greenwood, Miss., houses medium-custody male inmates.  
East Mississippi Correctional Facility in Meridian, Miss., houses special needs male inmates.  
Marshall County Correctional Facility in Holly Springs, Miss., houses medium-custody male inmates.  
Walnut Grove Correctional Facility in Walnut Grove, Miss., houses youthful offenders under the age of 20.  
Wilkinson County Correctional Facility in Woodville, Miss., houses male inmates under protective custody.



## Highlights

- The MDOC Division of Institutions had no major security threats or escapes at the three state institutions the entire year.
- The South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) in Leakesville, Miss., received American Correctional Association (ACA) Accreditation. This is the first state operated prison to receive accreditation for its entire facility. The Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss., and the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss., accomplished candidate status and scheduled ACA audits for the first quarter of FY 2003.
- The MDOC Division of Institutions successfully integrated HIV positive inmates into treatment, education and vocational programs.
- The MDOC successfully enhanced institutional security by implementing an effective Security Threat Group Management program.
- Inmates assigned to the state's three institutions completed a total of 168,371 man-hours of public service work off institutional grounds. This equates to \$867,110.75 in free labor to communities located near the three institutions when calculated using minimum wage earnings of \$5.15 per hour.
- The MDOC received a \$2.8 million dollar Violent Offender Incarcerated Truth-in-Sentencing Grant used to enhance security at the agency's maximum-security facilities.
- Three new Wardens were appointed in the Division of Institutions. Earnest Lee was named Area I Warden and Ron King was named Area II Warden at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution. Jesse Streeter was named Warden of Unit 32 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary.
- Division of Institutions began transporting inmates to the newly opened George County Regional Correctional Facility in Lucedale, Miss., which opened May 10, 2002.

## IN MEMORIUM



The MDOC held agency-wide memorial services honoring five MDOC corrections professionals who gave their all for public safety. The five MDOC officers killed in the line of duty are:

- Chester Tullos, a traveling Sergeant with the Mississippi State Penitentiary and former Sheriff of Smith County, was shot on May 18, 1933, while transporting two inmates from Hattiesburg to the Mississippi State Penitentiary.
- Ammie Kendall, an Assistant Sergeant at old Camp 5 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, was shot on March 13, 1963, in a melee with five inmates trying to escape from the prison.
- James Meeks, Sergeant for Camp 11 at the Mississippi State Penitentiary was shot on September 12, 1972, by an inmate who had entered his home and assaulted his wife.
- Argentra Cotton, Correctional Officer at the Mississippi State Penitentiary was stabbed on July 18, 1989, in a confrontation with a maximum-security inmate who escaped his cellblock.

Sidney Harrison, Correctional Officer at the Mississippi State Penitentiary was traveling to Oxford to testify in a court trial when the vehicle he and two others were in blew a tire and flipped several times down an embankment. Officer Harrison died as a result of the accident that occurred on May 18, 1995.