



Issue Brief - 2010

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Oregon State Penitentiary

Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) was established in 1866, and until 1959 was Oregon's only prison. OSP is surrounded by a 25-foot-high wall with 10 towers and houses death row inmates.

- Total acreage: 194.4
- Total acres inside the walled perimeter: 22.0

OSP Capacity:

- Budgeted capacity: 2,356 beds
- Inmate count on 3/10/2010: 2,242

OSP Minimum:

In 2002 management of the former Oregon Women's Correctional Center adjacent to the penitentiary was assumed by OSP. It houses minimum-custody male inmates and is not counted as a separate prison.

Special housing:

- Disciplinary Segregation Unit (DSU)
- Intensive Management Unit (IMU)
- Death Row
- Mental Health Infirmary
- Infirmary/Hospice with 24-hour nursing care

Number of staff: 457

Union representation:

- Association of Oregon Corrections Employees (AOCE) – OSP
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) – OSP Minimum

OSP Areas of specialization:

- Special-needs and release housing
- Work-based education and programs
- Institution work programs
- Education, including ABE, GED & ESL

OSP Minimum areas of specialization:

- Institution work programs
- Drug and alcohol treatment

Oregon Corrections Enterprises (OCE) industries:

- Furniture Factory
- Laundry
- Metal Shop

Oregon State Penitentiary

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The mission of the
Oregon Department of Corrections
is to promote public safety by
holding offenders accountable for their
actions and reducing the risk of future
criminal behavior.



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