



Overview

Upon arrival into Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) custody, offenders are classified and given a security level. The security level determines which prison an offender is housed.

State Prison	Location	Population
Hancock	Sparta	1267
Hays	Trion	1100
Macon	Oglethorpe	1762
Smith	Glennville	1615
Telfair	Helena	1400
Valdosta	Valdosta	1312
Ware	Waycross	1546

- Offenders classified as a close security typically fall into one or more of the following categories:
 - Escape Risk
 - Assault history
 - Deemed dangerous
 - Detainers for other serious crimes
(detainer - a request from other law enforcement agencies to hold an offender for pending charges)
- Offenders with a close security classification:
 - May never leave the prison
 - Require constant supervision by a correctional officer
 - Housed in prisons with high security levels
- House offenders that other facilities cannot handle due to behavioral issues
- May house offenders of a lower security classification, *medium or minimum*, to perform job functions around the facility that close security offenders cannot complete due to security risks
 - **Medium security** - Offenders that do not have major adjustment problems and may work outside the prison fence under constant supervision
 - **Minimum security** - Offenders who tend to abide by prison regulations, who present minimal risk of escape, have been judged to be minimal threat to the community, may work outside the prison with minimal supervision, at many times have proven to be trustworthy, cooperative, no alcohol/drug problems and are eligible for Transitional Center (TC) referral

HANCOCK STATE PRISON

- Opened 1991
- In-house TC
- Vegan diet facility
- GCI plant
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- Contract and non-contract work details

HAYS STATE PRISON

- Opened 1991
- Host facility to Paulding Probation Detention Center (PDC)
- Canine Unit
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Counties of Chattooga and Catoosa
- City of Ringgold
- Inmate Fire Department
- GCI Optics
- GCI Mattress
- Aramark Food Service

MACON STATE PRISON

- Opened 1994
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- Inmate Fire Department

SMITH STATE PRISON

- Opened 1993
- Host facility for Long Unit, Women's PDC, and Smith TC
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- GCI Custom Screen
- GCI Custom Sign

TELFAIR STATE PRISON

- Opened 1992
- Vegan Diet facility
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- GCI Tag Plant
- Inmate Fire Department

VALDOSTA STATE PRISON

- Opened 1989
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- GCI Chemical Plant
- DOT
- Cities of Valdosta and Adel
- Lowndes County

WARE STATE PRISON

- Opened 1990
- Sex Offender Release Site
- Host facility for Bacon PDC, Applying Integrated Treatment Facility (ITF), and Waycross Probation (personnel assistance)
- Tier I & II facility

Special Work Details

- Counties of Glynn, Ware and Pierce
- Cities of Waycross and Blackshear
- DOT
- GSP

Programs

Close security offenders are provided counseling, academic and vocation programs. Programs vary by the needs of offenders.

ACADEMIC

- General Education Diploma
- Adult Basic Education
- Literacy Remedial Education
- Special Education
- Monthly correspondence coursework

COUNSELING

- Active Parenting
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Anger Management
- Behavioral Stabilization
- Career Center

- Celebrate Recovery
- Confronting Self
- Detours
- Family Violence
- Faith and Character Dorms
- Heads-Up
- HIV Awareness
- Individual Counseling
- Integrity Program
- Lifer's Group
- Matrix Early Recovery Skills
- Matrix Relapse Prevention
- Mental Health
- Moral Recognition Therapy
- Motivation for Change
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Positive Mental Attitude
- Reentry
- Thinking for a Change
- Sex Offender Psycho-Educational Program (SOPP)
- Victim Impact

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING/VOCATIONAL

- Auto Body
- Auto/Diesel Mechanics
- Baker
- Barber
- Building Maintenance
- Computer Operations
- Cook's Apprentice
- Custodial Maintenance
- Electrical Wiring
- Firefighting
- Food Preparation/Service
- Fork Lift Operator
- General Clerk
- Graphic Arts
- Ground Maintenance
- Horticulture
- Laundry Operations
- Printing
- Maintenance
- Meat Cutting
- School Aide
- Small Engine
- Welding
- Woodworking