

Close Security Facilities



GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

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The Facilities Division is responsible for the direct supervision of all offenders sentenced to the Georgia Department of Corrections. There are seven close security prisons statewide. Offenders classified as close security typically fall in one or more categories: escape risk, assault history, deemed dangerous, or have detainers for other serious crimes. A detainer is a request from other law enforcement agencies to hold an offender for pending charges.



CLASSIFICATION

Upon arrival into the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) custody, all offenders are classified and given a security level. This assigned security level drives which prison an offender will be housed at.

STATE PRISON	LOCATION	CAPACITY
Hancock	Sparta	1201
Hays	Trion	1101
Macon	Oglethorpe	1759
Smith	Glennville	1562
Telfair	McRae-Helena	1420
Valdosta	Valdosta	1110
Ware	Waycross	1530

OVERVIEW

- Offenders with a close security classification:
 - May never leave the prison on a work detail
 - 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 in 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 significant 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 a minimal threat to the community, may work outside the prison with minimal supervision, at many times have proven to be trustworthy, and cooperative

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STATE PRISONS

HANCOCK STATE PRISON

- Opened 1991
- Evidence-Based Program
- Vegan Diet Facility
- Georgia Correctional Industries (GCI) Plant
- Tier I & II Facility
- Contract and non-contract work details
- Inmate Fire Department

HAYS STATE PRISON

- Opened 1991
- Host facility to Paulding Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Center (RSAT)
- Tier I & II Facility
- Step Down Program
- Vegan Diet Facility
- Inmate Fire Department
- GCI Optics
- Aramark Food Service

MACON STATE PRISON

- Opened 1994
- Tier I & II Facility
- Inmate Fire Department

SMITH STATE PRISON

- Opened 1993
- Host Facility for Long Unit, Women's PDC and Smith TC
- Tier I & II Facility
- GCI Custom Screen
- GCI Custom Sign
- Inmate Fire Department

TELFAIR STATE PRISON

- Opened 1992
- Vegan Diet Facility
- Tier I & II Facility
- GCI Tag Plant
- Inmate Fire Department

VALDOSTA STATE PRISON

- Opened 1989
- Tier I & II Facility
- GCI Chemical Plant
- Department Of Transportation
- Contract work details

WARE STATE PRISON

- Opened 1990
- Sex Offender Release Site
- Host facility for Bacon PDC, Appling Integrated Treatment Facility (ITF)
- Tier I & II Facility
- Contract and non-contract work details

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- High School Equivalency Diploma
- Adult Basic Education
- Literacy Remedial Education
- Special Education
- Monthly correspondence coursework

COUNSELING

- Active Parenting
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Anger Management
- Reentry Assessment Center
- Celebrate Recovery
- Confronting Self
- Problem Solving Skills in Action
- 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 Reconciliation Therapy
- Motivation for Change
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Positive Mental Attitude
- Re-entry Skills Building
- Thinking for a Change
- Sex Offender Psycho-Educational Program
- Victim Impact

CAREER, TECHNICAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- Ashland University
- 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
- School Aide
- Small Engine
- Welding
- Woodworking

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