



FACT SHEET

CLOSE SECURITY FACILITIES

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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 detainees for other serious crimes. A detainer is a request from other law enforcement agencies to hold an offender for pending charges.

OVERVIEW

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

State Prison	Location	Population
Hancock	Sparta	1028
Hays	Trion	1101
Macon	Oglethorpe	1762
Smith	Glennville	1615
Telfair	Helena	1400
Valdosta	Valdosta	1312
Ware	Waycross	1546

- 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 major adjustment programs 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.

HANCOCK STATE PRISON

- Opened 1991
- Evidence-Based Program
- Vegan Diet Facility
- 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



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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
- DOT
- Contract work details

WARE STATE PRISON

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



Programs

Close security offenders are provided counseling, academic and vocational 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
- Detour
- 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
- Re-entry Skills Building
- 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
- School Aide
- Small Engine
- Welding
- Woodworking