

Department of Corrections

Infrastructure

Footprint Overview

Unified System

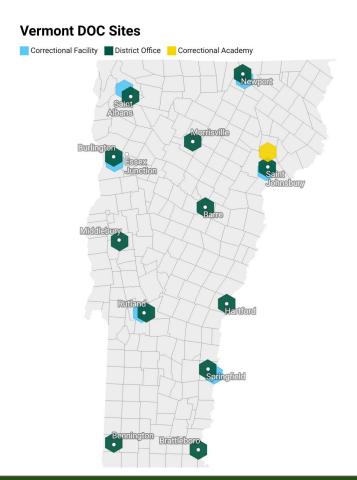
Pretrial supervision → detained → sentenced → community supervision

Facilities:

- 6 in-state facilities
 - 5 men's facilities
 - 1 women's facility
- 1 out-of-state men's facility

Probation & Parole:

- 12 district offices
- Training: Vermont Correctional Academy
- Staff: **1,124**





Vermont Correctional Facilities

Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility

Overview

- Located in South Burlington
- Vermont's only female facility
- Houses up to 177 individuals
- Built in early 1970s as male detention setting

Financials

- Nearly **\$4M/year** in upkeep
- **\$12M** in deferred maintenance



Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility





Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility

- Located in Rutland
- Dates to 1970s
- Same floor plan as St. Johnsbury
- Anchored by historic wall, constructed with local marble, which dates to original prison built in 1878
- Primarily houses detainees for Bennington, Rutland, Addison counties
- Special unit for juvenile housing if needed
- Capacity for about 140 individuals



Northeast Correctional Complex

- Located in St. Johnsbury
- Dates to 1970s
- Same floor plan as Marble Valley
- Primarily houses detainees for Caledonia, Orange, Washington, Lamoille counties
- Includes separate "work camp" structure



Northern State Correctional Facility

- Located in Newport
- Completed in 1994
- Largest facility in Vermont w/ 433 individual capacity
- Detains individuals for Orleans and Essex counties
- Larger infirmary space
- Violent offender programming
- Limited programming, recreation flexibility



Northwest State Correctional Facility

- Located in St. Albans
- Holds federal detainees and serves as closest detention facility for Burlington/Chittenden County
- Also holds detainees for Franklin and Grand Isle
- Primary site for sex offender treatment



Southern State Correctional Facility

- Located in Springfield
- Completed in 2003 (newest facility)
- Holds detainees for Windham and Windsor counties
- Largest infirmary, includes hospice
- Houses acute mental health, medical, and older populations
- Honors Unit
- PRIN pilot facility
- Coffee shop



Major DOC Infrastructure Needs



Capital Bill Requests

- HVAC installation across four unairconditioned facilities
- Women's facility replacement
- ADA compliance upgrades

Additional Infrastructure Projects

- Safety and security repairs/enhancements
- Northwest booking expansion
- Roof repairs
- Wi-Fi



Questions?

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Appendix

VISION

We create safety and

equity by seeing potential,

supporting change,

and serving communities.

MISSION

We lead through innovation

We advance restorative justice practices

We cultivate meaningful partnerships

We provide justice-involved individuals with opportunities for self-improvement

We support staff wellness

We create rewarding career opportunities

We ensure our facilities and field offices are safe, secure, and healthy

VALUES

Accountability

We, individually and collectively, act in accordance with our mission and values in service to our vision.

Collaboration

We succeed when we have diverse and equitable partnerships that include our communities and the people in our care and custody.

Compassion

We treat everyone with respect and dignity and respond empathetically to people's lived experience.

Equity

We address systemic barriers that hinder opportunity and use fair and impartial decision-making.

Innovation

We use evolving research from diverse communities to identify, develop, and implement effective practices.

Integrity

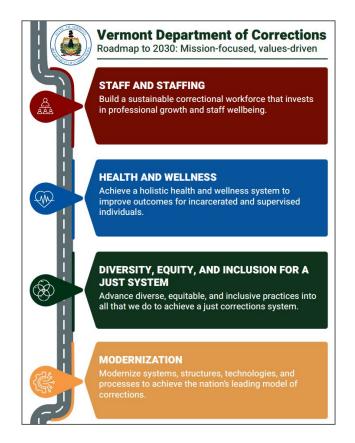
We practice our values in an honest and transparent way.

Safety

We create an equitable culture of physical, emotional, and material wholeness.

DOC Strategic Plan





Strategic Plan Goals

STAFF AND STAFFING

Build a sustainable correctional workforce that invests in professional growth and staff wellbeing. **GOAL 1:** Staff are empowered by a workplace cultivated to embrace and support the full spectrum of individual experience and identity.

GOAL 2: By 2030, staffing levels and staff retention are optimal and sustainable.

GOAL 3: Roles and processes are optimized to enhance staff engagement and operational efficiency.

GOAL 4: Opportunities for professional development and career growth are offered through a fair and transparent system.

GOAL 5: The Department provides opportunities and an environment that promotes staff health and wellness.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Achieve a holistic health and wellness system to improve outcomes for incarcerated and supervised individuals.

GOAL 1: The Department prioritizes health and wellness as a fundamental obligation.

GOAL 2: The Department engages Vermont's community members to support health and wellness outcomes for the population we serve.

GOAL 3: Health and wellness systems and processes operate efficiently and effectively.

GOAL 4: The Department supports and fosters holistic wellness for those in its care and custody.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION FOR A JUST SYSTEM

Advance diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices into all that we do to achieve a just corrections system. **GOAL 1:** Staff recognize and appreciate the daily impact of identity and why JEDI is vital to our success.

GOAL 2: The Department's systems, structural environment, policies and procedures are informed by trauma-informed practices, JEDI principles, and individuals with lived experience within the criminal justice system.

GOAL 3: Supervision, programs, and intervention services reflect the diverse needs of the people we serve.

GOAL 4: JEDI-responsive principles are embedded into all Department processes and retention efforts to equitably serve every staff member.

MODERNIZATION

Modernize systems, structures, technologies, and processes to achieve the nation's leading model of corrections. **GOAL 1:** Vermont's correctional system employs modernized systems, structures, technologies, and processes.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{GOAL 2:} The Department cultivates meaningful partnerships to advance community engagement and restorative practices. \end{tabular}$

GOAL 3: Modernization is embedded within each strategic initiative and advances innovative, efficient, evidence-based, and data-driven solutions Department-wide.



System Challenges



Staffing

• Vacancies, retention, state workforce demographics, overtime costs, physical workplace environment

Health & Wellness

- Serving physical/mental health needs of incarcerated individuals, particularly those detained awaiting trial
 - Lack of access/poor connection to medical care prior to justice-involvement
 - Sequelae of heavy substance use

DEI & Justice

- Remote hearings and court backlogs
- Lack of coordinated community reentry services and geographic disparities
- Paucity of community service providers, particularly for male-identifying individuals

Modernization

- Lack of WiFi and access to basic technology
- Lack of transitional housing stock/availability
- Deteriorating physical infrastructure
- Antiquated and highly manual data systems (OMS)