



About the Mississippi Department of Corrections

The Mississippi Department of Corrections was established July 1, 1976, by state law following the merger of the Mississippi Penitentiary Board and the Mississippi Probation and Parole Board.

The state prison system consists of 39 facilities, four restitution centers, and 72 probation and parole offices. One transition center and two re-entry facilities also are used for offenders returning to society. The agency is authorized to have 3,335 employees.

This Annual Report represents the scope and depth of the agency and its staff during fiscal 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). The Legislature appropriated \$361,901,655 (\$334,632,519 from the general fund and \$27,269,136 from special funds) to Corrections in Senate Bill 2862 for the period covering this report.

During fiscal 2014, the number of offenders decreased from 22,594 to 20,680. In addition to the 1,914 drop in net admissions, other highlights include the relocation of Central Office and the passage of a comprehensive criminal justice reform law that is expected to significantly affect the future of corrections.

The Legislature approved and Gov. Phil Bryant signed House Bill 585 on March 31, 2014.

The Central Office moved from its original location at 723 N. President St. to 633 N. State St. in February 2014.

The MDOC is committed to fiscal responsibility and its leaders look forward to the challenges we face together in the coming year.