



Annual Report FY2011

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Our Mission

To protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juveniles and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts, to provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.

Our Vision

A national leader in corrections that enhances public safety by employing evidence-based practices to maximize the rehabilitation of offenders.

Our Values

Our Values: We value our staff as our greatest asset.

We value a safe environment for staff and offenders.

We value community support and collaboration.

We value public trust in the operation of our department.

We value the use of evidence-based practices to maximize offender rehabilitation.

We value diversity and the respect for all individuals.

We value professionalism, teamwork and the highest standard of ethics.

We value investment in our staff through training in sound correctional practice and through the provision of opportunities for development and career advancement.

Message from the Secretary:

As we reflect on 2011, we need to focus on what makes the DOC a great organization; the people, our employees who are dedicated to protecting the citizens of South Dakota. With that in mind, we remember Ronald "RJ" Johnson who was murdered doing that very thing. We think of those who responded that day and understand the critical thinking of our excellent correctional officers combined with the use of technology kept Ron Johnson's murderers inside the Penitentiary.

Warden Weber and his excellent staff conducted a comprehensive review of policies and practices and made resulting adjustments and improvements. It was beneficial to have the National Institute of Corrections observe our staff in action at the Penitentiary, review our policies and procedures and affirm our After Action Plan in response to RJ's murder. I am proud our agency values on-going learning, continuous improvement and consistent effort to improve safety for staff and inmates.

In 2009, Secretary Reisch set a goal of 50% reduction in recidivism in 5 years. At the close of calendar year 2011, we will generate the 24-month recidivism rate for inmates who released in 2009 and an updated 12-month rate for those who released in 2010. I am eagerly awaiting these numbers.

On the adult side, much work has been done by Deputy Secretary Laurie Feiler, Director Ed Ligtenberg, Supervisor Doug Clark, and Coordinator Chad Straatmeyer in the areas of re-entry and recidivism reduction. Kevin McLain and his staff did a great job with our successful request for the second year of funding under the Second Chance Act grant.

If we are going to attain our recidivism reduction goal, we need consistent work to implement Evidence Based Practices in our adult system. We need a plan, based on individual needs, to give the offender the tools to be successful when he or she leaves our facilities. This is a public safety issue, not only to protect the citizens of today but also the citizens of tomorrow considering that 95% of the offenders will return to the community at some point.

We are looking forward to the opening of the Black Hills Community Transition Center (BCTC). The hard work of Secretary Reisch, Darwin Weeldreyer and many others on this project will be completed in FY 2012. This is a great looking facility and we are anxiously anticipating being able to bring offenders from the Black Hills area back for the first step in their journey home.

Kristi Bunkers, the Juvenile Corrections Agents, Jeff Haiar and the team at STAR have accomplished much in juvenile re-entry efforts. They embraced the principals of Evidence Based Practices and What Works through the Second Chance Act grant. The number of juveniles in our care continues to go down, meaning more are able to stay in the community with appropriate services.

Under the leadership of Doug Herrmann, juvenile corrections had a great year overall. There has been sustained success in reaching our recidivism reduction goal. All three juvenile programs at STAR attained Level 4 status based on the Performance-based Standards (PbS) project. South Dakota is the only state that has accomplished this in all of our programs. We are very proud of this achievement and look forward to continuing this important work.

In June, the juvenile Comprehensive Offender Management System (COMS) went live. Under the leadership and work of Kim Edson, the conversion went very well. We are looking forward to the adult system COMS implementation in the summer of 2012.

As I travel to our facilities observing what is being done, visiting with employees and talking to offenders, I see a great team striving for excellence. In the NIC review following RJ's murder, the consultants interviewed staff and inmates and asked how safe they felt. All answered they felt safe. This is, of course, as safe as you can feel considering where you are. This is a great testament to the impact of our efforts in very difficult environments.

My goals for 2012 are to continue the dedicated effort to reduce recidivism, use evidence based practices in all that we do, better intake assessments and planning for release, targeted programming and dosage to offenders, reduce the incidents of violence in our facilities and to continue to evaluate what we do and developing staff.

It has been an honor to lead this great organization since May, and as I observe the accomplishments of this past year, I look forward to the hard work ahead and DOC's ability to achieve our goals for 2012.

Dennis Kaemingk
Secretary of Corrections



IN MEMORY OF RONALD 'RJ' JOHNSON



Senior Correctional Officer Ronald 'RJ' Johnson

Ronald "RJ" Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD, died April 12, 2011, in Sioux Falls, SD following injuries sustained while on duty at the South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Funeral Services were held April 16, 2011, at the Rushmore Room of the Ramkota Inn, Sioux Falls, SD.

Ronald E. Johnson was born April 12, 1948, in Flandreau, SD. Following his graduation from Egan High School, Ron attended SDSU.

On June 29, 1979, he was united in marriage to Lynette K. Vanderloo. The couple made their home in Sioux Falls. RJ worked at Litton Industries, and for a period of time, sold insurance. In July 1987, he began working at the SD State Penitentiary and held the position of Senior Correctional Officer at the time of his death.

RJ was a fan of the Minnesota Gophers and enjoyed following all sports. Active in the past with Litton golf tournaments, RJ won a number of trophies and awards. He was also active on bowling leagues. He looked forward to summer months when he could get out to the lake. He enjoyed spending time at Oakwood Lake as well as Lake Okoboji, where his favorite pastimes were boating and spending time out on the dock. In his free time, he enjoyed old classic cars and at one time was the proud owner of a 1969 Dodge Super Bee.

He also loved music. Enjoying a full range of tunes, he particularly liked attending an Il Divo concert in Chicago.

Family was important to RJ. He treasured time spent with Lynette, the kids and his grandkids. He liked summertime when he could have a fire going in the backyard fire pit. The quintessential grandpa, he loved bragging about his grandkids.

RJ was respected by everyone at the Penitentiary, employees and inmates alike. He was a kind man who got along with everyone. Caring, loyal and sincere, he was blessed with a patient and laidback spirit. RJ's memory will be forever cherished.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Lynette of Sioux Falls, SD; son, Jesse Johnson (Jenn), Yankton, SD; daughter, Toni "Missy" (Derrick) Schafer, Sioux Falls, SD; grandchildren, Drake, Teegan, Ashlen, Ayleah, Braxton, and Treyton; brothers, Douglas Johnson and Glenn Johnson of Sioux Falls; his mother, Doris, Sioux Falls, SD; aunts, Evelyn Armijo, Huntington Beach, CA, and Bernice Hermanson, Sioux Falls. He was preceded in death by his father, Joel Johnson.



RONALD E. JOHNSON

1948 - 2011

Correctional Officer's Farewell

By Larry E. Peoples, FL DOC

We all know it can happen,
When we put our colors on,
It only takes an instant,
Then one of us is gone.

Day to Day we walk our beat,
In God we put our faith,
'Cause we're the law inside the wall,
We keep the public safe.

You've done the job that few can do,
Your shift is at an end,
Farewell my brother, Rest in Peace,
On you we could depend.



OPPOSITE PAGE (Left to Right):

(1) Staff Memorials were constructed by Pheasantland Industries in honor of all of the staff members that have died in the line of duty. The staff memorials are displayed at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield and at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre. (2) Governor Dennis Daugaard speaks at the South Dakota Law Enforcement Memorial Service honoring those who died in the line of duty in the last year. (3)(4) Major Tom Linneweber and Major Steve Baker lay flowers in memory of Ron Johnson during the memorial service.

BELOW (Left to Right):

(Below Left) DOC staff members attended a ceremony at the South Dakota Law Enforcement Memorial on May 18. (Below Right) Ronald Johnson's name is forever etched on the Law Enforcement Memorial near Capitol Lake in Pierre.

Ron's name will also be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this year during National Police Week activities in Washington, D.C., in May 2012.



RONALD E. JOHNSON

1948 - 2011

FISCAL YEAR 2011 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Following the murder of SCO Ron "RJ" Johnson during a failed escape attempt by two inmates on April 12, 2011, the Department of Corrections (DOC) conducted a critical review of Penitentiary procedures, as is standard operating procedure. Gov. Dennis Daugaard directed that the review be incorporated into a more-detailed, public report. The report outlines policy and procedural modifications that have been adopted by the DOC since the incident, including:

- The addition of three correctional officers to staff posts while inmates are working in the prison industry shops;
- Installation of another 90-110 video cameras throughout the Penitentiary;
- The purchase of additional body alarms for correctional staff;
- Restrictions on foot traffic in certain areas of the Penitentiary grounds; and
- A review of inmate work assignments

The Governor also directed DOC to request technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for an independent evaluation of the department's response to the incident and the state's prison policies, procedures and training. The reports can be found on the DOC website at <http://doc.sd.gov/>.

Due to flooding along the Missouri River, DOC staff members and inmates were deployed to assist with filling sandbags in Pierre, Fort Pierre, Yankton, Dakota Dunes, Chamberlain and Oacoma during state Fiscal Year 2011.

In combination with spring flooding prevention efforts near Lake Poinsett, Dell Rapid and Renner, DOC crews filled more than 1 million sandbags during 2011.



Above: Al Lick, far right, presented a PbS Decade of Excellence Award to (left to right) Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Services, Tonya Wright-Cook, STAR PbS Coordinator, and Jeff Haiar, STAR Academy Superintendent.

South Dakota's juvenile corrections programs established a new national standard for compliance with a project that measures conditions and treatment services provided to incarcerated youths.

All three of the reporting programs for the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer have attained Level 4 status, the highest level possible, with the Performance-based Standards (PbS) project. South Dakota is the first state to have all of its facilities reach Level 4 status.

The PbS system was developed by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA) to improve conditions of confinement, services and overall operations of juvenile facilities and programs and to provide technical assistance and tools that promote public safety, offender accountability and rehabilitation that prevents future crime. Data is collected twice per year to measure safety, security, order, medical and mental health services, legal rights, programming and reintegration planning.

For the first time since South Dakota regained compliance with a federal law regarding where juvenile offenders can be housed while awaiting court action, the state reported no violations of the federal act. In Calendar Year 2010, there were no reported violations of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Action Act (JJDPAA) in regard to the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, removal from jail and separation from adult offenders.

The Juvenile Division launched their portion of the new Comprehensive Offender Management System (COMS) on June 27th. The program was designed by SYSCON Justice Systems and modified to fit DOC requirements.

FISCAL YEAR 2011 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The number of both adult and juvenile offenders in the state corrections system dropped during state fiscal year 2011. On June 30th, the number of state prison inmates totaled 3,445, a decrease of 21 inmates from one year earlier. The Average Daily Count (ADC) of adult inmates also dropped from 3,450 in FY 2010 to 3,434 in FY 2011. The ADC of adult male inmates decreased by 1 percent for FY 2011 from FY 2010, while the ADC for females was up 4 percent over the same time period. The department's overall ADC decreased by half of a percentage point in FY 2011. While the number of admissions due to parole violation decreased from FY 2010 to FY 2011, the number of admissions to prison due to a new conviction and the average time served prior to release from prison increased. The total in-state parole population at the end of state Fiscal Year 2011 was 2,477, up from 2,392 a year earlier. The total number on the parole caseload also was up, from 2,787 in June 2010 to 2,884 in June 2011. The ADC for parole was 2,803 in FY 2010. One year later, it had increased to 2,851.



The number of juveniles that were in the custody and care of the DOC on June 30th was 729, down 82 from the same time one year earlier. That includes a drop of 14 juveniles in programs at STAR Academy, 26 fewer youth in other placement and a decrease of 42 youth on aftercare. The ADC of juvenile offenders in the state system for FY 2011 was 790, a decrease of 40 from FY 2010.

Due to declining numbers and the need for budget reductions, the Admissions Unit for males at STAR Academy was closed during FY 2011.

Recidivism rates for both adult and juvenile offenders declined during FY 2011.

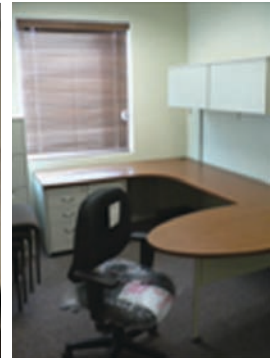
The percentage of all adult inmates that released from prison during 2009 and then returned to prison within 12 months was 28.7 percent. That's down from 31.2 percent for all released during 2008.

The percentage of juvenile offenders that were released to aftercare during 2009 and came back into the juvenile corrections system or were charged in the adult system dropped to 29.2 percent, compared to 40.5 percent in 2008.

Work progressed on renovating the former American Concrete Equipment building in Rapid City into a minimum security prison.

Phase one of the construction included renovating existing office space for Parole Services. Work on that portion of the building was completed and Parole Services moved in on March 1, 2011.

The inmate housing area in the Black Hills Correctional Transition Center is expected to be ready for occupancy in the spring of 2012.

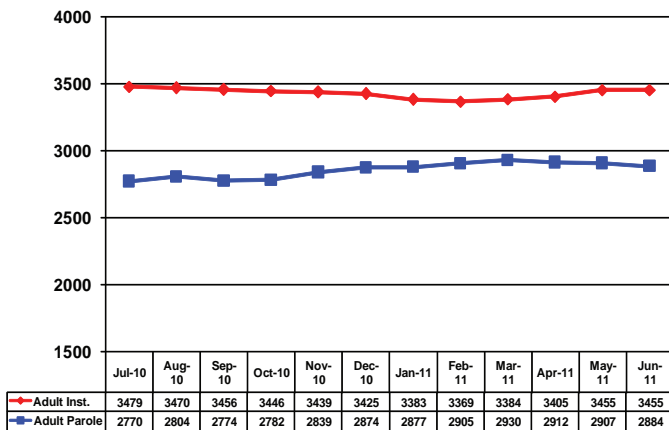


The South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles was selected as a Learning Site by the National Parole Resource Center (NPRC). The Board will receive technical assistance from NPRC on release and revocation decision making, as well as Parole Services receiving assistance with post-release supervision. The Learning Site initiative is a targeted and intensive technical assistance effort with a focus on using empirically-based tools to assess the risks and criminogenic needs of offenders and developing evidence-based, policy-driven decision making tools and practices.

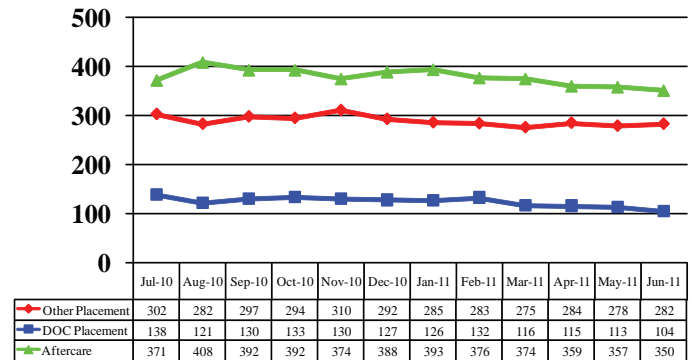
State lawmakers gave their approval to all six of the DOC sponsored proposals during the 2011 Legislative session:

- Senate Bill 37: An Act to revise the appropriation for the construction and renovation of a combined minimum security and parole facility in Rapid City and to declare an emergency.
- House Bill 1017: An Act to authorize the release of offender photographs and physical description for purposes of victim and community notification.
- House Bill 1018: An Act to provide for a partial early final discharge from parole.
- House Bill 1019: An Act to include employees responsible for persons on supervised release and members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles in protections afforded law enforcement and judicial officers.
- House Bill 1020: An Act to repeal certain provisions regarding the disclosure of parole eligibility at sentencing.
- House Bill 1021: An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the inspection of parole files.

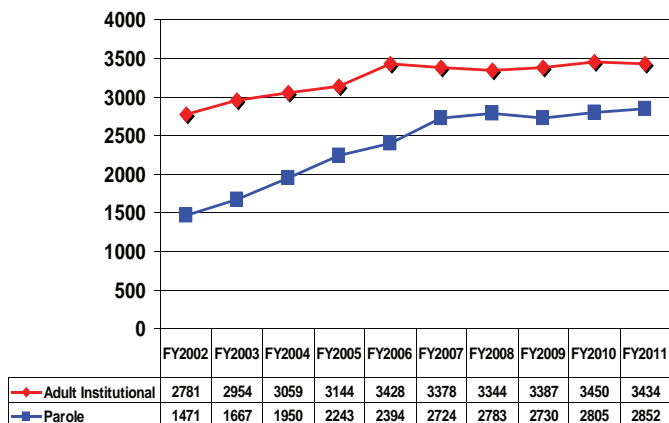
Adult Population Summary



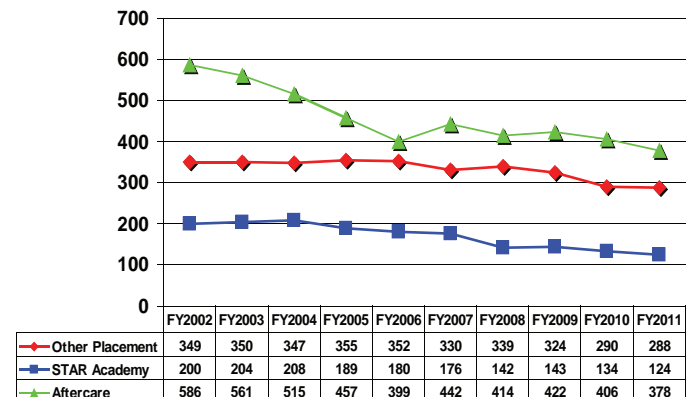
Juvenile Population Summary



Adult Average Daily Count by Fiscal Year

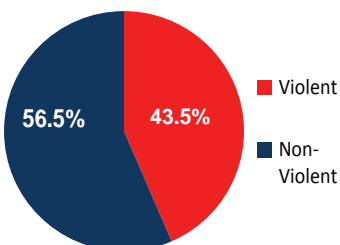


Juvenile Average Daily Population by Fiscal Year



Adult Inmates by Offense

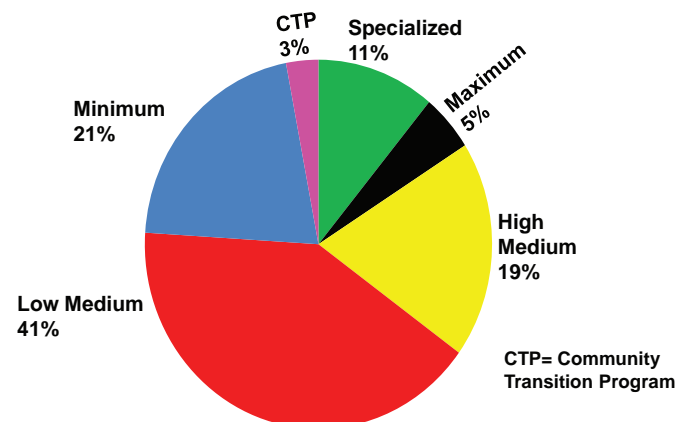
Violent vs. Non-Violent



Top 10 Crimes as of June 30, 2011

Crime	Inmates
DWI (3rd, 4th and 5th)	431
Possession of a Cont. Substance	423
Burglary (I, II, III, IV)	313
Grand Theft	301
Aggravated Assault	258
Rape (I, II, III)	254
Sexual Contact with a Child	199
Robbery (I,II)	141
Murder (I, II)	116
Distribution of a Cont. Substance	114

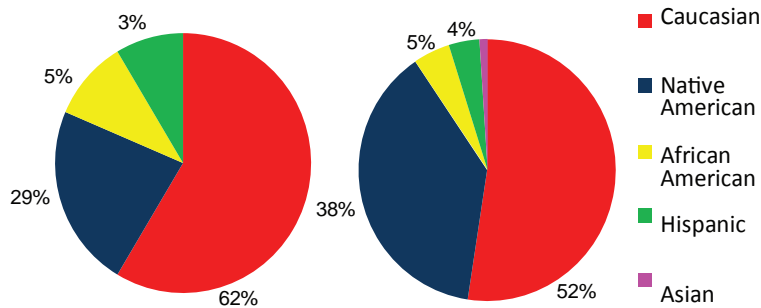
Adult Inmates by Custody Level



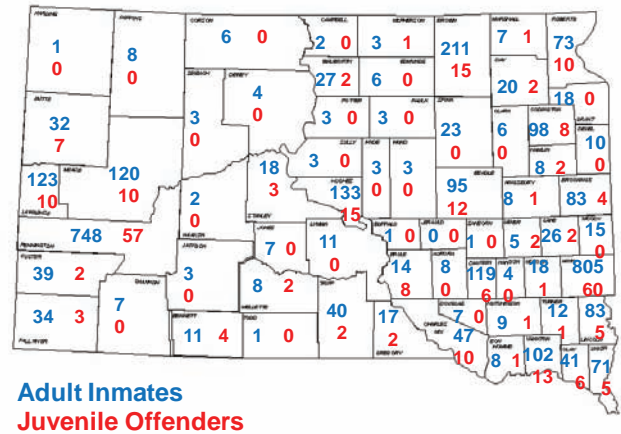
Offenders by Race/Ethnicity

Adult

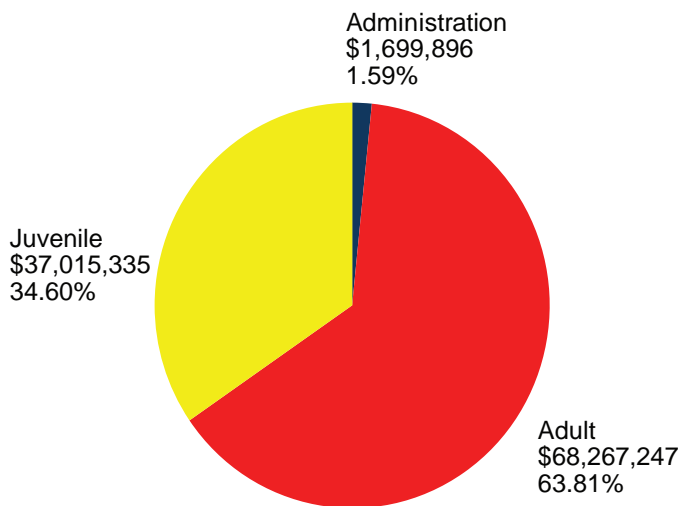
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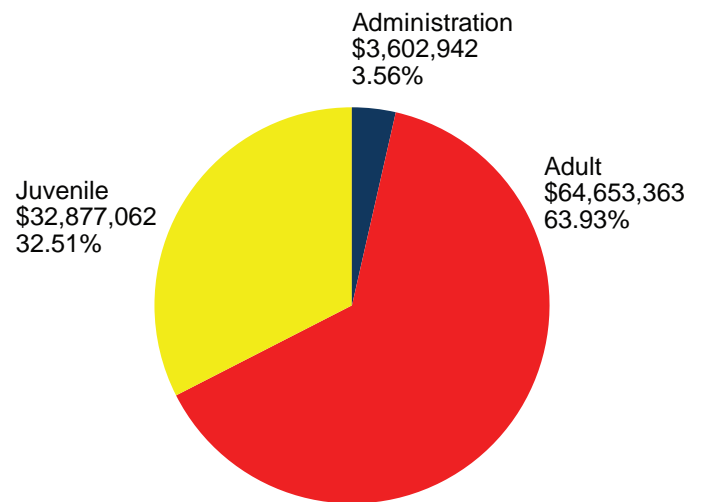
Offenders by County as of June 30, 2011



FY 2011 Budgeted



FY 2011 Expenditures



FY 2011 Per Diem Rates

ADULT FACILITIES	
State Penitentiary	\$60.59
Jameson Annex Unit C	\$15.77
Mike Durfee State Prison	\$42.89
Rapid City Minimum Unit*	\$79.53
Yankton Minimum Unit	\$20.64
Women's Prison	\$76.69
SDWP Unit H	\$30.61
SDWP Unit E	\$22.84
JUVENILE FACILITIES	
Brady Academy	\$233.70
Youth Challenge Center	\$244.20
QUEST/EXCEL	\$234.03

* Includes one-time start-up costs for new unit.

FY 2011 Employees

PROGRAM	EMPLOYEES
Administration	41.5
Mike Durfee State Prison	179.5
State Penitentiary	286.5
Women's Prison	50
Pheasantland Industries	14
Community Service	75.5
Parole	53
Juvenile Community Corrections	48.5
Youth Challenge Center	26
Brady Academy	26
STAR Academy	56.5
QUEST/EXCEL	28
Total	885

The **South Dakota Department of Corrections** is responsible for the management of the state adult prison system, the state adult parole system and the state juvenile corrections system, including juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections and placed in residential out-of-home placement, as well as youth that have completed their correctional placement and are on supervised release known as aftercare.

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A complete listing of Parole Services and Juvenile Community Corrections offices and contact information is available on our website at <http://doc.sd.gov/>.

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