1861  Dakota Territory created

1881  Territorial Legislature appropriates money for territorial penitentiary in Sioux Falls; Administration building and two cell block wings constructed
1882 First inmates arrive from Michigan

1883 Legislature approves funding for several buildings, including the Warden’s Residence and a stone quarry to provide work for inmates
Historic Timeline

1886 Territorial Legislature establishes Training School for juveniles in Plankinton

1887 First building erected on campus of Training School

1888 First youth arrives at Training School
Historic Timeline

1888 Territorial Legislature passes law allowing for parole of prisoners

1889 South Dakota becomes a state; Territorial Penitentiary becomes South Dakota State Penitentiary

1890 Board of Charities and Corrections created to oversee Penitentiary and other state institutions
1905  Twine plant and shirt factory open at Penitentiary

1906  First record of female inmates housed at SDSP

1931  Women’s Cottage completed

1949  Women inmates sent to Colorado, then to Nebraska
Historic Timeline

1961 Five hundred acres near Ellis purchased for prison farm known as West Farm

1966 Legislature authorizes Youth Forestry Camp in Custer State Park

1970 Legislature appropriates funds to build housing unit for female offenders in Yankton
Historic Timeline

1983 Girl’s Work Therapy Program Opens in Redfield; later renamed the Lamont Program

1984 Legislature approves closing USD/Springfield and turning facility into prison

1984 Female inmates moved to Springfield
1988  Voters approve Constitutional Amendment D, putting charitable and penal institutions under executive branch rather than under control of Board of Charities & Corrections

1989  Governor George S. Mickelson signs SB 131, which establishes the Department of Corrections and Department of Human Services
Historic Timeline

1993  Jameson Annex to the Penitentiary Opens

1994  Jameson Annex converted to maximum security following May 1993 Penitentiary riot
Historic Timeline

1996  Legislature approves new parole system, eliminates “good time”

1996  Legislature approves closing SD Developmental Center-Custer and using facility for juvenile programs

1996  Patrick Henry Brady Boot Camp opens near Custer; YFC renamed Living Center; Lamont Program opens in Custer State Park
Historic Timeline

1997  Juvenile Prison opens on Plankinton campus

1997  West Farm ceases farming operation; facility converted to program for juveniles

1997  South Dakota Women’s Prison opens in Pierre as part of the Solem Public Safety Center
Historic Timeline

1999  Springfield facility renamed Mike Durfee State Prison

2001  State Training School closed

2003  Legislature authorizes the construction of trusty unit in Black Hills, an addition to the Jameson Annex and a new inmate housing unit in Springfield
Historic Timeline

2004 Temporary minimum-Security unit opens in Rapid City

2005 Barracks Unit opens in Springfield

2006 Unit D of Jameson Annex opens

2008 Redfield Minimum Unit closes
Historic Timeline

2004  Temporary minimum-Security unit opens in Rapid City

2005  Barracks Unit opens in Springfield

2006  Unit D of Jameson Annex opens

2008  Redfield Minimum Unit closes
Historic Timeline

2012  Permanent Rapid City Minimum Unit and Parole Office dedicated

2013  Governor Daugaard signs Public Safety Improvement Act into law

2013  E.X.C.E.L Program for girls closes
Historic Timeline

2015  Gov. Daugaard signs Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative into law

2015  Minimum-security units renamed as Community Work Centers

2015  STAR Academy programs consolidated to one campus

2016  STAR Academy closes