

Department of Corrections



General Overview

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) is responsible for approximately 35,000 prisoners in prisons and boot camps. Prisoners are separated by gender and security level in the facilities that make up the State corrections system. The MDOC provides room, board, and health care for all prisoners, as well as mental health care, substance abuse treatment, education and work, for offenders placed in its jurisdiction. All adults convicted of felonies for which the statutory maximum is more than one year may be sentenced to the State's prison system. The MDOC also houses youthful offenders convicted as adults.

The MDOC supervises over 50,000 offenders in the community through probation and parole. Offenders sentenced to probation by circuit court judges are supervised by the MDOC, whereas district court probationers are supervised at the county level. Parolees are felons released from prison to community supervision. Any probationer who violates the terms of probation may be sentenced to prison by a judge. Parole violators may be returned to prison or sent to Community Re-entry Centers.

Also, the MDOC maintains statistical information for research and legislative reporting, oversees Michigan State Industries (which sells prisoner-produced goods to government and nonprofit organizations), interacts with local government through the community corrections and county jail reimbursement, and the enforcement of State jail rules.

Major Divisions and Programs

Correctional Facilities. The division is responsible for the operation of all prisons and the Special Alternative Incarceration program, or boot camp and the reception and classification process.

Correctional Facilities Administration. The division is responsible for the administration of prisons including food services, prisoner information, and transportation of prisoners. Also within CFA are Michigan State Industries and prison store operations.

Field Operations Administration. The division is responsible for State probation and parole supervision. It also oversees the Michigan Parole Board.

Departmental Administration and Support. This unit includes Legislative Affairs, risk assessment and quality improvement, and the Office of Public Information and Communications. It also is responsible for fiscal management, and legal affairs, which includes policy and hearings, internal audit, litigation, FOIA requests, and prisoner affairs. This unit also includes Human Resources, which is responsible for training and recruitment, personnel services, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

Offender Success Administration. This division is responsible for planning and local matters. This includes research, educational programs, re-entry, Community Corrections initiatives, substance abuse, county jail services, and prison diversion programs.

Health Care. This division is responsible for the administration of Health Care, direct Prisoner Health Care Services, Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services, and Support and Clinical Complexes.