BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING

September 30, 2026

Valdosta, Georgia

Barry H. Babb
Duke Blackburn
J.C. "Spud" Bowen
Kellie Brownlow
Rodney Bryant
Christopher Clark
Thomas Culpepper
John B. Edwards
Ester Fleming Jr.

Sandra D. Hudson
Stacy Jarrard
Donnie Pope
Rossie Ross
Alton Russell
Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr.
W. D. Strickland
William "Bill" Whaley

Board of Corrections

Board of Education / Joint Board Meeting
Ester Fleming Jr., Chairman

AGENDA
September 30, 2026
Valdosta, Georgia

1.	Call to Order	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
2.	Invocation	**Dr. Kenneth Ellis, Chaplain**
3.	Pledge of Allegiance	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
4.	Recognize Guests & Visitors	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
5.	Approval of September 30, 2026 Agenda	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
6.	Approval of September 3, 2026 Minutes	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
7.	Commissioner's Report	**Commissioner Tyrone Oliver**
	❖ Data Update	**Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director** **Data Management and Research**
	❖ Valdosta State Prison Update	**Mr. Kendric Jackson, Warden** ***Valdosta State Prison***
	❖ Education Update	**Dr. Jennifer B. Irvin, Director** ***Academic Education and Programs***
8.	Chairman's Report	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
9.	Old or New Business	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**
	❖ Approval of Property Resolutions	**Mr. Bryan Wilson, General Counsel** ***Office of Legal Services***

- Arrendale State Prison – Red Barn Demolition
- Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Prison (GDCP)
  Rum Creek Transmission Line Project Easement Request
- Georgia State Prison (GSP) House 127 and House 128 Demolition

10.	Adjourn	**Chairman Ester Fleming Jr.**

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
September 3, 2026
Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. J.C. "Spud" Bowen
Mr. Rodney Bryant
Mr. Chris Clark
Mr. Thomas Culpepper
Mr. Ester Fleming Jr. – Chairman
Ms. Sandra D. Hudson
Sheriff Stacy Jarrard
Sheriff Donnie Pope
Mr. Rossie Ross
Mr. Alton Russell
Mr. Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr.
Mr. W. D. Strickland
Dr. William "Bill" Whaley

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Sheriff Barry H. Babb
Ms. Kellie Brownlow
Ms. Elizabeth Crowder, Attorney General's Office
Mr. John B. Edwards

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:
Mr. Tyrone Oliver, Commissioner
Mr. Matthew Wolfe, Acting Chief of Staff
Ms. Latera M. Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Inmate Services Division
Mr. Louis DeBroux, Assistant Commissioner, Research, Strategic Planning, Government Affairs
Mr. Jackson Defore, Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Admin
Mr. Randy Sauls, Assistant Commissioner of Health Services Division
Ms. Lori Beniot, Deputy Director of Office of Communications
Ms. Deidra Boan, Deputy Director of Engineering & Construction Services
Ms. Komola Edwards, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Kenneth Ellis, Statewide Chaplain
Mr. Benjamin Ford, Facilities Division Director
Mr. Wilson Hall, Director of Office of Professional Development
Mr. Cliff Hogan, Director of Data Management and Research
Ms. Gwendolyn Hogan, Executive Assistant
Dr. Jennifer Irvin, Director, Academic Education and Programs
Ms. Angela Ivestor, Director, Office of Information Technology
Ms. Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison
Ms. Dawn Mock, Office of Information Technology
Mr. James Payne, Deputy Director of Facilities Admin Support
Ms. Janine Robinson, Executive Director of Georgia Correctional Industries

VISITORS:
Johnathan Abercrombie, Citizen
Keisha Dickerson, Citizen
Mara Dodson, The Moss Group
Ronnie Fuller, Citizen
Daraldo Gaither, Citizen
Julio Gallo, Citizen
Jason Hall, CGL
Ken Hyle, The Moss Group
Octavious Holiday, Citizen
Mary Najarian, Guidehouse
Barbara Tahsler, Citizen
Ms. Rachel Travis, Guidehouse

First, Chairman Ester Fleming Jr. called to order the September 3, 2026, meeting for the Board of Corrections ("the Board") at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi, recorded the minutes.

Chairman Fleming then asked Chaplain Kenneth Ellis to deliver the invocation. Following such, Chairman Fleming led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Fleming welcomed and recognized all guests and visitors and the Board meeting, being duly convened, proceeded with business.

Chairman Fleming presented the September 3, 2026, Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Luis "Lou" M. Solis Jr. made a motion to approve the Agenda, which was seconded by Sheriff Donnie Pope. The Agenda was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming presented the June 3, 2026, Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Thomas Culpepper made a motion to approve the Minutes, which was seconded by Dr. William "Bill" Whaley and Mr. Chris Clark. The Minutes were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming moved into Regular Session to approve a County Warden's appointment.

Chairman Fleming called upon Mr. Duke Blackburn, Chairman of the Board Facilities Committee, to give the Board the Committee's recommendation on Mr. James Payne.

Mr. Blackburn stated that the Committee received the report on Mr. James Payne – Warden of Clayton County Correctional Institution, and the Committee reviewed his report and would like to make a motion to approve Mr. Payne's appointment as the Warden of Clayton County Correctional Facility. Mr. Blackburn made the motion to approve the appointment, which was seconded by Mr. Thomas Culpepper. The motion were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

Chairman Fleming congratulated Mr. Payne and Mr. Payne stood and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Following the vote, Mr. Blackburn stated that he and the Board Facilities Committee Members recommend forgoing the standard extensive background investigation check process for former Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) employees who are being hired for county wardens positions if said employee meets GDC requirements to become a county warden. In addition, the recommendation was that said employee must be hired by the County within 1 year of their GDC retirement, be in good standing with the Georgia Department of Corrections, and their POST (Peace Officer Standards Council) mandate training is up to date and in good standing.

Mr. Duke Blackburn made a motion to approve forgoing this process, which was seconded by Dr. William "Bill" Whaley. Forgoing the standard extensive background investigation check process for former Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) employees who are being hired for county wardens positions, if said employee meets GDC requirements to become a county warden, was voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

To begin the Commissioner's Report, Commissioner Oliver discussed the Commissioner's Dashboard, which is a four-page overview highlighting key areas and significant events within the Agency.

Next, Commissioner Oliver discussed the summer update of highlights that were sent to the Board, the upcoming retirement ceremony celebrating the incredible 38-year career of Deputy Director of Facilities Admin Support, James Payne, and the retirement ceremony of TC Coordinator Shawn Sikes, who had 30 years of service to the Georgia Department of Corrections. The Commissioner talked about the Mod Corr Unit being up and running, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Johnson State prison in July 2026, two properties coming online for an additional 500 TC beds, and other DOC agencies across the country, to include Indiana DOC, coming to visit Georgia regarding our technology, drones, and cellphone operations. Last of all, Commissioner Oliver reminded the board members about the execution that would be held on September 16th, and he gave an update on Mr. Ahmed Holt, Assistant Commissioner of Facilities Division, who has been out on medical leave.

Commissioner Oliver then asked individuals from Guidehouse, The Moss Group, and CGL to present a Guidehouse Update. Mr. Ken Hyle, with The Moss Group introduced the following individuals that were in attendance. Mr. Jason Hall, CGL; Ms. Mara Dodson, Moss Group; Ms. Rachel Travis, Guidehouse; and Ms. Mary Najarian, Guidehouse.

The individuals from Guidehouse, The Moss Group, and CGL spoke as a group one by one and some of the highlights discussed were the foundation and project context, the implementation

support overview, the action planning and technical assistance, recruitment and retention, training support, capital planning overview, capital planning activities and tools, and the next steps.

To begin, there was a brief discussion regarding building the foundation for sustainable system improvement, establish a shared understanding, strengthen the foundation, Phase II implementation support focus areas (strategy 1- action planning and technical assistance, strategy 2 - recruitment and retention enhancement, and strategy 3 - training curriculum development and implementation). Also discussed were action planning impact summaries (what we set out to do, what we achieved, and why it matters). In addition, there were highlights regarding Impact: Action Plan Successes, the Action Plan Dashboard, and Technical Assistance Impact Summary. There was also discussion on Technical Assistance (TA) efforts, recruitment and retention impact summary, strengthening GDC'S recruitment and retention, applicant tracking tool, training support impact summary, training support activities and deliverables such as job task analysis, curriculum, new cadet scenarios, supervisory training, and the FTO Pilot.

The presentation was concluded by discussing the 10-Year Capital Planning Support which is to understand current conditions, establish a planning framework, and support decisions over time. Mr. Hyle discussed GDC's Capital Planning Project Overview, 10-Year Capital planning activities, operational assessment approach, a dashboard overview, and takeaways to include the next steps.

This concluded the Guidehouse report.

Next, Commissioner Oliver asked Ms. Latera M. Davis, Assistant Commissioner Inmate Services Division, to give an Education Update. Ms. Davis introduced Dr. Jennifer Irvin, Director of Academic Education and Programs, to begin the presentation update.

Dr. Irvin began by discussing the Academic Education figures that were in the Board packet and reported the following July results:

- 96 GED credentials were earned
- 20 students completed Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- 12 students completed Literacy Remedial Reading (LRR)
- 179 students were served in high school classes

Dr. Irvin explained that the students completing ABE and LRR are progressing along a pathway toward taking their first GED Ready test. Dr. Irvin also reported that more than 400 students are considered GED Ready, meaning they are positioned to begin testing soon.

Dr. Irvin then presented the proposed high school graduation requirements for Tift Academy of Georgia for the Board's approval. Dr. Irvin explained that the Academy would use the Carnegie-unit requirements established by State Board of Education rule and would follow all applicable state laws, rules, and policies regarding transcripts, special education, and other graduation-related requirements.

Chairman Fleming then asked for a motion to approve the proposed high school graduation requirements for Tift Academy of Georgia. Mr. Rossie Ross made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Rodney Bryant. The proposed high school graduation requirements for Tift Academy of Georgia were voted "approved" by the Board as presented.

The Board approved the proposed high school graduation requirements, allowing the Academy to move forward with verifying and declaring its first graduates. There was also a question about how participation in education affects recidivism rates and Dr. Irvin expressed that while referencing Mr. Cliff Hogan, the Director of Data Management and Research, that we calculate all programs together and that participation in education is part of the approximately 5% reduction in recidivism.

This concluded the report for Dr. Irvin, and this concluded the Commissioner's Report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Under the Chairman's Report, Chairman Fleming gave an update on the 2026 Georgia Prison Warden's Association (GPWA) Scholarship Award Recipient.

Chairman Fleming advised the Board that the 2026 GPWA scholarship recipient was Aubrey Sikes. Ms. Sikes graduated from Tattnall County High School in the top 1% of her class with an impressive cumulative GPA of 4.87 and is a proud member of the National Honor Society. Through dual enrollment and Advanced Placement courses, she earned more than 45 hours of college credit while still in high school, demonstrating exceptional dedication and discipline.

Ms. Sikes has been accepted to Mercer University, where she will pursue a degree in Biology on the Pre-Med track with aspirations of becoming a pediatrician. Lastly, a photo of Ms. Sikes and Board Member Alton Russell, who attended the conference was shown and Chairmen Fleming reannounced the total amount raise for the scholarship being $2,145.00 which surpassed the $2000 goal the Board set.

Next, Chairman Fleming discussed the 2026 Board Calendar. Chairman Fleming stated as it stands right now, the Board is slated to have the September 30th board meeting in Forsyth; however, several board members asked about changing that location to Valdosta so that the Board could visit Valdosta State Prison.

There was no discussion, so Chairman Fleming asked for a motion to change the location of the September 30th board meeting from Forsyth to Valdosta. Mr. W. D. Strickland made a motion to approve the location change, which was seconded by Mr. Alton Russell. The September 30th board meeting location was change and were voted “approved” by the Board as presented.

Under Old or New Business, Chairman Fleming gave an update on the possible details regarding the hotel, facility tour, and possible dinner options for the September 30th board meeting in Valdosta.

To close, Chairman Fleming expressed that the board members would conduct board training following the November 5th board meeting in Forsyth since Board Attorney Elizabeth Crowder was absent from the board meeting.

Chairman Fleming reminded the Board that the next board meeting would be held in Valdosta, Georgia, on Wednesday, September 30th at 2PM at Wiregrass Technical College.

There being no further business, the board meeting was adjourned.

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Ester Fleming Jr., Chairman

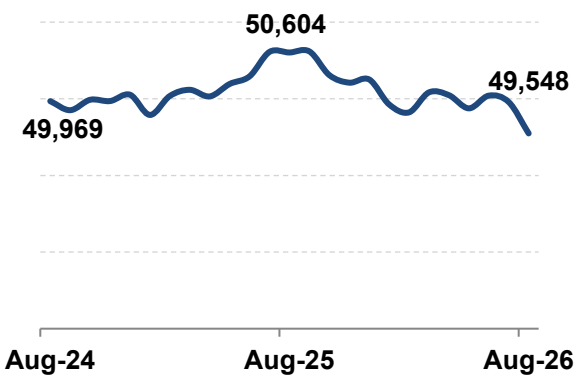
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Chris Clark, Secretary

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Simone Juhmi, Board Liaison

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Agency Overview – October 2026

Month End Inmate Population (In a Bed)



Change since Aug-2025: - 1,056
Aug-2024: - 421

Inmate Offender Population

Facility Type	Month End Population	Physical Utilization
State Prisons	34,677	91.5%
Transitional Centers	2,727	96.9%
County Institutes	3,883	84.4%*
Private Prisons	8,261	98.9%*
GDC Overall*	49,548	92.3%

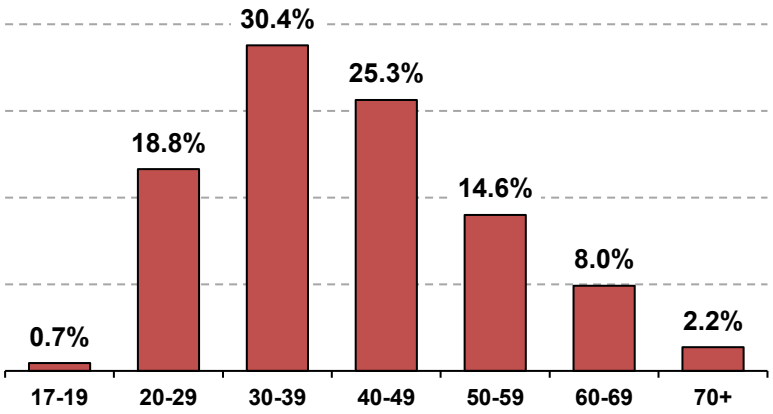
*Based on contract capacity

Admissions and Releases

FY27 (to date)	Count
Releases	2,522
Admissions	2,098
FY26	**Count**
Releases	14,078
Admissions	13,721

FY 2027 Releases*
Average Length of Stay: 4.28 years
Average Length of Sentence: 13.57 years
*New Court Commitments

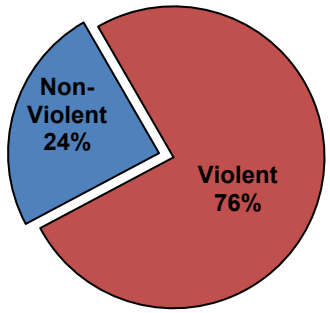
Offender Population Age



Average Offender Age: **41.22 years**

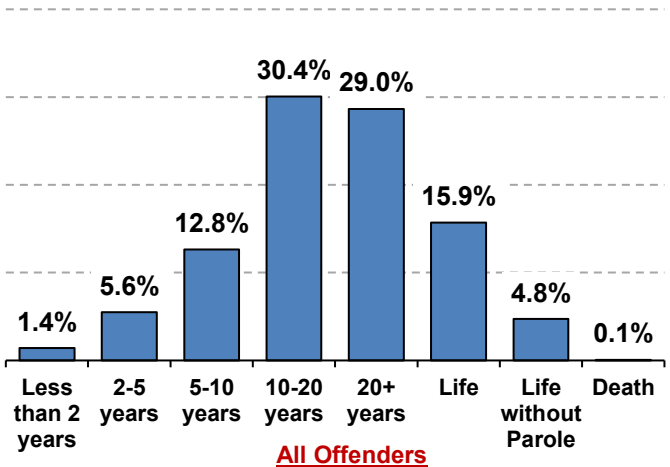
Violent Population

Violent Population has increased over 12% since 2012



15,732 validated Security Threat Group (STG) offenders
32% of all GDC offenders

Sentence Length

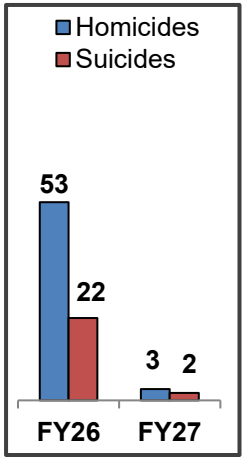


All Offenders
Average Sentence Length: 42.87 years
(Life, LWOP and Death calculated at 45 years)

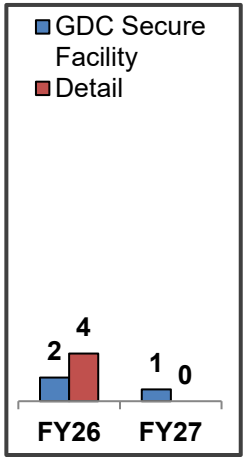
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Safe & Secure Facilities – October 2026

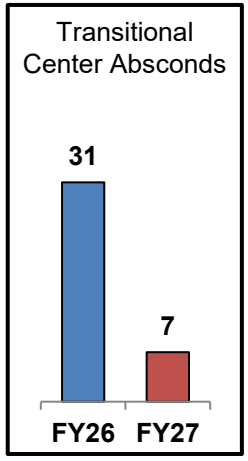
Mortality



Escapes



Absconds



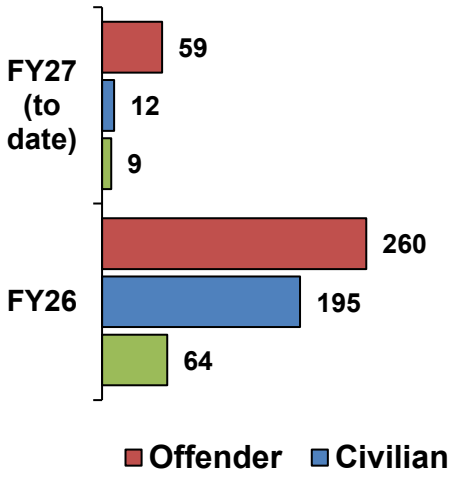
State Prison Contraband

Type	FY27 (to date)	FY26 (total)
Cell Phones	2,603	15,173
Drugs	425	2,133
Weapons	2,909	19,582
Throw Overs	11	164

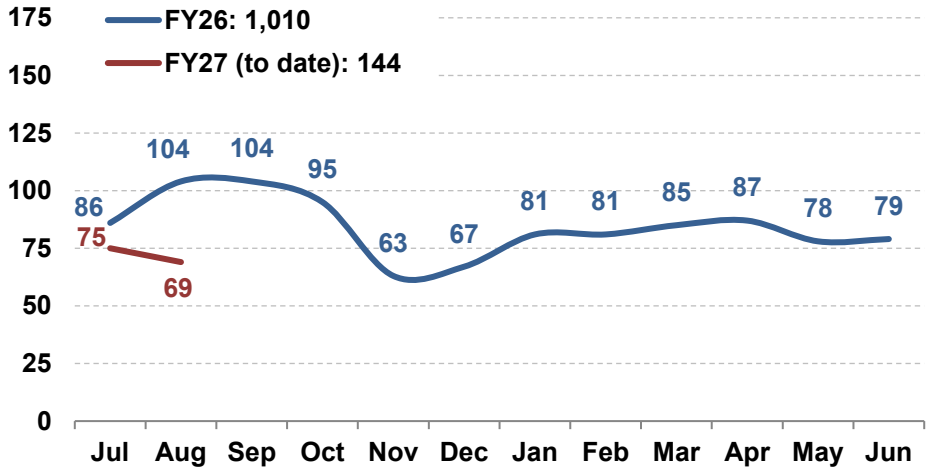
FY27 Drone Incidents: 92
FY26 Drone Incidents: 637

GDC Physical Arrests Made

August 2026 Arrests:
Offender – 18
Civilian – 5
Staff – 6

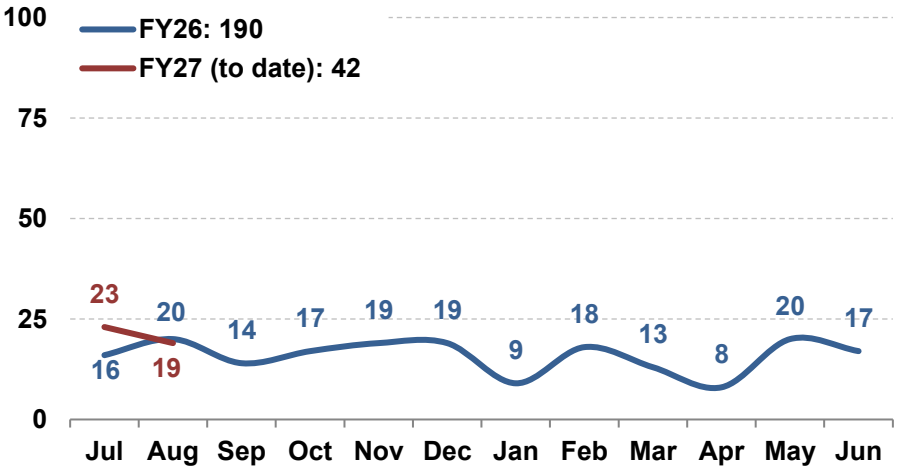


Inmate on Inmate Assaults



FY26 Mth Avg: 84 FY27 Mth Avg: 72

Inmate on Staff Assaults

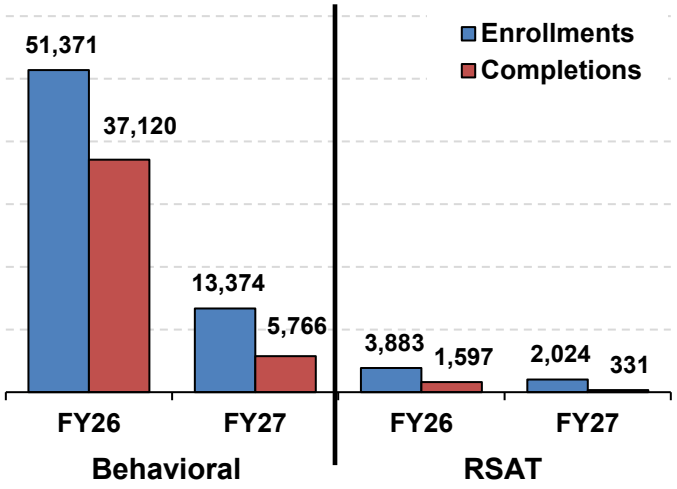


FY26 Mth Avg: 16 FY27 Mth Avg: 21

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Inmate Services – October 2026

Behavioral Program Comparison

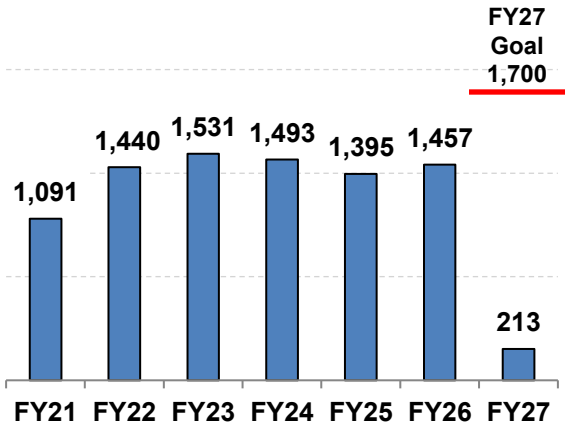


Chaplaincy & Volunteer Services

Service	Attendance
Protestant	10,664
Catholic	703
Jewish	504
Islamic	3,243
Other	1,282
Total	**16,396**

Active Volunteers: 2,234
New Volunteers Trained in FY27: 103
Volunteers renewed for FY27: 269

GED Completions



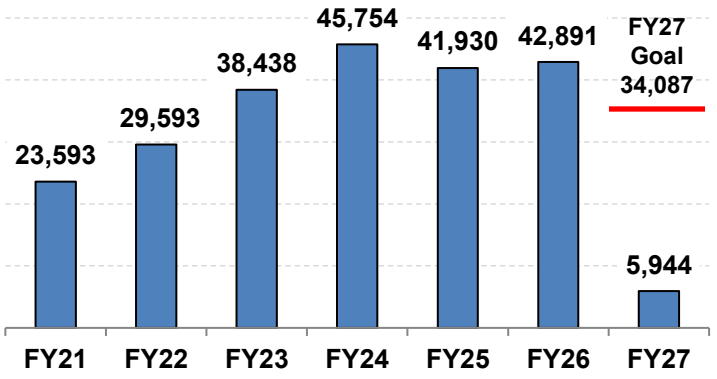
FY27 Charter High School Graduations: 9

Transitional Services

Reentry Documents	Month	FY27 (to date)
Birth Certificates scanned	533	1,191
Licenses/IDs received from Dept. of Drivers Services	515	944
Social Security Cards scanned	373	786
Total Documents processed	**1,421**	**2,921**

	FY26	FY27 (to date)
Reentry Documents Distributed	9,545	1,495

Career, Technical & Higher Education Completions



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DATA UPDATE

Presented by

Mr. Cliff Hogan

Director, Data Management and Research

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Corrections FY26 Review

Georgia Department of Corrections

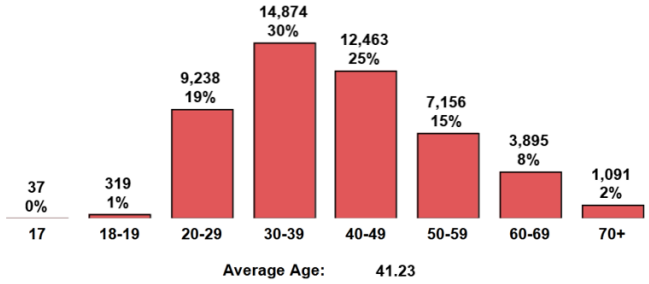
Offenders in a Bed:	49,010
Inmate	49,010

(Multiple values) *Only offenders currently in a bed

Bed Breakdown

	Total Beds	Vacant Beds	Occupancy Rate
Grand Total	**54,474**	**5,401**	**90%**
GENERAL POPULATION	30,538	2,849	91%
GENERAL POPULATION - OPEN DORM	6,851	272	96%
WORK RELEASE - INMATE	2,748	139	95%
ISO/SEG	2,172	401	82%
DIAGNOSTIC	2,005	82	96%
FAITH BASED	1,381	17	99%
MH III	1,340	72	95%
ANNEX	1,182	431	64%
TIER I	1,128	26	98%
TIER II	884	81	91%
RSAT - INMATE	696	18	97%
LONG TERM MAINTENANCE	670	147	78%
MH IV	331	41	88%
ACCOMMODATIVE LIVING	327	34	90%
MED TRANSIENT	300	11	96%
DETAINEE - PROBATION	192	192	0%

Age Groups



Security Level

Close	12,817	26.12%
Medium	29,654	60.43%
Minimum	6,599	13.45%

Mental Health 13,626 27.77%

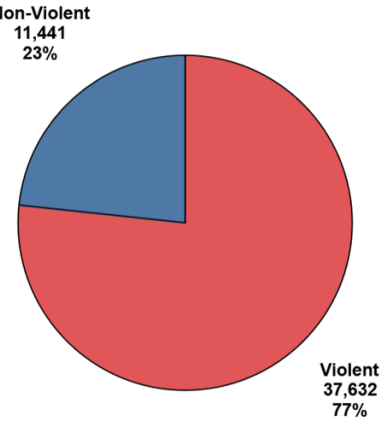
Inmate	Level 2	11,746	23.94%
	Level 3	1,474	3.00%
	Level 4	340	0.69%
	Level 5	66	0.13%

Security Threat Group

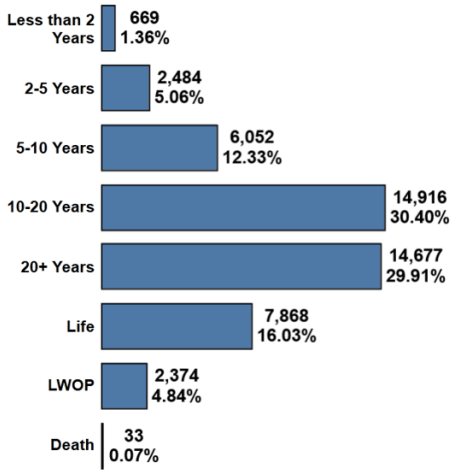
Total	**15,020**	**30.61%**
Inmate	15,020	30.61%

Individual STG Counts

Security Threat Group	Nation	Count	% of Facility STG
GANGSTER DISCIPLES	FOLK	3,481	23.18%
SEX- MONEY- MURDER	BLOOD	1,200	7.99%
93 GANGSTER BLOOD	BLOOD	835	5.56%
BLOODS	BLOOD	794	5.29%
GHOSTFACE GANGSTERS	ARYAN	776	5.17%
STI - SECURITY THREAT INDIVIDUAL	HYBRID	716	4.77%
ROLLING 60	CRIP	591	3.93%
GOOD FELLAS	HYBRID	534	3.56%
PIRU	BLOOD	432	2.88%
NEIGHBORHOOD ROLLING 20S	BLOOD	422	2.81%

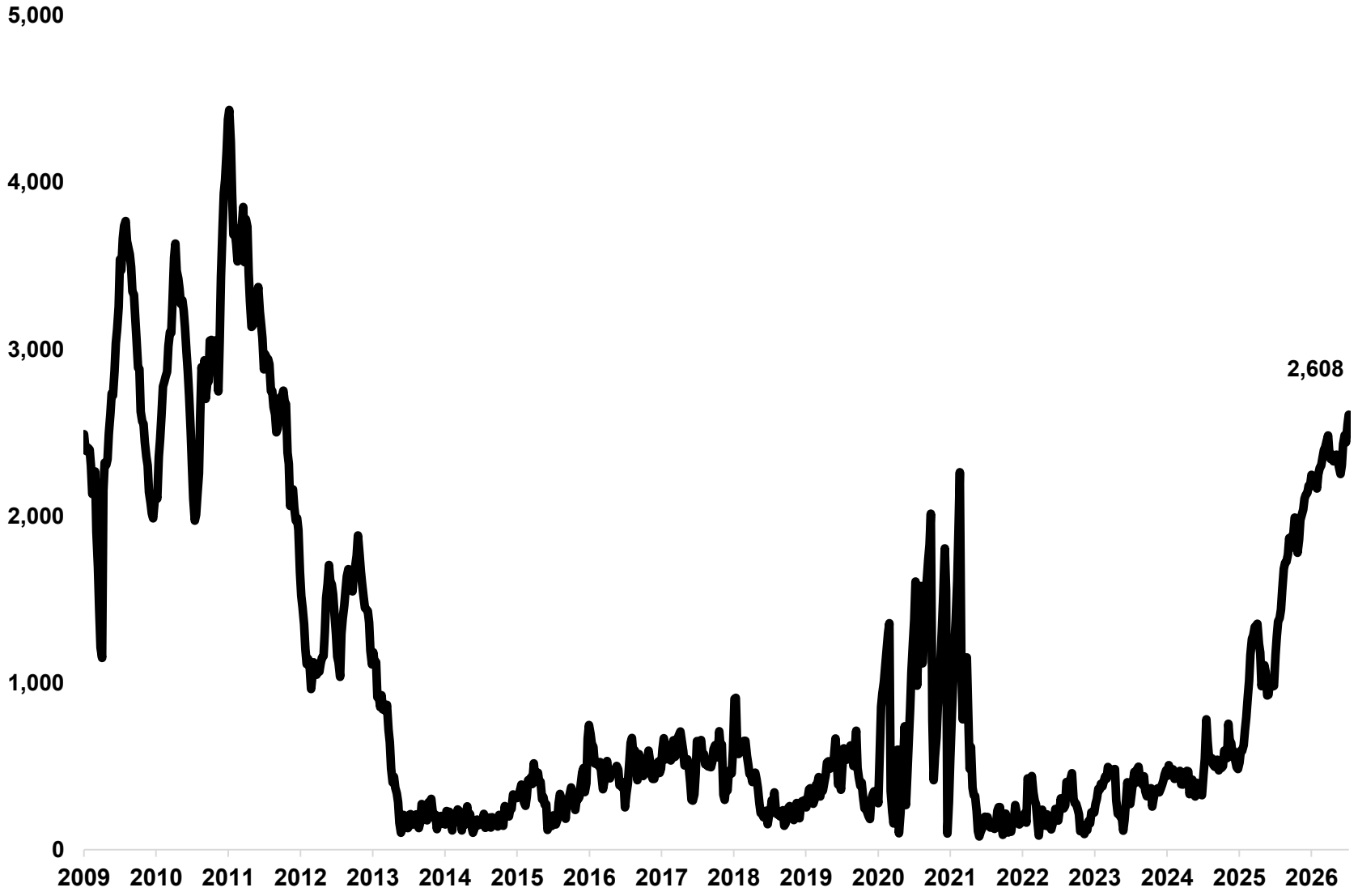


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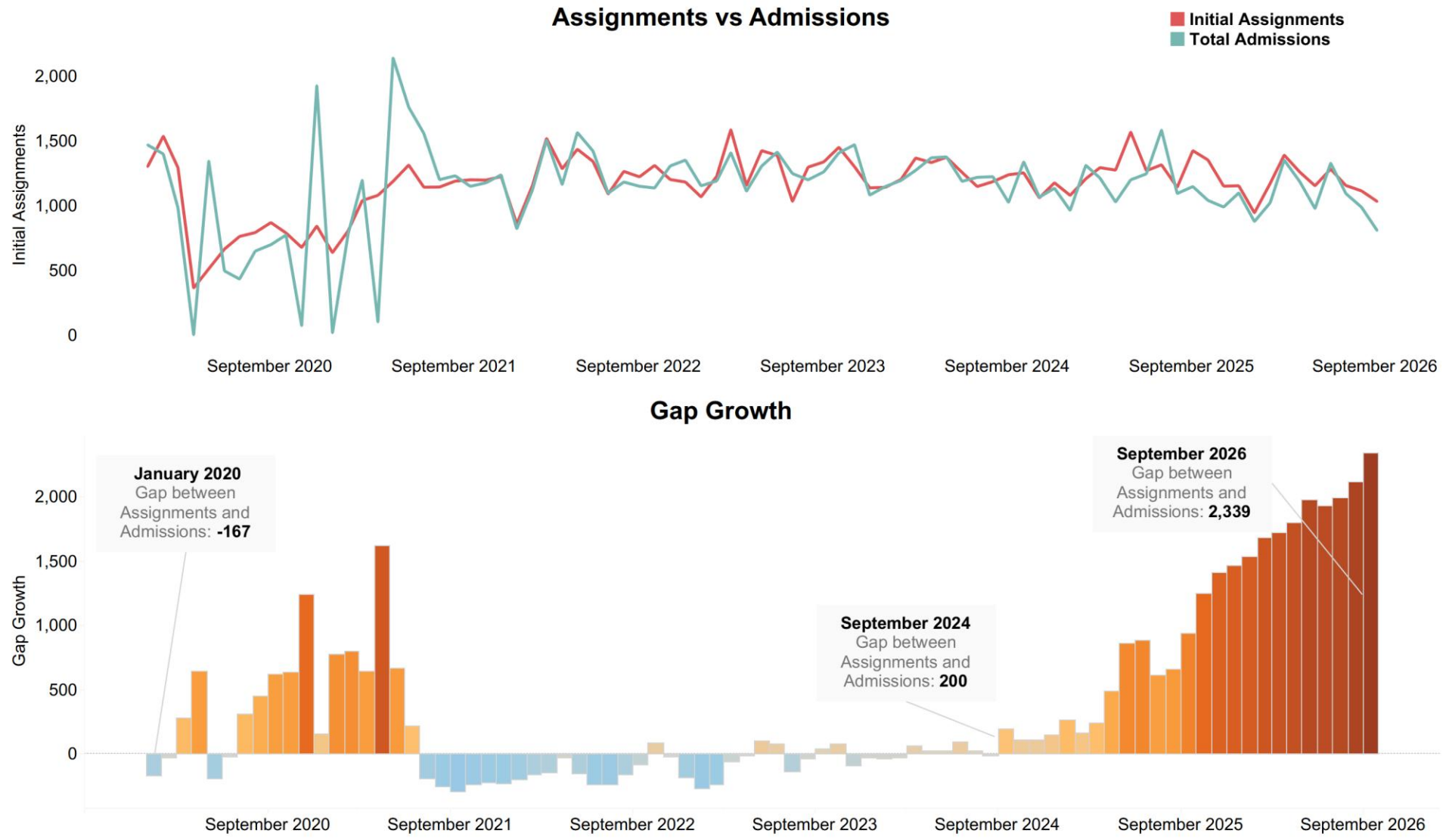


Offenders sentenced under mandatory minimum law (SB441): 15,777 32.15%

Jail Backlog – Awaiting Pickup



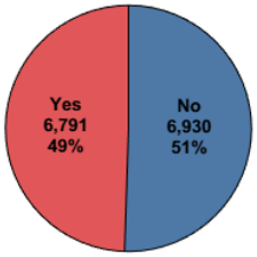
Initial Assignments & Admissions



FY26 GDC Admissions

Total Admissions: 13,721

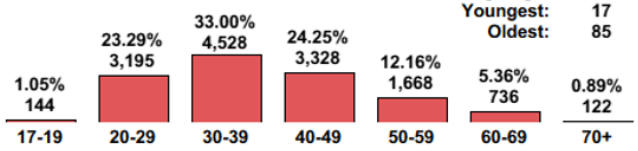
Incarcerated Before?



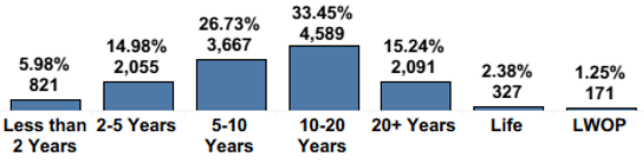
Prior Incarcerations	
Grand Total	6,791
1	2,810
2	1,632
3	962
4	585
5	323
6	212
7	116
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15	1
16	1

Age Group

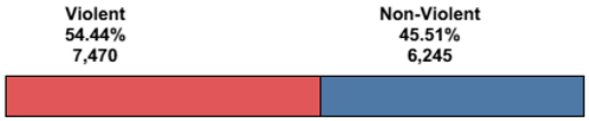
Average Age: 37.78
Youngest: 17
Oldest: 85



Sentence Length



*Offenders sentenced under mandatory minimum law (SB441): **1,072**



Offender Security Level

Close	1,266	11.75%
Medium	6,569	60.97%
Minimum	2,939	27.28%

Mental Health Offenders:	**3,081**	**22.45%**
Level 2 - Receiving Outpatient Treatment	2,825	20.59%
Level 3 - Receiving Inpatient Moderate Treatment	232	1.69%
Level 4 - Receiving Inpatient Intensive Treatment	13	0.09%
Level 5 - Undergoing Crisis Stabilization	11	0.08%

Security Threat Group - Total: **3,253** **23.71%**

Nation	
BLOOD	948
FOLK	626
ARYAN	349
CRIP	298
HYBRID	216
SURENO	55
PEOPLE	14
BLACK	5
NORTENO	10
HISPANIC	2

Highest Education Level Reported	
Not Reported	5,700
Less than HS Education	3,291
High School/GED	3,949
Collegiate Work/Degrees	781
Grand Total	13,721

Major Offense

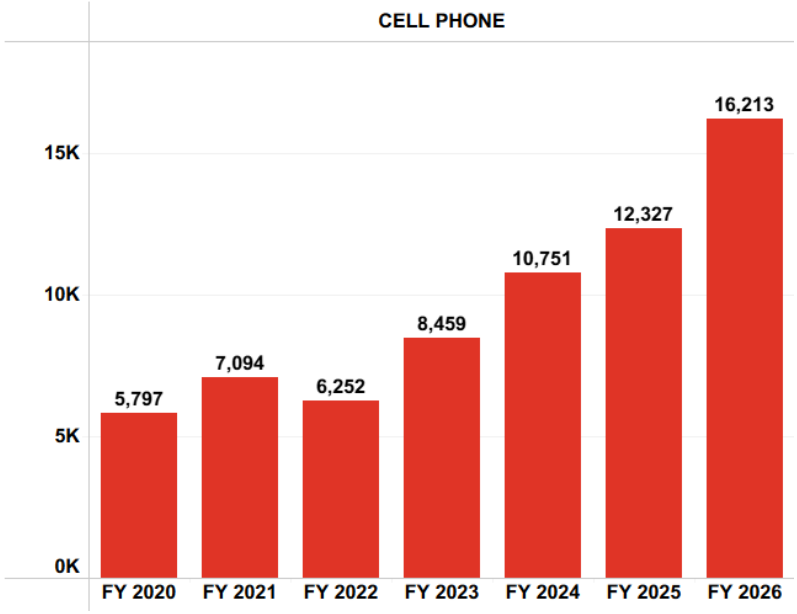
AGGRAV ASSAULT	1,907
POSS FIREARM CONVCT ..	517
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BURG 1ST AFT 6/30/12	469
CHILD MOLESTATION	375
MURDER	363
AGGRAV BATTERY	319
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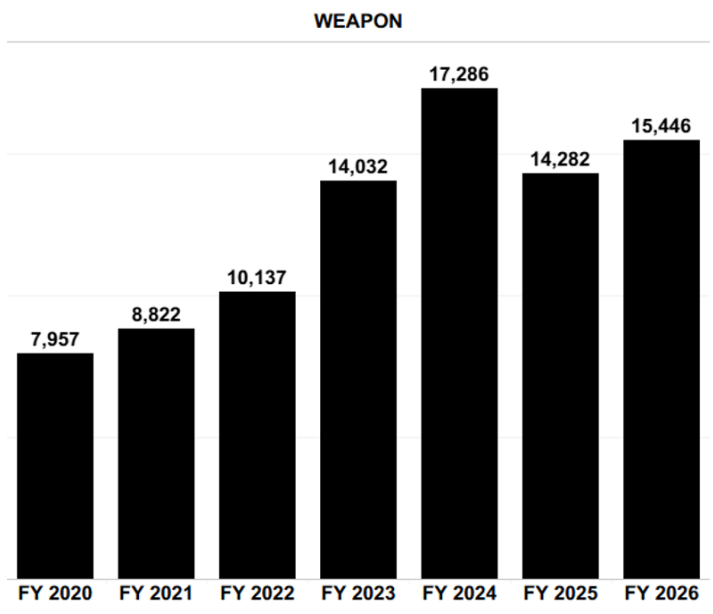
Race/Sex

	FEMALE	MALE	Grand Total
ASIAN	2	31	33
BLACK	471	5,749	6,220
HISPANIC	15	603	618
NATIVE AM..	2	6	8
NATIVE HA..		1	1
OTHER	1	10	11
UNKNOWN		1	1
WHITE	740	3,142	3,882
Grand Total	1,231	9,543	10,774

Contraband Trends

Contraband Counts by Type (from Incident Reports)





Contraband Counts by Type (from Incident Reports)

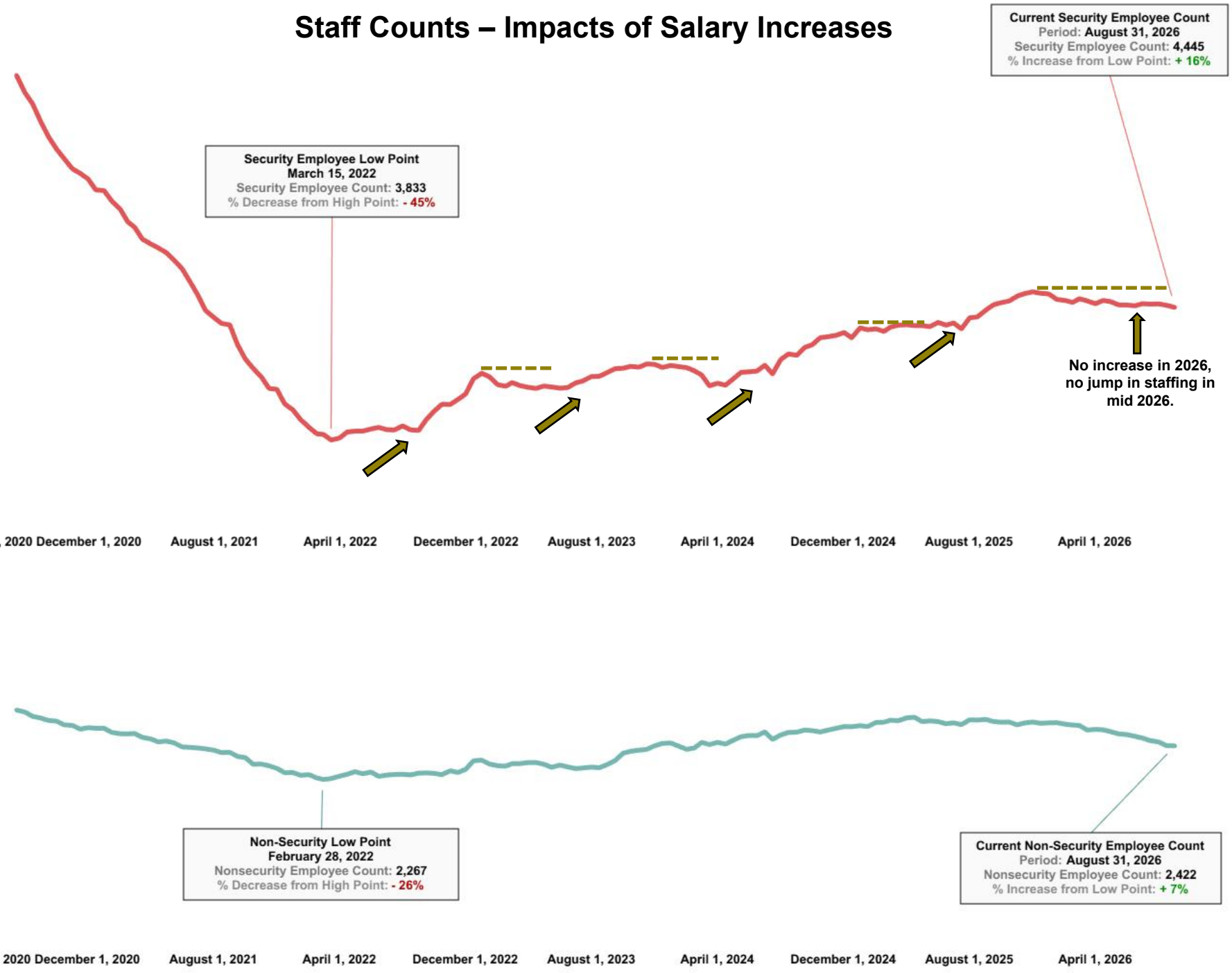
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Grand Total
WEAPON	7,957	8,822	10,137	14,032	17,286	14,282	15,446	87,962
CELL PHONE	5,797	7,094	6,252	8,459	10,751	12,327	16,213	66,893
CELL PHONE CHARGER	2,320	3,224	3,216	5,160	6,964	8,053	10,869	39,806
CELL PHONE ACCESSORIES	897	1,433	1,519	3,316	4,213	5,148	7,340	23,866
SIM/SD CARD	123	141	130	469	364	548	789	2,564
MODEM/HOT SPOT					1	112	146	259
SMART WATCH						43	75	118
USB FLASH DRIVES						31	33	64
Grand Total	17,094	20,714	21,254	31,436	39,579	40,544	50,911	221,532

Employee Trends

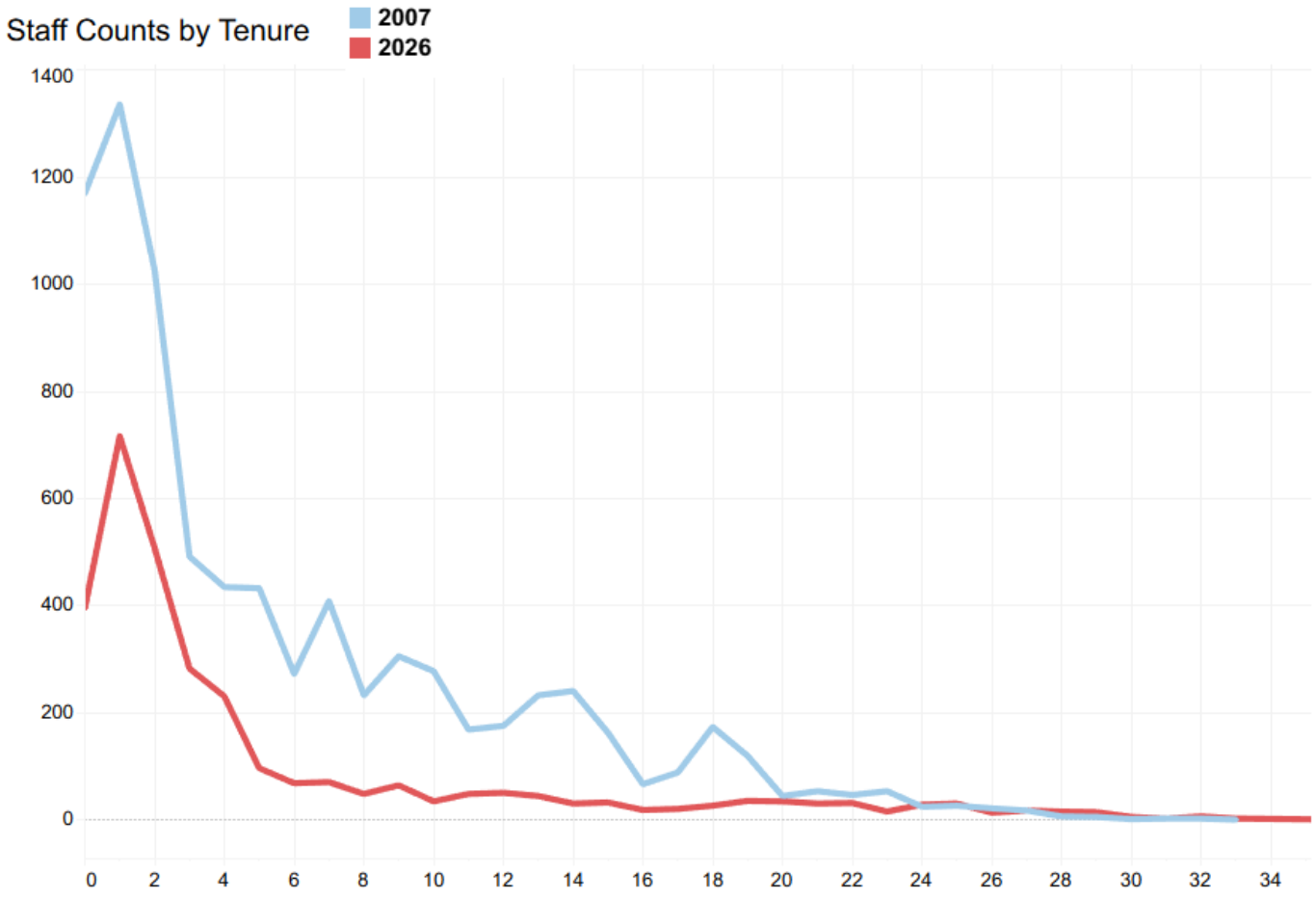
	Correctional Officers	All Security Staff	All Employees
Employee Count	3,063	4,636	6,882
Vacant Position Count	2,498	3,053	4,035

	Correctional Officers	All Security Staff	All Employees
Vacancy Rate	44.92%	39.71%	36.96%
FY27 Turnover Rate (current)	4.53%	3.93%	3.56%
FY27 Turnover Rate (projected)	27.15%	23.56%	21.36%
FY26 Turnover Rate	25.87%	20.69%	20.38%
FY25 Turnover Rate	28.00%	21.95%	23.10%
FY24 Turnover Rate	30.69%	23.78%	22.03%
FY23 Turnover Rate	39.93%	30.12%	26.88%
FY22 Turnover Rate	47.82%	39.35%	33.72%
FY21 Turnover Rate	56.71%	50.49%	37.22%

Staff Counts – Impacts of Salary Increases



Correctional Officers – Counts and Tenure



	2007	2026
Employee Count	8,138	3,091
Avg. Tenure	6	6

Tenure Under/Over 3	2007	2026
3 or Less Years	49.46%	61.60%
Over 3 Years	50.54%	38.40%

	2007	2026
Grand Total	8,138	3,091
0	3,533	1,621
3	1,360	611
6	915	189
9	753	149
12	650	127
15	319	73
18	339	98
21	155	79
24	74	74
27	31	49
30	8	16
33	1	3
36		2

Questions?

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VALDOSTA STATE PRISON UPDATE

Presented by

Mr. Kendric Jackson

Warden, Valdosta State Prison


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STATE PRISON
Welcome To Valdosta State Prison
Kendric Jackson, Warden
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WELCOME TO
VALDOSTA STATE PRISON

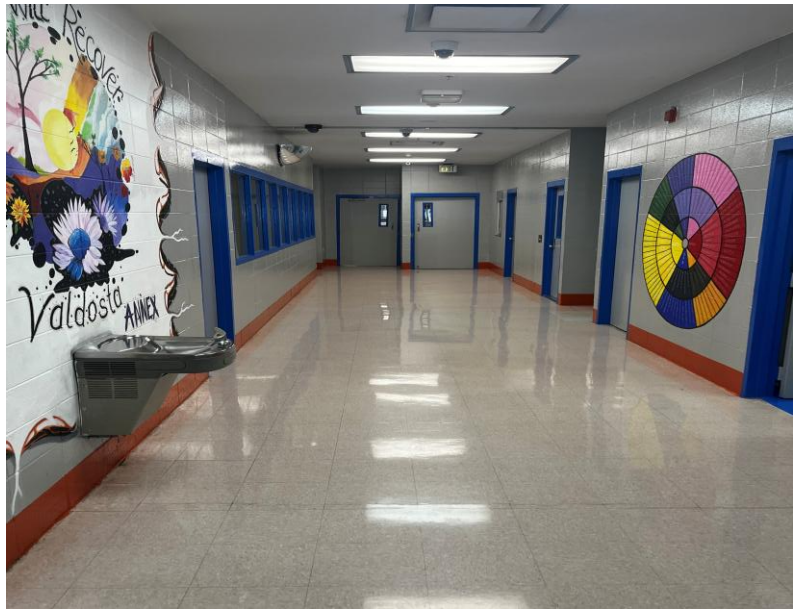
Here we strive to always exceed excellence in our committment to providing a safe and secure environment for all. Our focus is on rehabilitation, personal growth, and promoting respect for one another. Thank you for your commitment to making this facility a place of change and growth.



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VALDOSTA STATE PRISON HISTORY

Valdosta State Prison was originally opened in 1958 (as the Lowndes Correctional Unit) and reconstructed in 1988. Valdosta SP opened in 1989 as a Close Security institution that houses Minimum, Medium, and Close security adult male offenders. Our total Physical Capacity bed space is 1,338. We have a total of twelve (12) housing units between Valdosta SP and Valdosta Annex. Four of those units are used for the Tier Program and Mental Health unit. Valdosta SP Annex is also the site of its RSAT program. Valdosta State Prison offers a variety of services for our Offenders which includes Religious Services, GED Programs, Re-entry classes, Recreations, Library, K-9 Program (PAWS for Change), GCI plant, and OJT programs.









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Mission: To protect Georgians by operating secure facilities and providing opportunities for offender rehabilitation.

Values: Achieving excellence through Employee Development, Innovation, and Collaboration.

Core Values: Integrity, Accountability, and Dedication

Top 5 Priorities

- Recruitment and Retention
- Safe and Secure Facilities
- Employee Development and Wellness
- Innovation
- ACA Accreditation

OUR CULTURAL BELIEFS



BETTER TOGETHER

I BUILD TRUST BY WORKING WITH OTHERS TO ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS.



CHANGE AGENT

I PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE NEW WAYS OF THINKING AND OPERATING.



TAKE OWNERSHIP

I ANTICIPATE, COMMUNICATE, PLAN AND ACT.

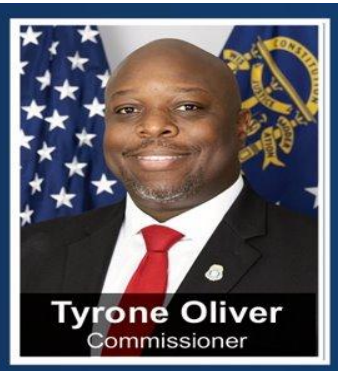
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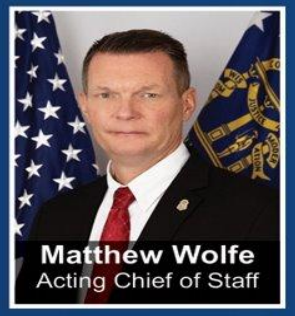
Basics and Beyond



The **BASICS** are the **CORE** competencies of the corrections business. We must accomplish the **BASICS** to construct the **B.A.S.E.** in our facilities. Following these principles is the key to Facilities Operations in protecting the citizens of the state of Georgia, our staff, and our inmates.

BUILDING **A**CCOUNTABLE **S**ECURE **E**NVIRONMENTS





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Effective Date: August 1, 2026



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Heather Davis
Deputy Warden of
Care & Treatment



Len Gibson
Deputy Warden of
Administration

118 Years combined service

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VALDOSTA STATE PRISON
AT A GLANCE



- Reconstructed: 1988 ~ Reopened: 1989
- Physical Capacity: 1338
- Operational Capacity: 953
- Security Level: Close
- Acute Care Unit (12 beds)
- Crisis Stabilization Unit (4 beds)
- Infirmary (6 beds)
- RSAT Program
- Tier II Program

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Facility Challenge

- Recruitment and Retention
- Aging Infrastructure
  - Critical Equipment
    - Boilers – 8
    - Chillers – 2
    - Generators – 4
- Lock and Control
- 90% Violent offender Population
- 47% Mental Health
  - Level 2 - 36%
  - Level 3 – 10%
  - Level 5 – 1%
- Contraband Introduction via Drone

(Facility averages 4 to 5 drones detected weekly)



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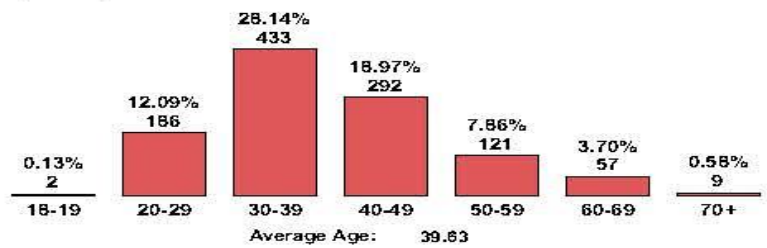
VALDOSTA STATE PRISON
OFFENDER POPULATION

Offenders in a Bed:	1,100
Inmate	983
Parolee	17
Probationer	100

Bed Breakdown

	Total Beds	Vacant Beds	Occupancy Rate
Grand Total	**1,338**	**238**	**82%**
GENERAL POPULATION	498	3	99%
ANNEX	256	146	43%
RSAT - PAROLEE	150	34	77%
TIER II	129	51	60%
TIER I	100	2	98%
MH III	71	0	100%
FAITH BASED	48	0	100%
ADMIN/SEG - MH III	48	2	96%
TIER I - PC	13	0	100%
ACUTE CARE UNIT - MH	12	0	100%
HOSPITAL INFIRMARY	6	0	100%
CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT	4	0	100%
MH OBSERVATION	2	0	100%
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY - HIGH PROFILE	1	0	100%

Age Groups



VALDOSTA STATE PRISON

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Security Level

Close	811	73.73%
Medium	158	14.36%
Minimum	14	1.27%
Parolee	17	1.55%
Probationer	100	9.09%

Mental Health 519 47.18%

		Count	% of Facility
Inmate	Level 2	357	36.32%
	Level 3	100	10.17%
	Level 5	6	0.61%
Parolee	Level 2	11	64.71%
Probationer	Level 2	45	45.00%

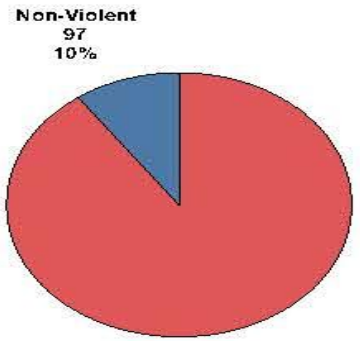
Security Threat Group

Total	**678**	**61.64%**
Inmate	650	66.12%
Parolee	2	11.76%
Probationer	26	26.00%

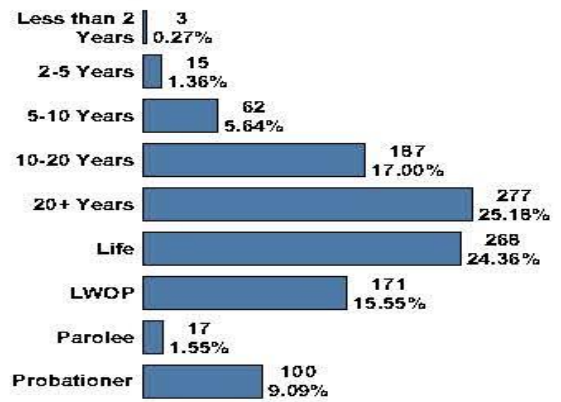
Individual STG Counts

Security Threat Group	Nation	Count	% of Facility ..
GANGSTER DISCIPLES	FOLK	161	23.75%
STI - SECURITY THREAT INDIVIDUAL	HYBRID	53	7.82%
SEX- MONEY- MURDER	BLOOD	45	6.64%
93 GANGSTER BLOOD	BLOOD	44	6.49%
BLOODS	BLOOD	42	6.19%
GOOD FELLAS	HYBRID	33	4.87%
GHOSTFACE GANGSTERS	ARYAN	31	4.57%
PIRU	BLOOD	23	3.39%
NEIGHBORHOOD ROLLING 20S	BLOOD	20	2.95%
G-SHYNE	BLOOD	18	2.66%

All



Sentence Lengths

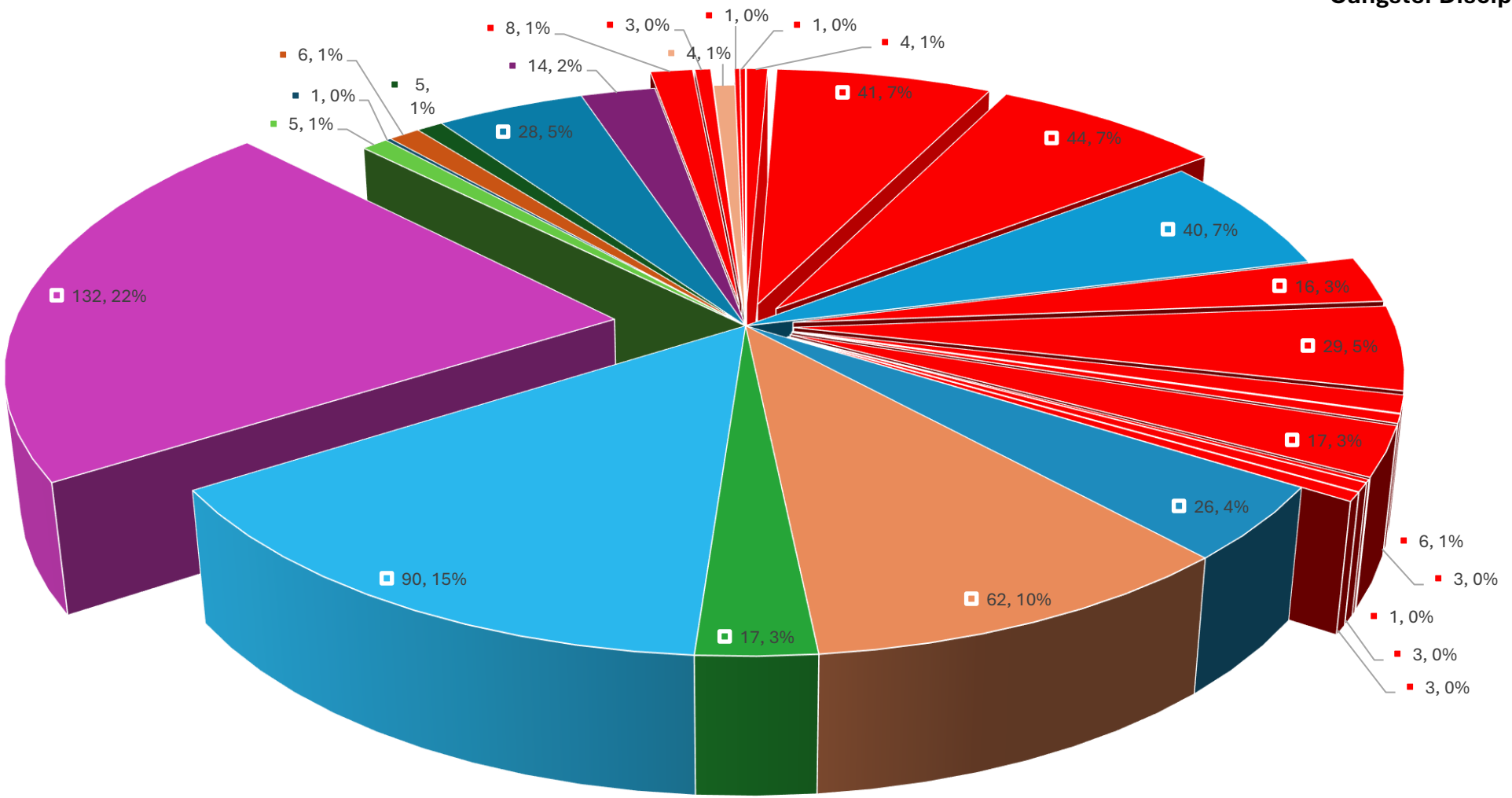


Offenders sentenced under mandatory minimum law (SB441): 574 58.39%

STG Population Stratification
(Accounts for more than 60% of Population)

All Blood Sects - 234 Offenders

Gangster Disciples - 132 Offenders



- Denver Lane Blood
- 93 Gangster Bloods
- Bloods
- Sex Money Murder
- Rolling 20 Bloods
- Piru
- inglewood Bloods
- Imperial South Bloods
- G- Shyne
- Damu Blood
- 64 Brimm
- 183 Gangster Bloods
- Good Fellas
- Crips
- Hispanics
- Hybrids
- Gangster Disciples
- Latin Kings
- Vice Lords
- Aryan extremist
- Black Extremist
- GhostFace
- Aryan Brother Hood
- Bounty Hunter
- Lincoln Park Bloods
- Black Gangster Diciples
- 59 Brim
- East Side gangsta Blood

VALDOSTA STATE PRISON STAFFING ANALYSIS

Current Vacancies: 70% Vacancy Rate



Security

Correctional Officers	- 154
Sergeants	- 18
Lieutenants	- 2
Unit Managers	- 1

Non-Security

Maintenance	- 4
Mechanic	- 1
Counseling	- 10
Librarian	- 2
Recreation Supv	- 1
Admin Assistant	- 1
Supply/ Warehouse Clerk 2	- 3
Instructor	- 6
Help Desk Support	- 1
System Support Tech	- 1

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VALDOSTA STATE PRISON
VACANCY RATE

Correctional Officer Vacancy Rate in May 2026: 69% with 151 vacancies

Hires Since Arrival: 15 Correctional Officers and 4 Correctional Technicians

Projected Recruitment Impact: Lower vacancies to 50% by January 1, 2027

CADET INFO

BCOT	– 5
AT FACILITY	– 6
CORRECTIONAL TECHS	– 5

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aramark

Food Service is contracted through **Aramark**

Current Positions Filled:

Manager: 1

Supervisors: 2

Food Service Staff: 4

Total: 3

Current Positions Vacant:

Asst. Manager: 1

Food Service Staff: 2

Total: 7

Valdosta State Prison has a total of 237 offenders on a Special Diet.

- Allergy-117
- Diabetic 2800 calorie-6
- 3 Meals X 7 days-11
- Vegan- 129

Also provides support to Valdosta Transitional Center for all meals.

- **Delivers 3 meals daily for 164 residents**

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Physical Health Services
Centurion

Current Positions Filled:

- Health Services Administrator – 1
- Director of Nurses – 1
- Medical Director – 1
- RN – 12
- LPN – 13
- Medical Records – 2
- NP/PA – 3
- Dental Assistant – 1
- Dental Hygienist – 1 part-time
- Dentist – 2 part-time

Total: 37



Current Positions Vacant:

- Dental Hygienist – 1

Total: 1

Recent Statistics:

- Outside Appointments – 59
- Emergency Room Visits – 29

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Mental Health Centurion

Current Positions Filled:

- Mental Health Unit Manager – 1
- Mental Health Counselor – 6
- Psychologist – 1
- Psychiatrist – 2
- APRN - 1
- Admin Support - 2

Total: 13



Current Positions Vacant:

- Mental Health Counselor – 7
- Psychologist – 1
- Psychiatrists – 1
- Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – 1
- Admin Support - 1

Total: 11

Mental Health Statistics:

- Mental Health Level II: 475 (36% of population)
- Mental Health Level III: 95 (10% of population)

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Counseling Services

Valdosta State Prison offers programs and groups for the general population and Tier programs.

General Population Programs:

- Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT)
- Thinking for a Change (T4C)
- Motivation for Change (M4C)
- Re-Entry Building Skills
- Family Violence
- Anger Management
- Matrix-ERS
- Matrix- Relapse Prevention
- Sex Offender Psycho-Educational Program (SOPP)
- Career Center
- Faith & Character-Based Program
- Lifer's Group



Tier Programs:

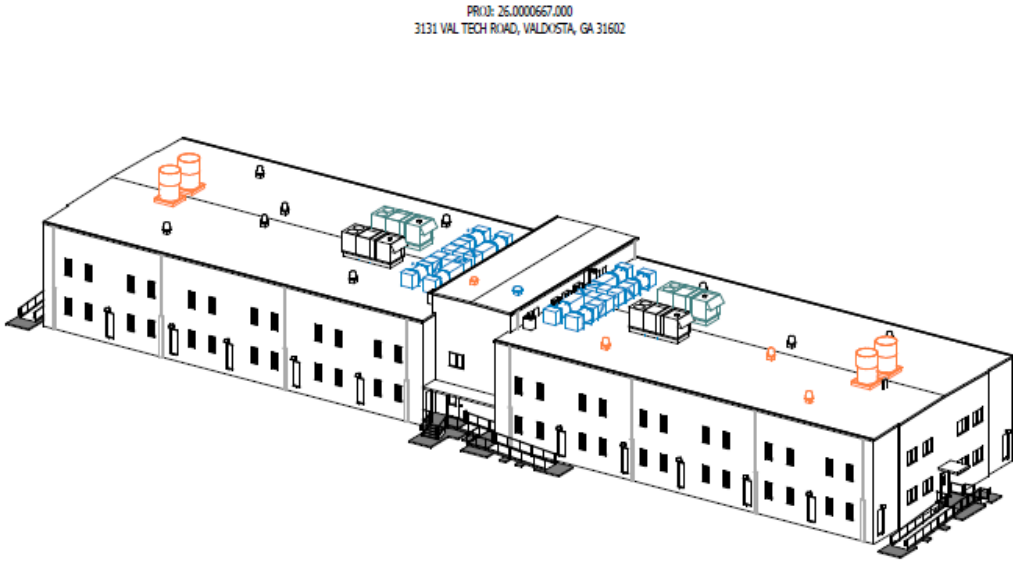
- Phases I – Self Discovery
- Phase II – Choices & Changes
- Phase III – Turning Point

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VALDOSTA SP CURRENT PROJECTS

- Boiler Room Projector
- Fence Upgrade Project
- Hawks Ear (Cell phone signal blocking technology)
- Dorm Repair Project
- Lock and Control Project
- ModCorr addition at Valdosta

  Annex (192 additional beds)







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Updated Security Equipment

- NoteActive Tablets
- Body Worn Cameras
- Axon Taser 10







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CURRENT PROJECTS



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CURRENT PROJECTS




QUESTION
&
ANSWERS

Board of Corrections

EDUCATION UPDATE

Presented by

Dr. Jennifer Irvin

Director, Academic Education & Programs

August 2026

Board of Education Development: Governance

Monitoring whether the Academy has systems, data, and accountability to serve students at a policy and oversight level.

DATA

FY27 Outcomes & Yield

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GED Credentials
(July-Aug)

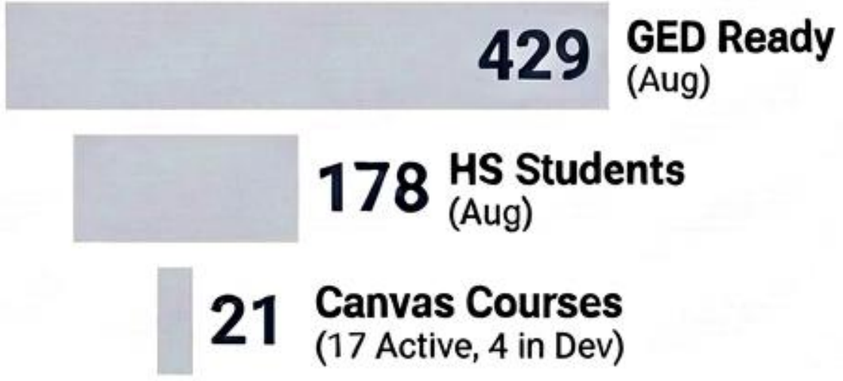
2,088
GED Test Parts
(FY27-Aug)

FY27 Completions YTD	
70	GED Prep
36	ABE
16	LRR
0	HS Grads (Aug)

SYSTEMS

Pipeline & Engagement

54.9% ↑ +10 pts from July
Overall Attendance (Aug)



ACCOUNTABILITY

Implementation Context

237
Canceled Class Days

August saw a +10 point attendance increase and 117 new GED credentials.

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Tift Academy of Georgia

ACADEMIC EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

August 2026 Reporting Period | Board of Corrections Meeting - September 30, 2026

ACADEMIC EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

213 **GED Credentials** FY27 through August	**70** **GED Prep Completions** FY27 through August	**36** **ABE Completions** FY27 through August
16 **LRR Completions** FY27 through August	**2,088** **GED Test Parts** FY27 through August	**178** **High School Students** August enrollment

August highlights

August added 117 GED credentials to the 96 earned in July, bringing the FY27 total to 213. Statewide Academic Education attendance increased to 54.9% in August from 44.9% in July. The high school diploma pathway continued statewide implementation with 178 students enrolled and 17 active GDC-owned Canvas courses, with additional courses in development.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT FOCUS: GOVERNANCE

Governance Structure & Role Clarity - how the Board governs collectively through policy, oversight, monitoring, and accountability while administration manages implementation.

FY27 PERFORMANCE THROUGH AUGUST

Measure	July 2026	August 2026	FY27 Through August
GED credentials earned	96	117	**213**
GED Prep completions	31	39	**70**
ABE completions	20	**16**	**36**
LRR completions	12	4	**16**
GED test parts administered	864	1,224	**2,088**

AUGUST PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator	August 2026	Context
Overall Academic Education attendance	54.9%	Up from 44.9% in July
High school enrollment	178 students	Second month of statewide diploma pathway implementation
Active GDC-owned Canvas courses	17	Four additional courses were in development
GED Math pass rate	50.4%	Up from 45.8% in July
GED Science pass rate	65.5%	Up from 63.8% in July
GED Social Studies pass rate	62.9%	Up from 61.3% in July
GED RLA pass rate	43.7%	Down from 45.7% in July; continued monitoring

Performance context

The August results show continued credential production and increased testing activity while foundational-program completions were mixed. Attendance improved by 10 percentage points even as facility lockdowns, staffing shortages, student movement, and other operational conditions continued to affect educational access.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PATHWAY

Statewide implementation

The Tift Academy of Georgia high school diploma pathway began July 1, 2026. During August, 178 students were enrolled in the program. Instruction continues through the Academy's asynchronous model using GDC-owned Canvas coursework, supported by certified teachers and facility education staff.

Area	August Status	Board-Level Information
Enrollment	178 students	Statewide high school participation continued during the second month of implementation.
Curriculum ownership	17 active Canvas courses	GDC-owned curriculum supports standards alignment, customization, and long-term sustainability.
Course development	4 additional courses in development	9th Grade Literature Support, Biology B, World History B, and other priority coursework were moving through development/review during the reporting cycle.
Offline access	Paper packets available	Paper/offline access is maintained for students affected by tier, segregation, lockdown, transfer, or other barriers to Canvas access.
Instructional support	Remedial/support coursework expanding	Lower-level learners and students needing additional support remain a curriculum priority.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTIONAL QUALITY

- Scope and sequence expectations are in place for GED, ABE, and LRR instruction, with continued monitoring of implementation across facilities.
- Canvas feedback and grading are becoming more consistent, while instructional leadership continues to monitor student progress, course engagement, and timely teacher response.
- Teacher-directed instruction remains the expectation; instructional technology and teaching assistants support instruction rather than replace the teacher.
- Professional learning during August included student engagement and motivation, reading at all levels, and continued implementation of KickUp for documentation and follow-through.

STUDENT ACCESS, OPERATIONS & CONTINUITY

54.9% **Attendance** August statewide	**+10.0** **Points** Attendance increase from July	**237** **Lockdown Days** Reported August impact
108 **Facility Vacancies** Teachers/instructors reported	**5** **Central Office Vacancies** Reported in August operations	**17** **Active HS Courses** GDC-owned Canvas

KEY ACCESS CONDITIONS

- Lockdowns and security-related movement restrictions continued to reduce consistent access to classrooms and student interviews.
- Teacher/instructor vacancies continued to affect coverage and instructional continuity at multiple facilities.
- Student transfers and movement between diagnostic and permanent facilities can delay re-enrollment and continuity of educational services.
- Technology access was generally available, but procurement and payment processing continued to affect some systems, licenses, devices, and support services.
- Academic Education continues to maintain paper/offline instructional options for students who cannot consistently access digital coursework.

Operational priority

Access remains the primary system-level barrier: the Academy can only improve outcomes when students are consistently able to reach instruction, teachers, technology, testing, and required services.

STUDENT SUPPORT & SPECIAL EDUCATION

Student Support

- Student Support continued regional monitoring of attendance, enrollment, interventions, transfers, waiting lists, and barriers to participation.
- August reporting identified incomplete ILPs and inconsistent student information in SCRIBE/trackers as continuing concerns for continuity and accurate monitoring.
- Facility-level concerns requiring follow-up included student access to interviews, students not receiving education services in assigned areas, attendance procedures, and inconsistent facility reporting.

Special Education - August Snapshot

Indicator	August 2026	Status
Active students with IEPs	156	Services monitored statewide
Annual IEP reviews completed	21	No annual reviews reported overdue in the health indicators
Reevaluations completed	10	No reevaluations reported overdue
Nine-week progress reports completed	96	Within established reporting window
Students with service-delivery concerns	3	Follow-up required

SPED governance status

Overall special education compliance was reported as generally on track with targeted follow-up. Current monitoring includes service delivery, a lapsed IEP/corrective action, training documentation, student access, and timely completion of required records.

COMPLIANCE, GOVERNANCE & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Area	August Status	Key Follow-Up
Accreditation	Cognia accreditation received June 2026	Evidence collection and retention processes are now part of the monthly governance cycle.
Corrective actions	6 corrective action plans remained open	Continue monitoring due dates and closure evidence.
Open compliance findings	13 reported	Track unresolved findings and elevate significant concerns as needed.
SOP review	5 SOPs under review	Review and update procedures to reflect the accredited school-system structure.
DOE accountability	Monitoring calendar and readiness activities underway	Continue federal-program, student-record, certification, and cross-functional monitoring readiness.
Governance reporting	Monthly source-report process in use	Validate data across source reports before final executive/Board reporting.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT THEMES

ACCESS

Lockdowns, staffing, movement, scheduling, technology, and facility conditions continue to affect whether students can consistently reach instruction.

DATA INTEGRITY

Completion evidence, SCRIBE entries, trackers, ILPs, and monthly metrics must be complete and internally consistent before outcomes are finalized.

IMPLEMENTATION

Plans and expectations are in place, but consistent facility and staff follow-through remains necessary for statewide results.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

August 2026 fiscal values will be populated from final Budget-provided Academic Education figures. No projected year-end spending is included.

Financial Measure	August 2026
FY27 Academic Education Budget	**$12,840,925.00**
YTD Expenditures through August 31	**$1,468,621.19**
Remaining Balance	**$11,372,303.81**

FISCAL & PROCUREMENT STATUS

- The departmental budget was reported as stable with continued monitoring of state and federal funds.
- Title I-D and IDEA/Title VI-B activity continue to require close monitoring for allowability, procurement timing, and spend-down milestones.
- Workday transition and requisition/PO/payment processing delays continued to affect procurement and vendor timelines during the reporting period.
- Canvas renewal, website procurement, devices, and other instructional technology items remained part of ongoing operational follow-up.

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BOARD DEVELOPMENT FOCUS: GOVERNANCE

Governance Structure & Role Clarity

Purpose: Strengthen the Board's shared understanding of where governance ends and day-to-day management begins, particularly within a correctional school system.

1. Governance and Management Are Different

The Board governs the school system. The Deputy Superintendent and administration manage it. The distinction matters because accountability becomes unclear when the Board begins directing individual employees, programs, or operational decisions.

BOARD GOVERNANCE	ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT
Establishes direction, goals, and expectations	Assigns staff and supervises daily work
Approves policy and major plans	Implements Board-approved policy and plans
Monitors results, risk, and system performance	Selects instructional and operational methods
Holds the Deputy Superintendent accountable for the system	Manages personnel, programs, records, and routine operations

2. The Board Acts as a Body

Individual Board members do not have independent authority to direct employees, change policy, approve expenditures, or commit the school system. Board authority is exercised collectively through properly conducted meetings and recorded action. Individual members should ask questions, request information through established channels, and raise issues for Board consideration.

Governance test: Is the question about policy, outcomes, risk, resources, or accountability? If it requires directing an employee, deciding an individual student matter, or managing a routine operation, it has likely moved into administration.

3. The Board–Deputy Superintendent Relationship

The Board should set expectations, approve major policies and plans, receive reliable information, and monitor whether the school system is achieving its goals. The Deputy Superintendent should provide accurate recommendations, implement Board decisions, manage staff, and alert the Board to material risks. The relationship is best described as trust with verification: informed oversight without taking over administrative work.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE

Using Governance-Level Questions

4. Stay at the Right Level

GOVERNANCE-LEVEL QUESTION	CROSSES INTO MANAGEMENT
Are we meeting our graduation targets?	Give this student credit.
What barriers are affecting student access?	Move this employee to another facility.
How are we monitoring special education compliance?	Why did this teacher receive this assignment?
Does this policy align with state requirements?	Use this vendor.

5. Governance in a Correctional School System

Tift Academy of Georgia operates within the Georgia Department of Corrections. Facility leadership controls security and daily institutional operations; education leadership is responsible for the school system's academic, accreditation, compliance, and instructional functions. The Board should understand these intersecting lines of authority and avoid creating conflicting direction.

6. Apply the Governance Lens to This Month's Report

Student Access: August attendance was 54.9%, while operational reporting documented 237 lockdown days. A governance-level discussion asks what system barriers are affecting access, what patterns are emerging, and how administration is responding — not how a particular facility should move an individual student.

Data Reliability: Monthly governance reporting is being reconciled before final Board reporting. A governance-level discussion asks what validation process is in place so Board information is accurate and traceable — not who should enter a specific record.

Implementation & Accountability: When an intervention or support plan is created, the Board's concern is whether the system has a reliable process for implementation, monitoring, and escalation. The Board monitors whether the process works; administration manages the individual follow-through.

Key takeaway: The Board governs through policy, goals, monitoring, and collective action. The Deputy Superintendent and administration manage people, programs, and daily implementation.

Source basis: October Board Development Module — Governance Structure & Role Clarity; GaDOE SBOE Rule 160-5-1-.36; Georgia governance domains summarized in the GSBA FY26 Board Development Catalog.

Questions?

Board of Corrections

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

3 Property Resolutions

- **Arrendale State Prison – Red Barn Demolition**

- **Georgia Diagnostic & Classification Prison (GDCP) Rum Creek Transmission Line Project Easement Request**

- **Georgia State Prison (GSP) House 127 and House 128 Demolition**

GEORGIA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The State of Georgia owns and holds title to, and the Georgia Department of Corrections is in custody of property in Alto, Habersham County, Georgia, known as the Lee Arrendale State Prison ("the Property") located at 2023 Gainesville Hwy, Alto, Georgia, 30510; and

WHEREAS The Georgia Department of Corrections no longer needs the building referred to as "Red Equipment Barn" (BLLIP ID# 119396, consisting of approximately 1000 square feet). The building is located on the campus of Lee Arrendale State Prison and is reflected on the document attached as "Attachment A"; and

WHEREAS The Red Equipment Barn has been evaluated and deemed to be in a state of severe disrepair. The Department has determined that the barn can be demolished without causing harm to the operation of other structures on Lee Arrendale State Prison property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS, the Commissioner of Corrections concurring herein, that the Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to take all necessary steps including execution of all necessary documents, to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with, the Governor's authorization to demolish said building in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures.

So Ordered on this 30th, day of September, 2026

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Barry H. Babb	Duke Blackburn	J. C. "Spud" Bowen
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Attachment A
Red Barn Demo
BLLIP #119396
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Red Barn
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Alto Village Cir
Wilson Dr
Red Barn
Alto Village Farm Cir
Google Earth
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GEORGIA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The State of Georgia owns and holds title to, and the Georgia Department of Corrections has custody of, property in Butts County, Georgia, known as Georgia Diagnostic and Classification State Prison (GDCP) ("the Property") located at 2978 GA-36, Jackson, Georgia 30233; and

WHEREAS The Georgia Transmission Corporation (GTC) is undertaking a statewide infrastructure expansion to enhance electric power transmission reliability and system flexibility, which includes the construction of the Rum Creek – Tomochichi 500 kV Transmission Line Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS GTC has requested a Revocable Lease Agreement (RLA) followed by a permanent Non-Standard Easement across the Property to facilitate the construction, operation and maintenance of the 500 kV Transmission line; and

WHEREAS The proposed transmission line route across the Property spans approximately 1.10 miles in length with an easement width of 150 feet, encompassing approximately 20 acres; and

WHEREAS The requested easement and project scope area is more particularly described in the attached documentation; and

WHEREAS The Georgia Department of Correction, as custodian of the Property, is willing to grant the request of GTC, for the RLA and permanent Non-Standard Easement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS, with the Commissioner of Corrections concurring herein, that the Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to take all necessary steps including execution of all necessary documents, to affect the granting of the Revocable Lease Agreement and easement request to GTC, for the purpose stated herein**.**

So Ordered on this 30th day of September, 2026

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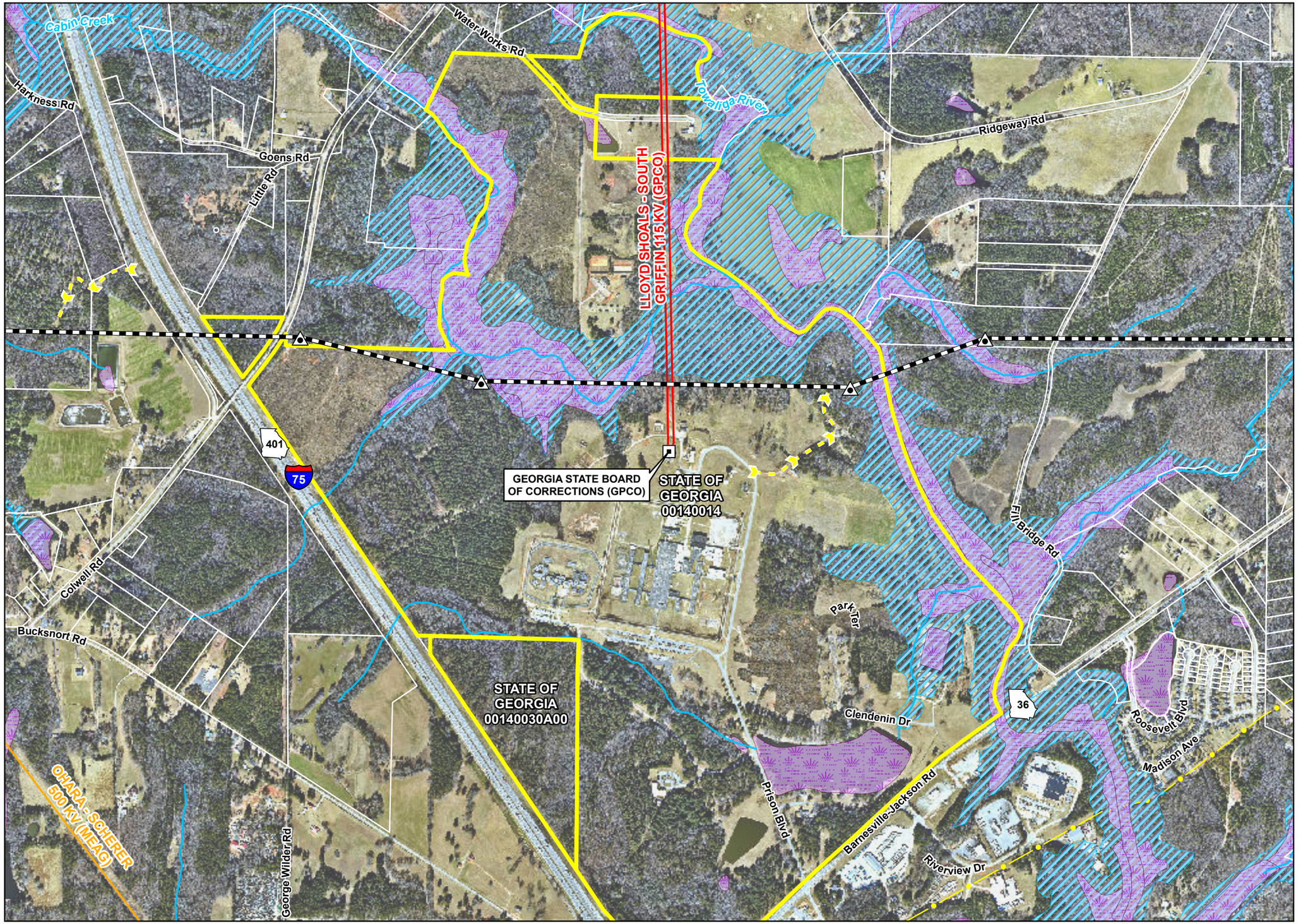
Georgia Transmission

Rum Creek - Tomochichi

Proposed 500 kV Transmission Line

Overview Map

Project #: P79573	County: Butts	Date of Aerial Photography: 3/7/2025	Drawing #:	Plot: J. Kelley	V:\1Map_Projects\Preliminary_Map\Rum_Creek_Tomochichi_Preliminary\	Revision #: 0	Date: 8/13/2026

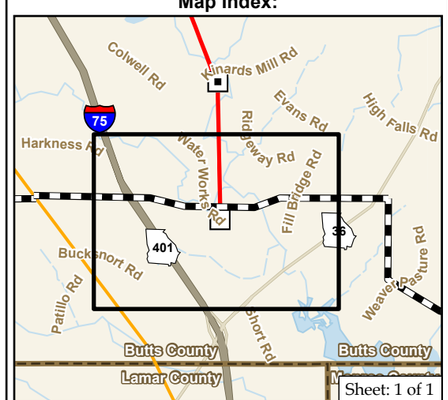


Legend:

- Existing Substations
- Proposed PI
- Proposed Transmission Line
- Proposed Access Path
- Existing 115 kV Transmission Line
- Existing 500 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- Tax Parcels
- 100 year FEMA Floodplain_100yr
- USGS Streams
- National Wetland Inventory
- State of Georgia Property

Coordinate System:
NAD 1983 2011 StatePlane Georgia West FIPS 1002 Ft US

Map Index:



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1" = 1,000' *

When printed on 11" x 17"

Via Email
August 14, 2026

Clark Wong
Land Manager
270 Washington Street, SW
Suite 2-129
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Wong:

Subject: Rum Creek- Tomochichi 500 kV Transmission Line, Project No. P79573
Tax Parcel 00140014, Butts County, Georgia- Land District 7
Property of State of Georgia- Georgia Diagnostic and Classification State Prison

Georgia Transmission Corporation (an Electric Membership Corporation) is a Georgia corporation with its principal office in DeKalb County, Georgia. Georgia Transmission's corporate function is to transmit electricity to its 38 member distribution cooperatives. Therefore, it is essential that we construct transmission lines and substations to accomplish this function.

Georgia Transmission, as a partner in the state's integrated transmission system, continually analyzes the demands and needs of the transmission system. When improvements are needed to support reliability, construction projects are initiated to solve the identified deficiencies. As Georgia continues to see significant levels of load growth, both from traditional organic increases in demand and from large industrial interconnections. This, along with changes in generation resource plans designed to meet long-term demand, targets for renewable resources, and base capacity, have resulted in the need for a significant expansion of the high voltage electric power system in the state. Like other electric utilities across the country, GTC is developing statewide expansion plans that include a considerable amount of new 500 kV facilities to ensure adequate transmission of electric power to demand centers and overall system reliability and flexibility.

I am submitting this request to you on behalf of Georgia Transmission Corporation as a part of its desire to obtain a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) for the purpose of constructing a 500 kV Transmission Line across state owned property. The length of the transmission line across that property will be approximately 1.10 miles. The easement width will be 150 ft wide, bringing the approximate acreage of the easement on the state property to 20 acres and there is also proposed access easement as shown on the map as a dashed yellow line. GTC would need to conduct a survey of the property to get the exact acreage for both. GTC would adhere to any requirements that the prison has for working on the property.

Georgia Transmission Corporation will then require a Non-Standard Easement of 150 feet in width to operate and maintain the transmission lines. The 150 feet will allow GTC to keep trees and vegetation away from the lines. Our standard access easement is 30 feet wide.

We believe our proposal to build the new transmission line demonstrates a minimal change of use to the land and does not restrict the current official use. GTC will provide an as-built survey at our cost following installation under the RLA to obtain a permanent easement. It is also understood that GTC will have to pay the appraised value of the easement acreage as consideration.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 404-915-2781
Sincerely,

Dwaine Wright

Dwaine Wright
Land & Legal Rights Coordinator
Land Services Department

cc: James Farmer, Georgia Transmission Corporation

Enclosure

GEORGIA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The State of Georgia owns and holds title to, and the Georgia Department of Corrections is in custody of property in Reidsville, Tattnall County, Georgia, known as the Georgia State Prison ("the Property") located at 300 1st Avenue South, Reidsville, Georgia, 30453; and

WHEREAS The Georgia Department of Corrections no longer needs the buildings referred to as "House 127" (BLLIP ID#5903, consisting of approximately 1,676 square feet) and "House 128" (BLLIP ID#5564, consisting of approximately 1,676 square feet). Both buildings are located on the campus of Georgia State Prison and are reflected on the document attached as "Attachment A"; and

WHEREAS House 127 and House 128 have been evaluated and deemed to be in a state of severe disrepair. The Department has determined that the houses can be demolished without causing harm to the operation of other structures on Georgia State Prison property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS, the Commissioner of Corrections concurring herein, that the Commissioner of Corrections is authorized to take all necessary steps including execution of all necessary documents, to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with, the Governor's authorization to demolish said building in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures.

So Ordered on this 30th, day of September, 2026

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Georgia State Prison
Attachment A
Legend
Property Line
House 128
House 127
450
178
450
450
Google Earth
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800 ft
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GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

October 2026

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat/Sun
			1 **Johnson SP Job Fair** DOL Dublin @ 10AM **Autry SP Job Fair** Thomasville Goodwill Ctr Sandersville @ 11AM	2 **Washington SP Job Fair** Wrens GA First Friday @ 4PM **Dodge SP Hiring Event** DOL Dublin @ 10AM	3/4 **Valdosta SP Job Fair (3rd)** Honey Bee Festival Hahira @ 10AM
5 **Refueling Your Mind & Body** Forsyth @ 11AM **Self-Care Break** Wilcox SP **Talk About it Tuesday** Rogers SP	6 **Walk & Shine!** McRae WF **Peer Appreciation Wall** Coldwell PDC **Create & Unwind** Forsyth @ 10AM	7 **Tift Academy of GA Graduations** Dodge SP @ 10AM Johnson SP @ 2PM **Reset & Recharge** Gibson Hall & Vinzant - (Forsyth) @ 8:15AM	8 **BCOT Graduation** SOSTC - Roberts Chapel (Forsyth) @ 10AM **Digital Detox & Wellness Walk** SOSTC Trail (Forsyth) @ 10AM	9 **Financial Freedom Friday** GDCP **Group Puzzling Stations** Montgomery SP **Pulaski SP Job Fair** DOL Warner Robins @10AM	10/11
	GDC Mental Health Week | Forsyth, GA| October 5-10				
12 **HOLIDAY**	13 **Coastal SP Job Fair** GA Southern (Armstrong Campus) Savannah @11AM **Calhoun SP Job Fair** South Georgia Tech College Americus @ 9AM	14 **Telfair SP Hiring Event** Telfair SP Helena @ 8AM **Baldwin SP Job Fair** Washington Co. Multi Ctr Sandersville @9AM	15 **T.H.R.I.V.E Stakeholder Day** Rutledge SP @1PM **Macon SP Job Fair** DOL Warner Robins @ 10AM	16 **Special Agents Academy** Roberts Chapel (Forsyth) @ 10AM **SMU Hiring Event** SMU Jackson @ 10AM	17/18 **Valdosta SP Job Fair** Brook Co. Skillet Festival @ 9 AM
19 **Rutledge SP/Columbus TC Job Fair** Lee SP Leesburg @ 9 AM	20 **Wilcox SP Hiring Event** Eastman Chamber of Commerce Eastman @ 11 AM	21 **Central Office ACA Audit** SOSTC	22 **Phillips SP Job Fair** Phillips SP Buford @ 11 AM	23 **Emanuel WF Hiring Event** Emanuel WF Swainsboro @ 9 AM	24/25 **Pulaski SP Job Fair** Ocmulgee Riverfest Commerce Hawkinsville @ 2 PM
26 **Fall Festival** SOSTC Pavilion @11AM	27 **Smith SP Job Fair** Smith SP Fall Festival Glennville @ 5PM	28 **Dodge SP Hiring Event** Dodge SP Chester @ 10AM	29 **Central SP Job Fair** Goodwill Career Ctr Macon @ 10AM	30 **Burruss CTC Hiring Event** Burruss CTC Forsyth @ 8AM	31 **Coastal SP Job Fair** Goodwill Savannah @ 11AM

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

November 2026

Mon	*Tues*	*Wed*	*Thurs*	*Fri*	*Sat/Sun*
2	**3**	**4**	**5** **Board of Corrections Meeting** (Forsyth) **@ 10 AM**	**6** **Quarterly Family Day** Columbus Technical College @9AM	**7/8**
9 **Veterans Day Ceremony** Roberts Chapel @11:15AM	**10**	**11**	**12** **HOLIDAY**	**13**	**14/15**
16	**17**	**18**	**19** **BCOT Graduation** SOSTC - Roberts Chapel (Forsyth) @ 10AM	**20**	**21/22**
23	**24**	**25**	**26** **HOLIDAY**	**27** **HOLIDAY**	**28/29**
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GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

December 2026

Mon	*Tues*	*Wed*	*Thurs*	*Fri*	*Sat/Sun*
	1	**2**	**3** **Board of Corrections Meeting & Holiday Lunch** (Forsyth) **@ 10 AM**	**4**	**5/6**
7	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12/13**
14	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18** **BCOT Graduation** SOSTC - Roberts Chapel (Forsyth) @ 10AM	**19/20**
21	**22**	**23**	**24** **HOLIDAY**	**25** **HOLIDAY**	**26/27**
28	**29**	**30**	**31**		