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Corrections FY26 Review

Georgia Department of Corrections

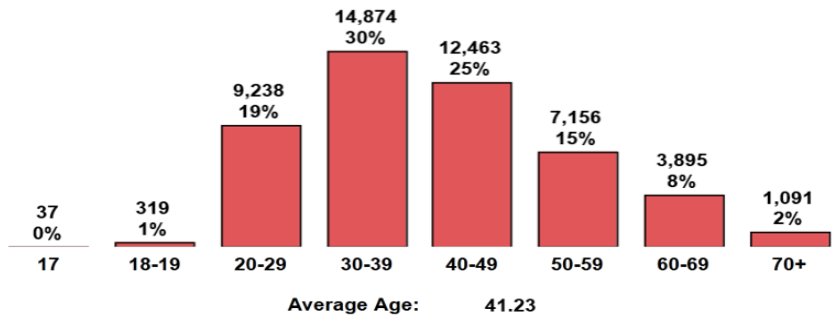
Offenders in a Bed:	49,010
Inmate	49,010

(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



Average Age: 41.23

Security Level

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

Mental Health

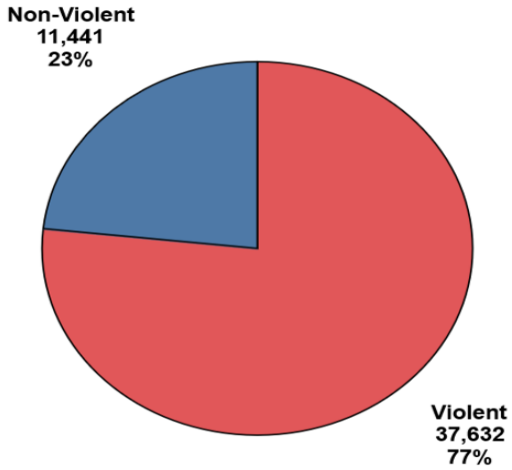
Mental Health		**13,626**	**27.77%**
Inmate	Level 2	11,746	23.94%
	Level 3	1,474	3.00%
	Level 4	340	0.69%
	Level 5	66	0.13%

Security Threat Group

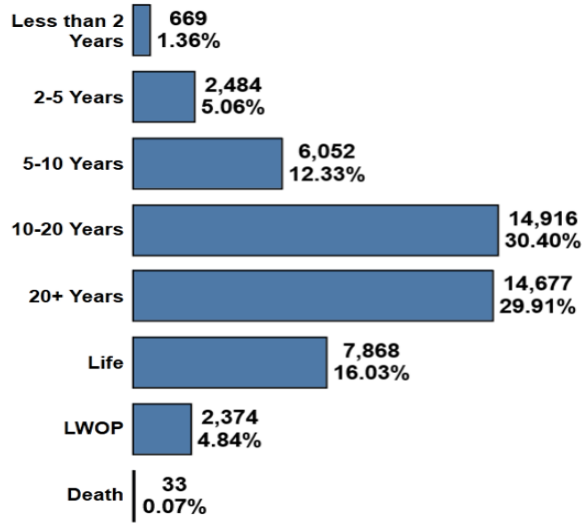
Total	**15,020**	**30.61%**
Inmate	15,020	30.61%

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%

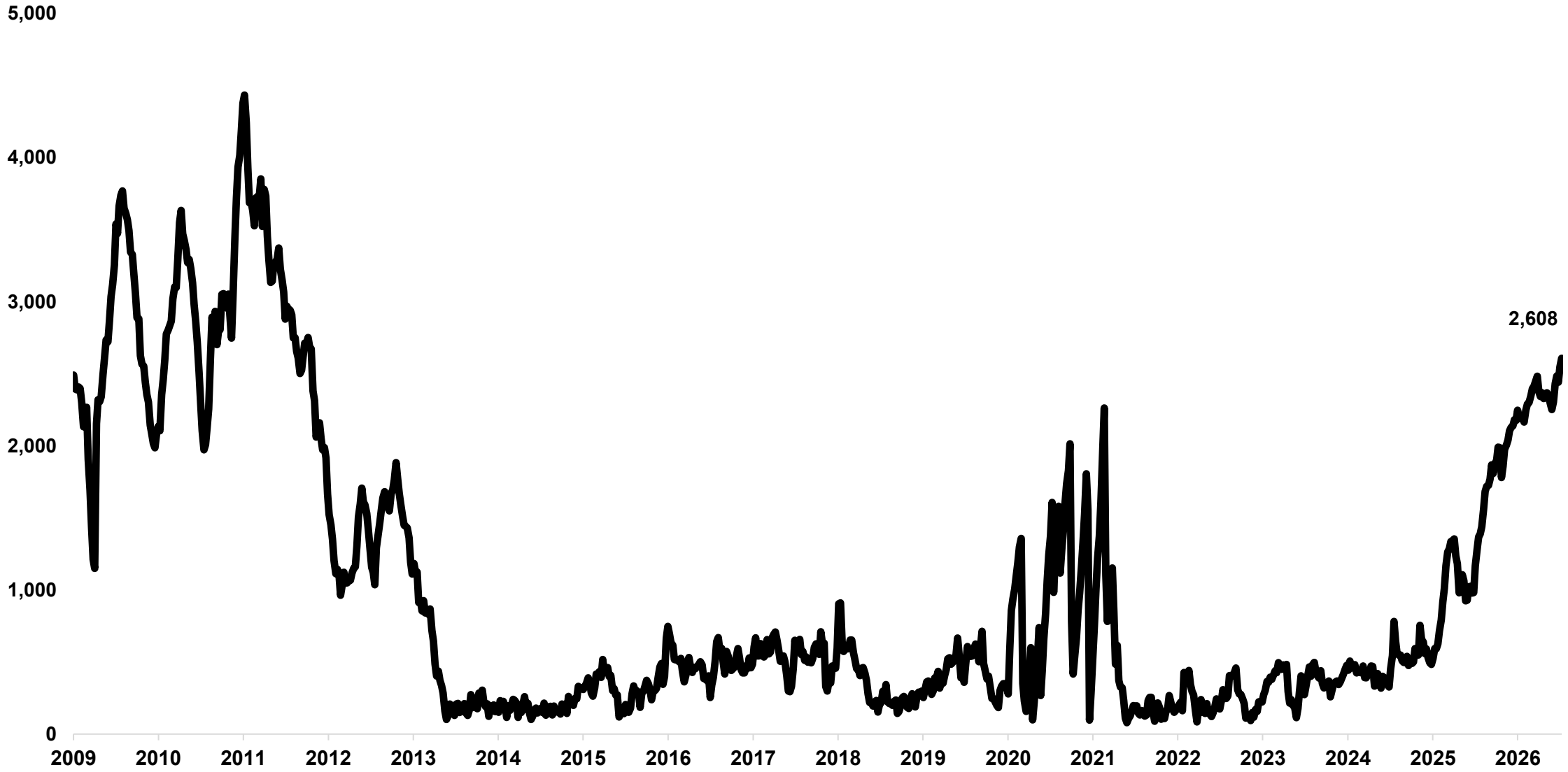


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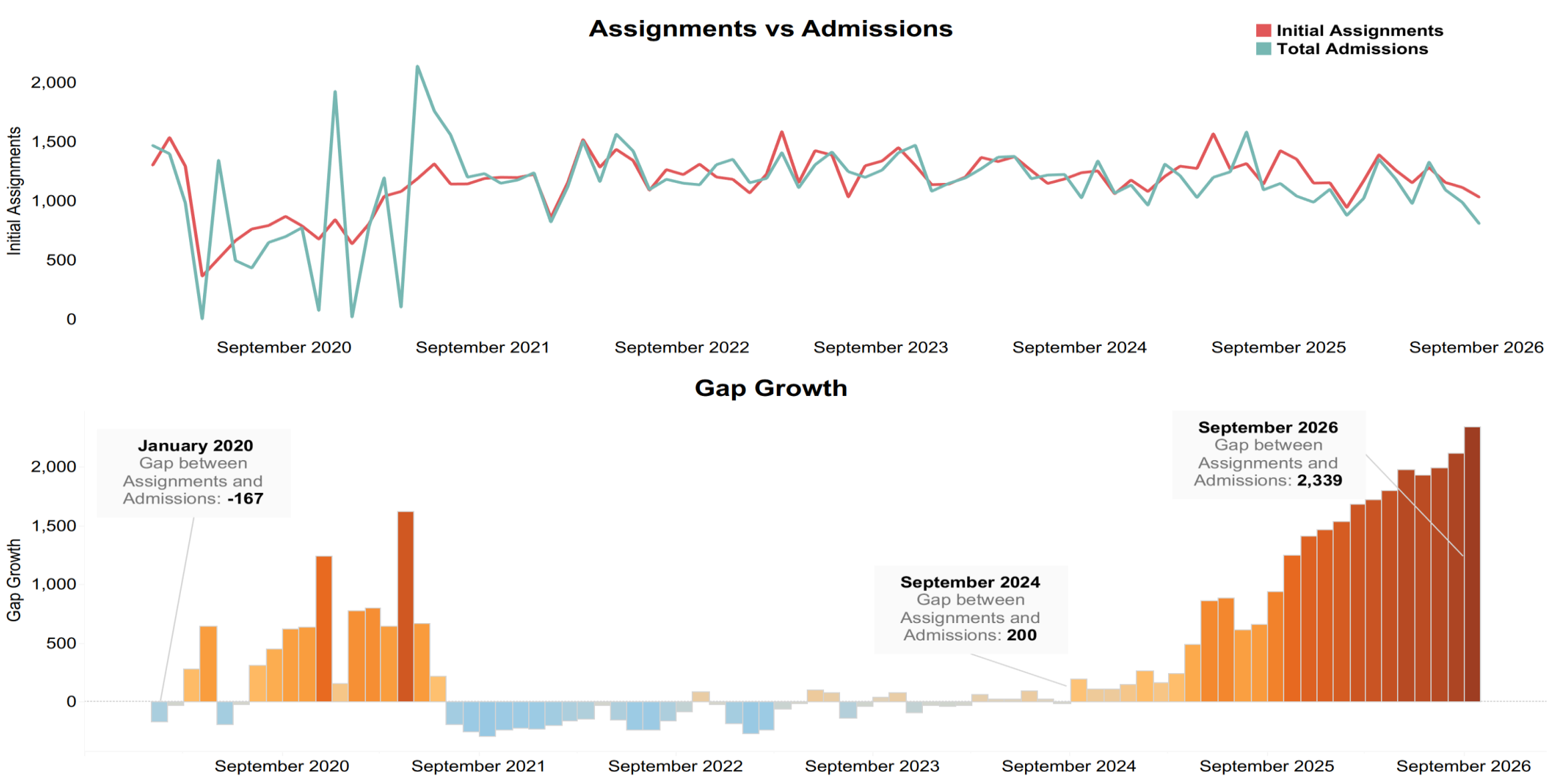


Offenders sentenced under mandatory minimum law (SB441):	15,777	32.15%

Jail Backlog – Awaiting Pickup



Initial Assignments & Admissions

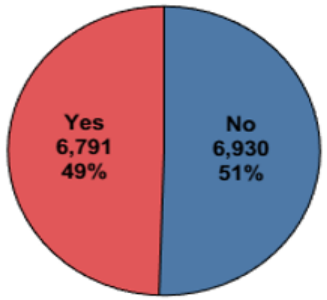


FY26 GDC Admissions

GDC Admissions Review

Total Admissions: 13,721

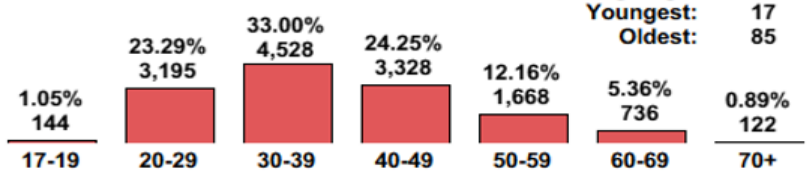
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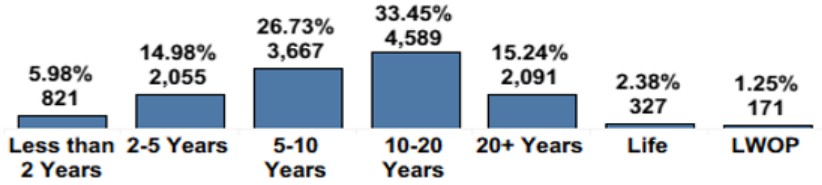
Prior Incarcerations	
Grand Total	6,791
1	2,810
2	1,632
3	962
4	585
5	323
6	212
7	116
8	67
9	30
10	20
11	19
12	5
13	5
14	3
15	1
16	1

Age Group

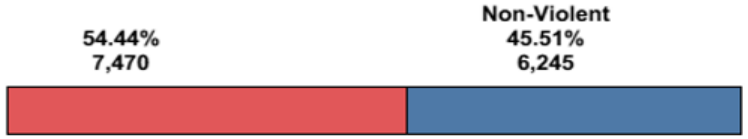
Average Age: 37.78
Youngest: 17
Oldest: 85



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

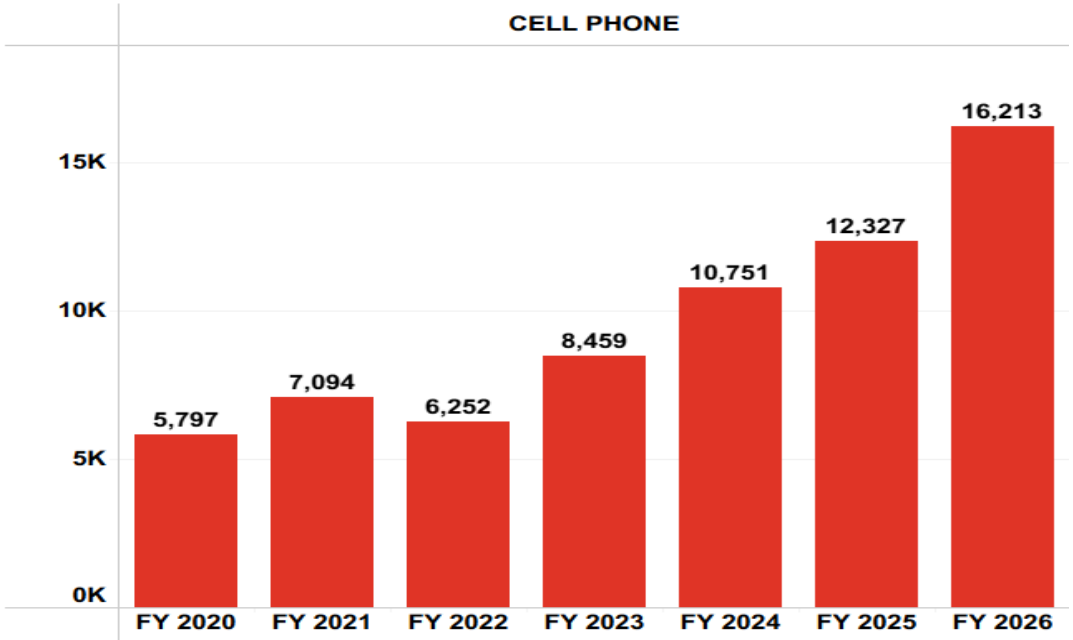
AGGRAV ASSAULT	1,907
POSS FIREARM CONVCT ..	517
POSS OF FIREARM DUR ..	484
BURG 1ST AFT 6/30/12	469
CHILD MOLESTATION	375
MURDER	363
AGGRAV BATTERY	319
ARMED ROBBERY	300
FLEEING/ELUDING POLIC..	274
THEFT BY TAKING	235

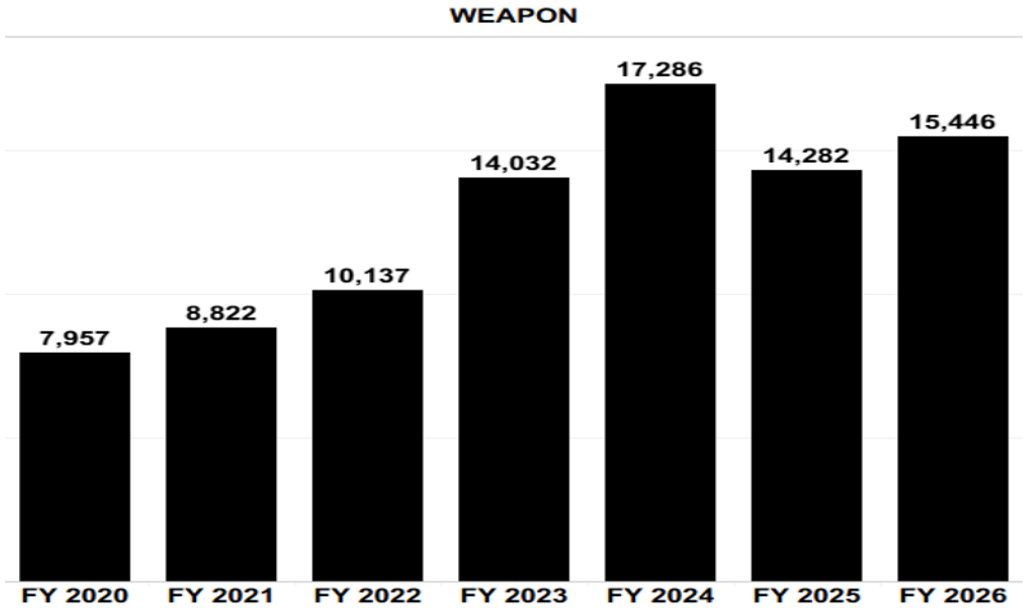
Race/Sex

	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)





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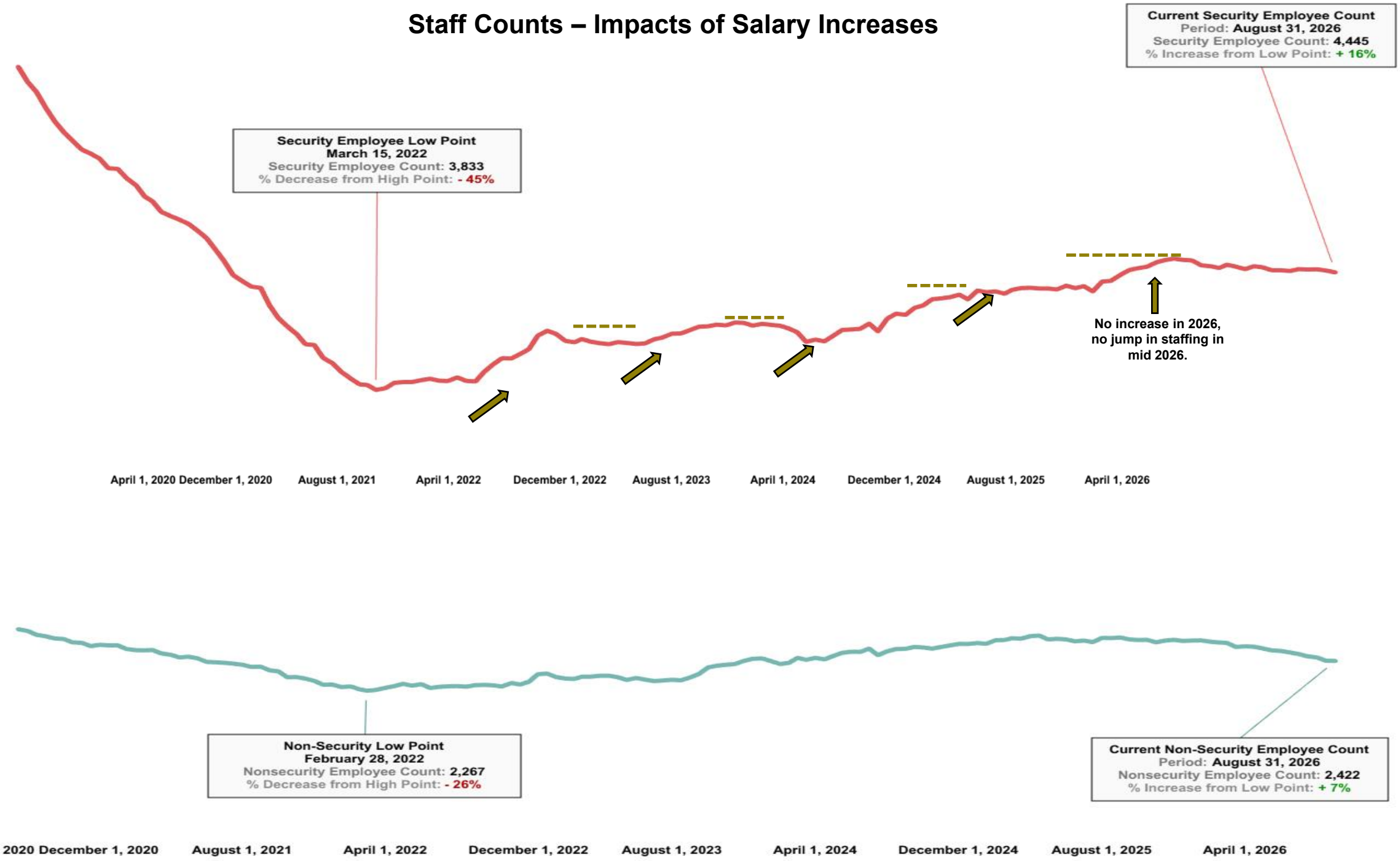
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Grand Total
WEAPON	7,957	8,822	10,137	14,032	17,286	14,282	15,446	87,962
CELL PHONE	5,797	7,094	6,252	8,459	10,751	12,327	16,213	66,893
CELL PHONE CHARGER	2,320	3,224	3,216	5,160	6,964	8,053	10,869	39,806
CELL PHONE ACCESSORIES	897	1,433	1,519	3,316	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

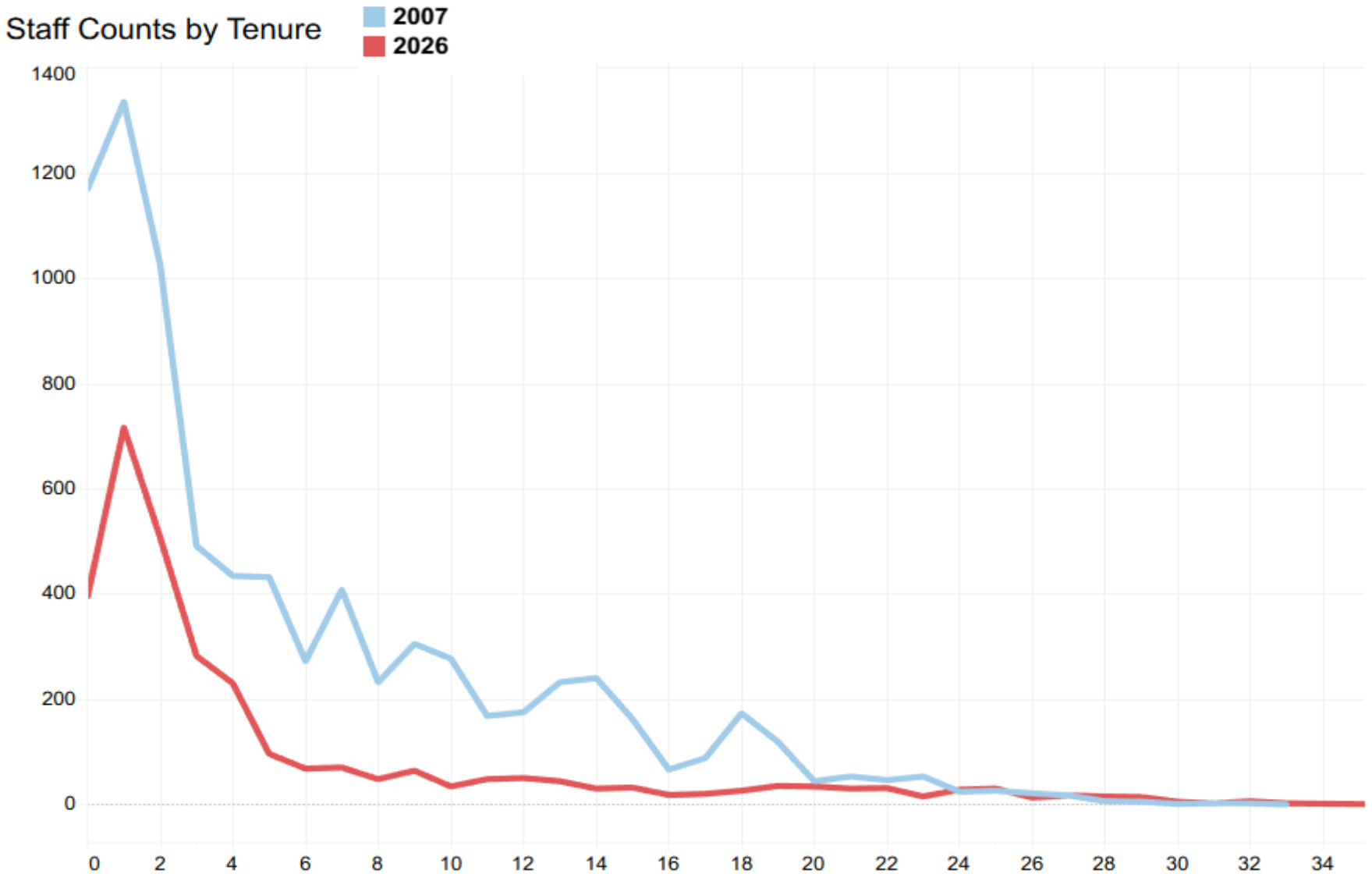
	Correctional Officers	All Security Staff	All Employees
Employee Count	3,063	4,636	6,882
Vacant Position Count	2,498	3,053	4,035

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

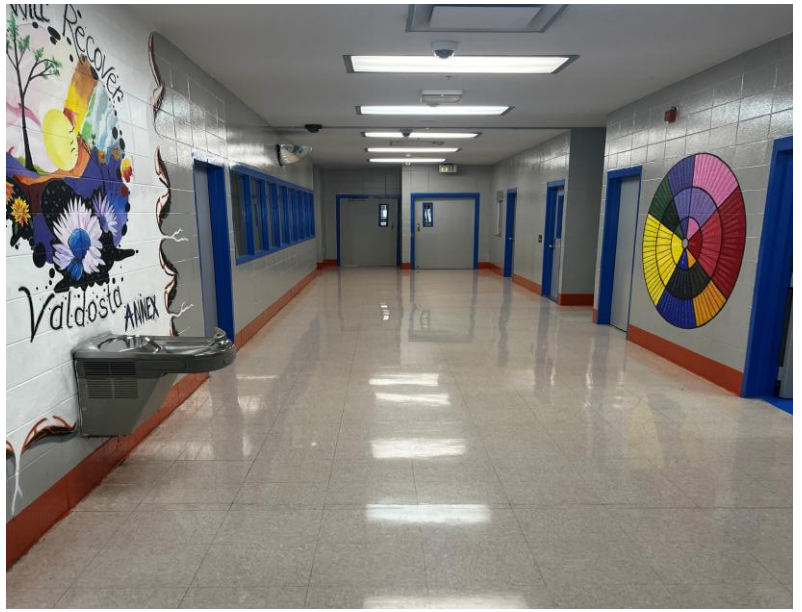
Here we strive to always exceed excellence in our committment to providing a safe and secure environment for all. Our focus is on rehabilitation, personal growth, and promoting respect for one another. Thank you for your commitment to making this facility a place of change and growth.



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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.

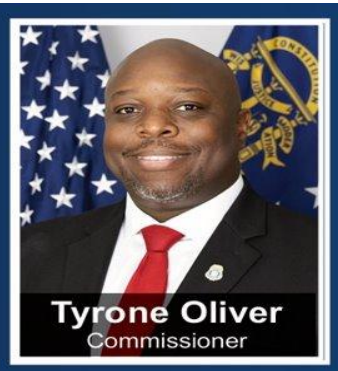
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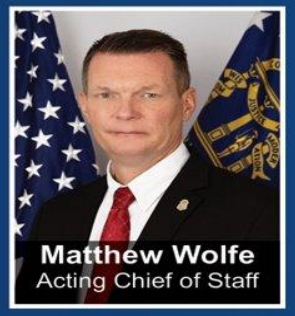
Basics and Beyond



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





Facilities Identification Board

Effective Date: August 1, 2026



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Facilities Division



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Assistant Commissioner
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Transitional Center Coordinator
Statewide

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VALDOSTA STATE PRISON LEADERSHIP



Kendric Jackson
Warden



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Assistant Warden



Charlie Marcus
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Delisha Bryant
Deputy Warden of Security



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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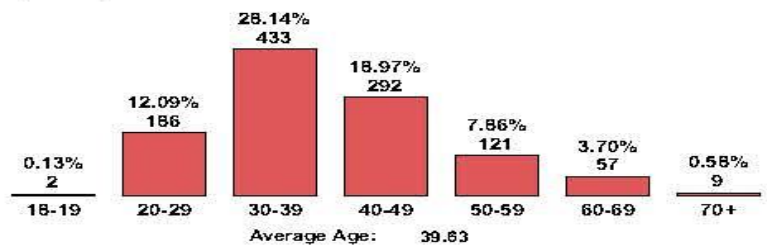
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OFFENDER POPULATION

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Parolee	17
Probationer	100

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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



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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%

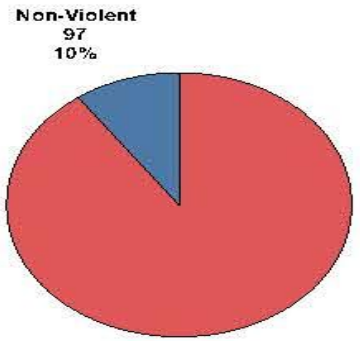
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Total	**678**	**61.64%**
Inmate	650	66.12%
Parolee	2	11.76%
Probationer	26	26.00%

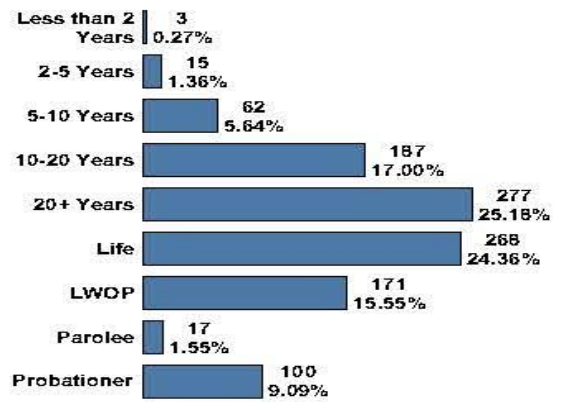
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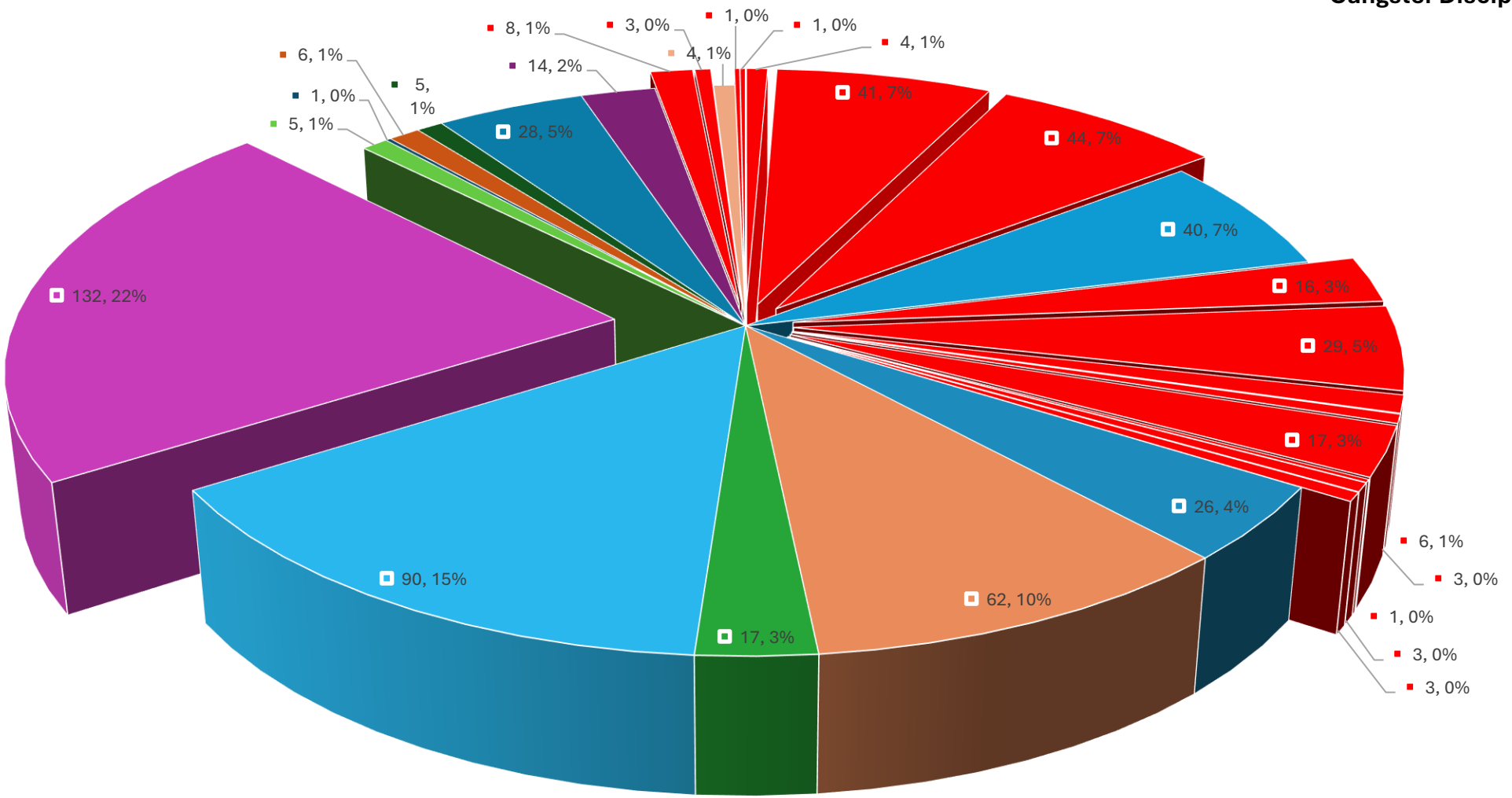


Offenders sentenced under mandatory minimum law (SB441): 574 58.39%

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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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:

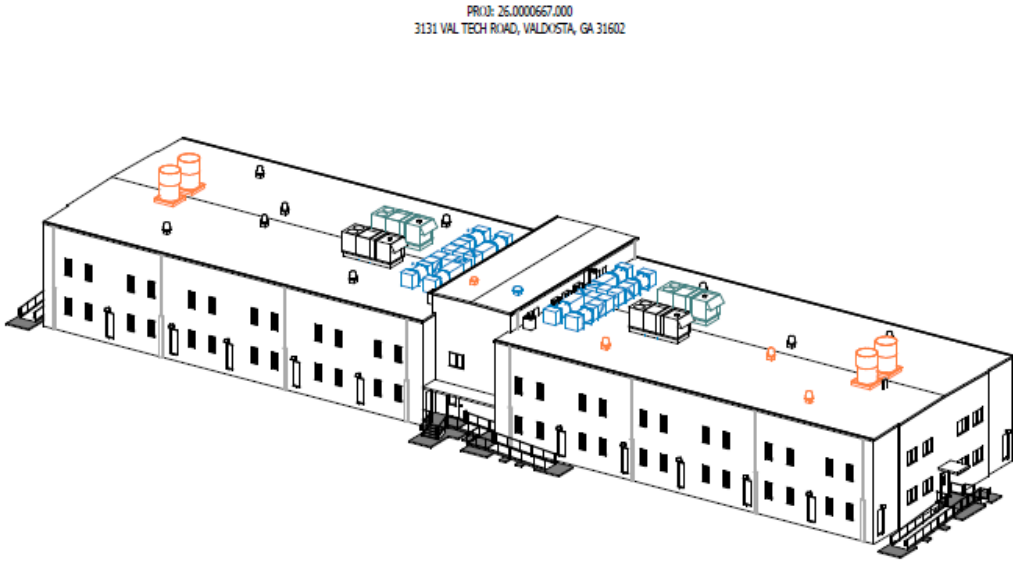
- Phases I – Self Discovery
- Phase II – Choices & Changes
- Phase III – Turning Point

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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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Education Update

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

213
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)

429 **GED Ready** (Aug)

178 **HS Students** (Aug)

21 **Canvas Courses** (17 Active, 4 in Dev)

ACCOUNTABILITY

Implementation Context

237
Canceled Class Days

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

Questions