

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

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ACRONYM GLOSSARY

CRC – Community Residential Center

DOC – Department of Corrections

ACC – Anchorage Correctional Complex

AMCC – Anvil Mountain Correctional Center

FCC – Fairbanks Correctional Center

GCCC – Goose Creek Correctional Center

HMCC – Hiland Mountain Correctional Center

KCC – Ketchikan Correctional Center

LCCC – Lemon Creek Correctional Center

MSPT – Mat-Su Pretrial Facility

PCC – Palmer Correctional Center

PMCF – Point MacKenzie Correctional Farm

SCCC – Spring Creek Correctional Center

WCC – Wildwood Correctional Center

YKCC – Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center

APRN – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

CO – Correctional Officer

CO I/II – Correctional Officer I / II

CO III – Correctional Officer III

CO IV – Correctional Officer IV

CJOs – Conditional Job Offers

DBH – Division of Behavioral Health

DEED – Department of Education and Early Development

DOLWD – Department of Labor and Workforce Development

ER – Emergency Room

ESL – English as a Second Language

GED – General Educational Development

IBEW – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

IOPSAT – Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment

RSAT – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment

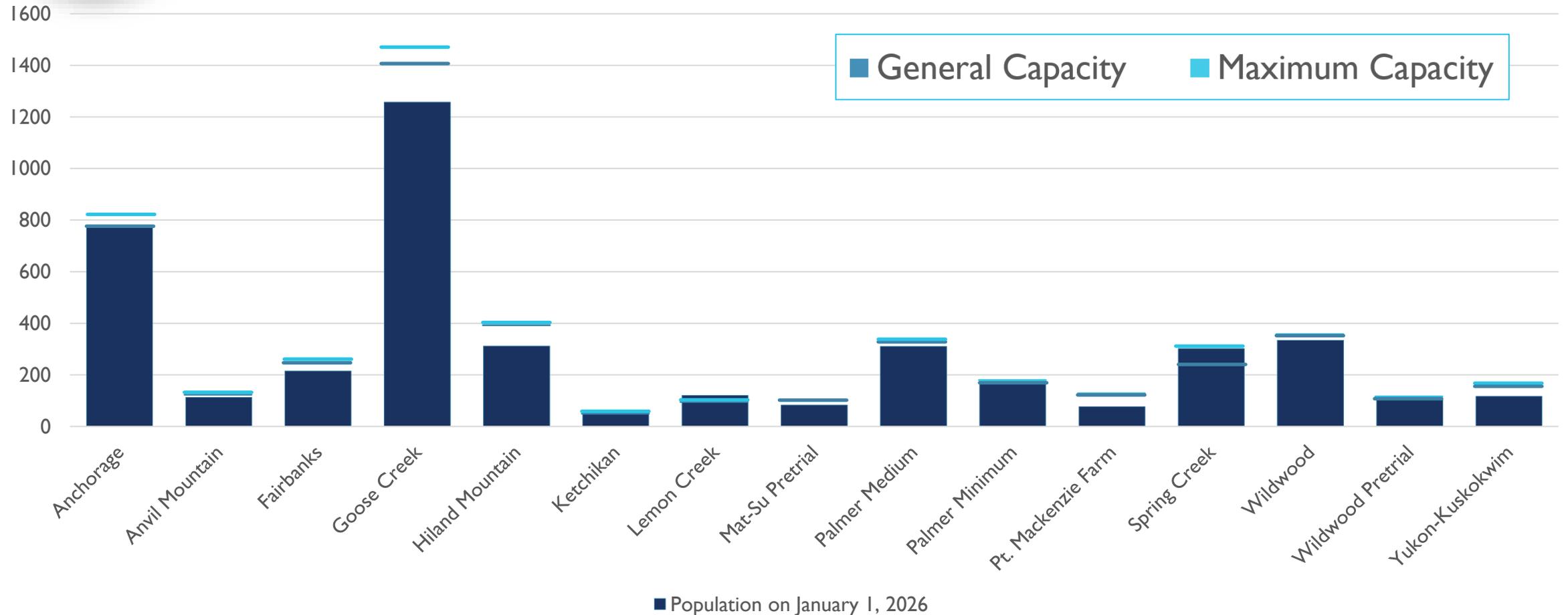
SCF – Southcentral Foundation



INSTITUTIONS



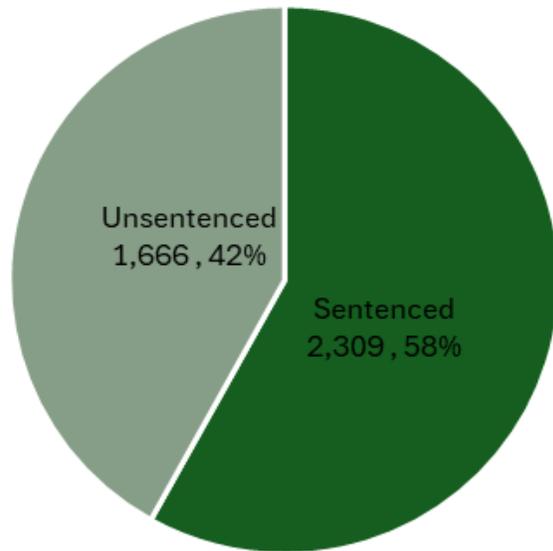
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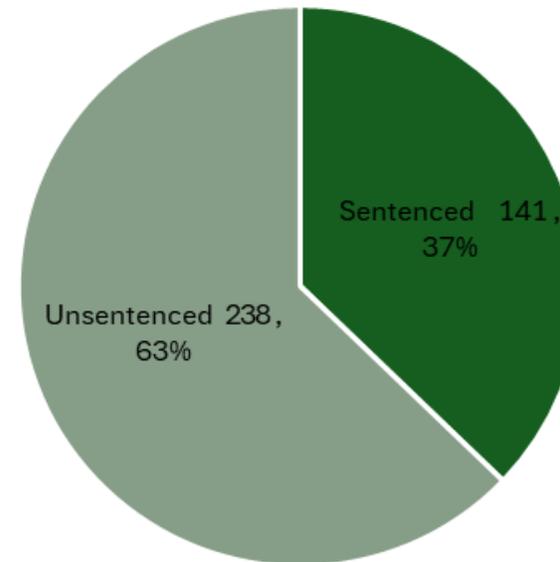
PRISON POPULATION BY GENDER

Male Population by Legal Status
January 1, 2026



■ Sentenced ■ Unsented

Female Population by Legal Status
January 1, 2026



■ Sentenced ■ Unsented



HEALTH CARE



EXCEPTIONALLY ILL AND COMPLEX INMATE PATIENT POPULATION

- Hepatitis C: 905 unique DOC patients tested positive between 6/2023 – 5/2025
- 80% have a substance use disorder
- Opioid and Alcohol Detox
- 44% have a mental illness
 - 435 Acute Mental Health Unit Admissions
- 5,926 ER Visits and Outside Medical Appointments (FY2025)
- 9x more dental tooth decay/cavities in DOC population than the general public
- Aging population



SERVICES PROVIDED BY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Medical Services

- Infirmaries
 - HMCC: 4-Bed Infirmary
 - GCCC: 16-Bed Infirmary
 - ACC: 12-Bed Infirmary
- Nursing Coverage Hours by Facility
 - ACC (24) HMCC (24) GCCC (24)
 - PCC (24) MSPT (24) FCC (24)
 - WCC (24) LCCC (24) SCCC (20)
 - YKCC (18) AMCC (18) KCC (11)
- Nursing Coverage for CRCs
- 4-Bed Dialysis Clinic (GCCC)
- Medication Management
- Medications for Opioid Use Disorders

Medical Services (continued)

- In-House Sleep Studies
- In-House Physical Therapy
- Wound Care
- Detox/Withdrawal Management
- Palliative Care and End of Life Care (infirmaries)
- Chronic Care Management
- Opt-Out STI Testing
- Contracted In-House Optometry Services
- Telehealth Services
- Emergency Response and Triage
- Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program

Dental Services

- Dedicated In-House Dental
 - ACC GCCC HMCC
 - PCC MSPT PMCF
- DOC Traveling Dental Team
 - WCC YKCC SCCC
- Contracted Dental Services
 - FCC LCCC AMCC
- Dental Exams
- Dental Cleanings
- Emergency Dental Services
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Dentures



SERVICES PROVIDED BY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Mental Health Services

- Psychiatrists & Psych Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
- Psychiatric Nurses
- Group & Individual Counseling
- In-Patient Treatment Units
- Intensive Reentry Planning
- Mental Health Clinicians
- Suicide Prevention
- Dual Diagnosis Treatment
- Title 47 Management
- Medication Management
- Trauma Informed Care
- Mental Health First Aid

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- Screening
- Assessment
- Psychoeducation
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOPSAT)
- Residential Treatment (RSAT)
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous
- Prevention Services
- CRC Direct Access to Treatment
- Peer Mentors

Sex Offender Management

- Institutional Sex Offender Treatment
- Community Sex Offender Treatment
- Rural Telehealth Treatment
- Containment Model
- Safety Nets
- Specially Trained Probation Officers



SERVICES PROVIDED BY HEALTH AND REHABILITATION SERVICES (CONTINUED)

■ Reentry Services

- Community In-Reach
- Direct Reentry Support Services
- Formal Organizational Partnerships
- Mental Health Release Programs
- Medical Social Work
- Reentry Coalition Support
- SCF Nu'iju Healing Place Support
- Justice-Involved Youth Initiative
- DBH Partnership

■ Education Programs

- Adult Education:
 - Adult Basic Education
 - GED Teaching, Testing, & Tutoring
 - English as a Second Language (ESL)
 - Placement Testing
- Computer Literacy
- Job Readiness Skill Classes
- Career Readiness Preparation
- Parenting Classes
- Reentry Classes
- Correspondence Courses

■ Vocational Programs

- Industry Recognized Skill Building & Training
- Hazard Training & Safety Certifications
- Union Partnerships
 - Ironworkers & Carpenters Union
 - IBEW & AK Laborers Union (added in FY26)
- Registered Apprenticeships
- Commercial Driver's License & Related Training
- Automotive Electrical
- Barber School
- DOLWD & DEED Partnerships



RECRUITMENT



DEPARTMENT POSITION COUNTS

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

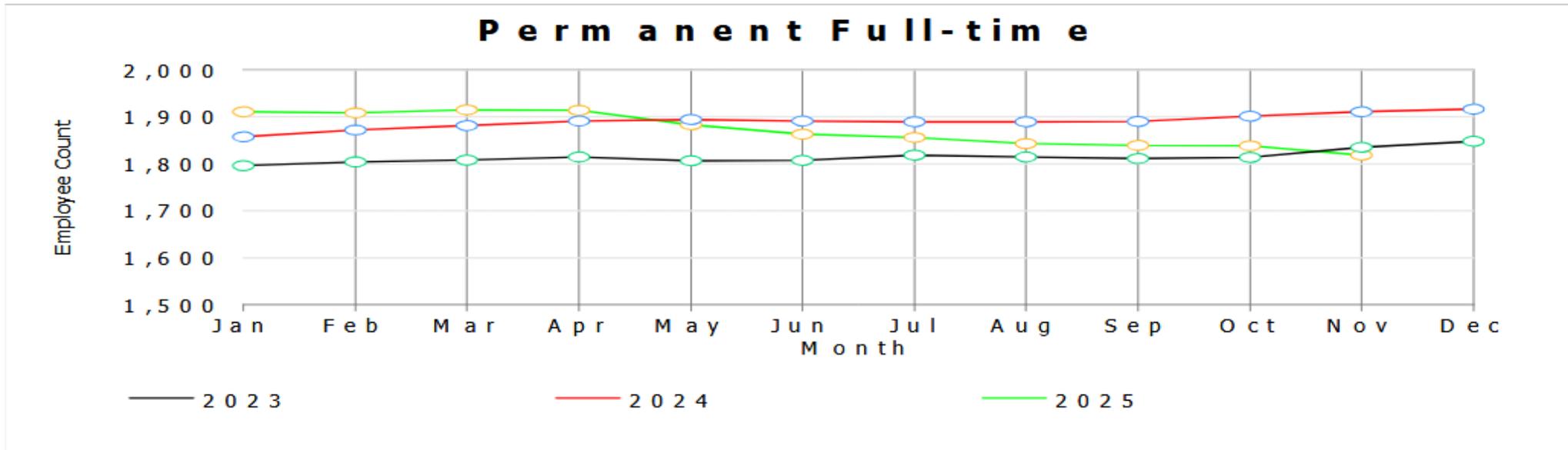
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6/15/2025 to 11/15/2025

FY2026 Management Plan (23225)

As of 12/11/2025 45% through FY2026

Newly Filled	Newly Vacated	Net Change	Budgeted PCN Count	Vacant Currently	Vacant 6 Mths	Vacant 12 Mths	Annual Pers. Svcs Budget*	Year-to-Date Encumb + Expenditures*	% Budget Spent
128	178	-50	2,115	310	172	67	\$326,210.9	\$137,135.7	42%





CORRECTIONAL OFFICER VACANCIES

Department of Corrections FY2026 Management Plan Correctional Officer Position Counts

	CO I/II	CO III	CO IV	CO Supervisor	Total Budgeted	2/9/2026			
						Total Filled	CJOs w/Start Dates	Total Vacant	Percentage Vacant
Department Total :	837	65	150	23	1,075	936	15	124	11.53%
Institutional Totals :	837	54	143	21	1,055	916	15	124	11.75%
ACC	142	10	21	5	178	146	5	27	15.17%
AMCC	21	0	6	2	29	28	0	1	3.45%
HMCC	66	5	14	1	86	73	2	11	12.79%
FCC	53	3	10	1	67	62	0	5	7.46%
GCCC	190	16	29	6	241	213	7	21	8.71%
KCC	21	0	6	0	27	20	0	7	25.93%
LCCC	45	1	7	1	54	49	1	4	7.41%
MSCC	30	1	6	0	37	36	0	1	2.70%
PCC	61	4	9	1	75	67	0	8	10.67%
SCCC	105	10	10	2	127	93	0	34	26.77%
WWCC	65	3	12	1	81	79	0	2	2.47%
YKCC	29	0	7	0	36	34	0	2	5.56%
Pt.Mac	9	1	6	1	17	16	0	1	5.88%
Non-Institutional Counts	0	11	7	2	20	20	0	0	0.00%
Academy	0	0	4	1	5	4	0	1	20.00%
Recruitment & Retention	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0.00%
Transportation *Canine Pgm	0	9	3	1	13	14	0	(1)	-7.69%



HOW TO APPLY



- for All Job Seekers | Departments: Corrections | Sorted by Job Title ascending | Workplace Alaska



RECRUITMENT TIMELINE

Correctional Officer Recruitment

In 2025, Correctional Officer applicants took an average of 99 days to complete the entire recruitment process, with the shortest completion recorded at 34 days.



REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE



PT. MACKENZIE CORRECTIONAL FARM BARN ROOF REPLACEMENT / HOUSING UNITS





PT. MACKENZIE CORRECTIONAL FARM VEGETABLE PROCESSING PLANT





MAT-SU PRETRIAL BOILER – REPLACED CORRODED & PLUGGED PIPES





ANVIL MOUNTAIN CORRECTIONAL CENTER STATEWIDE DOORS & WINDOWS REPLACEMENT





WILDWOOD CORRECTIONAL CENTER RADIO AND REPEATERS REPLACEMENT

**Existing communications equipment is failing:
Replacement of handheld radios and repeaters**





OTHER PROJECTS IN THE WORKS

- HMCC Exterior Windows and Door Replacements
 - Exterior windows are original to HMCC from the 1970s
- HMCC Perimeter Security Detection System Replacement
 - System is over 20 years old; replacement parts not available
- YKCC Perimeter Fences and Gates
 - Replace access gates, add concertina wire, repair fence fabric
- ACC / FCC Roof Replacements
 - Both facilities require repairs as leaks enter building



OTHER PROJECTS IN THE WORKS (CONTINUED)

- SCCC Water and Sewer Upgrades
 - Kitchen - Multiple failing drains and grease traps; replace flooring tiles
- PCC Fuel Storage Tanks Upgrade
 - 6 Underground Fuel Tanks System replace with above ground
- LCCC In-Floor Heating Repairs
 - Steel piping failure; add heat tubing to underside of floor
- AMCC Fuel Storage Tank Upgrade
 - Single wall tank replacement with double walled tanks
- KCC Rock Wall



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