


Volusia County Division of Corrections

Welcome to the 2009 Citizen's Academy!



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Volusia County Division of Corrections promotes and supports the protection of the public through quality and cost-effective correctional policies and provides visionary leadership to anticipate and meet the needs of our community.

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The Volusia County Division of Corrections is a diverse organization with a staff of ...

271 Sworn Officers and 73 Civilian staff



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Volusia County's Correctional Officers are highly trained and professional ...



and serve our community with pride!

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CORRECTIONS ACADEMY

Correctional Officers receive training in:

- Interpersonal Skills
- Legal Issues
- First Responder
- Emergency Preparedness
- Correctional Operations
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms



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- Officer candidates are required to complete 564 hours of training at a certified Criminal Justice Training Center.
- After completing the initial training, these staff members must also pass the Florida Department of Law Enforcement State exam to be considered a Certified Corrections Officer.
- Corrections Officers are required to by Florida State Statute to continue their training and education throughout their careers.



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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER'S PRIMARY JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

A Corrections Officer's duties are defined as **care, custody and control** of inmates incarcerated in our facilities.



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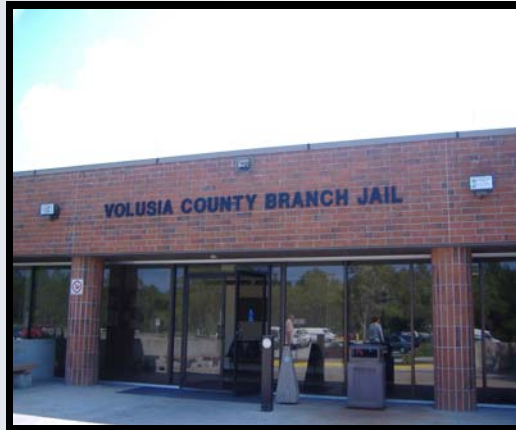
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Let's Tour the Volusia County Jail Facilities!



VOLUSIA COUNTY BRANCH JAIL

- Built in 1987
- Design capacity for 601 inmates
- Rated capacity for 899 inmates
- Medium to Maximum security jail
- Males awaiting trial on felony offenses
- Males sentenced to Florida State Prison pending transport
- Detains juvenile inmates
- Central intake function



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VOLUSIA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

- Built in 1977
- Design capacity for 234 inmates, rated capacity for 595 inmates
- Medium to Minimum security jail
- Female inmates
- Males and female inmates sentenced to county jail
- Sentenced inmates assigned to outside work details

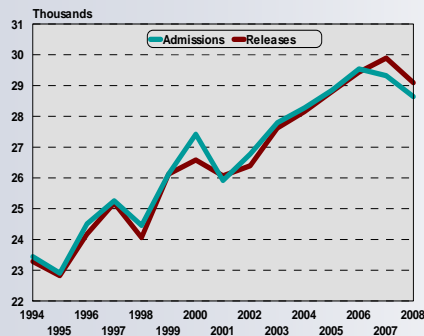


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BOOKING ACTIVITIES

Bookings and releases since 1990



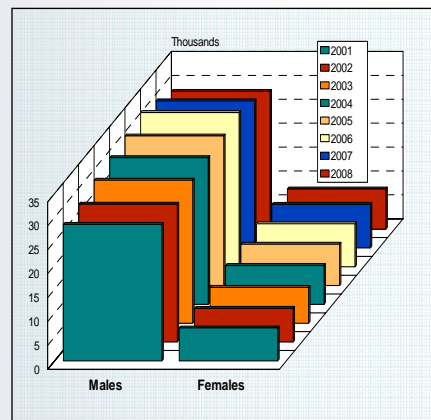
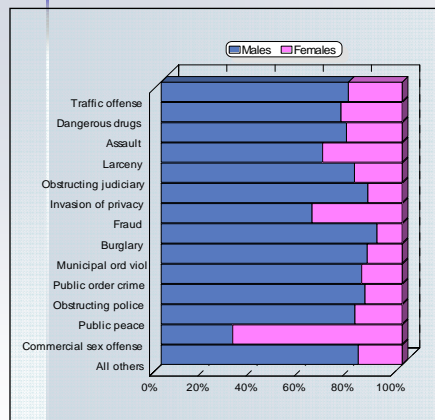
There were 28,641 bookings and 29,094 releases in 2008



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OFFENSE AT ADMISSION

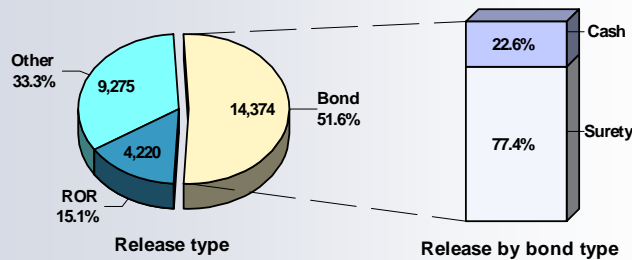
Booking offense and gender statistics



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METHOD OF RELEASE

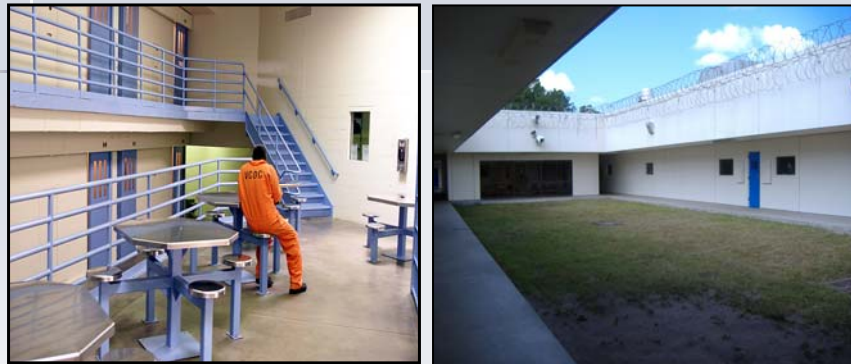
Over half of all releases post bond and the majority of them are surety bonds



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HOUSING UNITS



Once the inmate is booked into the jail, the inmate is interviewed by medical staff and then assigned to an intake unit pending a First Appearance hearing, usually within 24 hours of jail admission.

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PROGRAM SERVICES

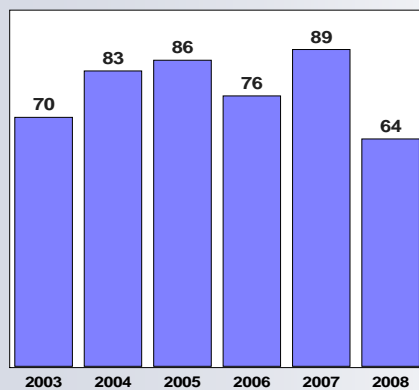
Program Services oversees and directs the provision of a wide variety of educational, counseling, religious, and recreational opportunities for inmates. Self-improvement programs include:

- Education (GED and ABE)
- HIV testing and counseling
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Life Skills



Inmates are assigned to a variety of self-improvement programs including GED

GED Diplomas Issued since 2003



103 inmates took the GED test and 64 passed for a success rate of 62.1%!

CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers save the county an estimated \$1 million annually



- Volunteers reduce costs for taxpayers.
- Volunteers become "ambassadors," educating their family and friends about corrections and the county.



- Volunteers can convey to inmates, in a way that staff sometimes cannot, the larger community's concern for their welfare.

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VIDEO VISITATION

To provide a more secure environment for the visitors and inmates, to enhance safety for detention personnel, and to curtail the introduction of contraband in the jail.



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INMATE WORK DETAILS



Inmates perform a variety of duties inside and outside the jail and at several sites countywide. The work assigned is consistent with their ability, interest, medical status as well as the needs of the institution and other agencies.

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CORRECTIONS EXTRACTION TEAM

On rare occasions, inmates can be aggressive, violent, and/or refuse to cooperate or follow officer or staff's instructions



Officers are trained in special extraction techniques to safely remove the uncooperative, violent and aggressive inmate from his or her cell location

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OPERATING COSTS

- Taxpayer dollars support the operation of the jail facilities.
- The average daily cost of confining an inmate increased from \$61.02 in FY 2006-07 to \$70.09 in FY 2007-08. These costs do not include any capital improvement expenditures.

Recent budget figures:

Operating costs

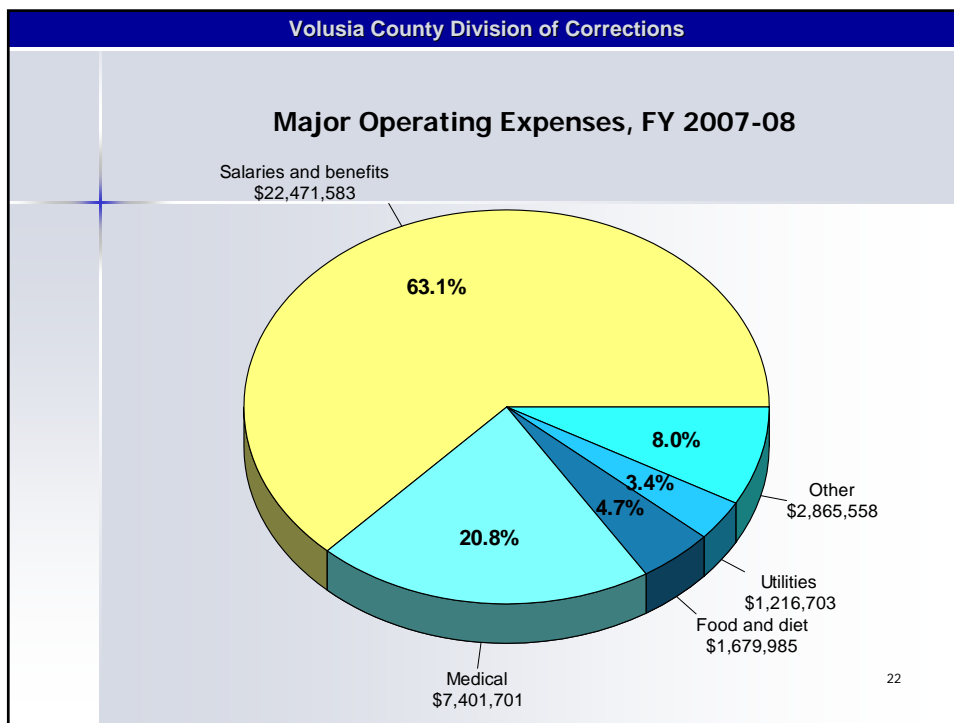
FY 2006-07 \$34,456,321

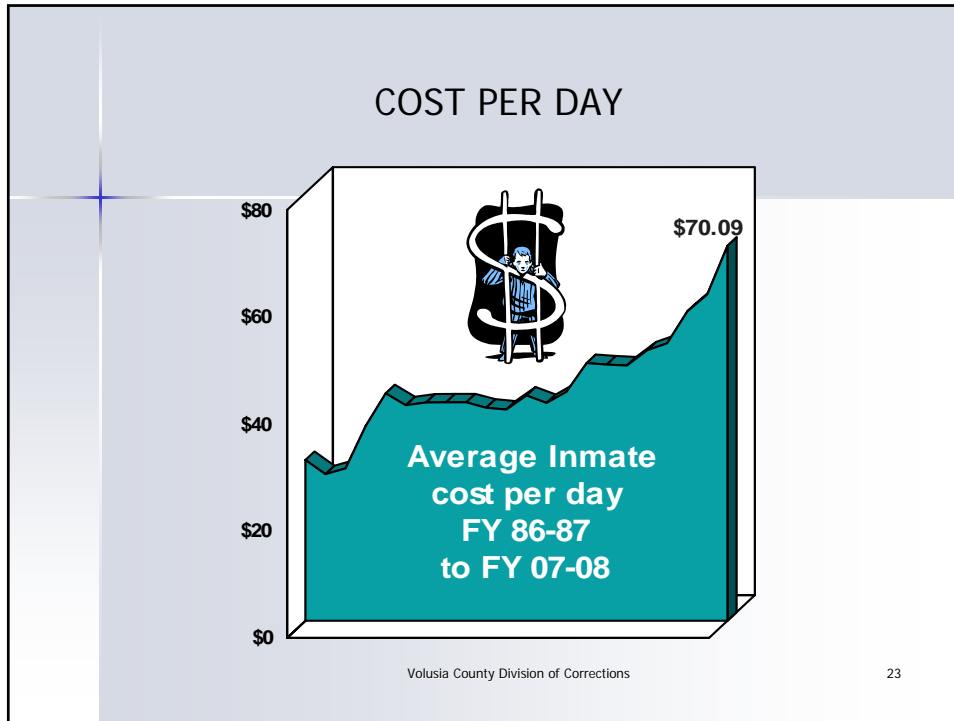
FY 2007-08 \$35,635,530

Budget

FY 2008-09 \$37,684,785

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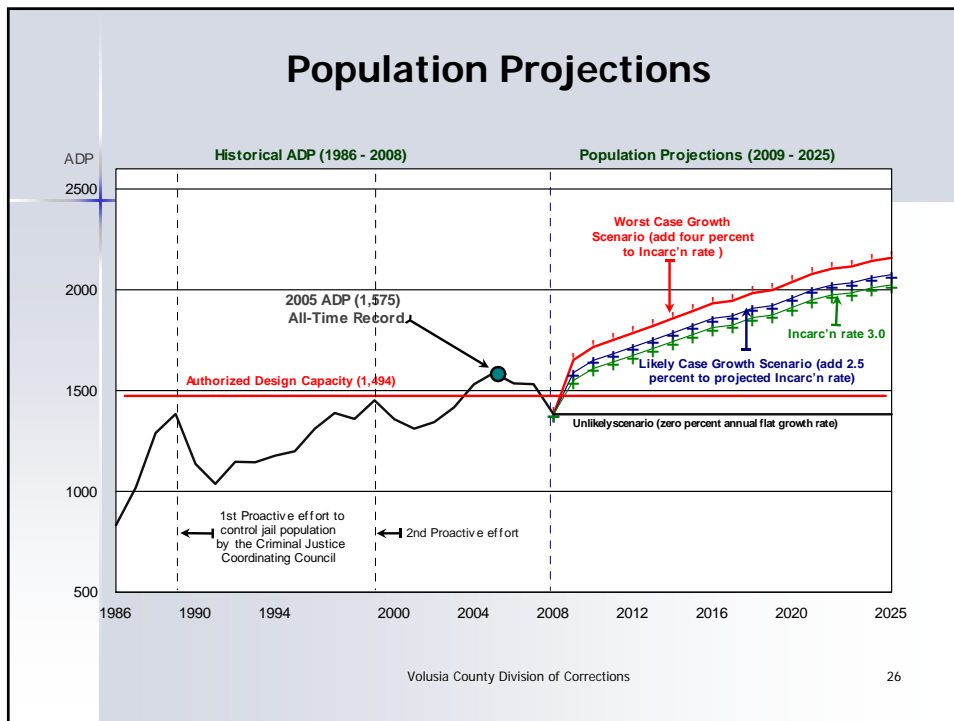
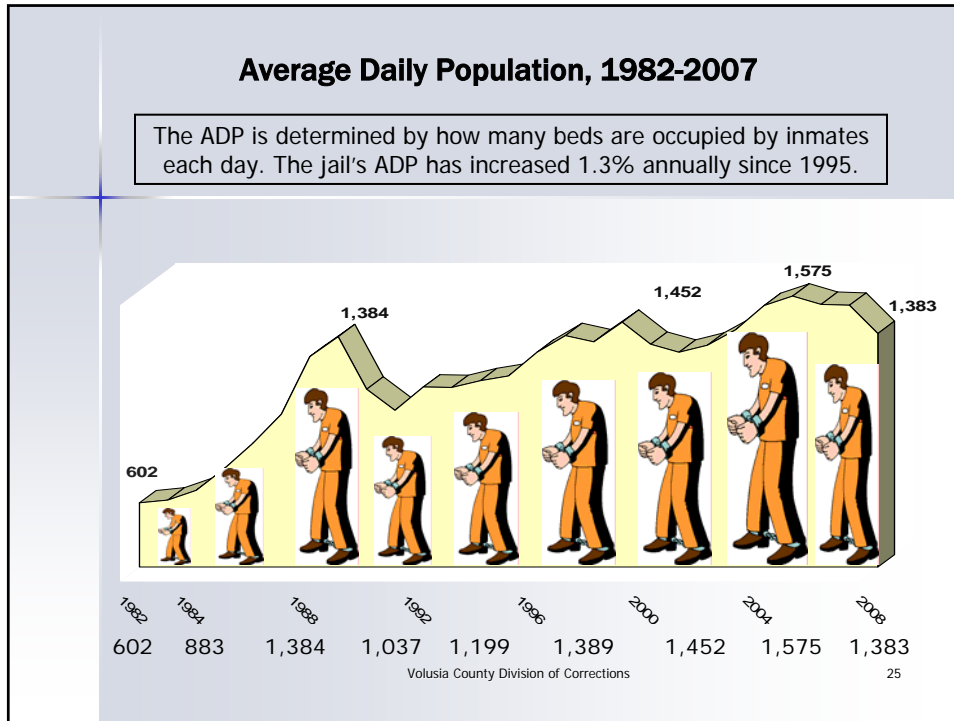
STAFFING RATIO

Staffing ratios are a strong indication of the efficiency of a jail operation. The higher the ratio, the more cost-effective the operation.

- In 2008, Volusia County employed one officer for every **5.1 inmates** incarcerated.
- The most recent figures for other highly populated Florida counties for FY 2000 include: Manatee (8.2), Polk (4.8), Brevard (6.2), Sarasota (5.6), Orange (5.4), Duval (5.6), Hillsborough (5.5), Palm Beach (4.0), Pinellas, (3.7).

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Green Initiatives



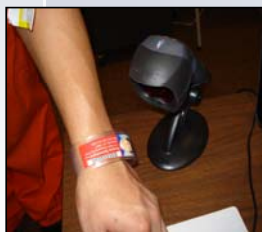
- In past year, VCDC has changed how inmate supplies are distributed: Change to reusable containers (linen or plastic) instead of paper bags. With approximately 20 housing areas and the supplies that accompany each meal, the three-times daily change in distribution procedures is significant.
- Change to low-use paper towel dispenser in staff restrooms.
- Chemicals used in the building are 'green'.
- In past several years, working with FPL, installed low flush valves in all toilets, showers, and sinks in both institutions.
- In past several years also installed more energy-efficient lights in all housing, program, and office areas.

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NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Corrections, as part in the ICJIS project, has recently installed a new "state-of-the-art" Jail Management System. The new system integrate functions such as booking, case management, mugshot and fingerprints, incident reporting, inmate banking, visitation scheduling and reports.

Major technological advancements include electronic inmate tracking using bar-coded wristbands, remote electronic tracking using hand-held PDAs, and inmate kiosks.



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