

A Citizen-Centric Report for
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
(Adult Correctional Facility and Juvenile Detention Unit)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Department of Corrections is to improve public safety by housing detainees and inmates in a safe, secure, and humane environment that meets constitutional standards for confinement and to provide inmates opportunities to participate in rehabilitative programs to assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens.

VISION STATEMENT

The Department of Corrections, with the goal of ensuring public safety, will offer inmates opportunities to prepare to return to society as law-abiding citizens through programs and services that focus on positive change. The Department will provide its staff opportunities for professional development to successfully achieve its mission and goals, and to serve as role models for inmates by conveying societal values.

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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

In general, the Department of Corrections (DOC), pursuant to Public Law 14-25, has a primary responsibility for all adult correctional services and adult offender detention throughout the Commonwealth, including the Rule Making Authority to prescribe necessary rules and regulations for the department as well as to enforce the provisions of the law. As such, over the years, the department has adopted and guided by such rules and regulations, established operational policies and procedures, that was approved under a U.S. Consent Decree Order, issued on May 20, 2014. In addition, Executive Order 2004-011 transferred the Juvenile Detention Unit to the Department of Corrections. Thus, the DOC is ensure public safety by housing detainees and inmates in a safe, secure and humane environment that meets constitutional standards for confinement; provide inmates opportunities to participate in rehabilitation programs so as to assist them in becoming law-abiding citizens.

The Consent Decree was ordered on February 25, 1999. After 15 years, the Consent Decree was lifted on May 20, 2014.

“Success is a Long Journey”

Recognizing Women in Law Enforcement

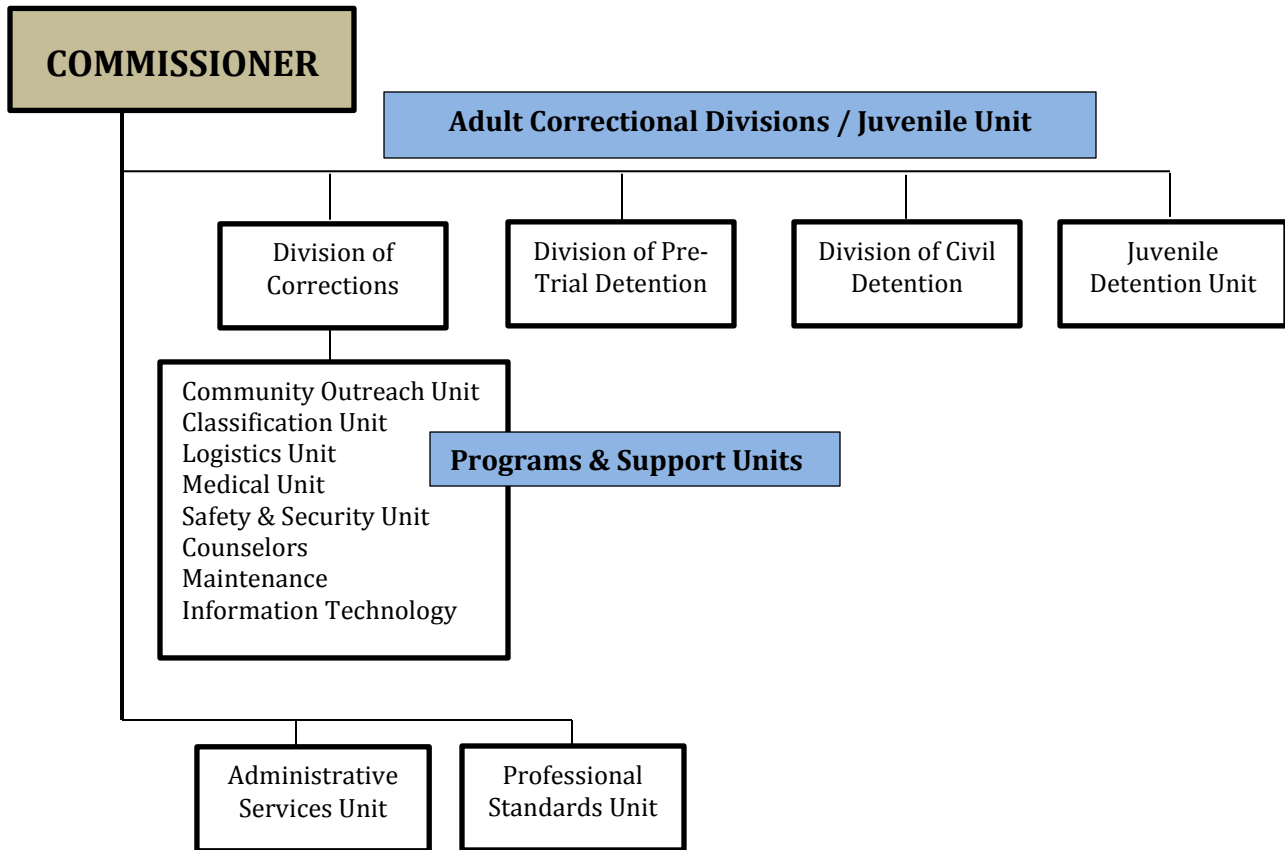


PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

Number of Active Employees	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Officers (Sworn Personnel)	88	72	87	114	109
Civilian Employees	5	5	7	8	11
TOTAL	93	77	94	122	120

**Based on January of each year*

In order to meet the mandates, mission and programs of the Department of Corrections, employees are assigned to divisions and units as necessary. See chart below.

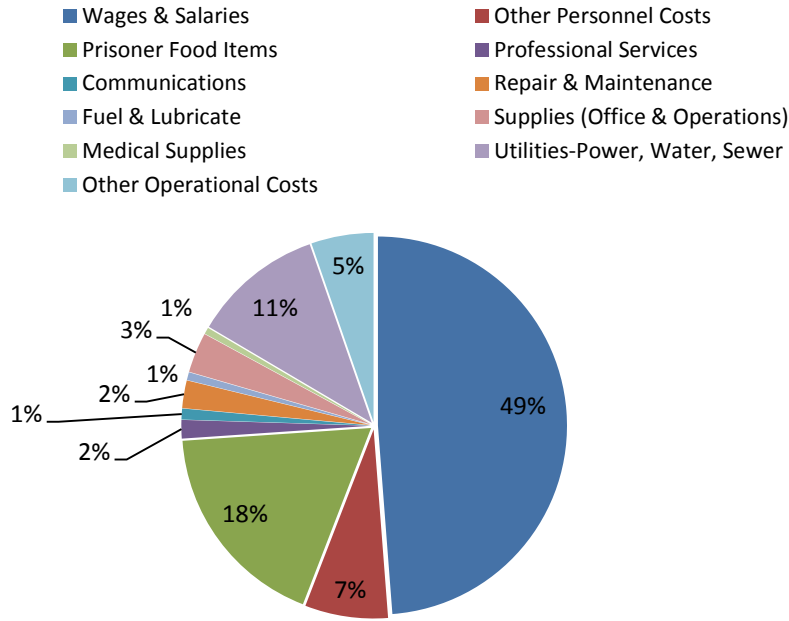


AVERAGE POPULATION IN CUSTODY PER YEAR (Adult Prisoners & Juvenile Clients)						
Average Population in Custody	Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
		Total	220	260	260	170

**Based on October of each year*

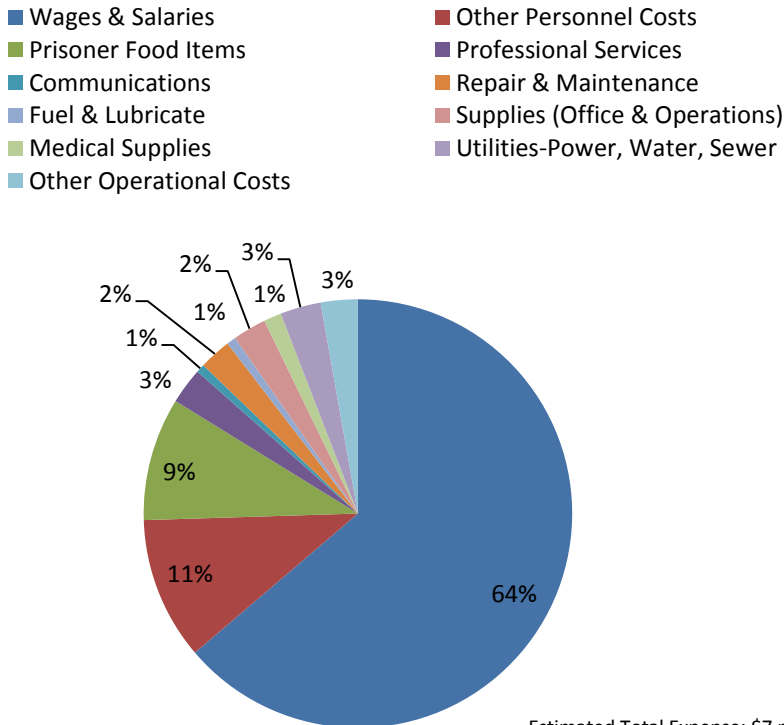
FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2018 - Expense



Estimated Total Expense: \$6 mil

Fiscal Year 2019 - Expense



Estimated Total Expense: \$7 mil

FUNDING LEVEL

(based on JDE- Fund Certification)

FY2017

General Funds 1335: \$4,371,407
 General Funds 1335A: \$566,393
 Rev. Funds 3022: \$69,431
 Compact Impact: \$205,249

FY2018

General Funds 1335: \$5,538,999
 General Funds 1335A: \$565,250
 Rev. Funds 3022: \$308,873
 Compact Impact: \$416,151

FY2019

General Funds 1335: \$4,508,278
 General Funds 1335A: \$436,153
 Rev. Funds 3022: \$240,044
 Compact Impact: \$468,625

FY2020

General Funds 1335: \$4,061,661
 General Funds 1335A: \$448,133

Each year, the Department of Corrections submits a realistic budget request in order to adequately address its deficiencies and provide at best a minimum level of mandated services. Each year, we are faced with challenges to live within the means of budget allocations.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To complete on-going legal to those affecting the correctional system existing laws and policies formulated in accordance with the standards established by the American Correctional Association, as ordered and approved in granting the CNMI a Final Termination of the Consent Decree on May 20, 2014;
2. Identify and apply for federal funding opportunities to urgently address existing inoperable or unreliable building maintenance systems to protect the safety, security and health of employees and individuals confined in its facility. These systems include but not limited to Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System, Boiler System, Security Surveillance System, Reverse Osmosis (RO) System; Touch Screen Security Control System (TSSCS);
3. Revisit the statutory requirement of the Juvenile Detention Unit with regards to oversight administrative and operational responsibilities;
4. Fully staff the Medical Unit with a Physician and Nurse to provide regular and or urgent medical care attention for persons confined in the institution; and,
5. Continue to provide employees, especially officers, training opportunities, on-island or abroad, to enhance skills and knowledge on current issues, correctional modules and modern techniques that work.

Other Key Initiatives

1. Staff Recruitment and Retention
2. Building Management System (BMS)
3. Training
4. Health and Medical Services
5. Fire Alarm and Overhead Fire-Fighting Sprinkler System
6. Touch Screen Security Control System (TSSCS)
7. Avoid catastrophic incidents and ensure no escapes

