

## Washington State Department of Corrections Budget Fact Sheet

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What Department of Corrections does:

- Operates Washington's prison and work release system.
- Supervises certain offenders in the community.
- Operates and manages treatment, vocational, education and job programs for offenders to improve their chances for successful reentry into society.

2007-09 Operating Budget	\$1.785 billion
2009-11 Maintenance Level	\$1.916 billion
2009-11 Operating Budget	\$1.781 billion

Reductions and actions we are taking:

- Reducing the supervision of offenders in the community. This includes eliminating supervision for most misdemeanants and some felons, and reducing the length of time on supervision for most offenders released from a prison sentence.
- Releasing 75 percent of offenders who are at or past their early release date. The department may provide housing vouchers to offenders released in communities with few housing resources.
- Increasing Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative beds by 115. This will allow the closure of two prison units.
- Placing 25 percent of violators on electronic home monitoring instead of in jail facilities.
- Reducing offender reentry services by \$8.2 million.
- Expanding the Extraordinary Medical Placement program for elderly and infirm offenders in suitable community placements.

- Closing at least one prison facility in 2010-11, pursuant to recommendations from a study by the Office of Financial Management. Closure is possible due to sentencing reductions and to items noted above which reduce prison populations.
- Reducing overall expenditures, primarily in administration, by 1 percent.

Programs and services we will continue to deliver:

- Maintaining prison and work release facilities sufficient to house felony offenders.
- Supervising offenders in the community, as required by law.
- Operating certain offender programs, especially those with proven success.

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