

# Department of Corrections



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# DOC Capacity

## Processes that Established Capacity

- DOC performed a physical bed audit, counting every bed in the system in December of 2014. The last similar exercise was done in 1999.
- In 2012, DOC reviewed plans and data for all facilities and established the Design Capacity for every facility. This measure did not previously exist.



# DOC Capacity

## How DOC counts beds:

- Design Capacity - the number of beds that planners, architects and other regulatory authorities intended for the facility. Building systems, support space, and egress, are established based on this number.
- Operational Capacity - the total number of beds at each facility excluding infirmary and disciplinary beds. Operational capacity is impacted by programs, classifications, and other factors and includes general population beds as well as all special program/population beds. Given facility needs, this number is not static.
- Average Daily Population (ADP) – the physical counts of housed offenders on any given day.



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Are There Potential Opportunities for Increasing Capacity (New Beds/Double Bunking)?

- Yes. The DOC can build new dormitories or new housing units. There is ample space for new construction on existing DOC sites.
- Adding additional beds to existing facilities will only serve to increase the percentage by which we exceed design capacity.



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What are the constraints or consequences of increasing operational capacity?

- Increased safety & security concerns for staff
- Increased safety & security concerns for offenders
- The deterioration of physical structures
- Limited resources to meet programming, education, reentry needs
- Decreased flexibility in managing the facility population
- Further exceeding the Design Capacity
- Water and/or Sewer limitations