

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

# Demographics

(as of June 29, 2012)

<u>RACE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Caucasian	13,886	53.6%
African American	7,485	28.9%
Native American	2,410	9.3%
Hispanic	1,972	7.6%
Other	136	0.5%

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Distribution Drugs	4,702	18.2%
Assault	2,829	10.9%
Poss/Obtain Drugs	2,514	9.7%
Robbery	2,251	8.7%

Mack Alford Correctional Center

## Statistics

Opened: August 1956  
Location: Stringtown  
Security: Medium  
Capacity: 805  
Gender: Male

### STANDING PROUD

#### MISSION

To Protect the Public  
To Protect the Employee  
To Protect the Offender

#### VISION

The Department of Corrections will  
create a culture that

Empowers Individuals  
Encourages Teamwork  
Employs Best Practices  
Embraces Diversity

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OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

# Mack Alford

CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Jerry Chrisman  
Interim Warden

Tommy Sharp  
Interim Deputy Warden

# History

In the early 1930s, the Mack Alford Correctional Center was used as a sub-prison of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester, Oklahoma. Offenders assigned were “trustees” and worked the farm and cattle. The sub-penitentiary was established for four basic reasons by Governor Murray: To separate first term convicts from the seasoned convicts; to construct a tubercular ward for segregation; to provide work for the new convicts; and to raise food and lower the cost of penal institutions. At some point in the 1930s, the offenders were returned to the main institution and this facility became a federal, state, and local Venereal Disease Hospital. Early in the 1940s, the facility was used as a German Prisoner of War Camp. During the late 1940s, the State Penitentiary again used the facility as a sub-prison. In 1948, the offenders were returned to the main prison and this facility then became the Stringtown Training School for White Boys. In August of 1956, the facility again became an Honor Farm of the main institution. In 1959, the Vocational Rehabilitation Schools were added and the institution became



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Stringtown, Oklahoma

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known as the Vocational Training School, a sub-unit of the main institution. In 1968, the institution erected the current fence and towers and became a medium and minimum security sub-unit. In July, 1973, the unit was separated from the main institution. In November, 1977, the name was changed to Stringtown Correctional Center and the security level was made medium. The center's name was officially changed to the Mack Alford Correctional Center, on March 27, 1986, in honor of Warden Mack Alford, a 30 year veteran of corrections who died on March 10, 1986.

## OFFENDER PROGRAMS

### **Education**

The facility provides a wide range of educational programming from basic literacy, through GED, to college level courses provided by three full time, state certified teachers.

### **Changing Attitudes to Change Habits (CATCH)**

The CATCH program is a long term substance abuse program which provides services for offenders at minimum security, who are within five years or less from discharge. Services include assessment, evaluation, education, therapy, behavior training, counseling, referrals, and after care.



Mack Alford was appointed warden of the Stringtown Correctional Center in September, 1973. His career in corrections started in 1955 as an officer at the Boys Training School in Stringtown, Oklahoma. After several promotions, he moved to Helena, Oklahoma, to work at the Helena Boys Training School and from there to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. Mack Alford served as warden of the Stringtown Correctional Center until his death in March, 1986.

### **Oklahoma Correctional Industries (OCI)**

Oklahoma Correctional Industries works jointly with the Department of Corrections to provide both offender jobs and to perform services for state contractors. Mack Alford Correctional Center has two Oklahoma Correctional Industries factories assigned, consisting of a furniture renovation factory and a sign shop. Together, these factories employ over 78 offenders supervised and instructed by industrial superintendents under the direction of an industrial coordinator. Offenders are provided meaningful full-time employment and skill development.

### **Agri Services**

MACC's Agri-Services program is operated by two Farm Manager's and eight offenders. The operation consists of a 150 herd cow/calf operation. The farm also produces approximately 500 round bales of hay per year. Of the 1,400 acres on the farm, 250 are leased and 5 are cultivated for the facility garden.

### **Medical**

The medical unit provides clinically appropriate and necessary medical, dental and mental health care for offenders at the facility.

### **Mental Health**

Psychological services provide individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, assessment, consultation and evaluation as requested by staff.

### **Religious Services**

A full time chaplain coordinates religious programming at the facility. Volunteers provide a comprehensive schedule of services of various faiths seven days a week.