

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%           |

Joseph Harp Correctional Center

## Statistics

Opened: September 1978  
Location: Lexington  
Security: Medium  
Capacity: 1,404  
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

Joseph Harp

CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Mike Addison  
Warden

Jay Hodges  
Deputy Warden

Mike Shelite  
Deputy Warden

# History

The Joseph Harp Correctional Center is a medium security institution located near the town of Lexington, in central Oklahoma. The facility officially opened on September 26, 1978, and received its first offenders two days later. The site of the facility had been used by the Navy as a firing range during World War II. After the war, the land was turned over to the Mental Health Department, which in turn transferred it to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections in 1971.

Joseph Harp Correctional Center is named in honor and memory of Warden Joseph Harp who served as warden at the Oklahoma State Reformatory from 1949 until 1969. Warden Joseph Harp was clearly an innovative leader and professional in the field of corrections. Under Warden Harp, Oklahoma State Reformatory was the first institution to establish a fully accredited academic High School behind prison walls. Warden Harp recognized that one of the greatest needs of many offenders was a high school education. As early as 1950, Warden Harp proposed in a legislative report the need for: a Department of Corrections; a merit system of employment; a statewide probation system staffed with competent officers who would make pre-sentence investigations; a reception center for all felons coming into a prison system; and a full time pardon and parole board.