

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

Demographics

(as of June 30, 2011)

<u>RACE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Caucasian	13,653	53.6%
African American	7,475	29.3%
Native American	2,297	9.0%
Hispanic	1,917	7.5%
Other	135	0.5%

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Distribution Drugs	4,434	17.4%
Poss/Obtain Drugs	2,559	10.0%
Assault	2,723	10.9%
Robbery	2,222	8.7%

Howard McLeod Correctional Center

Statistics

Opened: July 1973
Location: Atoka
Security: Minimum
Capacity: 616
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

Howard McLeod Correctional Center
1970 E. Whippoorwill Lane
Atoka, OK 74525
(580) 889-6651

Division II - Institutions
3400 Martin Luther King Avenue, Bldg. B
Oklahoma City, OK 73136-2059
(405) 425-7516

Oklahoma Department of Corrections
3400 Martin Luther King Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73111-4298
(405) 425-2500

Produced by the
Executive Communications Office 1/2012

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Howard McLeod

CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Bruce Howard
Warden

Jim Farris
Deputy Warden

History

HMCC is a minimum security institution located approximately 30 miles southeast of Atoka, Oklahoma. Construction of the institution began in November, 1961, and was completed a year later. The facility was constructed by offenders from Stringtown Correctional Center (currently Mack Alford Correctional Center), who were supervised by Stringtown Vo-Tech instructors. The center is a 5,000 acre site. HMCC was under the direction of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary until July, 1973. In 1978, a name change was implemented by the Oklahoma State Legislature, from McLeod Honor Farm to Howard McLeod Correctional Center. The building now known as west dorm was built from Oklahoma State Penitentiary brick and lumber saw milled from trees harvested from state land. HMCC is the only correctional center in Oklahoma that has ever utilized a saw mill to produce lumber.



Howard McLeod Correctional Center
Atoka, Oklahoma

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

The HMCC Career Tech Skills Center gives offenders the opportunity to acquire job skills in the areas of Heavy Equipment Operation, Welding, and Precision Machining Technology. Career Tech also aids released offenders in job placement in order to lessen the chance of re-offending.

Various self help programs, including Thinking For A Change and Life Link, are available from the unit staff and the chapel. The facility Psychological Clinician is the provider for a Thinking For A Change class and also Phase I of the Sex Offender Treatment Program.

AGRI-SERVICES

The Agriculture Services Farm Program staff consists of a Farm Manager IV and three Farm Managers. The staff supervises approximately 47 offenders, which work in the following areas: Livestock, Tractor/Farm Implements, Firewood and Brush Cutting, Utility Farm Crews

(fence repair, hay hauling, etc.), and vegetable production on approximately 92 acres of facility land.

Approximately 1,800 acres of facility property is covered with timber. An ongoing program to selectively cut the timber is in place that will allow more of the land to be grazed by cattle. Approximately 2,927 acres are presently being used as pasture land. Approximately 1,200 native pecan trees are also harvested. Approximately 550 head of cattle are being managed by Agriculture Services.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

In 1994, while training HMCC's tracking dogs, COIV Bobby Cross found an extremely large bone north of the facility, on state property, that had been uncovered by rain. The bone was sent to the University of Oklahoma and was determined to be a dinosaur bone. Paleontologists from the university were sent to HMCC and have discovered 14 individual dinosaur skeletons of four different dinosaur species to include Tenontosaurus, Deinonychus, Acrocanthosaurus, and Sauroposeidon which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest land dwelling dinosaur. Also found while digging dinosaur bones was a small mouse sized mammal from the same era that was named Paracimexomys-crossi after COIV Bobby Cross. The skeletons from the mammals and dinosaurs found on HMCC's land are displayed in the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman.



The Howard McLeod Correctional Center (HMCC) was named after Howard C. McLeod, who started in corrections at the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite, Oklahoma. He later served as chief sergeant and assistant deputy at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary from 1940 to 1955. He was appointed warden at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and served in that capacity from 1955 to 1959. McLeod's concern for meaningful labor for offenders led to the purchase of an "Honor Farm" outside Farris, Oklahoma, in Atoka county. That farm, known as the McLeod Honor Farm, later became the Howard C. McLeod Correctional Center. McLeod died in 1959 at the age of 63.



Offenders learning welding skills

OPERATIONS

Religion

The HMCC religious program is supervised by a full time chaplain who strives to accommodate all offenders in the practice of their faith. He is aided by approximately 120 volunteers who serve a valuable function in the delivery of religious services.

Medical

A health services unit is responsible for providing general medical care and emergency treatment of the offender population. Dental care is provided on-site. Psychological services are provided by a Psychological Clinician III who provides individual counseling to approximately 125 offenders each month.

Education

The Lakeside School offers learning opportunities for the offender population, regardless of their academic level, at no cost to the offender. The Education Department at Howard McLeod Correctional Center is staffed by three Correctional Teachers and one Correctional Teacher II (Site Administrator). At this time classes ranging from Literacy to GED are offered. Placement is determined by TABE testing new arrivals at LARC or at HMCC to determine grade-level performance. College courses are also available through Rose State College for offenders who qualify.