

Oklahoma Department of Corrections

Demographics

(as of June 28, 2013)

| <u>RACE</u> | <u>NO.</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> |
|------------------|------------|----------------|
| Caucasian | 14,308 | 53.9% |
| African American | 7,451 | 28.1% |
| Native American | 2,571 | 9.7% |
| Hispanic | 2,048 | 7.7% |
| Other | 161 | 0.6% |

| <u>OFFENSE</u> | <u>NO.</u> | <u>PERCENT</u> |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Distribution Drugs | 4,604 | 17.3% |
| Assault | 3,096 | 11.7% |
| Poss/Obtain Drugs | 2,600 | 9.8% |
| Robbery | 2,256 | 8.5% |

Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center

Statistics

Opened: 1969
Location: Hodgen
Security: Minimum
Capacity: 706
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

Jim E. Hamilton
CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Michael Wade
Warden

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History

The area now occupied by Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center, formerly Ouachita Correctional Center, dates back to 1933 when it served as the home of the Civil Conservation Corps. The facility grounds were later utilized by the U.S. Forestry Department and, in the early 1960s, by the Hodgen Job Corps.

The facility is located approximately 7½ miles South of Hodgen, Oklahoma, and is on the northern edge of the Ouachita National Forest.

In 1969, the Federal Government made the decision to demolish the existing campsite, but the plan was delayed when legislation was sponsored by Senator James E. Hamilton to introduce a better plan for the site. Camp Hodgen, as it was called then, was the first offender training facility in the U.S. offering vocational-technical training by the State Department of Vo-Tech Education in cooperation with the State Department of Corrections.



Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center
Hodgen, Oklahoma

OFFENDER PROGRAMS

The JEHCC is the largest correctional vocational training program in the state. The Vo-Tech program has grown to a total of 8 different skill areas currently available at the facility: industrial electricity, air conditioning and refrigeration, welding, building construction, masonry, building maintenance, industrial maintenance, transmission repair, front end/suspension and engine performance. The state department of Career Technology Education provides training opportunities to all eligible offenders at no cost.

In addition to providing training opportunities for offenders, CareerTech also provides the Oklahoma DOC and other state agencies, assistance with special construction projects and repairs on state vehicles. This service has

saved state, county and municipal agencies many valuable tax dollars for repairs and preventative maintenance of precious agency resources. JEHCC has benefited immensely from having a CareerTech center on site. Several facility buildings have been built either partially or entirely with skilled offender labor provided through the training programs.



The name ouachita is taken from two Choctaw words, “OWA” and “CHITAW.” The meaning of the name is “BIG HUNT.”



Former Oklahoma State Senator Jim Hamilton served in the Senate from 1967 until 1976. In 1984 after an eight year absence from the legislature, he was elected to the State House of Representatives where he served until 1998.

The Ouachita Correctional Center was officially changed to the Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center, in honor of Senator Hamilton on December 10, 1998.



OPERATIONS

Academic Education from basic literacy, through GED, to college level courses is provided by full time, state certified teachers. Approximately 50-75 offenders receive their GED at JEHCC each year. A leisure library provides an extensive collection of books and reference collection to meet the educational and recreational needs, of the offender population.

The Medical Unit provides clinically appropriate and necessary medical, dental and mental health care for offenders at the facility. Psychological services provide individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, assessment consultation and evaluation as requested by staff.

Food Service provides balanced nutritional meals to the offender population. Three meals a day are served in a central dining facility with group dining. The master menu is developed and reviewed annually by a licensed dietician. JEHCC has started a facility garden which provides various vegetables that help reduce food cost. Once planted, the total garden area covers approximately 5.57 acres.

Religious Programs provide a schedule of services of various faiths seven days a week. A faith based program “New Life Behaviors” is provided weekly that stresses family and personal responsibility. A religious library is also provided.