

The Department of Correction annually inspects the county jails in Maryland and makes recommendations for their improvement (Code 1951, Art. 27, sec. 789).

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$72,710	\$75,576
Staff: 8		
3 State Use Industries Funds		

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY

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The concept of a central penitentiary for an entire state was a creation of eighteenth-century humanitarianism in America. For the first time it was proposed that a penal institution should serve more than a single county, town, or parish and that it should treat its inmates, not as enemies of society to be punished, but as penitents to be reformed. The General Assembly of Maryland, in 1804, appointed a Commission to construct such an institution, but financial difficulties delayed its completion until 1811. The Penitentiary was the second institution of its type in the United States and has operated continuously since the date of its opening. During its first 100 years, a Board of Inspectors or a Board of Managers governed the Penitentiary. In 1917, it was placed under the newly established Board of Prison Control, now the Board of Correction.

The Penitentiary is a maximum security penal institution for long-term offenders. All sentences of death are executed at the Penitentiary.

The Penitentiary has an education and training program, both vocation and industrial. Prisoners work in the State Use Industries shops, which provide practical vocational training. The following shops are now operating: printing, auto tag, shoe manufacturing, woodworking, brush manufacturing, sewing, mattress and upholstering, metal products, and knitting. A road camp operates out of the Penitentiary.

The average population of the Penitentiary for the fiscal year 1956 was 1,627.

Appropriations	1957	1958
General Funds	\$1,423,447	\$1,527,787
Special Funds	20,000	20,000
Totals	\$1,443,447	\$1,547,787
Staff: 227 (as allowed by 1958 Budget)		
14 Public Works Operations Funds		
36 State Use Industries Funds		

MARYLAND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

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The Maryland House of Correction, established in 1878, is a medium security penal institution for male offenders who are convicted of crime and sentenced to imprisonment for three months or more. It operates a farm and maintains a herd of dairy cattle that supplies