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The Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown, originally established as the Maryland Institution for Males, is a medium security institution activated by Chapter 519, Acts of 1945, replacing the Maryland State Penal Farm established by Chapter 366, Acts of 1931, at the same location. Between 1962 and 1964, it was known as the Maryland Institution for Men. It adopted its present name on June 1, 1964. It has a capacity of 658 inmates.

On November 22, 1966, the Maryland Correctional Training Center authorized by Chapter 385, Acts of 1966, was dedicated. This facility is located across the road from the Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown. It has a capacity for 1,026 inmates. This facility places emphasis upon educational and vocational training. Those inmates who are less amenable to treatment programs either remain in or are transferred to the Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown.

As a result of the enactment of Chapter 695, Acts of 1967, a Reception-Diagnostic Center was established in Baltimore, and youthful offenders are received into the Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown and the Maryland Correctional Training Center by transfer to serve indeterminate sentences which have maximum limits. Although these facilities are for youthful offenders primarily, they also receive prisoners from the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction, regardless of age, when their transfer is authorized by the Commissioner of Correction. The Commissioner may direct the transfer of inmates from these institutions either to the Maryland Penitentiary or to the House of Correction when their behavior or other circumstances indicate that this action would be advisable.

Both of these facilities operate a Pre-Release Center to provide guidance to the youth in returning to the community. This facility has a rated capacity of fifty beds and is located away from the immediate area of the institution proper.

A Work Release Center has also been established adjacent to the Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown to house those inmates who are on the Work Release Program.

Situated on 1,119 acres of farm land, both these institutions conduct farming and dairying operations, with both of these projects providing supplies for these and other State institutions. The State Use Industries activities include a cannery, brush and carton shop, book bindery, stone crushing plant, metalworking department, feed mixing mill, and a poultry and turkey raising project.

The total population for these facilities during the 1967 fiscal year was 1,395.