Dixon Correctional Center
Nedra Chandler, Warden

Facility Data

Dixon Correctional Center
Opened: July 1983
*Operational Capacity: 2,552
Medium Security Adult Male
*Current Population: 2,346
Average Age: 39
FY2010 Average Annual Cost Per Inmate: $23,871.00

*As of 5/31/2012. Reflects bed space capacity as outlined in the July 1, 2012 Quarterly Report to the Legislature.

Visiting Hours

IDOC Visitation Rules and Information—please review before visiting

Please be advised the Dixon Correctional Center visiting room will be closed on Monday, October 22, 2012 for general cleanup and maintenance.

Visitors to any correctional facility will be required to produce photo identification and verification of date of birth. Please be sure to bring 2 forms of identification with you; these would include a current photo ID such as a driver’s license, a state ID card, government ID card, military ID/driver’s license, or acceptable documentation of non-U.S. citizenship including a current Passport, or Visa, documentation must contain the visitor’s date of birth. Expired forms of identification will not be accepted. Visitors will also be required to provide vehicle information and other pertinent data, such as government identification, official credentials, attorney registration, and or law student certification.

General Population
9:00 am to 8:00 pm with no admittance after 7:00 pm (daily)

Non-Contact
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm with no admittance after 7:00 pm (daily)

Segregation
9:00 am until 3:00 pm with no admittance after 2:15 pm (daily)

Additional Information for All Visits

- If you are planning on visiting Dixon Correctional Center your name must appear on the offender’s approved visiting list.
- If you have been convicted of an offense other than a minor traffic violation (i.e. speeding, traffic light, seat belt, etc) you must obtain the warden’s written authorization prior to any visit. You can obtain authorization by writing to the warden at the address provided below. In your letter you must outline the circumstance(s) of your conviction, status of probation and or parole and any pending judicial determination. Your cooperation will assist the facility in determining your visiting privileges at Dixon Correctional Center and will avoid unnecessary travel to the facility.
- A debit card is required to purchase food and drinks from the vending machines located in the visiting room. A debit card can be purchased at the time of any visit; you will need to have a $5.00 bill to initially purchase this card. Once the card is purchased you may load the card with additional funds; however, you are cautioned to not to exceed a balance of $50.00.
- Visitors are not permitted to wear suggestive, revealing, other provocation clothing. If you have questions regarding the dress code please contact the facility prior to visiting.
- To the ensure the safety of your children please ensure that your child(ren) are under your supervision and control at all times.
- Cell phones are prohibited from entering the gatehouse. You must secure your phone in your vehicle and cannot be stored in the provided visitor lockers.

Facility Address

Business Mail:
2600 N. Brinton Avenue
P.O. Box 1200
Dixon, IL 61021

Inmate Mail:
Inmate Name & IDOC# 
2600 N. Brinton Avenue
Dixon, IL 61021

Phone: (815) 288-5561
Facility Information

Dixon Correctional Center fully supports the mission of the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) through the development of security levels and supervision of offenders. A major focus of the center’s mission is to provide a comprehensive mental health program to address the individual and group needs of the mentally ill. The center strives to provide a safe and secure environment where mentally ill and/or developmentally disabled offenders, who are in need of placement in a correctional psychiatric setting, will have the opportunity to participate in treatment and educational programs that will assist them in their ability to function productively, both within the correctional setting and in their communities upon release.

Dixon Correctional Center is distinct in its size as IDOC’s largest medium security facility and is unique in its diversity. The administration of the facility is divided into specialized areas that include units housing general population inmates, older inmates with special needs, inmates with disabilities as well as an infirmary. The Special Treatment Center (STC) is medium security center that houses both mentally ill and developmentally disabled inmates. The Dixon Psychiatric Unit is a maximum-security unit, which serves as IDOC’s primary psychiatric correctional facility. Both the Special Treatment Center and Dixon Psychiatric Unit serve the needs of the mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled offenders by providing programs geared specifically toward a “special needs” population as well as a therapeutic environment.

The Dixon Correctional Center is situated on 462 acres of land just north of the city of Dixon, with 125 acres inside the perimeter fence. The facility sidewalks, signage, parking and other walkway areas are all in compliance with American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Inmate Programs

Academic:
- ABE (Adult Basic Education)
- GED (General Education Development)
- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Liberal Studies

Vocational:
- Commercial Custodial (GP)
- Bachelor Living (STC)
- Building Maintenance (STC)
- Laundry and Dry Cleaning (STC)
- Small Business Management (GP)
- Cosmetology (GP)
- Commercial Cooking (GP)
- Construction Occupations (GP)

Industries:
- Eyeglass

Volunteer Services:
- Religious Programs (Worship and Bible study)
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Literacy Program

Other:
- Life Skills
- Substance Abuse
- Anger Management
- Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program
- Leisure Time Services
- Hospice/Adult Care
- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Sex Offender Program
- Community Work Crews
- Lifestyle Redirection
- Reentry Programs