RDC is a maximum security intake facility for adult males sentenced to the DOC. All adult males, including male offenders under 18 who were waived to adult court, are received at RDC, classified and transferred to long-term facilities. Only those offenders sentenced to death bypass RDC and go straight to death row at the Indiana State Prison. RDC houses a total of 695 offenders.

RDC was completed in two (2) phases: the first phase consisted of two hundred four (204) cells and was completed in 1971. Phase two (2) was completed in 1993, which added one hundred forty-four (144) additional cells and administrative and operational space.