

Pelican Bay

Pelican Bay State Prison

Located on 275 acres in the northwest corner of California, just 13 miles from the Oregon/ California Border. Pelican Bay State Prison (PBSP) is designed to house the State's most serious criminal offenders in a secure, safe and disciplined institutional setting. The prison opened in December 1989 to accommodate a need for a growing population of maximum-security

inmates. Pelican Bay has an approximate budget of \$180 million, more than 1,292 employees and houses approximately 3,240 inmates.

Half of the prison houses maximum-security inmates in a General Population (GP) setting. The other half houses inmates in the Security Housing Unit (SHU) designed for inmates presenting serious management concerns.



The SHU is a modern design for inmates who are difficult-management cases, prison gang members, and violent maximum-security inmates. PBSP operates a 392-bed, Level I Minimum Support Facility, which houses non-violent offenders outside of the secure perimeter of the main institution, and a Firehouse with 7 full-time inmate firefighters.



Secure Housing Unit (SHU)















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Facts

- 1. Inmate Population Prison Total 3,234
 - (11 inmates in Infirmary when data was collected)
 - Security Housing Unit houses 1,111 inmates.
 - Facility C houses 602 inmates.
 - Facility D houses 509 inmates.
 - General Population houses 1,271 inmates.
 - · Facility A houses 749 inmates.
 - Facility B houses 522 inmates.
 - Administrative Segregation Unit (ASU) houses 403 inmates
 - Psychiatric Services Unit (PSU): 116 inmates
 - Level 1 Minimum-Support Facility and Gym houses 315 inmates until closed (Gym will close Dec 2011, AB-109)
 - Firehouse houses 7 inmates
- 2. Annual housing costs 2010-2011.
 - \$70,641 per SHU inmate
 - \$58,324 per GP inmate
 - \$171,857 per PSU/EOP inmate
 - \$77,740 per ASU inmate
 - \$43,640 per Level I inmate
- 3. July 2011 Hunger Strike Numbers (Pelican Bay only)
 - Total number of inmate strikers: 1,035
 - Total of inmates on strike at one time: 1,021
 - · Average weight loss of strikers: 0.42 of a pound

- Most weight lost by a single inmate: 30 pounds
- · Most weight gained by a single inmate: 14 pounds
- Total number of inmates who lost weight: 113
- · Total number of inmates who gained weight: 21
- Total day hunger strike lasted: 21 days
- 4. Staffing
 - Sworn peace officers: 868
 - Health care staff: 160
 - Non-Custody (clerical, plant, records, etc.): 237
 - Education: 14
 - Management: 13
- 5. Programs and Self-Help Groups
 - Education
 - Academic Education (ELD/GED)
 - Alternative Education Program (college, testing, distance learning)
 - · Vocational Program (auto body and fender)
 - Self-Help
 - AA/NA
 - ROCK (Reaching Out Convicts to Kids)
 - Choices
 - New Beginnings
 - Veterans Group











