



## Kansas Department of Corrections Inmate Telephone Rates Decreasing

The Kansas Department of Corrections has entered into a contract with Embarq™ Payphone Services Inc., a unit of Embarq Corp. of Overland Park, to provide telephone services for inmate calling at Kansas correctional facilities for significantly reduced rates.

Embarq™ will continue to provide the capability to monitor and record all inmate telephone conversations, limit the number of people an inmate is allowed to call, and

a number of other security related functions. The cost of the security functions associated with an inmate telephone system is paid for through the calling charges, not by state tax dollars.

“It is important for inmates to be able to maintain contact with their families and friends,” Secretary of Corrections Roger Werholtz said. “We have recognized for many years that the cost of the phone calls inmates make from our correctional

facilities has created a financial hardship for their families, and I am pleased that the new contract will help reduce those costs.”

Paul Cooper, Director & General Manager – EMBARQ Public Access, said the company brings proven technical solutions and a commitment to service to the competitive mix.

“These are complex installations with continually improving technology. You can’t just win

the contract and walk away,” Cooper said. “We’ve earned our reputation for outstanding service and are very excited to serve KDOC and the citizens of Kansas,” Cooper said, adding that EMBARQ provides inmate phone services for the states of South Carolina, Michigan and Wisconsin in addition to numerous county facilities. He said he expects to complete the transition from the current provider by early 2008.

### Inside this issue:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <i>Secretary’s Message</i>  | 2 |
| <i>Kansas Department of Corrections Inmate Telephone Rates Decreasing (continued)</i> | 3 |
| <i>Hutchinson Jaycees Raise Funds for National Guard</i>                              | 3 |
| <i>Aerostructures Graduation</i>  | 4 |
| <i>Victim Services Recognition</i>  | 4 |
| <i>Correctional Facility Physical Plant Security Improvements</i>                     | 5 |
| <i>Statistical Graphs</i>   | 6 |
| <i>Statistical Graphs (continued)</i>   | 7 |

### CURRENT CALLING RATES

| CALL TYPE                | COLLECT                 |                 | PRE-PAID COLLECT |                 | INMATE BASED PRE-PAY |                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                          | Surcharge               | Per minute rate | Surcharge        | Per minute rate | Surcharge            | Per minute rate |
| Local                    | \$4.35                  | \$0.00          | \$3.65           | \$0.00          | \$3.27               | \$0.00          |
| Intralata/<br>Intrastate | \$3.84                  | \$0.16          | \$3.10           | \$0.15          | \$2.88               | \$0.12          |
| Interlata/<br>Intrastate | \$3.26                  | \$0.69          | \$2.12           | \$0.63          | \$2.45               | \$0.52          |
| Interlata/<br>Interstate | \$2.84                  | \$0.66          | \$2.17           | \$0.58          | \$2.13               | \$0.50          |
| International            | Not available currently |                 |                  |                 |                      |                 |

**Inmate Telephone Rates  
Decreasing (cont’d to p. 2)**



## Secretary's Message

### "Effective Correctional Services"

Several years ago, the Kansas Department of Corrections adopted the Vision Statement "A Safer Kansas Through Effective Correctional Services".

This is a seemingly straightforward statement. Everyone wants a safer Kansas, but when we start talking about how to go about making Kansas a safer state, we can find considerable disagreement as to what constitutes effective correctional services. For a number of years now, the Department of Corrections has placed significant emphasis on Risk Reduction and Reentry strategies as the best opportunity to improve public safety. Governor Sebelius and members of the legislature strongly support these efforts. Likewise, public and private organizations from across the country have made investments of time, personnel and considerable financial resources to help us. Our employees have undergone extensive retraining and redefinition of their roles and the supervision methods they use.

I am pleased to report that these efforts are succeeding.

*Between Fiscal Years 2003 and 2007, the number of offenders who have been returned to a correctional facility for violating the conditions of their release supervision has decreased from a monthly average of 203 to 103, a factor of 49%. During the same period of time, the number of offenders on absconder status at the end of the fiscal year decreased from 467 to 303, a factor of 35%.*

Reducing recidivism rates and absconder rates are desirable, but something much more significant has happened. The number of new crimes committed by offenders under parole supervision has declined significantly. Looking at the three years immediately prior to the Department commencing its initial efforts in reentry (FY 1998 – FY 2000) and comparing it to the three most recent years for which we have complete data (FY 2004 – FY 2006) the number of offenses for which parolees have been convicted while under parole/post release supervision has declined by 41%. It is clear that when it comes to offenders committed to the custody of the Secretary of



Corrections, Kansas is safer than it was just a few years ago.

I am aware that not everyone agrees with Risk Reduction and Reentry strategies. I am aware that Risk Reduction and Reentry requires new skills for staff, a new approach, and frequently requires additional effort. I am aware that some believe that the only appropriate response to inappropriate behavior is returning an offender to prison. My challenge to those who believe this is a simple one: what is the point of our work? Is it to make offenders suffer more than they already do while confined, or is our job to make sure that our fellow citizens suffer less...that we have fewer new victims when offenders are released from Kansas prisons. I would argue that our job is

the latter, to reduce the number of new victims. And now we know conclusively that is what is happening in our state.

**Effective** correctional services are helping make Kansas safer. We recognize that some number of inmates and offenders under supervision in our communities still commit crimes, sometimes terrible crimes. We are not yet good enough in this field, and the science is not yet sufficiently developed to be able to provide the certainty we all seek that no offender placed under our supervision will ever harm someone again. But the efforts of the dedicated and professional staff of the Kansas Department of Corrections are helping bring down significantly the number of offenders who violate conditions of their supervision, abscond, or commit new crimes.

The Department of Corrections is currently preparing to post its 2008 Annual Report on our home page. This annual report will provide you with a current comprehensive description of the services provided and administered by the Kansas Department of Corrections, and far more statistical detail of why I believe that we can characterize those services as effective.



**Kansas Department of Corrections Inmate Telephone Rates Decreasing (cont'd from p. 1)**

**REDUCED CALLING RATES**

| CALL TYPE            | COLLECT   |                 | PRE-PAID COLLECT |                 | INMATE BASED PRE-PAY |                 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
|                      | Surcharge | Per minute rate | Surcharge        | Per minute rate | Surcharge            | Per minute rate |
| Local                | \$2.61    | \$0.00          | \$2.19           | \$0.00          | \$1.96               | \$0.00          |
| Intralata/Intrastate | \$2.30    | \$0.10          | \$1.86           | \$0.09          | \$1.73               | \$0.07          |
| Interlata/Intrastate | \$1.96    | \$0.41          | \$1.27           | \$0.38          | \$1.47               | \$0.31          |
| Interlata/Interstate | \$1.70    | \$0.40          | \$1.30           | \$0.35          | \$1.28               | \$0.30          |
| International        | N/A       | N/A             | \$1.30           | \$0.35          | \$1.28               | \$0.30          |

The contract provides the Department of Corrections with a minimum annual guarantee commission of \$1,057,000 which will continue to be used to supplement funding for offender programs and services. This represents a 62% reduction in the minimum annual guarantee of \$2,750,000

provided under the current contract. The Department will receive a 41% commission after the minimum annual guarantee is realized. The Department intends to discuss additional rate reductions if call volume proves sufficient to exceed the minimum guarantee.

Embarq Corporation (NYSE: EQ), headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, offers a complete suite of common-sense communications services. The company has approximately 19,000 employees and operates in 18 states. EMBARQ is included in the S&P 500. EMBARQ believes that by fo-

cus on the communities the company serves and by employing common sense and practical ingenuity, it is able to provide customers with a committed partner, dedicated customer service and innovative products for work and home. For more information, visit Ebarq.com.

**Hutchinson Jaycees Raise Funds for Kansas National Guard**

In early December, members of the Rock Castle Jaycees Chapter in Hutchinson raised \$1,000 in response to Governor Sebelius' call to help bring members of the Kansas National Guard 1st Battalion, 161st Field Artillery home for the holidays from training in Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Facility, where the Rock Castle Jaycee members are inmates.

"The inmates were happy for the opportunity to help out," said Warden Sam

Cline. "The holidays are about giving to others and as much as anyone they can certainly identify with the prospect of not being home during this time."

"I just want to say thank you on behalf of the troops," said Specialist Evan Chesterman.

The check presentation took place in the rotunda of the maximum security unit of the Hutchinson Correctional



David Danner (left) presenting \$1000 check to Specialist Evan Chesterman (right)

HCF inmates participate in a number of self-help groups which raise funds for worthy causes throughout the year.



## Aerostructure Graduation



Program partnership (from left): Emmalee Conover, Warden, Winfield Correctional Facility; Julie Utt, Deputy Warden, Winfield Correctional Facility; D. Keith Meyers, Kansas Department of Commerce; David Kerr, Secretary, Kansas Department of Commerce; Sheree Utash, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Cowley College; Keith Lawing, Executive Director, Workforce Alliance of Southeast Kansas.

In September 2007, nine minimum security inmates were the first to qualify for participation in the new “AeroStructures Technology” vocational education program at Winfield Correctional Facility. In December 2007, the nine students received Manufacturing Skills Certification as Basic Sheetmetal and Aerostruc-

tures Technicians. The program is funded through the Workforce Investment Act and is a partnership between the Kansas Department of Corrections, Kansas Department of Commerce, Greenbush, Cowley County Community College, and Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas/Arbor E&T.

The AeroStructures Technology course is a 14 week program that included classroom and lab instruction on Manufacturing Skills, Life Skills, and Aircraft Sheet metal.

The graduates also earned Kansas WorkReady Certifications as Bronze, Silver or Gold. WorkKeys is a reli-

able and nationally validated system evaluating and analyzing workplace skills. These are transferable skills that are necessary for most jobs. More information on Kansas WorkReady can be obtained by calling 1-800-255-2458.

## Victims Services Recognition



In October 2007, the Wichita/Sedgwick County Domestic Violence /Sexual Assault Coalition presented Wichita Area Parole Supervisor David Evans with a “Champion of Respect” award for 2007. The award is given to those who are recognized as members of the Wichita community who are extraordinary examples of what it means to be a “Champion of Respect” and make a difference in the

lives of others through their actions on a daily basis as a leader in promoting non-violent relationships.

The Champions of Respect award is part of the Choose Respect Campaign, sponsored by the coalition’s DELTA project which focuses on middle and high school students. The purpose is to teach and spread the word about positive, healthy relationships and

how everyone in the community can work together to make a difference in ending violent relationships.

Domestic and sexual violence are community problems that take the community to address. Parole Supervisor Evans is commended for his outstanding efforts on a daily basis not only in working with offenders but for going above and beyond for victims of crime as well.



## Correctional Facility Physical Plant and Security Improvements



The building used as the infirmary and clinic at Lansing Correctional Facility was razed in December

The 2007 Legislature authorized issuance of \$19.5 million in bonds for physical plant safety and security upgrades of the correctional facilities. A number of projects made possible by that appropriation are currently in progress.

The building which has served as the clinic and infirmary at Lansing Correctional Facility since 1977 was razed in December 2007. As a result of Lansing's proximity to the greater Kansas City area, the LCF medical department has been designated as the center of the Department's healthcare system. However, due to the lack of

space and deterioration of the existing structure, it was no longer adequate to provide necessary services to the number of inmates with the range of medical issues currently incarcerated in the system.

Site preparation is currently scheduled to begin in March 2008, with the pre-cast concrete shell scheduled for construction in mid-summer. The new building is expected to be ready for use in August 2010. This \$6 million project will provide continued compliance with accreditation standards of the National

Commission on Correctional Health Care.

The bond funding was also designated for projects that include installation of security cameras and other security equipment and replacement of fire alarm systems at several facilities, security perimeter detection installation and cell locking system replacement at Hutchinson Correctional Facility and upgrading utility tunnels and replacing the dining room in the medium security unit at Norton Correctional Facility.

A portion of the bond funding is also being used for security upgrades, including the installation of additional rolls of razor ribbon on the perimeter fence at the El Dorado Correctional Facility, following the escape of two inmates from the Administrative Segregation Unit in October 2007. The two inmates are in custody and awaiting prosecution for crimes committed in New Mexico, a

former employee of the facility is in custody and has been returned to Kansas facing federal charges in connection with the escape.



Security hardware enhancements



Additional razor ribbon installed at El Dorado Correctional Facility

## Inmate Population

The total inmate population on January 18, 2008 was

8,697. This is the first time the total inmate population

decreased below 8,700 since June 4, 2002 – four years

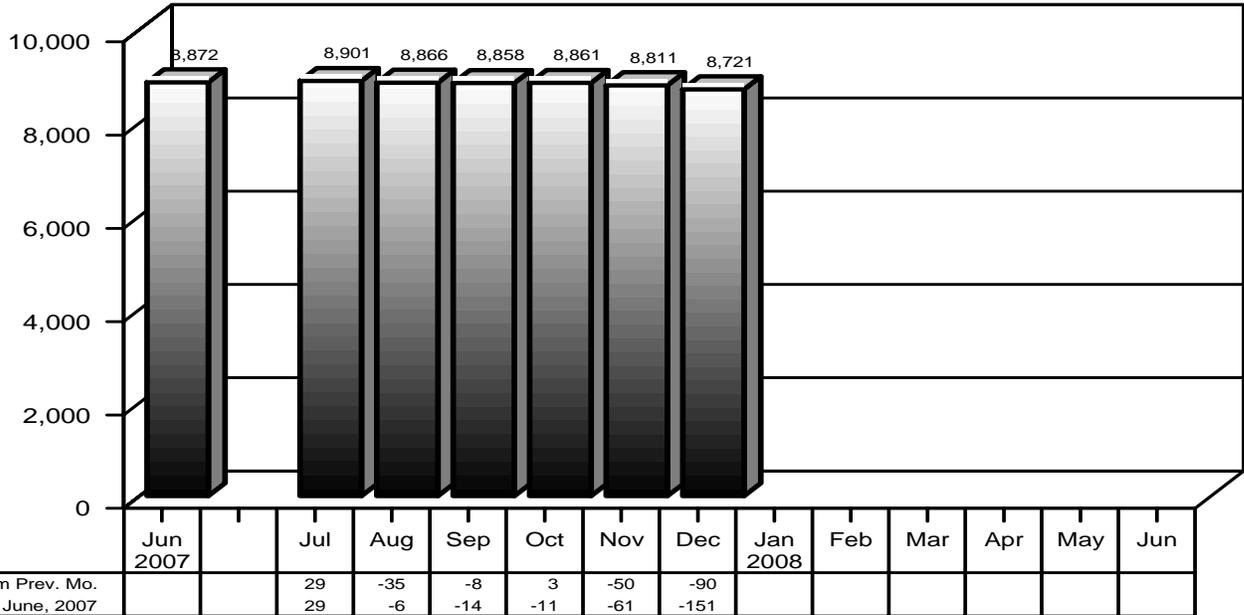
and seven months earlier - when it was 8,698.



## Statistical Graphs

Kansas Department of Corrections  
Graphic Highlights -- Monthly Offender Population Report (December 2007)

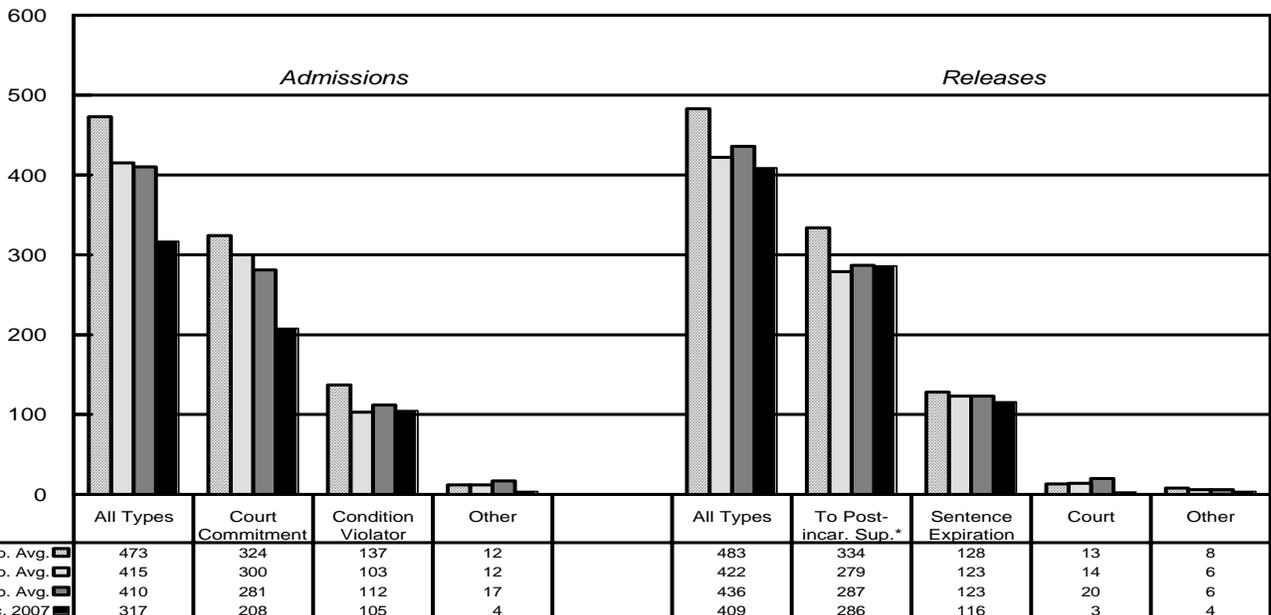
### End-of-month Inmate Population: FY 2008 to Date\*



\*Figures reflect the total inmate population (combined DOC and Non-DOC facility populations)  
HG98 Pres. eomgrph-fy2008.pr4.

Kansas Department of Corrections  
Graphic Highlights -- Monthly Offender Population Report (December 2007)

### Number of Admission and Release Events Per Month (by Major Category): Comparison of FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008 to Date Monthly Averages with Current Month's Totals



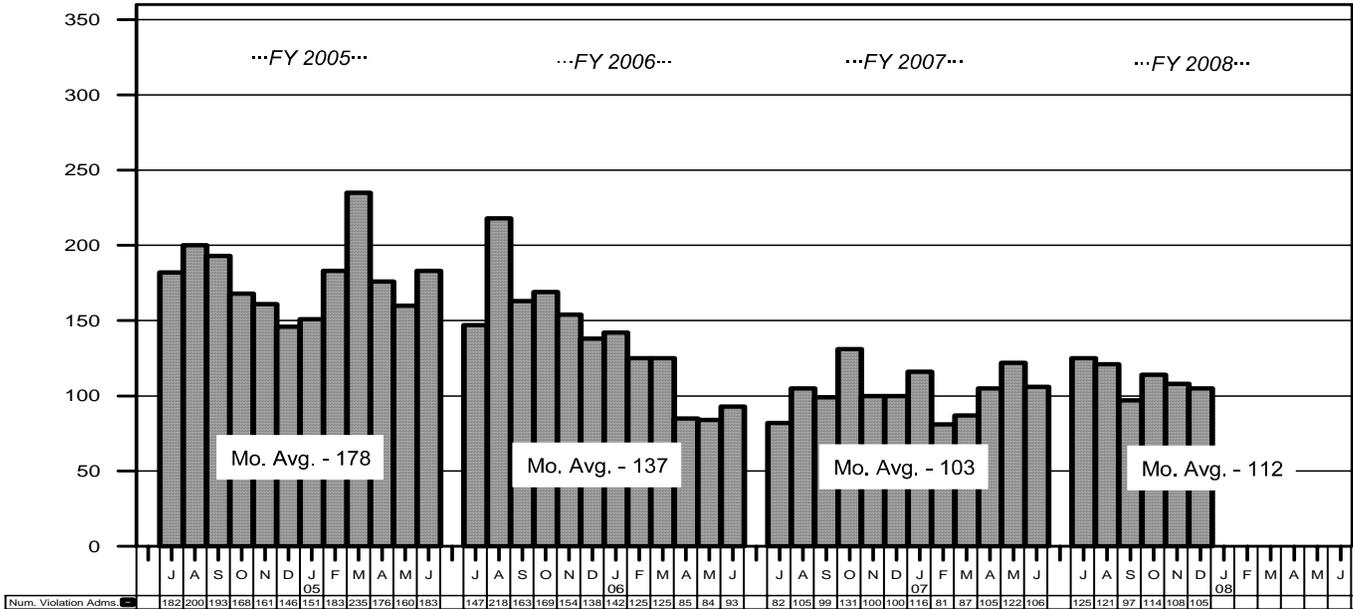
\*Includes parole releases by action of the Kansas Parole Board as well as releases to supervision via the provisions of the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act of 1993.



### Statistical Graphs (continued)

Kansas Department of Corrections  
Graphic Highlights -- Monthly Offender Population Report (December 2007)

#### Number of Return Admissions for Condition Violations by Month: FY 2005 - FY 2008 to Date\*

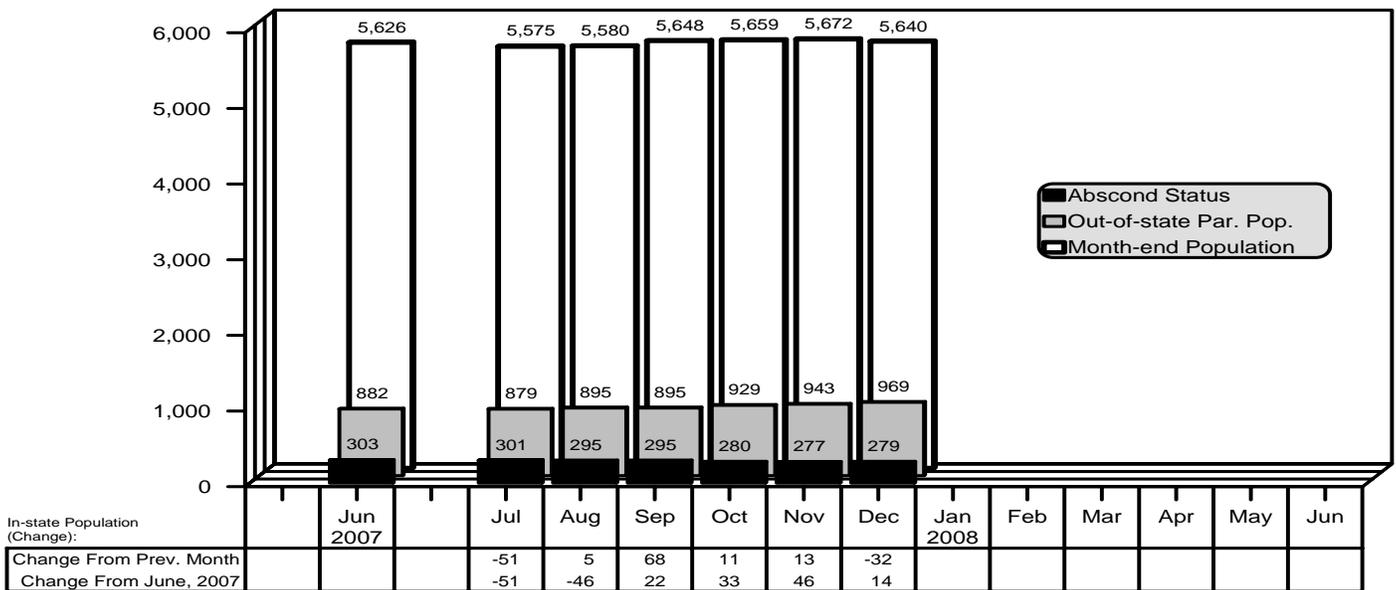


\*Total number of admissions for violation of the conditions of release (no new sentence).

HG98 Pres. eomgrph-fy2008.pr4

Kansas Department of Corrections  
Graphic Highlights -- Monthly Offender Population Report (December 2007)

#### Components of the End-of-month Population Under Post-incarceration Management: FY 2008 to Date\*



\*In-state population is comprised of Kansas offenders supervised in Kansas and out-of-state offenders supervised in Kansas. Out-of-state population is comprised of Kansas offenders supervised out-of-state. Those on abscond status have active warrants (whereabouts unknown).

HG98 Pres. eomgrph-fy2008.pr4



**State of Kansas - Dept of  
Corrections**

Frances Breyne, Editor  
900 SW Jackson St Fl 4  
Topeka KS 66612

Phone: (785) 296-5873  
Fax: (785) 296-0014

Email: [FrancesB@kdoc.dc.state.ks.us](mailto:FrancesB@kdoc.dc.state.ks.us)  
<http://www.dc.state.ks.us/>

A safer Kansas through effective  
correctional services



The mission of the Kansas Department of Corrections is to contribute to public safety and support victims of crime by exercising safe and effective containment and supervision of inmates, by managing offenders in the community, and by actively encouraging and assisting offenders to become law-abiding citizens.

The Department is responsible for the management and supervision of adult felony offenders sentenced to the Secretary of Corrections by the District Courts of Kansas.

The beginning of the Kansas Department of Corrections can be traced back almost one hundred and forty years to the construction of what was then known as the Kansas State Penitentiary during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. The Department of Corrections currently operates eight correctional facilities and satellite units located in 12 communities and Parole Offices located in 17 communities.