

Prior to the erection of this institution, female prisoners were lodged in a section of the Maryland House of Correction; and prior to the opening of the House of Correction in 1879, they had been housed in quarters reserved for them at the Maryland Penitentiary.

Adult females who have been convicted of felonies or misdemeanors, and have been sentenced to confinement in a correctional institution other than a jail, are committed to the Maryland Institution for Women. At the present time, more than three-quarters of the inmates are serving indeterminate sentences, and the remainder have definite sentences.

Agricultural products, derived from the cultivation (by inmates) of approximately ten acres of land, are used by the institution. A sewing shop is conducted as a State Use Industries activity.

The average population for fiscal year 1963 was 191.

Appropriations	1963	1964
General Funds	\$419,736	\$432,650
Special Funds	7,754	7,643
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Totals	\$427,490	\$440,293
Staff: 73 (General Funds Budget)		
1 (State Use Industries Funds).		

CORRECTIONAL CAMPS

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- Old Point Correctional Camp, Chester, Queen Anne's County
- Poplar Hill Correctional Camp, Quantico, Wicomico County
- Sandy Point Correctional Camp, Sandy Point, Anne Arundel County
- Southern Maryland Correctional Camp, Hughesville, Charles County
- Central Laundry Correctional Camp, Sykesville, Carroll County

The Department of Correction operates five Correctional Camps, each of which provides work and other rehabilitative facilities for the men transferred to these minimum security installations subsequent to classification and careful screening at the institutions to which they had originally been committed. These camps were established by Chapter 266, Acts of 1955. (Code 1957, 1962 Supp., Art. 27, sec. 689f).

Four of these camps (Old Point, Poplar Hill, Sandy Point, and Southern Maryland) operate under one budget. Prisoners assigned to these camps are employed on projects of the State Roads Commission, farming operations, and by other State departments and local governmental agencies.

The average (total) population of these Camps for fiscal year 1963 was 486.

Appropriations	1963	1964
General Funds	\$363,563	\$402,557
Special Funds	284,000	247,000
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Totals	\$647,563	\$649,537
Staff: 73 (General Funds Budget).		

Central Laundry Correctional Camp

This combined laundry and correctional camp operation was established in July, 1960 to serve the laundry needs of institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Hygiene.