



The Virginia Model Fact Sheet

Lawrenceville Correctional Center (July 2025)

Population Quick Facts: Improvements since August 1, 2024*

Serious Assaults on Inmates
100% reduction

Total Fights
100% reduction

Cell Phone Seizures
75% reduction

Drug Seizures
62% reduction

Positive Drug Tests
94% reduction

Confirmed Drug Overdoses
100% reduction

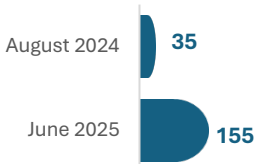
Overdose Deaths
100% reduction

The Virginia Model (TVM) is a correctional model strategically designed to foster a culture of accountability, personal investment, and community by aligning meaningful incentives with consistent, effective sanctions, with Lawrenceville Correctional Center as the first TVM facility.

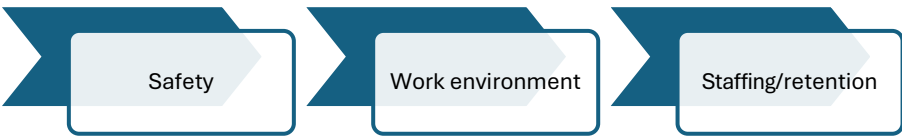
Opening in 1998, LVCC was the sole privately-operated prison in VA prior to operational control being assumed by the VADOC on August 1, 2024.

Staffing Changes

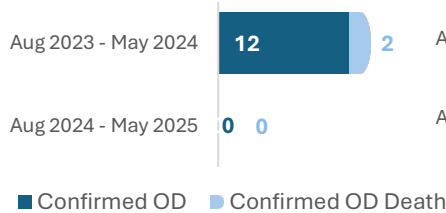
Certified security staff** increased from **35** total as of August 1, 2024, to **155** as of June 25, 2025. All staff were required to participate in Mission & Vision training within 6 months of VADOC taking ownership of LVCC.



VMP Positive Impact on Staff:



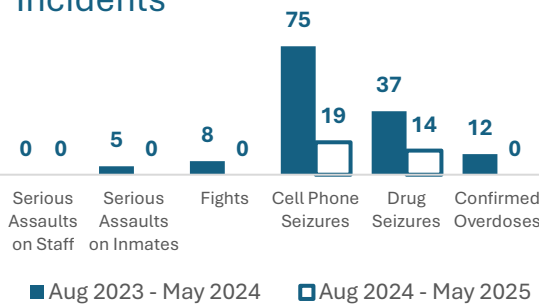
Confirmed Overdoses and Overdose Deaths



Positive Drug Tests***



Incidents



Incentives/ Innovative Practices

- Recreation yard opened all day to all buildings
- No separation of LVCC population (fences down between yards)
- Improved food and salad bar
- Enhanced mattresses
- Arts and crafts/games: inmates allowed to purchase flat canvas boards, quality paint brushes, and paint colors. Inmates allowed to purchase polyhedral dice and board games

Additional innovative practices planned: snack bar on recreation yard, fish tanks in pods, hydroponics and fish hatchery, culinary program, bees and agriculture, raised vegetable beds, bands, podcast.



*for time-period August 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, compared to August 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024; **DCJS-certified Corrections Officers; ***number of inmates with positive drug test results.



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The Virginia Model Screening Criteria

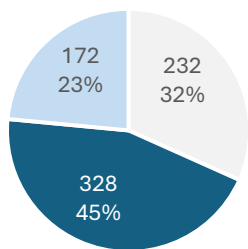
Suitability for TVM was based on an inmate's sustained good behavior (no disciplinary infractions[^]), program participation/completion, and time left to serve.

Inmate health and physical needs were reviewed to ensure placement in the most appropriate facility to address their needs. Inmates were screened on a case-by-case basis with special consideration given to veterans and inmates sentenced under the old parole system.

Most inmates (98%) did not have a serious disciplinary infraction during the last four years.

All inmates have the opportunity to earn their way to an incentive facility as evidenced by the histories of the inmates at LVCC where the majority spent time at higher security levels.

68% of inmates at LVCC had spent time during their current incarceration at a higher security level facility prior to transferring to LVCC.



232 (32%) had spent time at the **same or lower security level facility**

328 (45%) had spent time at a **higher security level facility** other than Red Onion SP or Wallens Ridge SP

172 (23%) had spent time at **Red Onion SP, Wallens Ridge SP, or both**

82% of inmates at LVCC had been classified at a higher inmate security level at some point during their current term prior to their current inmate security level at LVCC (602 inmates).

Programs and Education

The following programs are currently operating at LVCC (with plans for future programs and education opportunities underway^{^^}):

133 Career and Technical Education enrollments (Green HVAC, electrical, carpentry, and custodial main program enrollments, 53 on waitlist)

75 Adult Basic Education enrollments (0 waiting)

40 Computer program enrollments (upcoming)

19 Inmate-led programs

10 Peer-led groups (trained peers)

9 Reentry Programs (216 enrollments)

4 Cognitive Behavioral programs (111 enrollments)

2 Substance Abuse programs (8 enrollments)

Fish Tanks and Fish Hatchery

Fish tanks are being installed at LVCC housing units to promote tranquility and responsibility.



Fish hatcheries are being developed to provide training and employment opportunities as well as a fresh food source at LVCC.

What's Next?

- Lawrenceville CC capacity will double** once repairs and renovations are completed
- Next three TVM facilities** will open on September 1, 2025 (Buckingham CC, Dillwyn CC, and 3 housing units at Greenville CC)
- Additional three facilities** are planned to be selected by the end of 2025

[^]As of 6/14/25; serious disciplinary infractions include, but are not limited to, killing a person, escape, aggravated assault, rioting, and possession of a weapon. Less serious disciplinary infractions include, but are not limited to, fighting with any person, simple assault, and any physical assault on another inmate not resulting in a serious injury. Please refer to DOP [861.1 Inmate Discipline](#) for a full list of disciplinary infractions; ^{^^}As of 6/27/25. Because these inmates were motivated to improve *prior to coming* to LVCC, they have lower risks/needs than the prior population.

