



Shadow Prisons in the United States

LIST OF JURISDICTIONS

Twenty states and the federal Bureau of Prisons have systems of pre-crime preventative detention that permit the indefinite, post-sentence ‘civil’ confinement of persons with an historical sex-related conviction. These facilities are known as *shadow prisons* because they are carceral settings that operate outside the normal protections of the criminal legal system and are deliberately kept in darkness away from oversight. It is not presently known how many shadow prisoners there are in the U.S., though estimates range from 6,000 to as many as 10,000 individuals. Each of these persons has completed their sentence, and some have never been convicted of a crime.

ARIZONA | Phoenix

Arizona State Hospital

Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 36-3701 (2024) *et seq.*

CALIFORNIA | Coalinga

Coalinga State Hospital

Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 6600 (2024) *et seq.*

FLORIDA | Arcadia

Florida Civil Commitment Center

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 394.912 (2024) *et seq.*

ILLINOIS | Rushville

Treatment and Detention Facility

725 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 207/5 (2024) *et seq.*

IOWA | Cherokee

Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders

Iowa Code Ann. § 229A.2 (2024) *et seq.*

KANSAS | Larned

Sexual Predator Treatment Program

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 59-29a02 (2024) *et seq.*

MASSACHUSETTS | Bridgewater

Massachusetts Treatment Center

Mass. Gen. Ann. Laws ch. 123a, § 1 (2024) *et seq.*

MINNESOTA | Moose Lake & St. Peter

Minnesota Sex Offender Program

Minn. Stat. Ann. § 253D.02 (2024) *et seq.*

MISSOURI | Farmington

Sexual Offender Rehab. & Treatment Services Ctr.

Mo. Ann. Stat. § 632.480 (2024) *et seq.*

NEBRASKA | Norfolk & Lincoln

Norfolks & Lincoln Regional Centers

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-174.01 (2024) *et seq.*

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Currently there is no shadow prison in NH

N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 135-E:2 (2024) *et seq.*

NEW JERSEY | Avenel

Special Treatment Unit

N.J. Stat. Ann. § 30:4-27.26 (2024) *et seq.*

NEW YORK | Marcy & St. Lawrence

Secure Treatment & Rehabilitation Center

N.Y. Mental Hyg. Law § 10.03 (2024) *et seq.*

NORTH DAKOTA | Jamestown

North Dakota State Hospital

N.D. Cent. Code § 25-03.3-01 (2024) *et seq.*

PENNSYLVANIA | Torrance

Torrance State Hospital, Wiseman Building

42 Pa. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 6402 (2024) *et seq.*

S. CAROLINA | Columbia

Broad River Correctional Institution Congaree Unit

S.C. Code Ann. § 44-48-30 (2024) *et seq.*

TEXAS | Littlefield

Texas Civil Commitment Center

Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 841.002(2024) *et seq.*

VIRGINIA | Burkeville

Va. Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation

Va. Code Ann. § 37.2-900 (2024) *et seq.*

WASHINGTON | McNeil Island

Special Commitment Center

Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 71.09.020 (2024) *et seq.*

WISCONSIN | Mauston

Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center

Wis. Stat. Ann. § 980.01 (2024) *et seq.*

FEDERAL BOP | Butner, NC

Commitment & Treatment Program

18 U.S.C.A. § 4248 (2024)