

Locked Up but Not Locked Out: Honoring the Societal Contract with our Nation's Veterans

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Objectives

- Veteran Justice Program Overview
- Veterans Incarcerated in NC
- Connecting with VA, Navigating Eligibility, Benefits
- Veteran Service Officers
- Potential Opportunities
- Contacts / Resources



VJP Mission & Vision

Mission

- To identify justice-involved Veterans and contact them through outreach, in order to facilitate access to VA services at the earliest possible point. Veterans Justice Programs accomplish this by building and maintaining partnerships between VA and key elements of the criminal justice system.

Vision

- Every justice-involved Veteran will have access to the care, services and other benefits to help him or her maximize their potential for success and stability in the community, including by avoiding homelessness and ending their involvement in the justice system.

VJP Outreach Services

Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)

- Gain access to the jail
 - Identify veterans and determine eligibility
 - Conduct outreach, assessment, and case management for Veterans in local courts and jails
 - Provide/coordinate training for law enforcement personnel
 - Linkage to VA and community services/resources
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- Number of VJP positions funded: 506
 - Number of local jail facilities serviced: 2,007
 - Number of Veterans receiving VJO services, fiscal year (FY) 2023: 41,693

Health Care for Reentry Veterans (HCRV)

- Gain access to the prison
 - Educate Veterans' groups about VA and VA services
 - Identify Veterans and Determine Eligibility
 - Reentry Planning
 - Linkage to VA and Community Services
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- Number of state and federal prisons serviced: 1,070
 - Number of incarcerated Veterans receiving reentry services, FY 2023: 8,438

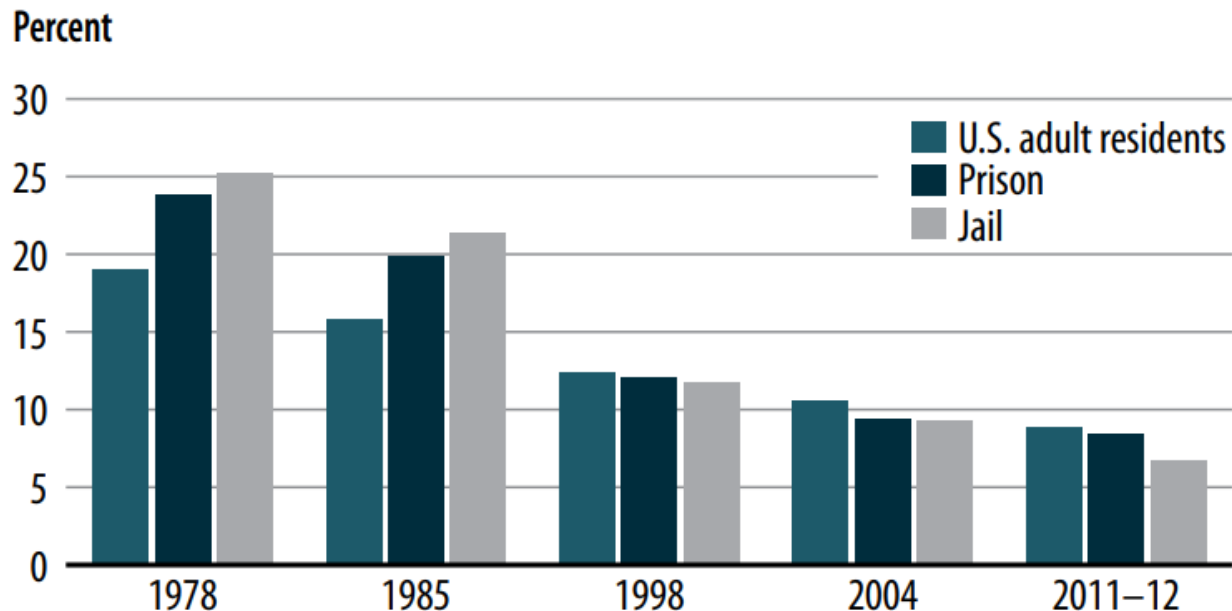


Limits on VA Services for Veterans Incarcerated

- Can provide:
 - Outreach, assessment, referral and linkage to services
 - Treatment for justice-involved Veterans who are not incarcerated
- Title 38 CFR 17.38 (c)(5) does not allow VHA to provide:
 - Hospital and outpatient care for a Veteran who is
 - in an institution of another government agency
 - If that agency has a duty to give that care or services
 - Regulatory bar since 1999

Veterans in Prison and Jail

Estimated percent of Veterans in the U.S. resident population in prison and jail, 1978, 1985, 1998, 2004, and 2011-12



Note: For years in which prison or jail inmates were not surveyed, the total prison or jail population was multiplied by the veteran distribution from the most recent survey. See *Methodology*.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics data collections on prison and jail inmates and U.S. Census Bureau population data collections. See table 1 for complete list.



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Veterans in NC Prisons

- 30,000 people in 51 NC prisons
- ~1,800 Veterans in NC prisons (6%)
- ~440 Veterans with release dates before 2027
- ~150 Veterans are parole eligible
- ~ 400 Veterans at BOP Butner Complex

- County detention / jails? **Ask the Question**
- Have you served in the Armed Forces?
- Have you ever



VHA Health Care Eligibility

- Length of Active-duty Service and Time Period
 - 24 months of active duty service, if enlisted after 9/7/1980
 - 1 day active duty service if before that date
 - Reservist or National Guard member activated under a Title 10 executive order for any period of time and completed activation.

- Character of Discharge
 - Honorable or under honorable conditions character of discharge

 - Requesting characterization determination for OTH, BCD for VA purposes



VHA Eligibility for Housing Assistance

- Active duty service
- Unsheltered / unstable housing
- W/in Income Limits
- Discharge not dishonorable for VA purposes

- **Supportive Services for Veteran Families**
- **Grant Per Diem Transitional Housing**
- **HUD-VASH**



VBA Eligibility & Important Forms

- Service-Connected Compensation
- Apportionment
- Educational Benefits
- VA Home Loan Guarantee

- SF 180 to request DD214

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

- 1010EZ application for health benefits

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/>

- VA 21-0996 intent to file

<https://www.va.gov/resources/your-intent-to-file-a-va-claim/>



Ask for Help Navigating

- NC Department of Military Veterans Affairs

<https://www.milvets.nc.gov/>

- County Veteran Service Officers

- Veteran Service Organizations

- Veterans Law Project

veterans@legalaidnc.org voicemail [\(919\) 850-5959](tel:9198505959).



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Potential Opportunities

Veterans Clubs

Barracks Behind Bars

Local Reentry Councils

Community Connections

Hope, Education, Self-Advocacy, & Support



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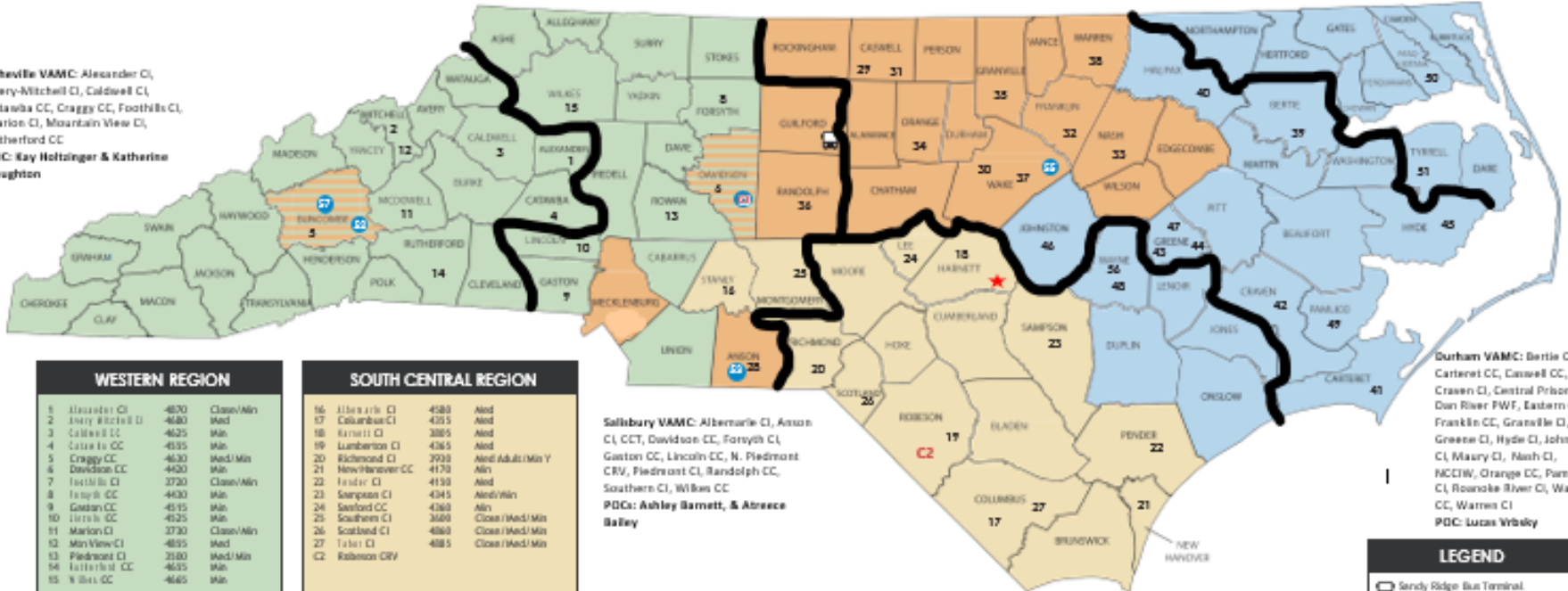
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VA Medical Center Catchment

NC VA Medical Centers Catchment Area and Coverage of North Carolina Department of Adult Correction Prison Facilities

Hampton VAMC: Pasquotank CI, Tyrrell PWT
POC: Paul Clark

Asheville VAMC: Alexander CI,
Asery-Mitchell CI, Caldwell CI,
Catawba CC, Craggy CC, Foothills CI,
Marion CI, Mountain View CI,
Rutherford CC
POC: Kay Holtzinger & Katherine
Houghton



Durham VAMC: Bertie CI,
Carteret CC, Caswell CC,
Craven CI, Central Prison,
Dun River PWF, Eastern CI,
Franklin CC, Granville CI,
Greene CI, Hyde CI, Johnson
CI, Maury CI, Nash CI,
NCCIW, Orange CC, Pamlico
CI, Roanoke River CI, Wake
CC, Warren CI
POC: Lucas Wibley

Salisbury VAMC: Albemarle CI, Anson
CI, CCT, Davidson CC, Forsyth CI,
Gaston CC, Lincoln CC, N. Piedmont
CRV, Piedmont CI, Randolph CC,
Southern CI, Wilkes CC
POCs: Ashley Barnett, & Atrice
Bailey

Fayetteville VAMC: Columbus CI, DART, Harnett CI, Lee
CI, Lumberton CI, Neuse CI, New Hanover CI, Pender CI,
Richmond CI, Robeson CRV, Sampson CI, Scotland CI,
Sartford CI, Tabor CI
POC: Jason Klein, Chaquela Gee, & Kithia Williams

WESTERN REGION		
1	Alexander CI	4870 Class/Min
2	Asery-Mitchell CI	4680 Med
3	Caldwell CI	4625 Min
4	Catawba CC	4535 Min
5	Craggy CC	4633 Med/Min
6	Davidson CC	4420 Min
7	Foothills CI	3720 Class/Min
8	Granville CC	4400 Min
9	Gaston CC	4515 Min
10	Hyde CI	4525 Min
11	Marion CI	3720 Class/Min
12	Mountain View CI	4535 Med
13	Piedmont CI	3100 Med/Min
14	Rutherford CC	4635 Min
15	Warren CC	4665 Min

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION		
16	Albemarle CI	4580 Med
17	Columbus CI	4355 Med
18	Forsyth CI	3855 Med
19	Lumberton CI	4365 Med
20	Richmond CI	3938 Med/Adult/Min/Y
21	New Hanover CC	4170 Min
22	Tabor CI	4190 Med
23	Sampson CI	4345 Med/Min
24	Sartford CC	4360 Min
25	Southern CI	3680 Class/Med/Min
26	Scotland CI	4860 Class/Med/Min
27	Tabor CI	4885 Class/Med/Min
28	Robeson CRV	

CENTRAL REGION		
28	Robeson CI	4175 Min (Male)

EASTERN REGION		
30	Bertie CI	4880 Class (Med)

LEGEND

- Sandy Ridge Bus Terminal
- Free Contact Facility
- SAP Center for Community Transitions
- Confinement Response/Violation Facilities
- Robeson CRV
- H. Piedmont CRV (Female)

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Resources

- National Institute of Corrections, Justice Involved Veterans [Home | Justice Involved Veterans \(nicic.gov\)](https://www.nicic.gov/)
- VBA Fact Sheet <https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/misc/JusticeInvolved.pdf>
- Find VA Health Care for Reentry <https://www.va.gov/homeless/reentry.asp>
- VA Veterans Justice Outreach <https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/VJO.asp>

Additional Resources

- Veterans Crisis Line
 - 988 and Press 1
 - Text 838255
 - <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>
- National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
 - 1-877-424-3838

