

Roebourne Regional Prison

Purposes:

- Roebourne Regional Prison is the receival facility for men and women sentenced, remanded, or returned to prison in the Pilbara region.
- As a medium-security facility, it can only hold people rated as maximum for a short period before being transferred out.
- It has an adjacent town work camp which has a strong focus on community work and release preparation.

Capacity Information & crowding measures

Design standard capacity	144
Modified standard capacity	198
Special beds	6
Total capacity	204
Compliant standard beds	103
Count: 30 June 2016	173
Increase over 12 months	4.2%
Unused modified capacity	25
Utilisation of modified capacity	87.4%
Utilisation of design capacity	120.1%
Compliant beds over 2016 count	59.5%

Key overcrowding issues:

- Crowding through double-bunking exacerbated by frequent use of floor mattresses.
- Prisoner health in crowded cells is jeopardised by a lack of air-conditioning in a very hot climate.
- Inadequate access to meaningful work.
- Prisoners felt unsafe in crowded conditions due to limited staff engagement.
- Facilities for visits, health, industries and recreation inadequate for the population and climate.
- There were also insufficient services for the population in dental, programs and Indigenous support (PSO and AVS).