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Alabama	Rosie Shingles, Administrative Analyst	rosie.shingles@doc.alabama.gov	334-353-9541	55 years or older	Yes	The Alabama Department of Corrections has a geriatric facility for elderly and medically disabled inmates. One (1) facility exists in Alabama; the facility is Hamilton Aged and Infirm.	No	
Arkansas	Dina Tyler, Assistant to the Director	dina.tyler@arkansas.gov	870-267-6206	55 and older	Yes	We are in the process of constructing an 852-bed Special Needs Unit for our special populations, including geriatrics and chronically ill or disabled inmates. The first 360 beds of that facility are ready to come on line, but due to budget cuts, they will be operated as traditional prison beds. Once the economy rebounds and funding increases, we will convert them to their intended purpose.	No	
Arkansas	George Brewer, Research	george.brewer@arkansas.gov	870-267-6335	Defined by physiological and pathological condition rather than by age	No	We have a sheltered living unit which is available for persons with chronic medical conditions.	No	
California	Dwight W. Winslow, M.D.	dwight.winslow@cdcr.ca.gov	916-445-4153	It is operationally defined as 50+ years of age	No		No	
Colorado	Deb Perkins, Researcher	deb.perkins@doc.state.co.us	719 226-4372	Colorado Revised Statute defines "Elderly" as a person 60 years of age or older	Yes	Fort Lyon Correctional Facility is primarily for male Offenders with a medical condition or physical disability that inhibits their ability to perform daily living activities, or presents them at risk of victimization due to their diagnosis or natural aging process.	No	
Connecticut	Daniel Bannish, Psy.D. Director of Health and Addiction Services	dan.bannish@po.state.ct.us	860-692-7651	We don't use the term geriatric but we have some designated housing units for appropriate inmates over 55.	Yes	We call our unit for older inmates the LOFT program - "Little Over Fifty" . Not all inmates over that age are in that type of housing. Much is determined by functioning, security and their desire to be away from younger inmates. Those with serious medical conditions are in specialized housing but that is not determined by age.	No	
Delaware	James Welch, Bureau Chief	James.Welch@state.de.us	302-739-5601	A person over the age of 65 years old	No	We attempt to group the geriatric offenders in one of our facilities however it is not specialized geriatric unit.	N/A	
Federal Bureau Of Prisons	C.D. Menon, Lead Health Systems Specialist	cmenon@bop.gov	202-514-2164	65 years old and older	No		No	Thank you, - CD-
Florida	Frank Johanson, MD, Asst Sec.OHS	johanson.frank@mail.dc.state.fl.us	850-410-4655	50 and above	Yes	We have a hospice type unit where the majority (but not all) of the inmates are >50 and we also have a unit for "nursing home" types of inmates. Again, most but not all, are geriatric. In both units, it is the underlying medical condition that dictates being assigned to these units	No	

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Hawaii	J. Marc Rosen, MD Medical Director	marc.rosen@hawaii.gov	8085873376	we do not make that distinction	No		N/A	
Idaho	Rona Siegert, Health Services Director	rsiegert@idoc.idaho.gov	208-658-2047	Over 55 years old.	Yes		Yes	
Indiana	Amanda Copeland, Executive Director of Research & Technology	acopeland@idoc.in.gov	317-232-1926	We do not define our population by age. There are no geriatric age parameters.	No	We have specialized units that are designed to house those with physical ailments who need more specialized care, but they are not exclusive to our older population.	N/A	
Iowa	Chris Gesie, Admin. of Nursing	chris.gesie@iowa.gov	319-626-4284	Yes	Yes	We call it more of a Long Term Ambulatory Unit. It consists mostly of elderly but also houses offenders with ambulation difficulties as well as ADL difficulties.	No	
Kansas	Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections	RogerW@doc.ks.gov	785-296-3310	55 and older			N/A	
Kentucky	Scott A. Haas, MD - Medical Director	scott.haas@ky.gov	502-564-2220	55 and above	Yes	We have a 58-bed Nursing Care Facility	No	
Louisiana	Raman Singh, M.D., Medical/Mental Health Director	sbufalo@corrections.state.la.us	225-342-1320	50 years old and older.	Yes		No	
Maryland	Thomas P. Martin, Program Manager Treatment Services	tmartin@dpscs.stste.md.us	410 339 5823	We have no definition for geriatric inmate. See #3 Comment	No	Social Work completes an "Older Inmate Assessment Form" for every inmate over the age of 60 to determine the physical and mental health needs of that population as well as gather data. However, Office of Treatment Services (OTS) does not have a system-wide specialized unit or program for such inmates. That's not to say that some institutions with a larger population of older inmates does not house them separately or provide some type of specialized program directed at older inmates, but if done, it is at the facility level, not at the Departmental level.	N/A	
Michigan	Russ Marlan, Acting Administrative Assistant	marlanrl@michigan.gov	517-373-1944	Most typically we use 50 years and older	Yes		No	
Minnesota Department of Corrections	Shari Burt, Communications Director	shari.burt@state.mn.us	651-361-7229	50 and over	Yes	We have one unit at one adult male facility with 100 beds. However, residents include geriatrics who require 24-hour nursing care and monitoring as well as non-geriatrics who require 24-hour nursing care and monitoring.	No	
Mississippi	Gloria Perry, MD Chief Medical Officer	gperry@mdoc.state.ms.us	601-359-5162	60 years and older	Yes		No	

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Missouri	Deloise Williams, RN,BSN - Assistant Division Director, Health Services	Deloise.Williams@doc.mo.gov	573-526-6497	Age 50 and older	No	We have a unit in one facility that is called the informally called "Old Timers" but it does not have specialized programming, but it is for older offenders. Last year the Aging Offender Management Team, sponsored by the director of the Division of Offender Rehabilitative Services, was given a mission of identifying a department-wide solution for determining the most appropriate process for dealing with the needs of aging offenders. This team presented 6 recommendations for possible implementation. Five of those recommendation were approved. One of those recommendation was the development of "Enhanced Care Units" within our institution to provide appropriate health, mental health and housing services for offenders with special service needs. We are in the implementation phase of this project.	N/A	
Montana	Laura Janes	ljanes@mt.gov	406-846-1320	No definition in place	No		N/A	
Nebraska	Steve King	steve.king@nebraska.gov	402-479-5767	Age 55 and older	No			
Nevada	Howard Skolnik, Director	hskolnik@doc.nv.gov		We haven't formally defined but track 50+	Yes	We have a program for geriatrics call True Grit. Has been successful and written up in Corrections Today		
New Hampshire	Jeffrey Lyons, Public Information Officer	jlyons@nhdoc.state.nh.us	603-271-5602	50	No		N/A	
New Jersey	Ralph P. Woodward, MD	ralph.woodward@doc.state.nj.us	609-984-5845	We do not define an age for geriatrics	Yes	We have an extended care unit whose purpose is, in part, to accommodate inmates who can no longer conduct prison ADLs due to either age or infirmity.	No	
New Mexico	Stephen Vaughn, Chief Medical Officer	stephen.vaughn@state.nm.us	505-301-2297	55 years and older.	Yes	Residential only.	No	
New York	Lester N. Wright, MD, MPH, Deputy Commissioner/ Chief Medical Officer	LNWright@docs.state.ny.us	518-457-7073	55 and older	Yes	5 Regional Medical Units (long term care facilities) including a 30 bed unit for the cognitively impaired (Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.)	Yes	One RMU is privatized.
North Carolina	Charlotte Price, Correctional Planner	pca13@doc.state.nc.us	919-838-4028	50	Yes	One geriatric unit.	No	
Ohio	Annette Chambers-Smith, Chief - Bureau of Medical Services	annette.chambers-smith@odrc.state.oh.us	614-728-1942	In medical we define this as 50 years of age or older.	Yes	We have a prison where we house many, but not all of our elderly inmates.	No	

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Oklahoma	Greg Williams	greg.williams@doc.state.ok.us	405-425-2565	50 years old and older	Yes	Oklahoma does have a unit designated for geriatrics but the housing unit is small to house all of the agencies offenders 50 years old and older.	No	
Oregon	Steven Shelton, MD, Medical Director	Steven.Shelton@doc.state.or.us	503-378-5593	We do not use geriatric as a medical designation. We define individuals as needing special care, over 55, over 65, over 70, mobility impaired, dementia, etc.	No	We scatter our inmates throughout the institutions and housing units based on their physical and mental capacities. We have an 82 year old lives in GP and who works every day. We have under 45 year olds post-stroke that live in sheltered living.	No	
Pennsylvania	Karen Belfonti, RN, CHCA	KBelfonti@state.pa.us	717-214-8460	PA Dept of Corrections defines geriatric as 55 years old and older.	Yes	SCI Laurel Highlands has a number designated beds for skilled, intermediate and personal levels of care.	No	
South Carolina	Dr. John Solomon, Director, Division of Health Services	solomon.john@doc.state.sc.us	803-896-2707	We do not segment our population according to a geriatric label for medical purposes. We address chronic illnesses and most of the inmates with chronic illnesses may be older (geriatric) but they are not defined as a segment because of their age.	Yes	We have Assisted Living for inmates needing assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). However, they are not necessarily "geriatric".	No	
South Carolina	John P. Solomon, Ph.D., MBA	Solomon.John@doc.state.sc.us	803-896-1995	We do not designate a group of inmates as "geriatric".	No	We treat inmates with chronic illnesses in units designated as "assisted living". Although most may be over 55 we do not consider the unit as a "specialized geriatric unit". Specialized units are needed for consistent and cost effective care but the lack of state appropriations precludes specialized geriatric units.		
South Dakota	Darin Young, Associate Warden	darin.young@state.sd.us	605-367-5034	We do not have a clear age definition.	No		Not applicable to my state	
Texas	George Crippen, RN, MSN, PhD, Chief Nursing Officer, Director, Clinical Administration, TDCJ Health Services Division	george.crippen@tdcj.state.tx.us	936-437-3531	Per policy the age for TDCJ is 60 years of age and older.	Yes	None	No	None

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Washington	Devon Schrum	dlschrum@doc1.wa.gov	360-725-8835	55 years old and older	Yes	Ahtanum View Corrections Center, the first correctional facility of its kind in Washington State, houses the aged, medically challenged and disabled offenders who are not able to program at larger correctional facilities. This minimum custody facility focuses on offenders becoming independent and self-sufficient so they can be law abiding and productive when transitioned to the community. This facility is slated for closure in 2010.	No	
West Virginia	Brad Douglas, Director of Research & Planning	brad.t.douglas@wv.gov	304-558-2036	we do not have a specific definition	No		N/A	
Wisconsin	James Greer Bureau Director for Health Services	james.greer@wisconsin.gov	608-240-5122	50 and over	Yes	A 62 bed infirmary which has both geriatric and other offenders that need nursing home care. One housing unit that has mostly elderly offenders.	No	
Wyoming	Bob Lampert, Director	blampe@wdoc.state.wy.us	307-777-7467	Our agency defines "elderly" as 50 years old or older. To be considered for placement into the specialized "geriatric" unit the inmate must be elderly; they must also be infirmed and/or have a significant functional impairment that impacts their ability to safely function in general population. Elderly inmates who can safely function in the general population are mainstreamed, but are eligible for incentive based housing assignments with inmates of a similar age.	Yes	WDOC has a 20 bed geriatrics/hospice unit that provides for housing and treatment of advanced chronic diseases and functional impairments. This facility will open in January 2010. The unit is an extension of the medical department and is attached to the clinic.	No	The unit itself is not privatized. However, medical and mental health services are provided by contracted staff.
Total: 41					Yes - 62.5% (25) No - 37.5% (15) Answered - 40 Skipped - 1		Yes - 5.3% (2) No - 68.4% (26) N/A - 26.3% - 10 Answered - 38 Skipped - 3	