

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS- SALINAS VALLEY**31625 Highway 101  
Soledad, CA 93960

# Department of State Hospitals – Salinas Valley Facility Fact Sheet



**History:** Opened in 2003, the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) - Salinas Valley is a joint venture between the California Department of State Hospitals and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to provide assessment and treatment services to those mentally ill inmates referred by CDCR. DSH-Salinas Valley is located on the grounds of the Salinas Valley State Prison, and operated by DSH.

**Patient Population:**

Total Licensed Bed Capacity: 370

Current Patient Census: 339 (as of January, 2013)

- PC 2684 (CDCR referrals for intermediate mental health services): 313
- PC 1370 (Incompetent to Stand Trial): 17
- PC 1026 (Not guilty by reason of insanity): 1
- W.I.C. 7301 (Too dangerous for a State Hospital – Enhanced custody/security needs of a patient can best be met in a CDCR Institution): 8

**Hospital Staff:** A total of 490 staff work at DSH-Salinas Valley, including Psychologists, Psychiatrist, Registered Nurses, Licensed Psychiatric Technicians, Medical Technical Assistants, Social Workers, Rehabilitation Therapist, and other clinical and administrative staff.

**Union Representation:** DSH-Salinas Valley staff is represented by the following employee union organizations:

- Service Employees International Union: 145
- Union of American Physicians and Dentist: 9
- California Association of Psychiatric Technicians: 5
- American Federation of County, State, and Municipal Workers (AFSCME): 57
- California Correctional Peace Officers Association: 211

**Treatment Services and Programs:** DSH-Salinas Valley offers treatment programs in the professional disciplines of: Psychiatry, Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work, Nursing, Dietetics, and Rehabilitation Therapy. These constitute a multidisciplinary approach to patient evaluation and treatment.