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History of the Current Clark County Jail

Construction and Cost

Construction of the current Clark County Jail began in 1977, and the facility officially opened in 1980. The project cost \$8.2 million and resulted in a facility of approximately 92,000 square feet.

Reason for Construction

The jail was built under a federal court order, which required the closure of the previous jail due to substandard conditions. During the three-year construction period, inmates had to be housed in other jurisdictions.

Original Capacity

The jail was originally built with:

- 168 beds
- 11 isolation/medical cells

Later Modifications

In the early 2000's, 24 additional beds were added in the inmate common areas. Despite this, the State of Ohio officially recognizes the facility as having 180 general beds. The Clark County Jail's capacity per Ohio is 167.

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