

**Subject:** FW: [External] Re: New Public Records Request: Disha Raychaudhuri  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 6:40:04 AM Mountain Daylight Time  
**From:** Raychaudhuri, Disha (Reuters)  
**To:** Trainor, Clare (Reuters)  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg, Facility Age.pptx

Hi Clare,

There are a couple documents in this thread + website links which I received from NC. I haven't had the chance to clean anything up here, unfortunately.

Best,  
Disha

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**From:** Bull, john <JOHN.BULL@dac.nc.gov>  
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Hi Disha,

Attached is a slide that shows the age ranges of our prisons here in North Carolina. We don't have anything more specific than this in a document or report.

The question "how old is each prison" does not lead to a simple answer. Some of our prisons were built over the decades (some date back to the 1930s) and additional buildings were added later, and at times next-door prisons were consolidated into a single-prison operation years or decades after they were separately built.

We're providing the best available information we possess here in red:

1. Could you please provide the age of the prison buildings (#2 of my request)? **See attached file for facility age.**
2. How are you defining "partially air conditioned" – is there a number/percentage of beds that need to be air conditioned for it to have that status? **If any of the offender housing units are air-conditioned, we consider that to be partially air-conditioned.**

3. What does installation in progress mean for some of the prisons designated as partially air conditioned? Does it mean they will be partially air conditioned when the installation is complete or are more being installed to make them fully AC? Any clarification will be helpful.  
**After the construction is complete the facility will be fully air conditioned.**
4. I also noticed that AC status info is missing for the following facilities in the [link you provided](#) – Johnston, Lincoln, Pender, Tyrrell, Wilkes, Wake. Could you please provide that AC status for these? **There is no air-conditioning at Johnston, Lincoln, and Tyrrell. Wilkes, Pender, and Catawba are partially air-conditioned. Wake is fully air-conditioned.**

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**From:** Raychaudhuri, Disha (Reuters) <Disha.Raychaudhuri@thomsonreuters.com>  
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Hi again,  
Adding Catawba Correctional Center to the list of facilities where AC status is missing.

Best,  
Disha

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Hi Disha,

We have a wealth of information on our on-going, multi-year air-conditioning project on our website here: <https://www.dac.nc.gov/divisions-and-sections/administrative/central-engineering/prison-system-air-conditioning-upgrades>

I strongly encourage you to review and digest all that information.

The addresses for all of our prisons can be found here: <https://www.dac.nc.gov/divisions-and-sections/institutions/prison-facilities-regional-offices>

Attached is the most current schedule for projected air-conditioning completion dates.

Our air-conditioning work is moving along as quickly as possible. These are large, complex, projects often being done on old buildings that weren't built to accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> century air-conditioning systems so some retrofitting has been necessary to prepare for air-conditioning installation.

These are not easy projects. A number of these facilities are 70-80-90 years old. And a number of these prison facilities have many buildings to do.

As this multi-year air-conditioning initiative is underway, Prisons will continue to do what can be done to make the staff and offenders more comfortable in high temperatures by ensuring:

- Custody and maintenance staff watch indoor temperatures in non-air-conditioned spaces closely.
- Fans are used to circulate air as much as possible.
- Specialized cooling fans such as are found on the sidelines of professional sporting events are used when available.
- Outside work and activities are restricted.
- Water and ice are made available to offenders and staff.
- In facilities that are partially air conditioned, activities are structured so offenders may spend some time during the day in air-conditioned spaces.

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A new Public Records Request was submitted on 2024-02-27

#### REQUEST DETAILS

Name: Disha Raychaudhuri

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Title:

Request Description: February 27, 2024 North Carolina Dept. of Adult Corrections To the Public Records Officer: Pursuant to the Public Records Law, I request the following public records from the Dept. of Adult Corrections: A spreadsheet or electronic record indicating presence of air conditioning in the housing areas of each adult prison operated by the Dept. of Adult Corrections, with the address of the prison included in a column. A spreadsheet or electronic record containing information on the construction finish date of each adult prison building operated by the Dept. of Adult Corrections, with the address of the prison included in a column. As a representative of the news media affiliated with Reuters News, I request a waiver of all fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in our commercial interest. Please include any documentation, including record layouts and code sheets, detailing the structure and design of the records. If this request is denied, in whole or in part, please provide me with the part of the statute on which the denial or redaction is based. I look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need clarification or can suggest an easier way for me to get the information I am requesting. Thank you for your assistance. Sincerely, Disha Raychaudhuri Data Journalist Reuters News 1333 H St. NW, Washington D.C. 20005 [disha.raychaudhuri@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:disha.raychaudhuri@thomsonreuters.com) 917-902-3794

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