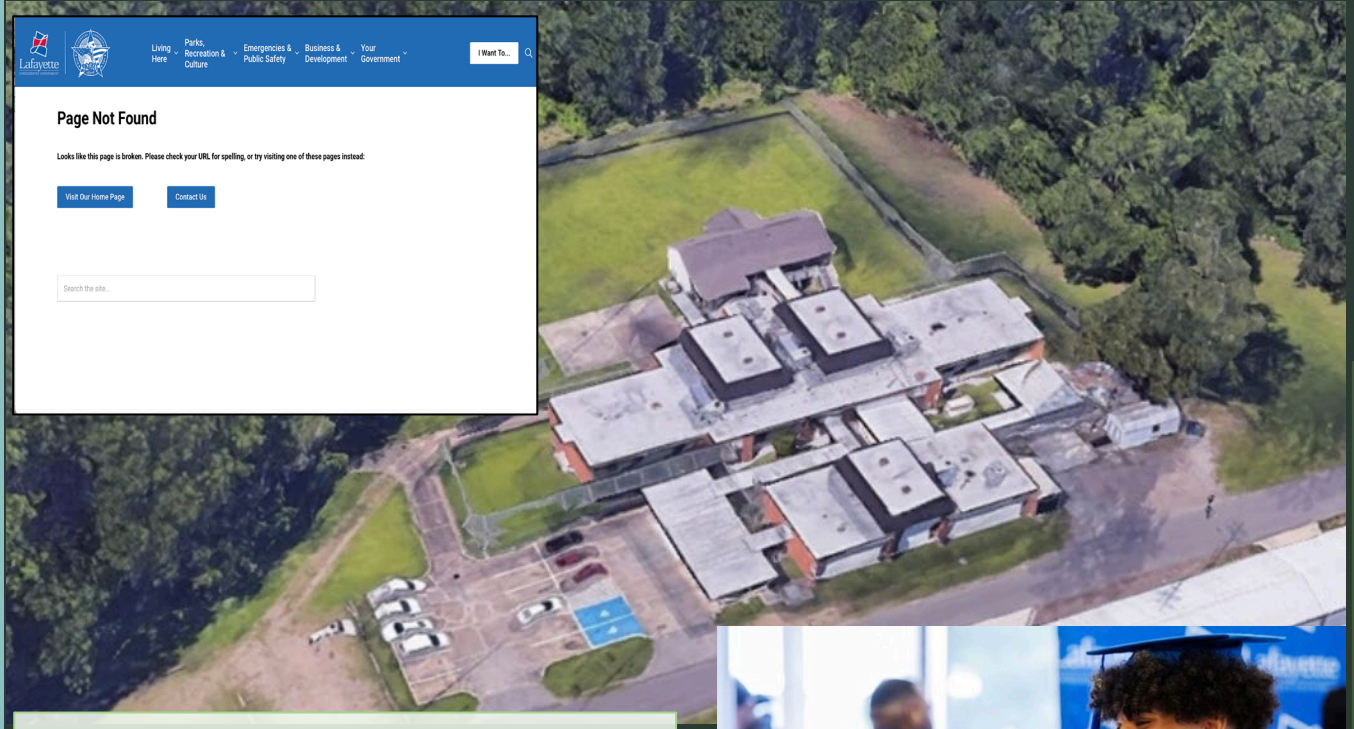
Lafayette Juvenile Detention Center



First Contact: January 20, 2026
Last Contact: January 23, 2026

- Built in 1971, JDH is one of the oldest detention centers in the state
- Capacity: 56 beds
  - In 2024, there were 23 juveniles housed
- Run under the Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG)
- Alonzo Thomas is the JDH Administrator and has been since at least 2024

R.I.S.E. Program:
- Merit based participation
- Partnered with Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults (VITA)
- Program to “enhance LJDH youth” for emotional fluency, academics, and mindfulness
- Can earn the equivalency to high-school credit



- Kopelon Vicknair is the first graduate of the program to get high school diploma in 2024

- Actual Budget in 2024: $5,371,650
- Link to 2025 report fails

- Cited twice for failing to adhere to new legislation to remove 17-year-olds from juvenile centers
- Juveniles were transferred to other jails/prisons, but many could not stay in Lafayette area due to overcrowding
- Confinement for juveniles is used, but adheres to the max rule of 72 hours