

# Richland Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Mansfield, Ohio (Richland County)
- Level 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Population: 2,575 (as of 7/2014)
  - 49.9% Black, 47.4% White, 2.8% Other
  - Average age: 37.9
- RIC functions primarily as a programming prison, assisting in the DRC's reentry-oriented mission. In the last CIIC inspection, RIC was struggling (as were other prisons) with managing gang-related violence in its open dorm structure. Since then, the DRC's 3 Tier Plan has dramatically helped the prison's environment by reducing violence.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Good**

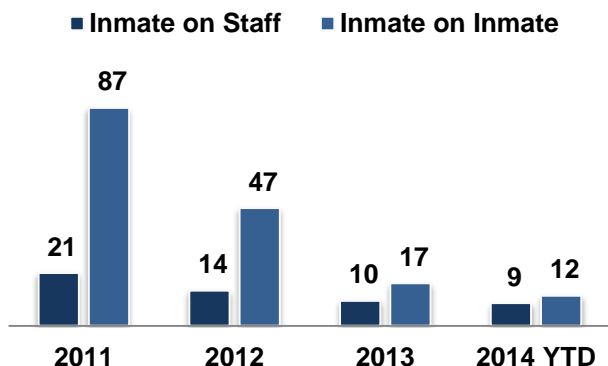
**Health and Wellbeing: Acceptable**

**Fair Treatment: Good**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Exceptional**

**Fiscal Accountability: Good**

### Assaults



### Key Findings

- **Violence:** Assaults and fights have decreased since 2012. There have been zero homicides in the prior two years.
- **Use of Force:** The use of force rate is lower than comparator prisons. The majority of officer responses to incidents were appropriate.
- **Unit Conditions:** Unit conditions were generally good; however, there was a high number of inoperable toilets, showers, etc.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appeared adequate and has increased since the last CIIC inspection. Staff and inmate feedback was positive. Backlogs for inmate appointments existed, but were small.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing levels have increased, but appear slightly insufficient. Staff reported no backlogs, but inmate participation in groups was low.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmate focus group and survey responses were relatively positive, except for LGBTI inmates, who raised concerns.
- **Segregation:** Segregation conditions were good, with only minor concerns.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** RIC offers broad access to a variety of programs.
- **Educational Programming:** From FY 2012 to FY 2013, the total number of GEDs earned remained stable.
- **Reentry Planning:** RIC has excellent reentry planning and accountability.
- **Fiscal:** Staff management was good and officer feedback was positive, as was the low staff turnover. Negatively, RIC scored low on recent fiscal audits, overtime has increased, and evaluation completion was low, although improving.