

Richland Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Mansfield, Ohio (Richland County)
- Level 1/2 (minimum/medium)
- Population: 2,622 (as of February 2016)
 - 48.9% Black, 47.9% White, 3.2% Other
 - Average age: 38.2
- RIC is an open-dorm, medium security institution in the northwest portion of the state. The facility's mission has always been that of a programming prison and that mission continues today. RIC offers a number of reentry-certified programs, including vocational programs. Overall, RIC performs well across multiple metrics and provides an environment supporting a reentry mission.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Good

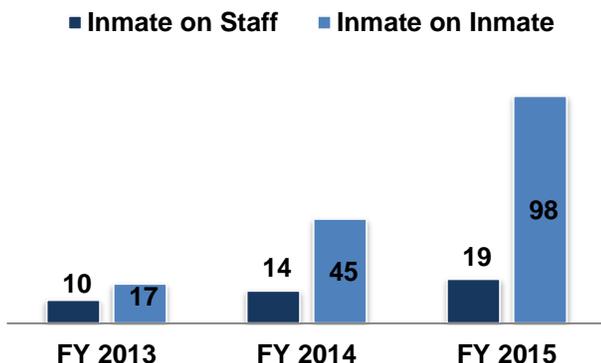
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good

Fiscal Accountability: Good

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** The rate of disciplinary convictions for assaults increased by 52.5 percent in CY 2014 compared to CY 2013. Assaults have continued to increase in 2015.
- **Use of Force:** Video documentation could be improved, as could the use of OC spray prior to taking inmates to the ground. Overall, though, officer responses appeared appropriate.
- **Unit Conditions:** Each of the units appeared clean, although there was a large number of maintenance concerns.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appears sufficient; however, there is a large backlog for Doctor Sick Call. Both staff and inmates relayed some concerns.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing appeared to be adequate and there were no reported backlogs.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates generally reported positive interactions.
- **Segregation:** RIC has not yet fully implemented restrictive housing reform; however, the population is reduced and mental health staff provide programming to inmates on the caseload in segregation.
- **Reentry Planning:** RIC staff created a community resource room and also provide a large number of inmate-facilitated programs and groups.
- **Educational:** Enrollment in standard academic programming has decreased, as has GED attainment, but vocational training is high.
- **Fiscal:** Total utility costs have significantly decreased, although overtime has increased. Fiscal audit scores were acceptable. Staff survey results were generally positive and turnover is low.