

Dayton Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Dayton, Ohio (Montgomery County)
- Levels 1-4 (minimum-maximum security)
- Population: 900 (as of February 2015)
 - Capacity: 93.8%
 - 62.6% White, 36.4% Black, 1.0% Other
 - Average age: 33.8
- DCI transitioned in 2011 to housing a female population. Although prior inspections were positive, the 2015 inspection raised serious concerns regarding potential sexual contact between inmates and staff, as well as inadequate mental health staffing, supervision, and programming.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Acceptable

Health and Wellbeing: Acceptable

Fair Treatment: In Need of Improvement

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Acceptable

Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable

Key Findings

- **Violence:** The rate of inmate disciplinary convictions for assaults decreased by 3.9 percent from CY 2013 to CY 2014. Fight convictions decreased 16.9 percent.
- **Use of Force:** Uses of force significantly increased; however, there was a lack of video preservation in order to determine whether the incidents were appropriate.
- **Unit Conditions:** Unit conditions were generally good, although there were a large number of maintenance concerns reported.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appeared adequate, although there was a backlog for doctor appointments. The facility is a pilot site for the conversion to electronic records.
- **Mental Health:** Space was extremely limited, staffing levels appeared insufficient, programming was inadequate, and the administration has changed several times.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates relayed a number of concerns regarding negative staff/inmate interactions.
- **Segregation:** The segregation unit was exceptionally clean.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** DCI generally provides access to purposeful activities and programs at a lower rate than comparator prisons.
- **Education/Library:** Total GEDs decreased significantly from FY 2013 to FY 2014.
- **Reentry Planning:** DCI has a reintegration center; however, release plans are not being completed, and the most recent audit raised concerns.
- **Fiscal:** Fiscal audit scores were low, gas and water utilities increased, there was a lack of inmate sustainability programs, and officer survey results were predominately negative.