

# Grafton Correctional Complex Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Grafton, Ohio (Lorain County)
- Level 1 / 2 (minimum/medium security)
- Population: 2,016 (as of 7/2014)
  - Capacity: 163.4%
  - 49.6% Black, 47.7% White, 2.7% Other
  - Average age: 43.9
- GCC is a combination of the former Grafton Correctional Institution and the former North Coast Correctional Treatment Facility, which transitioned to state operation in 2012. NCCTF is now GCC's minimum camp (GRC) and houses the Hope Center, focused on inmate reentry preparation.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Good**

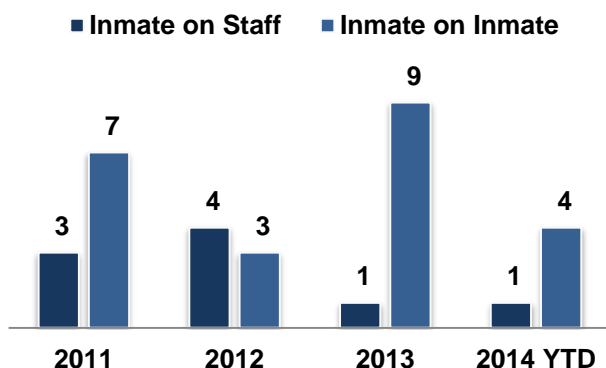
**Health and Wellbeing: Good**

**Fair Treatment: Good**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Exceptional**

**Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable**

### Assaults



### Key Findings

- **Violence:** Assaults and fights have increased since 2013, but they are at a lower rate than comparator prisons; there was also a homicide in December 2013.
- **Use of Force:** The review was overall good, but there was a lack of video documentation.
- **Unit Conditions:** Unit and shower conditions were generally good, with the exception of D2 Dorm.
- **Medical Services:** Almost no backlog was reported for inmate services, staffing appeared adequate although staff did raise concerns, and both inmate and staff communication was overall positive.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing has decreased since 2011, but appears to be adequate for the current caseload; GCC offers a wide range of mental health programming.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Compound inmates were positive about staff; however, GRC inmates relayed a number of concerns and it appears to be relatively well-known which staff are harassing inmates.
- **Segregation:** Only 36 inmates were in segregation, and conditions were good.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** GCC offers a large number of programs and activities, and GRC has been converted to a reentry/reintegration center.
- **Educational Programming:** GEDs have significantly increased.
- **Reentry Planning:** GCC is working toward converting GRC into a wholly reintegration-focused camp.
- **Fiscal:** Overtime and vacancies are low, although turnover is somewhat high, and GCC performed very well on recent fiscal audits. Utility costs have increased, though.