

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

Hocking Correctional Facility Inspection Brief

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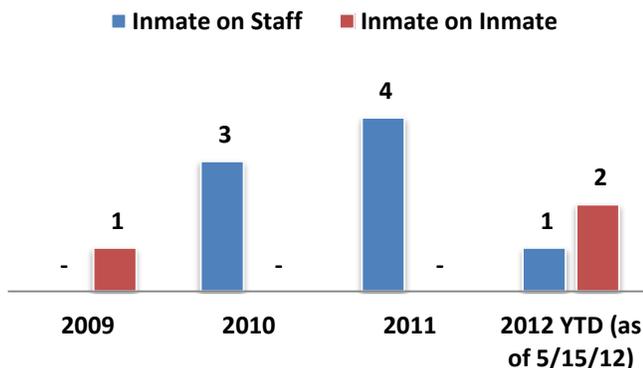
Institution Profile

- Nelsonville, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Male
- Average age: 63 years
- Population: 478 (as of 5/15/12)
 - Capacity: 298 (current pop at 160.4%)
 - 77.2% White, 21.3% Black
- Number of Employees: 148 (7 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In 2011, there were six reported uses of force, a decrease of 40 percent in comparison to 2009. Chemical agents (mace) have not been used in the previous three years at the facility.
- **Assaults:** In 2011, the facility reported zero inmate-on-inmate assaults, a decrease from the one assault in 2009. The facility also reported four inmate-on-staff assaults in 2011, an increase in comparison to the zero reported inmate-on-staff assaults in 2009.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2011, the DRC reported 57 attempted suicides, none of which occurred at HCF. This is a decrease in comparison to 2009, in which there was one reported attempt.

Total Assaults 2009 - 2012



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- The inspection of medical services was the most positive of any CIIC inspection in 2012. Inmates consistently relayed positive comments regarding the institutional physician, which is rare. Medical staff reported low turnover and high job satisfaction.
- The showers, cheaply renovated by using inmate labor, were the most attractive and clean that CIIC has seen in any correctional institution.
- A high percentage of inmates reported knowing who the Inspector was and that informal complaints were resolved fairly at the institution.
- Use of force incidents, assaults, and suicide attempts are all extremely low in comparison to other DRC institutions.
- Inmates reported a high level of safety, with only four of the 38 interviewed inmates reporting that inmates were unsafe in the facility.
- Inmates relayed concerns regarding the level of overcrowding in the facility. As of the date of the inspection, the facility was at 160 percent of its rated capacity.
- Shakedowns are inconsistently performed in the facility; staff confirmed this observation and will aggressively monitor this issue in the future.

CIIC Contacts

In 2011, CIIC received 24 contacts from or regarding inmates at HCF, ranking 23rd among all institutions for total contacts. The top two concerns pertained to Supervision and Healthcare.