

Lebanon Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Lebanon, Ohio (Warren County)
- Level 3/close security
- Population: 2,586 (as of 4/13)
 - Capacity: 1,946
 - 57.2% Black, 41.5% White
 - Average age: 33.4
- The facility experienced significant change within the past year, adding and then removing a maximum security block. The facility also experienced turnover in its administration, including a former DRC Director as the new Warden, as well as changes in other executive positions.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: In Need of Improvement

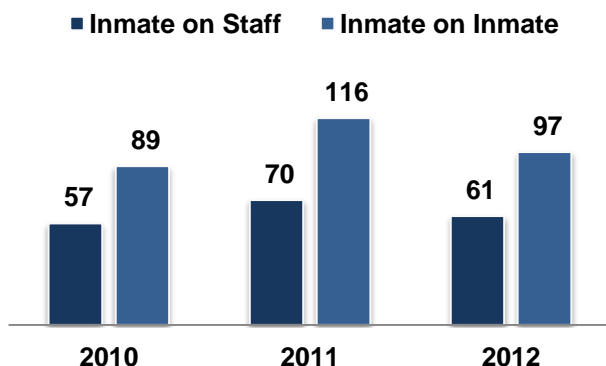
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Acceptable

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Acceptable

Fiscal Accountability: Good

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Assaults:** From 2010 to 2012, inmate-on-inmate assaults increased by 9%; inmate-on-staff assaults increased by 7%.
- **Fights:** The rate of rule 19 (fight) convictions decreased by 14% between 2011 and 2012.
- **Disturbances:** Total disturbances in 2012 doubled in comparison to 2010.
- **Use of Force:** Total uses of force decreased by 37.6% between 2010 and 2012. Use of chemical agents (mace) decreased by 48.7%.
- **Unit Conditions:** The average level of cleanliness was rated as good and maintenance concerns were much reduced.
- **Healthcare:** There were no backlogs reported for either medical or mental health services and vacancies were low.
- **Staff Accountability:** Inmate focus group participants relayed concerns regarding treatment by officers, particularly regarding poor communication and excessive force.
- **Segregation:** The five segregation units appeared clean, but 69.3% of the population had been in segregation for more than a month.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** Inmate idleness was observed to be high. However, total inmate enrollment in academic programs increased, as did the rate of community service hours per inmate.
- **Quality of Programming:** The total number of GEDs passed increased, as did the GED passage rate, and the quality of instructional delivery was exceptional.
- **Fiscal Accountability:** Staff morale was high and the facility reduced its total utility costs by 18.2% from FY 2011 to FY 2012. The recycling program produced revenue significantly higher than the DRC average.