

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Lebanon Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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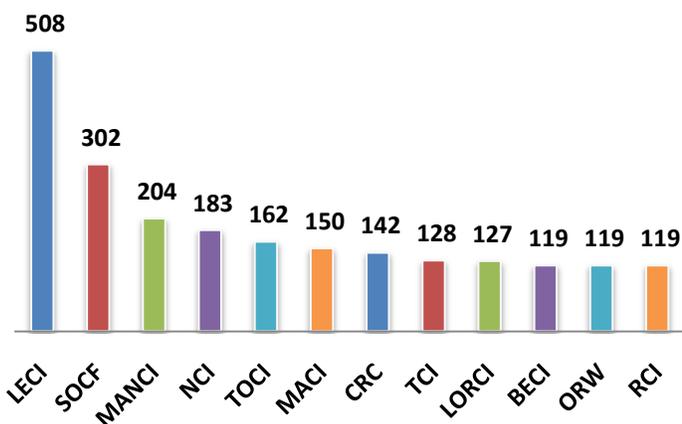
## Institution Profile

- Lebanon, Ohio
- Level 3 (close) security
- Male
- Population: 2,779 (as of 6/13/11)
  - Capacity: 1,481 (current pop at 188%)
  - 54% Black, 44% White, and 1% Other
- Number of Employees: 528 (45 vacancies)

## Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From Nov 2010 – Apr 2011, there were 508 Use of Force incidents, by far the highest number across the DRC (see below chart).
- **Assaults:** From Jan 2009 – Jun 2011, there were 182 reported inmate-on-inmate assaults and 142 inmate-on-staff assaults. Staff sustained injuries in 49 of the inmate-on-staff assaults.
- **Suicide Attempts:** From Jun 2010 – May 2011, the DRC reported 79 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no successful suicides and one suicide attempt during this period.

## DRC Institutions with the Highest Number of Uses of Force Nov 2010 - Apr 2011



## Key Findings

- Of the 85 inmates interviewed during the inspection, 15 relayed that roaches were a primary issue of concern. Inmates also relayed that mice, rats, and ants are a problem.
- Poor facility conditions were a primary issue of concern relayed by both inmates and staff, as well as directly observed by the CIIC inspection team, particularly in the showers and housing units.
- LeCI routinely reports the highest number of uses of force across the DRC. From Nov 2010 – Apr 2011, LeCI reported 68% more uses of force than even the state's maximum security institution.
- CIIC is concerned regarding the lack of incentives at LeCI. Staff self-described the facility as a "disciplinary camp." LeCI has implemented several severe disciplinary measures, including a modified lockdown/restricted movement schedule, heavy sanctions for inmate rule infractions, and five segregation blocks. CIIC believes that effective inmate behavior management is only going to be achieved through combined gradations of incentives and disincentives.
- The major point of pride was how staff handled an inmate protest against the modified lockdown in December 2010, which involved an estimated 1,000 inmates. Only one inmate and one staff reported injuries.

## CIIC Contacts

From Dec 2010 - May 2011, CIIC received 72 contacts regarding LeCI. The top four reported concerns were Supervision, Inmate Grievance Procedure, Use of Force, and Staff Accountability (e.g. failure to perform job duties).