

Lorain Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Grafton, Ohio (Lorain County)
- Northern reception center and Level 3 cadre
- Population: 1,468 (as of 6/13)
 - Capacity: 1,089
 - 48.6% Black, 48.0% White, 3.4% Other
 - Average age: 33.9
- As a reception center, LORCI has the challenge of dealing with a transient population. It has also traditionally been the most overcrowded institution in the DRC. However, staff have been proactive with creative programming and activities and inmate complaints were comparatively few.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Good

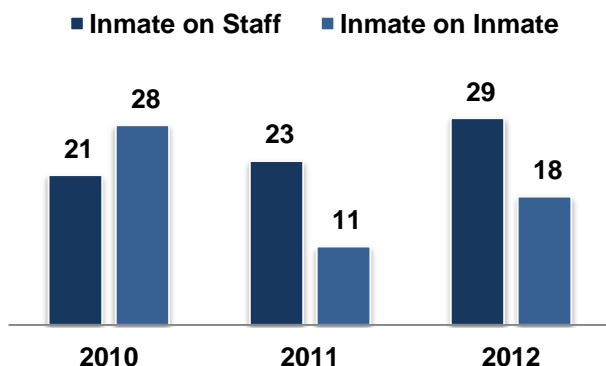
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good

Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Assaults:** From 2010 to 2012, inmate-on-inmate assaults decreased by 35.7%; inmate-on-staff assaults increased by 38.1%.
- **Fights:** The rate of rule 19 (fight) convictions decreased by 16.7% between 2011 and 2012.
- **Use of Force:** Total uses of force decreased by 13.6% between 2010 and 2012, although the rate increased by 9.2%. Use of chemical agents (mace) increased by 135.3%.
- **Unit Conditions:** The average level of cleanliness was rated as good; however, the units were hot and humid.
- **Healthcare:** There were no backlogs for medical; however, mental health reported a large backlog for intake assessment. Staffing levels have improved.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates were more positive than at other institutions regarding interactions with staff.
- **Segregation:** The segregation unit was under capacity and no issues were reported by inmates or observed.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** Staff relayed several initiatives to provide purposeful activities to both reception and cadre inmates; however, both staff and inmates desire more for reception inmates.
- **Quality of Programming:** The total number of GEDs and academic certificates earned decreased.
- **Reentry Planning:** Reentry planning services were good for cadre inmates, but may be lacking for reception inmates.
- **Fiscal Accountability:** Overtime payouts increased from CY 2011 to CY 2012 and were higher than the average. Recycling revenue was below average, but total utility costs decreased.