

Marion Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Marion, Ohio (Marion County)
- Level 1 / 2 (minimum/medium security)
- Population: 2,553 (as of January 2015)
 - Capacity: 175.8%
 - 50.8% Black, 46.5% White, 2.7% Other
 - Average age: 40.4
- MCI has a well-deserved reputation for its focus on programs. In addition to offering the standard reentry-certified unit and educational programs, it also provides a number of unique opportunities, including the Lifeline Center, Prison News Network, an extensive garden, an animal and aquatics program, several inmate groups, and others.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Acceptable

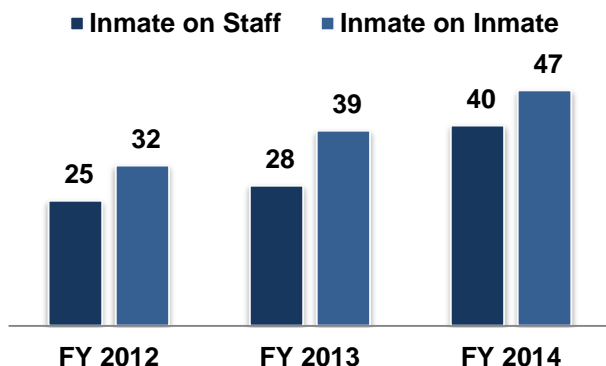
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good

Fiscal Accountability: Good

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** From FY 2013 to FY 2014, violence trended upward; however, reviewing CY 2013 to CY 2014, violence trended down.
- **Use of Force:** Uses of force also increased over fiscal years. Incidents were appropriately referred to a review committee; however, there were issues with video documentation, medical review, and use of alternatives to physical force.
- **Unit Conditions:** Unit conditions were generally good, with the exception of shower/bathroom conditions.
- **Medical Services:** Medical services were rated exceptional, which is a huge improvement over prior years.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing appeared to be adequate, there were no backlogs, and there was a good range of mental health programming.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmate focus group and survey responses were generally positive regarding staff.
- **Segregation:** Conditions were good and a large improvement over the prior inspection.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** MCI has an exceptional number and range of purposeful activities, including reentry-certified programs, inmate groups, and unique programs not offered elsewhere.
- **Educational Programming:** GEDs decreased, and the academic certificate rate was slightly lower than comparator prisons.
- **Reentry Planning:** MCI offers a range of reentry programs, in addition to a reintegration unit and ONE STOP shop.
- **Fiscal:** Overtime has decreased, although it is still higher than average and vacancies are high, and utility costs have increased,