

# Marion Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Marion, Ohio (Marion County)
- Level 1 and 2/minimum-medium security
- Population: 2,618 (as of 2/21/13)
  - Capacity: 1,666
  - 49.7% White, 47.9% Black
  - Average age: 42
- Within the past year, the facility experienced significant turnover in its staff due to the conversion of the neighboring North Central Correctional Institution from state to private operation. Approximately one-third of MCI's staff turned over due to other staff "bumping" into the position based on seniority.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Good**

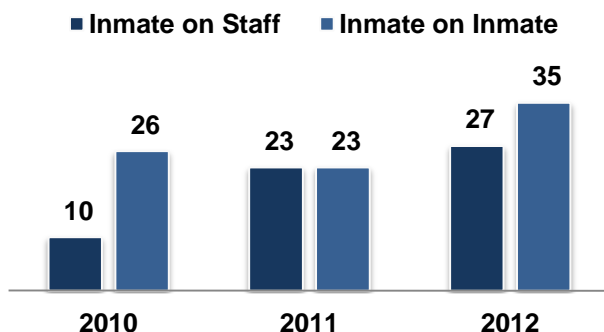
**Health and Wellbeing: Good**

**Fair Treatment: In Need of Improvement**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good**

**Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable**

### Assaults



### Key Findings

- **Assaults:** From 2010 to 2012, inmate-on-inmate assaults increased by 34.6%; inmate-on-staff assaults increased by 170%.
- **Fights:** The rate of rule 19 (fight) convictions decreased by 28.4% between 2011 and 2012.
- **Disturbances:** There was only one disturbance in 2012, which is lower than comparator prisons.
- **Use of Force:** Total uses of force decreased by 3.3% between 2010 and 2012.
- **Unit Conditions:** Units were rated as good or excellent based on overall cleanliness.
- **Healthcare:** In medical, Doctor Sick Call had a backlog of more than two weeks and chronic care clinics were significantly behind; inmates also reported significant delays in medication refills.
- **Staff Accountability:** Overall, inmate focus group participants relayed that most MCI staff are professional and responsive to inmates.
- **Inmate Discipline:** Hearings were predominantly perfunctory and appropriate forms were not always completed; further, inmates may be given conduct reports for minor offenses and placed in segregation when alternatives should be considered.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** Inmates have access to a large volume and variety of programs; academic enrollment was better than at comparator prisons.
- **Quality of Programming:** Quality of instructional delivery in observed programs was exceptional; GED passage rates are high.
- **Fiscal Accountability:** MCI developed exceptional cost-savings initiatives, but staff training and evaluation completion rates are low and staff turnover was very high in 2012.