

# Northeast Ohio Correctional Center Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Youngstown, Ohio (Mahoning County)
- Low security
- Population: 2,148 (as of 7/13)
  - Capacity: 2,016
  - BOP inmates are predominately from Central or South American countries and will be deported post-sentence
  - Average age range: 40 – 69
  - Average length of stay: 133 days
- NEOCC houses both US Marshal Service detainees and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) inmates who are primarily incarcerated for illegal entry.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Good**

**Health and Wellbeing: Acceptable**

**Fair Treatment: Good**

**Reentry and Rehabilitation: Acceptable**

**Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable**

### Key Findings

- **Assaults:** The inmate assault rate is exceptional, with only three in 2012.
- **Fights:** The fight rate increased by 62.2% from 2010 to 2012; however, the rate itself is very low compared to the state system.
- **Use of Force:** Total uses of force increased significantly from 2010 to 2012; however, the rate is very low compared to the state system and the documentation for each incident was impressive.
- **Staffing:** Officer staffing levels have been drastically reduced in the BOP units, creating a potentially dangerous situation.
- **Unit Conditions:** The facility is extremely clean.
- **Healthcare:** There were no backlogs for either medical and mental health services.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates reported very minimal issues related to negative interactions or use of force; however, they did report that inmates who complain are sent to segregation.
- **Segregation:** The unit was very clean; however, the outdoor recreation cages are significantly smaller than in the state system.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** All BOP inmates are mandated to participate in an educational program or a job.
- **Quality of Programming:** The total number of GEDs passed increased by 87.9% from FY 2010 to 2012.
- **Reentry Planning:** Staff provide reentry assistance to inmates.
- **Fiscal Accountability:** Overtime payouts increased from CY 2011 to CY 2012, as did the vacancy rate, although turnover decreased.

### Assaults

