

Pickaway Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Orient, Ohio (Pickaway County)
- Level 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Frazier Health Center
- Population: 2,174 (as of 1/2014)
 - Capacity: 101.2%
 - 63.0% White, 35.8% Black, 1.1% Other
 - Average age: 40.5
- PCI is one of DRC's reintegration centers, providing expanded access to and emphasis on reentry services for inmates. It also includes Frazier Health Center, housing inmates who require long term assisted living, including a dialysis unit.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: Acceptable

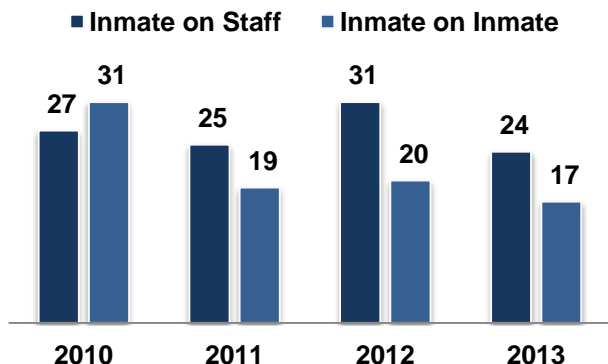
Health and Wellbeing: Acceptable

Fair Treatment: In Need of Improvement

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Good

Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** Assaults and fights have decreased since 2012. There have been zero homicides in the prior two years.
- **Use of Force:** The use of force rate is lower than comparator prisons. The majority of officer responses to incidents were appropriate.
- **Unit Conditions:** A and B units were good; C1 and D1, older units, were both in need of improvement due to poor conditions.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appeared adequate and there were no backlogs for inmate appointments. Patient satisfaction surveys are regularly conducted. However, the no-show rate is high.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing levels appear to be insufficient to address the mental health needs of the population.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmate focus group and survey responses were some of the most negative this biennium.
- **Segregation:** PCI unnecessarily houses four inmates in a cell in segregation on an ongoing basis.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** PCI offers broad access to a variety of programs.
- **Educational Programming:** From FY 2012 to FY 2013, the total number of GEDs earned at PCI increased 45.7%.
- **Reentry Planning:** RPLAN accountability was lacking; however, PCI has a reintegration center and a ONE STOP shop.
- **Fiscal:** Overtime payouts are high and increasing, vacancies were higher than necessary, higher than average turnover, and the worst rate of employee evaluation completion in the DRC. PCI also had one of the lowest external fiscal audit scores.