

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Ross Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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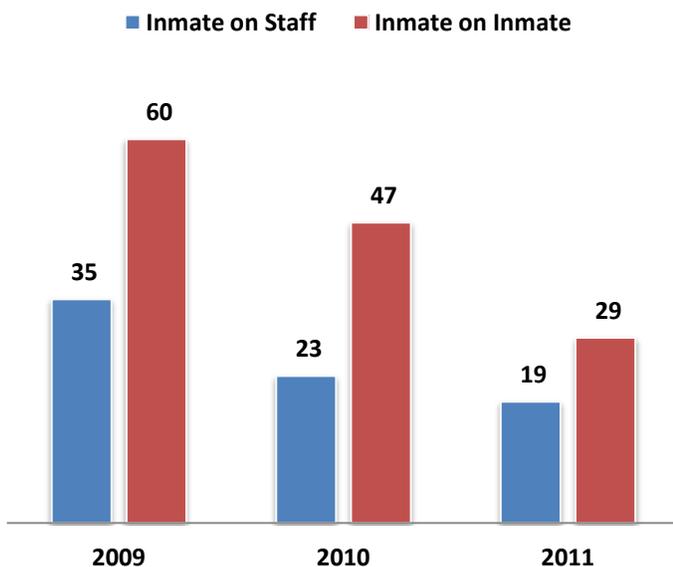
Institution Profile

- Chillicothe, Ohio
- Level 2 and 3 (medium/close) security
- Male
- Population: 2,270 (as of 1/3/12)
 - Capacity: 1,403 (current pop at 162%)
 - 47% Black, 53% White, and 0% Other
- Number of Employees: 530 (19 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From 2009 to 2011, total uses of force decreased slightly from 168 to 161. In 2010, OC spray (mace) was used 92 times.
- **Assaults:** From 2009 to 2010, inmate-on-inmate assaults decreased from 60 to 29. Inmate-on-staff assaults also decreased, from 35 to 19.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2011, the DRC reported 57 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no completed suicides and four suicide attempts during this period.

Total Assaults at RCI



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- The majority of the 108 inmates interviewed relayed positive comments regarding staff professionalism and interaction with inmates.
- The exterior grounds and common areas throughout the institution were noted as exceptionally clean and well-maintained.
- From 2010 to 2011, total uses of force and total assaults decreased significantly, which is in contrast to overall rising levels of violence that the DRC has recently experienced.
- Of the 108 inmates interviewed, only six reported feeling unsafe. However, RCI also recently experienced two homicides within a one-year period, which is unusual and concerning.
- Inmates reported high levels of satisfaction with medical services, including timely access to and follow-up by medical staff.
- Staff reported only nineteen vacancies and low overtime hours. Staff morale overall was relatively high.
- The only large concern was the condition of the showers, which were noted as being at various degrees of disintegration and disrepair. However, staff relayed that the removal and replacement of all showers has been budgeted and work has begun.

CIIC Contacts

In 2010, CIIC received 55 contacts from or regarding inmates at RCI. The top three concerns reported to CIIC were in regard to Staff Accountability, Non-Grievable issues (related to discipline), and Special Management Housing (segregation).