

# Southeastern Correctional Complex Inspection Brief

## Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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### Institution Profile

- Lancaster, Ohio (Fairfield County)
- Level 1 and 2 (minimum/medium)
- Population: 2,081 (as of 8/2014)
  - 62.0% White, 36.7% Black, 1.3% Other
  - Average age: 39.7 (both compounds)
- SCC includes both the Lancaster compound, which houses younger, medium security inmates, and the Hocking compound, which houses primarily older inmates. The facility is known for its groundbreaking green initiatives, such as composting and recycling, and the Warden recently received national recognition for this work.

### Inspection Overview

**Safety and Security: Acceptable**

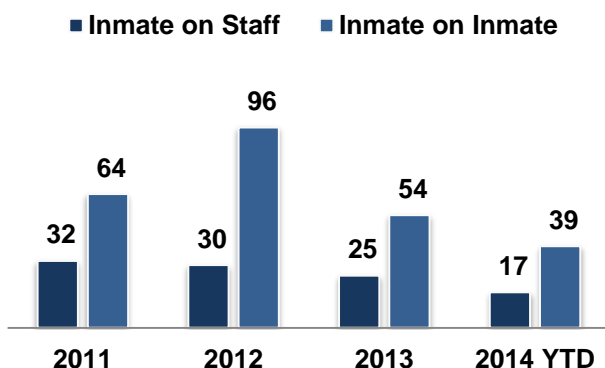
**Health and Wellbeing: Good**

**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 higher than comparator prisons. The majority of officer responses to incidents were appropriate.
- **Unit Conditions:** Unit conditions were generally good; however, bathroom/showers on SCC-L were in need of improvement.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing appeared adequate and has increased since the last CIIC inspection. There was no backlog for any medical appointments on either side.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing levels have increased since 2012, and appear sufficient. Staff reported no backlogs, and inmate enrollment in programming was good.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmate focus group and survey responses were relatively positive, but there were concerns regarding officer interactions with younger inmates.
- **Segregation:** Segregation raised concerns regarding sanitation, mattress conditions, triple-celling, lack of supervision of porters, and other issues.
- **Access to Purposeful Activities:** SCC offers broad access to a variety of programs.
- **Educational Programming:** From FY 2012 to FY 2013, the total number of GEDs earned decreased.
- **Reentry Planning:** SCC has good reentry planning and accountability.
- **Fiscal:** Staff management was good, overtime is low, and officer feedback was generally positive, as was the low staff turnover. Fiscal audit scores were very low, but SCC is known for its green initiatives.