

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Southern Ohio Correctional Facility Inspection Brief

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Institution Profile

- Lucasville, Ohio
- Maximum Security/Level 4
- Population: 1,416 (As of 4/4/11)
 - Capacity: 1,540
 - 59% Black, 41% White, and <1% Other
- Number of Employees: 711 (34 Vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** From Sept 2010 – Feb 2011, there were 267 Use of Force incidents, the second highest number of incidents for any institution in the DRC.
- **Assaults:** From Apr 2010 – Mar 2011, there were 281 reported inmate-on-inmate assaults, in which a weapon was used 302 times. The institution reported 182 inmate-on-staff assaults for the same time period, in which a weapon was used 197 times.
- **Suicide Attempts:** From Feb 2010 – Jan 2011, the DRC reported 73 suicide attempts. The facility experienced one suicide and two suicide attempts during this period.

Key Findings

- Compared to past CIIC inspections and to the reputation of SOCF, the facility is moving in a positive direction. As evidence, total assaults and uses of force have decreased over the past two years.
- Continued concerns include inmate allegations that line staff, particularly staff on second shift, are quick to use force and do not attempt to first utilize verbal methods to deescalate situations.
- Many inmates relayed concerns that they would be retaliated against if they used the grievance procedure.
- Inmates stated that they have to wait for extended periods of time to receive treatment from the physician.
- Many inmates reported concerns with the lack of access to programming in general. Several staff also stated that they would like to increase the number of programs.
- Both inmates and staff relayed a need for cultural competency training to improve inmate/staff communication.

Total Number of Assaults at SOCF: 2004-2011

