

Warren Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

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Institution Profile

- Lebanon, Ohio (Warren County)
- Level 3 (close security)
- Population: 1,365 (as of May 2015)
 - 55.4% Black, 42.8% White, 1.8% Other
 - Average age: 32.1
- WCI is a higher security facility that houses a population with more acute mental health needs. It was chosen as the site for a unique diversion program for mentally ill inmates whose actions might otherwise have placed them at maximum security. In the past two years, it has become more open, which is positive, but it also has experienced a significant increase in violence.

Inspection Overview

Safety and Security: In Need of Improvement

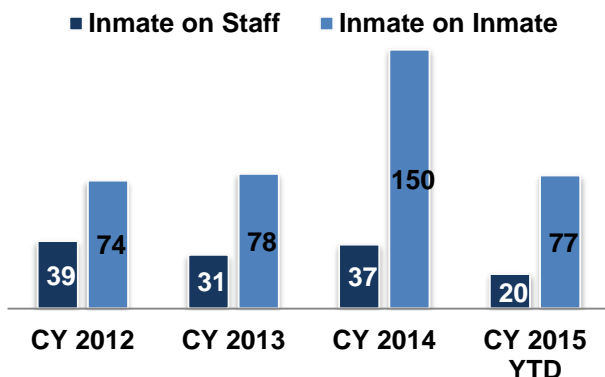
Health and Wellbeing: Good

Fair Treatment: Good

Reentry and Rehabilitation: Acceptable

Fiscal Accountability: Acceptable

Assaults



Key Findings

- **Violence:** The rate of inmate disciplinary convictions for assaults increased by 61.1% during CY 2014 in comparison to CY 2013. The rate of assault convictions was the highest among comparator prisons.
- **Use of Force:** Documentation has improved and the application of force did not raise concerns, with some exceptions regarding the use of OC spray.
- **Unit Conditions:** Each of the units appeared clean, with a small number of ongoing maintenance concerns.
- **Medical Services:** Staffing was adequate and there were no backlogs for inmate appointments.
- **Mental Health:** Staffing appeared to be adequate, and there were no backlogs, with a good range of mental health programming.
- **Staff/Inmate Interactions:** Inmates relayed mixed comments regarding staff/inmate interactions.
- **Segregation:** WCI has significantly decreased the number of inmates in restrictive housing.
- **Education/Library:** Academic enrollment is low, and the number of GEDs achieved decreased from FY 2013 to 2014. Library space was limited.
- **Reentry Planning:** A low percentage of inmates have completed unit reentry-certified programs. Reentry accountability is excellent. The facility brings 275 volunteers in and an OPI shop is available.
- **Fiscal:** Fiscal audit scores and overtime were average, and utility costs have decreased. The officer survey was very positive regarding immediate supervisors, although less positive regarding communication with the administration.