

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Correctional Reception Center Inspection Brief

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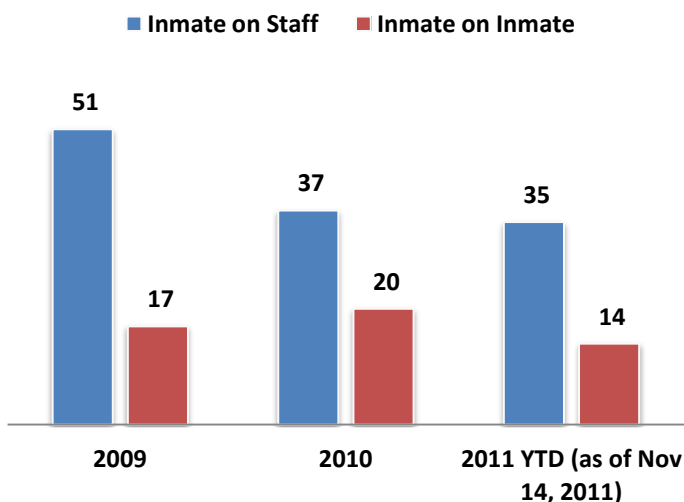
Institution Profile

- Orient, Ohio
- Reception Center (all security levels)
- Male
- Population: 1,843 (as of 11/14/11)
 - Capacity: 900 (current pop at 205%)
 - 57% White, 41% Black
- Number of Employees: 494 (42 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In 2009, the facility reported 206 uses of force; in 2010, 201. In 2010, chemical agents (mace) were used five times; in the six months prior to the inspection, chemical agents were used 35 times.
- **Assaults:** The facility reported 37 inmate-on-staff assaults, a 27.5 percent decrease from 2009. Inmate-on-inmate assaults increased slightly, from 17 in 2009 to 20 in 2010.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2010, the DRC reported 73 suicide attempts. The facility experienced no successful suicides and six suicide attempts in 2010, likely due to its dual reception and mental health missions.

Total Assaults at CRC



Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was very positive.
- Based on the number of overtime hours reported, the facility appears to have staffing deficiencies in the areas of both custody and medical staff.
- The facility reported only 6.9% of informal complaints received untimely responses from staff, which is very low compared to other DRC facilities.
- 93.7% of inmates interviewed reported feeling "safe" or "very safe." Throughout the housing units, the CIIC inspection team was impressed by the level of calm and order.
- The overall condition of the facility, with the exception of several unit showers, was excellent. The cells and common areas were very well maintained and clean.
- Multiple inmates in segregation reported that they were denied kites and informal complaints by segregation officers. CIIC addressed this concern with segregation staff on-site. On a subsequent day of the inspection, an inmate reported that, following CIIC's discussion with staff, segregation staff then threatened and verbally abused inmates.
- Staff shakedowns were not appropriately documented by second shift staff on multiple units.

CIIC Contacts

In CY 2010, CIIC received only 14 contacts regarding CRC. The top three concerns relayed were in regard to Supervision, Use of Force, and Staff Accountability. However, despite the few contacts, CIIC conducted ten inquiries regarding serious allegations since January 2010.