

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Security Threat Groups

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What is a Security Threat Group (STG)?

STGs (aka prison gangs) align themselves along racial identity, geography, religious principles, or street gang affiliation.

A.R. 5120-9-37, *Unauthorized Groups*:

- An association of two or more persons/inmates, not approved by the Department.
- Having a highly or loosely organized internal structure.
- Recognizing themselves as a distinct group.

What are the largest STGs in Ohio prisons?

White Supremacist
Aryan Brotherhood
Heartless Felons
Crips
Bloods
Folks
Peoples Nation

STG Management

- Monitoring known STG members through property searches, interception and monitoring of communication.
- Identify and disperse active members.
- Administrative discipline, including housing inmates who engage in STG-affiliated acts of violence in higher security facilities.
- Inter-agency cooperation and sharing of information.

What do STGs Do?

STGs engage in criminal activity to promote power, wealth, and prestige. To achieve this they perform:

- Assaults on staff and inmates.
- Drug, tobacco, mobile phone, and contraband trafficking
- Extortion and cell robberies
- Gambling and debts
- Operating "stores" (e.g. selling accumulated contraband)

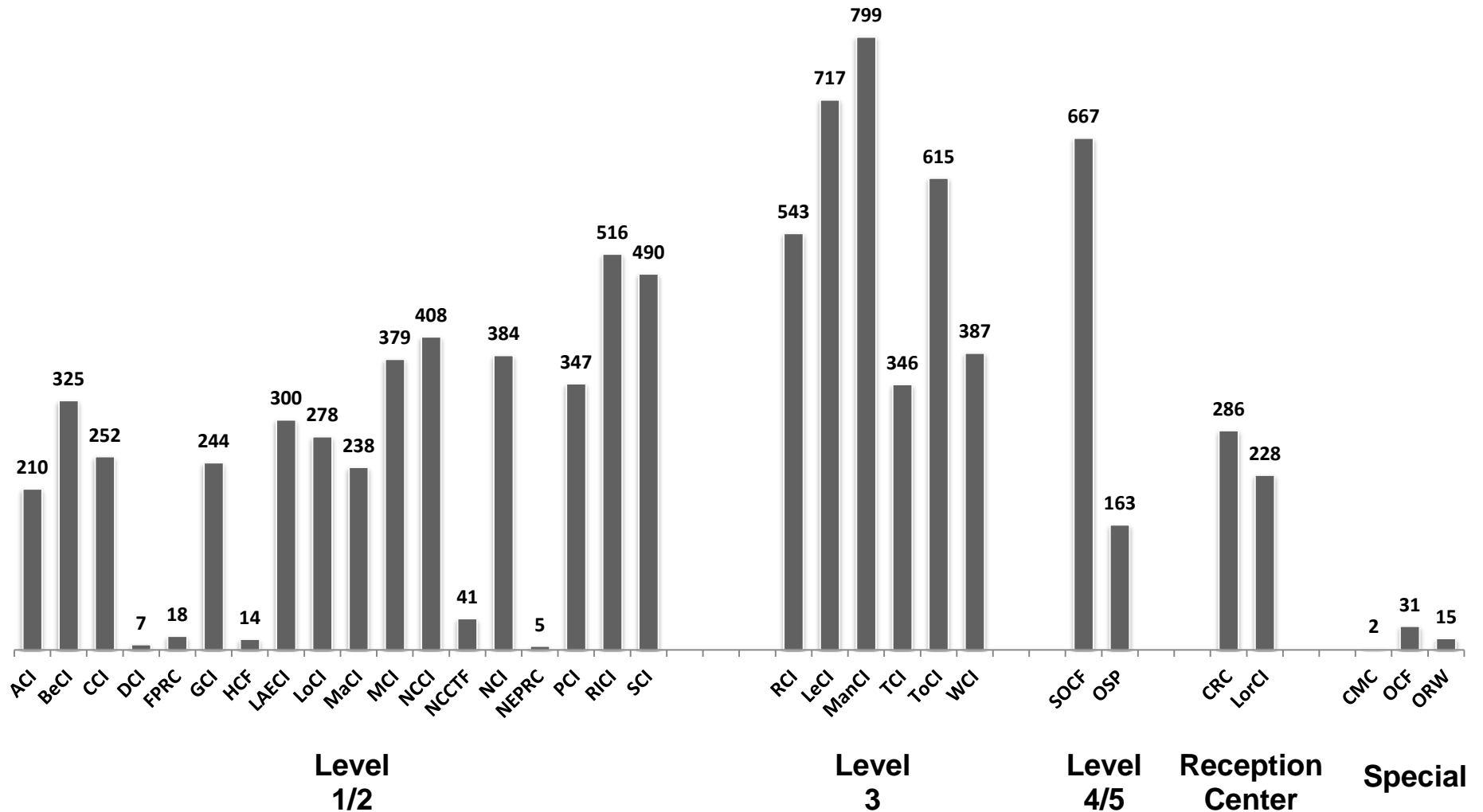
STG Statistics

- 9,255** inmates have STG affiliation in the DRC.
- 18%** of DRC inmates are in an STG.
- 29%** of the assailants in inmate-on-staff assaults in 2010 had STG affiliation.
- 36%** of the assailants in inmate-on-inmate assaults in 2010 had STG affiliation.
- 26%** of the victims in inmate on inmate assaults in 2010 had STG affiliation.

STG Identification

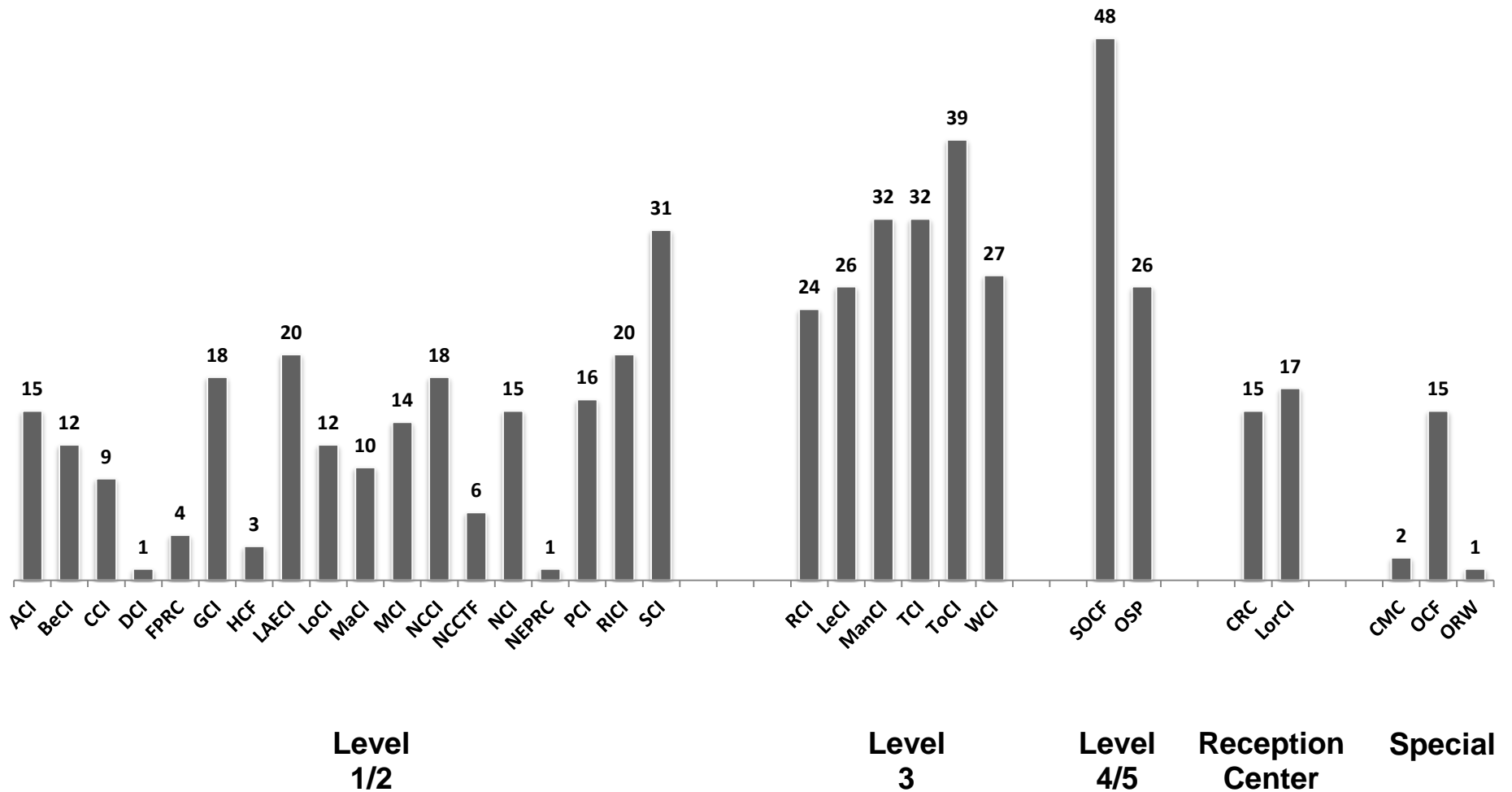
- Self admission by offender.
- Records from Law Enforcement, Courts, other agencies, or prior incarcerations.
- Identifiers such as tattoos, scars, marks, brands, possession of STG literature and materials.
- Active involvement in activities or disturbances associated with other STG members.

Number of Inmates Identified as Security Threat Group Members by Institution December 7, 2011*



*Information provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

STG Members by Percent of Institution Population December 7, 2011*



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