

# Correctional Institution Inspection Committee: Chillicothe Correctional Institution Inspection Brief

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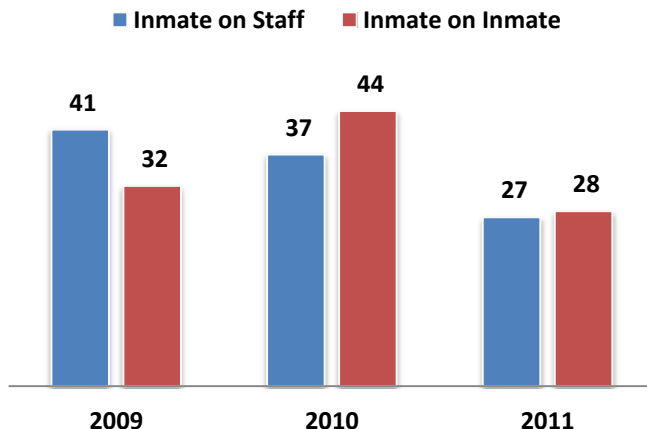
## Institution Profile

- Chillicothe, Ohio
- Levels 1 and 2 (minimum/medium) security
- Death Row
- Male
- Population: 2,656 (as of 2/6/12)
  - Capacity: 1,673 (current pop at 159%)
  - 40% Black, 59% White, and 1% Other
- Number of Employees: 535 (22 vacancies)

## Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In 2011, there were 91 reported uses of force, a decrease of 10.8 percent in comparison to 2009. Chemical agents (mace) were used 29 times in 2011.
- **Assaults:** In 2011, the facility reported 28 inmate-on-inmate assaults and 27 inmate-on-staff assaults. Both types of assaults decreased compared to 2009.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2011, the DRC reported 57 attempted suicides, five of which occurred at CCI. This is a decrease from 2009, in which the facility reported eight suicide attempts.

## Total Assaults 2009 - 2011



## Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection revealed both positives, as well as areas in need of improvement.
- The institution recently activated a new Death Row within CCI, which involved new security protocols, staff training, and refurbishment of facilities. Positive comments from both staff and inmates indicate that the staff have done a tremendous job at this difficult task.
- Uses of force, assaults, and suicide attempts all decreased in 2011 compared to 2009, which is positive.
- Staff morale was the most positive that the CIIC has seen in an institution inspected this biennium, which naturally results in a more pleasant environment for all who live and work in the facility.
- Inmate safety was very high, with 96.8% of interviewed inmates reporting that they felt safe or very safe in the institution.
- Areas of concern included poor facility conditions, particularly in regard to the windows and cells in many of the housing units. The restrooms were particularly concerning, as almost all of them had cracked/missing tiles, peeling paint, rust, soap scum, among other issues.
- A second large area of concern was healthcare, both medical services, and mental health, particularly in regard to the number of vacancies in mental health.

## CIIC Contacts

In 2011, CIIC received 140 contacts from or regarding CCI. The top three reported concerns pertained to Health Care, Supervision, and a two-way tie between the Inmate Grievance Procedure and RIB/Hearing Officer Procedures.