

## Decatur Correctional Center: Prisoner Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted February 28, 2020

Decatur Correctional Center is a female minimum-security prison that housed 542 people on the day of JHA's monitoring visit. JHA collected 300 surveys from people incarcerated at the facility (55.35% of the population). Responses to survey questions are reported below.<sup>1</sup>

### Demographic Responses

<b>Race</b>		
Black	55	18%
White	203	68%
Hispanic	17	6%
Other	13	4%
No response	12	4%
Total	300	100%

<b>Age</b>		
Under 26	27	9%
26-35	102	234%
36-45	80	27%
46-55	49	16%
Over 55	33	11%
No response	9	3%
Total	300	100%

<b>What County are you from?</b>		
Cook County	71	24%
Not Cook County	223	74%
No response	6	2%
Total	300	100%

<b>Primary assignment</b>		
Work	155	52%
School	90	30%
Unassigned	20	7%
Other	7	2%
No response	28	9%
Total	300	100%

<sup>1</sup> Not all percentages add up to 100% due to rounding.

## Survey Question Responses

<b>Q1: I feel safe</b>		
Strongly Agree	67	22%
Agree	116	39%
Neutral	72	24%
Disagree	18	6%
Strongly Disagree	13	4%
No Response	14	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q2: Most staff treat inmates with respect</b>		
Strongly Agree	24	8%
Agree	72	24%
Neutral	84	28%
Disagree	62	21%
Strongly Disagree	44	15%
No Response	14	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q3: Most inmates treat other inmates with respect</b>		
Strongly Agree	7	2%
Agree	66	22%
Neutral	108	36%
Disagree	62	21%
Strongly Disagree	40	13%
No Response	17	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q4: Mental health treatment is available</b>		
Strongly Agree	45	15%
Agree	130	43%
Neutral	59	20%
Disagree	36	12%
Strongly Disagree	13	4%
No Response	17	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q5: Most staff follow rules</b>		
Strongly Agree	19	6%
Agree	95	32%
Neutral	79	26%
Disagree	57	19%
Strongly Disagree	36	12%
No Response	14	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q6: My Correctional Counselor is effective</b>		
Strongly Agree	13	4%
Agree	14	5%
Neutral	33	11%
Disagree	42	14%
Strongly Disagree	184	61%
No Response	14	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q7: I am satisfied with medical services</b>		
Strongly Agree	22	7%
Agree	70	23%
Neutral	73	24%
Disagree	72	24%
Strongly Disagree	50	17%
No Response	13	4%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q8: The disciplinary process is fair</b>		
Strongly Agree	18	6%
Agree	43	14%
Neutral	90	30%
Disagree	61	20%
Strongly Disagree	74	25%
No Response	14	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q9: This facility is safe for inmates</b>		
Strongly Agree	37	12%
Agree	130	43%
Neutral	67	22%
Disagree	29	10%
Strongly Disagree	21	7%
No Response	16	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q10: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help</b>		
Strongly Agree	84	28%
Agree	119	40%
Neutral	38	13%
Disagree	20	7%
Strongly Disagree	28	9%
No Response	11	4%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q11: The grievance process is effective</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	3%
Agree	17	6%
Neutral	76	6%
Disagree	83	28%
Strongly Disagree	98	33%
No Response	16	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q12: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance</b>		
Strongly Agree	21	7%
Agree	36	12%
Neutral	74	25%
Disagree	66	22%
Strongly Disagree	84	28%
No Response	19	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q13: This facility is better now than last year</b>		
Strongly Agree	9	3%
Agree	10	3%
Neutral	118	39%
Disagree	48	16%
Strongly Disagree	78	26%
No Response	37	12%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q14: Contraband from outside of the facility gets inside</b>		
Strongly Agree	13	4%
Agree	17	6%
Neutral	58	19%
Disagree	107	36%
Strongly Disagree	86	29%
No Response	19	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q15: There is frequent gang activity here</b>		
Strongly Agree	6	2%
Agree	6	2%
Neutral	24	8%
Disagree	99	33%
Strongly Disagree	148	49%
No Response	17	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q16: Mail is timely</b>		
Strongly Agree	30	10%
Agree	91	30%
Neutral	61	20%
Disagree	59	20%
Strongly Disagree	59	20%
No Response	13	4%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q17: Temperature is comfortable</b>		
Strongly Agree	22	7%
Agree	78	26%
Neutral	71	24%
Disagree	51	17%
Strongly Disagree	65	22%
No Response	13	4%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q18: Posted schedules are accurate</b>		
Strongly Agree	32	11%
Agree	118	39%
Neutral	66	22%
Disagree	44	15%
Strongly Disagree	24	8%
No Response	16	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q19: Ventilation is adequate</b>		
Strongly Agree	16	5%
Agree	58	19%
Neutral	67	22%
Disagree	76	25%
Strongly Disagree	67	22%
No Response	16	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q20: When something is broken it is fixed in a timely manner</b>		
Strongly Agree	8	3%
Agree	32	11%
Neutral	53	18%
Disagree	76	25%
Strongly Disagree	114	38%
No Response	17	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q21: I am satisfied with food from dietary</b>		
Strongly Agree	19	6%
Agree	61	20%
Neutral	61	20%
Disagree	69	23%
Strongly Disagree	73	24%
No Response	17	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q22: Clothing provided by the state is adequate</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	3%
Agree	40	13%
Neutral	51	17%
Disagree	83	28%
Strongly Disagree	106	35%
No Response	10	3%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q23: I have adequate access to showers</b>		
Strongly Agree	79	26%
Agree	128	43%
Neutral	47	16%
Disagree	14	5%
Strongly Disagree	19	6%
No Response	13	4%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q24: Enough state hygiene items are provided</b>		
Strongly Agree	17	6%
Agree	27	9%
Neutral	46	15%
Disagree	72	24%
Strongly Disagree	122	41%
No Response	16	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q25: There is enough rec</b>		
Strongly Agree	68	23%
Agree	115	38%
Neutral	57	19%
Disagree	26	9%
Strongly Disagree	24	8%
No Response	10	3%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q26: I have adequate access to law library</b>		
Strongly Agree	76	25%
Agree	133	44%
Neutral	53	18%
Disagree	9	3%
Strongly Disagree	19	6%
No Response	10	3%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q29: Educational programming is adequate</b>		
Strongly Agree	15	5%
Agree	64	21%
Neutral	53	18%
Disagree	57	19%
Strongly Disagree	96	32%
No Response	15	5%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q27: I have enough access to phones</b>		
Strongly Agree	83	28%
Agree	125	42%
Neutral	34	11%
Disagree	18	6%
Strongly Disagree	23	8%
No Response	17	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q30: Rehabilitative programming is adequate</b>		
Strongly Agree	10	3%
Agree	19	6%
Neutral	54	18%
Disagree	51	17%
Strongly Disagree	147	49%
No Response	19	6%
Total	300	100%

<b>Q28: Helpful reentry info is provided by staff</b>		
Strongly Agree	14	4%
Agree	34	11%
Neutral	88	29%
Disagree	58	19%
Strongly Disagree	77	26%
No Response	29	10%
Total	300	100%