

Hill Correctional Center: Prisoner Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted March 4, 2020

Hill Correctional Center is a male medium-security prison that housed 1,626 people on the day of JHA's monitoring visit. JHA collected 683 surveys from people incarcerated at the facility (42% of the population). Responses to survey questions are reported below.¹

Demographic Responses

Race		
Black	333	49%
White	136	20%
Hispanic	81	12%
Other	30	4%
No response	103	15%
Total	683	100%

Age		
Under 26	72	11%
26-35	166	24%
36-45	187	27%
46-55	131	19%
Over 55	94	14%
No response	33	5%
Total	683	100%

What County are you from?		
Cook County	388	57%
Not Cook County	242	35%
No response	53	8%
Total	683	100%

Primary assignment		
Work	164	24%
School	124	18%
Unassigned	327	48%
Other	15	2%
No response	53	8%
Total	683	100%

¹ Not all percentages add up to 100% due to rounding.

Survey Question Responses

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	55	8%
Agree	165	24%
Neutral	218	32%
Disagree	91	13%
Strongly Disagree	117	17%
No Response	37	5%
Total	683	100%

Q2: Most staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	17	3%
Agree	149	22%
Neutral	160	23%
Disagree	188	28%
Strongly Disagree	136	20%
No Response	33	5%
Total	683	100%

Q3: Most inmates treat other inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	19	3%
Agree	150	22%
Neutral	238	35%
Disagree	149	22%
Strongly Disagree	90	13%
No Response	37	5%
Total	683	100%

Q4: Mental health treatment is available		
Strongly Agree	29	4%
Agree	199	29%
Neutral	195	29%
Disagree	97	14%
Strongly Disagree	101	15%
No Response	62	9%
Total	683	100%

Q5: Most staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	14	2%
Agree	146	21%
Neutral	168	25%
Disagree	154	23%
Strongly Disagree	166	24%
No Response	35	5%
Total	683	100%

Q6: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	22	3%
Agree	80	12%
Neutral	122	18%
Disagree	138	20%
Strongly Disagree	287	42%
No Response	34	5%
Total	683	100%

Q7: I am satisfied with medical services		
Strongly Agree	24	4%
Agree	91	13%
Neutral	153	22%
Disagree	152	22%
Strongly Disagree	223	33%
No Response	40	6%
Total	683	100%

Q8: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	13	2%
Agree	39	6%
Neutral	143	21%
Disagree	132	19%
Strongly Disagree	314	46%
No Response	42	6%
Total	683	100%

Q9: This facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	17	3%
Agree	132	19%
Neutral	257	38%
Disagree	120	18%
Strongly Disagree	121	18%
No Response	36	5%
Total	683	100%

Q10: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	95	14%
Agree	254	37%
Neutral	143	21%
Disagree	60	9%
Strongly Disagree	91	13%
No Response	40	6%
Total	683	100%

Q14: Contraband from outside of the facility gets inside		
Strongly Agree	32	5%
Agree	24	4%
Neutral	173	25%
Disagree	186	27%
Strongly Disagree	196	29%
No Response	72	11%
Total	683	100%

Q11: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	7	1%
Agree	24	4%
Neutral	94	14%
Disagree	140	21%
Strongly Disagree	385	56%
No Response	33	5%
Total	683	100%

Q15: There is frequent gang activity here		
Strongly Agree	86	13%
Agree	93	14%
Neutral	158	23%
Disagree	134	20%
Strongly Disagree	146	21%
No Response	66	10%
Total	683	100%

Q12: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	26	4%
Agree	75	11%
Neutral	139	20%
Disagree	159	23%
Strongly Disagree	254	37%
No Response	30	4%
Total	683	100%

Q16: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	8	1%
Neutral	10	2%
Disagree	35	5%
Strongly Disagree	596	87%
No Response	28	4%
Total	683	100%

Q13: This facility is better now than last year		
Strongly Agree	16	2%
Agree	53	8%
Neutral	219	32%
Disagree	122	18%
Strongly Disagree	224	33%
No Response	49	7%
Total	683	100%

Q17: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	10	2%
Agree	122	18%
Neutral	203	30%
Disagree	138	20%
Strongly Disagree	177	26%
No Response	33	5%
Total	683	100%

Q18: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	22	3%
Agree	128	19%
Neutral	152	22%
Disagree	129	19%
Strongly Disagree	210	31%
No Response	42	6%
Total	683	100%

Q19: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	9	1%
Agree	83	12%
Neutral	153	22%
Disagree	145	21%
Strongly Disagree	252	37%
No Response	41	6%
Total	683	100%

Q20: When something is broken it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	11	2%
Agree	79	12%
Neutral	142	21%
Disagree	165	24%
Strongly Disagree	257	38%
No Response	29	4%
Total	683	100%

Q21: I am satisfied with food from dietary		
Strongly Agree	7	1%
Agree	28	4%
Neutral	88	13%
Disagree	142	21%
Strongly Disagree	379	56%
No Response	39	6%
Total	683	100%

Q22: Clothing provided by the state is adequate		
Strongly Agree	9	1%
Agree	49	7%
Neutral	106	16%
Disagree	156	23%
Strongly Disagree	337	49%
No Response	26	4%
Total	683	100%

Q23: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	132	19%
Agree	300	44%
Neutral	113	17%
Disagree	45	7%
Strongly Disagree	60	9%
No Response	33	5%
Total	683	100%

Q24: Enough state hygiene items are provided		
Strongly Agree	10	2%
Agree	22	3%
Neutral	69	10%
Disagree	140	21%
Strongly Disagree	406	59%
No Response	36	5%
Total	683	100%

Q25: There is enough rec		
Strongly Agree	25	4%
Agree	87	13%
Neutral	105	15%
Disagree	158	23%
Strongly Disagree	262	38%
No Response	46	7%
Total	683	100%

Q26: I have adequate access to law library		
Strongly Agree	31	5%
Agree	159	23%
Neutral	194	28%
Disagree	104	15%
Strongly Disagree	150	22%
No Response	45	7%
Total	683	100%

Q29: Educational programming is adequate		
Strongly Agree	26	4%
Agree	106	16%
Neutral	168	25%
Disagree	123	18%
Strongly Disagree	213	31%
No Response	47	7%
Total	683	100%

Q27: I have enough access to phones		
Strongly Agree	25	4%
Agree	95	14%
Neutral	103	15%
Disagree	131	19%
Strongly Disagree	293	43%
No Response	36	5%
Total	683	100%

Q30: Rehabilitative programming is adequate		
Strongly Agree	17	3%
Agree	53	8%
Neutral	154	23%
Disagree	131	19%
Strongly Disagree	278	41%
No Response	50	7%
Total	683	100%

Q28: Helpful reentry info is provided by staff		
Strongly Agree	14	2%
Agree	58	9%
Neutral	195	29%
Disagree	143	21%
Strongly Disagree	215	32%
No Response	58	9%
Total	683	100%