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Stateville Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted December 6th 2017

Stateville Correctional Center is a maximum-security prison that housed 1,179 adult male inmates on the day of JHA's monitoring visit. JHA collected 580 surveys from inmates (49.2% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to survey questions are reported below.

Responses to Inmate Demographic Questions:

Race		
Black	378	65%
White	90	16%
Hispanic	57	10%
Other	29	5%
No response	26	5%
Total	580	100%

Age		
Under 26	11	2%
26-35	119	21%
36-45	197	34%
46-55	116	20%
Over 55	124	21%
No response	13	2%
Total	580	100%

How long have you been in this prison?		
Less than 6 months	37	6%
6 months or more	521	90%
No response	22	4%
Total	580	100%

Primary assignment		
Work	98	17%
School	37	6%
Unassigned	376	65%
Other	22	4%
No response	47	8%
Total	580	100%

Responses to Inmate Survey Questions:

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	46	8%
Agree	97	17%
Neutral	194	33%
Disagree	117	20%
Strongly Disagree	110	19%
No Response	16	3%
Total	580	100%

Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	12	2%
Agree	44	8%
Neutral	148	26%
Disagree	165	28%
Strongly Disagree	201	55%
No Response	10	2%
Total	580	100%

Q3: Inmates treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	30	5%
Agree	113	20%
Neutral	238	41%
Disagree	121	21%
Strongly Disagree	72	12%
No Response	6	1%
Total	580	100%

Q4: I know the rules or where to find them		
Strongly Agree	42	7%
Agree	200	35%
Neutral	107	18%
Disagree	114	20%
Strongly Disagree	103	18%
No Response	14	2%
Total	580	100%

Q5: Staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	24	4%
Neutral	93	16%
Disagree	163	28%
Strongly Disagree	290	50%
No Response	4	1%
Total	580	100%

Q6: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	17	3%
Agree	39	7%
Neutral	93	16%
Disagree	107	18%
Strongly Disagree	322	56%
No Response	2	0%
Total	580	100%

Q7: I am satisfied with medical services		
Strongly Agree	9	2%
Agree	35	6%
Neutral	52	9%
Disagree	98	17%
Strongly Disagree	384	66%
No Response	2	0%
Total	580	100%

Q8: I avoid health care to avoid \$5 co-pay		
Strongly Agree	241	42%
Agree	129	22%
Neutral	54	9%
Disagree	65	11%
Strongly Disagree	74	13%
No Response	17	3%
Total	580	100%

Q9: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	5	1%
Agree	29	5%
Neutral	68	12%
Disagree	91	16%
Strongly Disagree	378	65%
No Response	9	2%
Total	580	100%

Q10: This facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	20	3%
Agree	63	11%
Neutral	135	23%
Disagree	116	20%
Strongly Disagree	243	42%
No Response	3	1%
Total	580	100%

Q11: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	94	16%
Agree	198	34%
Neutral	111	19%
Disagree	67	12%
Strongly Disagree	100	17%
No Response	10	2%
Total	580	100%

Q12: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	16	3%
Neutral	43	7%
Disagree	109	19%
Strongly Disagree	402	69%
No Response	4	1%
Total	580	100%

Q13: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	34	6%
Agree	67	12%
Neutral	102	18%
Disagree	151	26%
Strongly Disagree	220	38%
No Response	6	1%
Total	580	100%

Q14: Contraband from outside facility often gets inside		
Strongly Agree	23	4%
Agree	48	8%
Neutral	138	24%
Disagree	174	30%
Strongly Disagree	149	26%
No Response	48	8%
Total	580	100%

Q15: There is frequent gang activity here		
Strongly Agree	51	9%
Agree	76	13%
Neutral	146	25%
Disagree	145	25%
Strongly Disagree	123	21%
No Response	39	7%
Total	580	100%

Q16: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	5	1%
Agree	13	2%
Neutral	33	6%
Disagree	108	19%
Strongly Disagree	407	70%
No Response	14	2%
Total	580	100%

Q17: Adequate cleaning supplies are provided		
Strongly Agree	5	1%
Agree	15	3%
Neutral	33	6%
Disagree	133	23%
Strongly Disagree	386	67%
No Response	8	1%
Total	580	100%

Q18: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	4	1%
Agree	64	11%
Neutral	145	25%
Disagree	123	21%
Strongly Disagree	234	40%
No Response	10	2%
Total	580	100%

Q19: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	9	2%
Agree	69	12%
Neutral	132	23%
Disagree	139	24%
Strongly Disagree	212	37%
No Response	19	3%
Total	580	100%

Q20: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	5	1%
Agree	18	3%
Neutral	34	6%
Disagree	101	17%
Strongly Disagree	410	71%
No Response	12	2%
Total	580	100%

Q21: When something is broken it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	4	1%
Agree	6	1%
Neutral	10	2%
Disagree	85	15%
Strongly Disagree	468	81%
No Response	7	1%
Total	580	100%

Q22: I am satisfied with food from dietary		
Strongly Agree	10	2%
Agree	34	6%
Neutral	78	13%
Disagree	129	22%
Strongly Disagree	321	55%
No Response	8	1%
Total	580	100%

Q23: Clothing provided by state is adequate		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	24	4%
Neutral	50	9%
Disagree	143	25%
Strongly Disagree	350	60%
No Response	7	1%
Total	580	100%

Q24: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	24	4%
Agree	122	21%
Neutral	129	22%
Disagree	123	21%
Strongly Disagree	174	30%
No Response	8	1%
Total	580	100%

Q25: Enough state hygiene items are provided		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	17	3%
Neutral	30	5%
Disagree	127	22%
Strongly Disagree	391	67%
No Response	9	2%
Total	580	100%

Q26: There is enough rec		
Strongly Agree	27	5%
Agree	91	16%
Neutral	132	23%
Disagree	107	18%
Strongly Disagree	209	36%
No Response	14	2%
Total	580	100%

Q27: I have adequate access to law library		
Strongly Agree	15	3%
Agree	54	9%
Neutral	86	15%
Disagree	139	24%
Strongly Disagree	275	47%
No Response	11	2%
Total	580	100%

Q28: I have enough access to phones		
Strongly Agree	102	18%
Agree	203	35%
Neutral	146	25%
Disagree	39	7%
Strongly Disagree	72	12%
No Response	18	3%
Total	580	100%

Q29: Helpful reentry info is provided by staff		
Strongly Agree	7	1%
Agree	24	4%
Neutral	148	26%
Disagree	118	20%
Strongly Disagree	260	45%
No Response	23	4%
Total	580	100%

Q30: Rehabilitative & Education programming is adequate		
Strongly Agree	20	3%
Agree	43	7%
Neutral	106	18%
Disagree	100	17%
Strongly Disagree	301	52%
No Response	10	2%
Total	580	100%

*Not all percentages reported for individual survey items add up to 100% due to percentages being rounded to whole number.