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**Survey Comment  
Report**



# **Lawrence 2023 MQPL Survey Comments**

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# Introduction

Lawrence Correctional Center is a maximum-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 617 people on March 27, 2023. Lawrence has been undergoing a transition from being a medium-security prison to become a maximum over the past few years, during which time some medium-security people remained at the prison. In addition to housing general population maximum and medium-security at the time of the survey, Lawrence also housed almost all individuals in IDOC who are in [Administrative Detention](#) (AD) status (approximately 75), individuals in [Protective Custody](#) (PC), and had a particular housing unit (R7) where people were typically housed when they were new to the prison that had greater restrictions.

The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short [Measuring the Quality of Prison Life](#) (MQPL) survey by providing enough survey packets (consisting of the [MQPL survey](#), an informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and a privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person incarcerated at Lawrence had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 143 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Lawrence through July 26, representing approximately 23% of the static population. Additional survey comments from surveys received since the data collection was closed may be included. JHA visited Lawrence in October 2023, at which time population had increased to about 750 people, with about 100 people remaining who were classified as medium-security.

Below are the comments from the MQPL surveys for the open-ended survey questions followed by marginalia comments. Please note:

- All blank answers have been omitted
- Names and other personally identifying details have been redacted
- Spelling and grammar have been lightly edited for understanding and to account for possible transcriber typos

# OPEN-ENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS

## Q12. What are the most positive things about life in this prison?

1. There isnt any positive about this prison.
2. That most staff are Helpfull
3. Nothing positive!
4. Single man cells
5. You spend time reflecting and wanting to change for the better, basically to be a different person you came in when you go back out.
6. The chance of getting a job or going to school. That's all this place has to offer.
7. A single cell.
8. One man cells
9. There isn't anything positive due to the fact that once you're here there's nothing in place that helps you get released sooner than later when you have a lot of time to do.
10. That I taught myself how to file to the Court's, that I taught myself how to read and write...
11. I have a chance to get My G.E.D. and we have single Man cells as of now.
12. it's some decent food!!!
13. There is a lot of potential here for incarcerated people to be able to participate in programs and job assignments. The only problem is that staff do not know how to run the prison due to the administrations continuing changing mind set as to what to do.
14. I certainly think about the things that landed me in the predicament of my incarceration...
15. one man cells
16. Single person cells
17. Contact visit's with my Family. Its the only way I can see & talk to my loved ones.
18. currently, we are single man cells. Life with a celly, in a room the size of a closet, is very difficult, and at best, degrading and a recipe for disaster. The cells need to be a size appropriate for two grown men, or be single cells. The single cell is the most positive.
19. outdate
20. 1 man cell
21. Working on your mind, body, and soul.
22. its well lite & clean
23. I get some time out my more than menard.
24. I was finally able to receive a job while here, and if you stay out of trouble, most people can also get a job.
25. I'm able to live in a one man cell, to gather more than Just my thoughts, But to be create and stress Free in my living environment.
26. I dont have life in this prison

27. 1. single man cells 2. access to phone 3. access to showers 4. food is eatable. note: single person cells create a safe environment that allows stress to wain. thus decreasing violence. 6. severe lack of educational programs
28. employment opportunities, single man cells
29. Food. Single cell.
30. The Library's here are the best thing about this prison
31. School and other Rehabilitation programs are the most positive things about life in this prison.
32. I'm Medium level and been here for 10 years and one day, I hope to get to a better place
33. Nothing in this jail I am in only for population! If you in Protective Custody your treated badly!
34. I like to work and the job lets me do that
35. You're in a cell by your self and not with a celly. Good food.
36. Educational advancement opportunities. Behavioral modification opportunities
37. Nothing
38. Single man cells. This is the calmest prison Ive bin to. There is less tension because of single man cells and less inmates people are way more calm. You will always have bad apples that unavoidable but it makes a huge difference less tension less stress. Less fights nobody wants to leave here or get in trouble because they dont want to lose the privilege of single man cells.
39. You are in a single man cell.
40. Positive is what we make of it. Programs, education, the opportunity is there we just have to have the desire to change. Use the system for good not bad. Education, religion, good work values, and positive thinking can make for better environment and better self.
41. looking forward to death
42. Nothing positive everyday dealing with stress
43. Waking up every morning. Being able to communicate with love ones in the free world
44. Able to afford the phones call to talk with family daily.
45. nothing
46. That most likely I'll die here before Im released due to my age of **[60+]**, poor health inmate assaults, officer abuse. **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]** and barely able to get out of bed. need Joe Coleman medical release that I was turned down that healthcare director falsified reasons to deny me.
47. you really get to understand yerself...
48. To attend school and Have a Job
49. Single cell, by an ENORMOUS margin. Officers enforce the Rules but they don't go crazy about it.
50. This prison is not positive the Adjustment Committee is Terrible just like Menards Menards is so corrupt...
51. it has it's Good time and it's bad time But more Good
52. Single man cells
53. There is nothing positive about life in prison.
54. Nothing at all
55. There is an opportunity for programming. Very little stress

56. Better food, Daily showers, single cell
57. single cells and single showers
58. Right now, being celled by myself. At such a lonely and dark & violent place—the hope of better conditions at the next prison are greater than the fear of similar treatment elsewhere.
59. Really! Positive!
60. I have a Job, learn to be more observe and make wise decisions I see what I didn't see before or in front of me.
61. Single-man cells. Fast mail delivery. Good general library. Optimal cable TV channels. Laid back staff.
62. Nothing this is hard time.
63. You get to see the good, professional staff, instill hope and smile. That tells me its possible. Im here 24 hrs. They're here 8 hrs; Im updated on whats new (fashion, etc.)
64. Family and friend contact and Support
65. To wake up.
66. U get the chance to learn if u want
67. TV, other than that Nothing in some houses you get 35 minutes out your cell to shower & A 20 minute phone call & they make other inmates "clash" By Giving others "special privileges" & other get the bare minimum
68. NOTHING!
69. I can say that majority of staff are decent people and treat us well, once we truly get to know each other.
70. There is nothing positive about being in the Illinois Dept. of Corrections.
71. The idea that i can get to a better less restrictive unit where my time can get better.
72. My work assignment Maintenance/Grounds Care taker
73. Single cell.
74. They haven't killed me yet. I have an outdate.
75. NONE
76. Not having a cellmate
77. school, work and phones
78. Being Alive, Bc These People Dont Help with Anythin. Especially the **[NUMBER REDACTED]** House counselor. She's of no Help. we Have to talk to Higher up Just For Her to do Anything on Time.
79. Don't have none!!!
80. There aren't many I can think of, but It does need to be a widespread investigation on this institution looking into Adjustment Committee Hearings, and the unfairness that inmates are being Face with! If this can be done there may be something positive to say about this prison
81. School
82. That They Have a one man cell and Need to Keep it That way to stop all Fights!
83. There are no positivity about life in this prison.
84. you are givin a chance to work and go to school
85. Not any Thing
86. Waking up.

87. programs
88. That Im not in danger of senseless acts of gun violence...at the hands of law enforcement gangs, theives, racists etc.
89. Single cell
90. One-man cells. They (one-man cells) allow you the freedom to think, bathe, releive yourself, work on re-entry, and rest without interference or distraction.
91. Im closer to family. In school.
92. We have 'single' man cells & schooling
93. Its programs & the fact that they give individuals a chance to work & go to school. The peace of mind of having your own cell.
94. one man cells, one man showers, being able to be in a cell without any stress, anxiety or negative energy coming from a cellmate. Not having to clean up behind a cellmate, not having to worry about getting COVID-19 or any other virus, infection etc from a cellmate.
95. There is nothing positive about life in this prison for me other than a one man cell.
96. only positive things About this Joint is what the State offers single man cells, you TV, Tablet, medication other then that their is no really positive things About it they Do what they want when they want
97. Law Library Access
98. Video visits
99. Only that I wake up alive each day.
100. Single Person housing
101. You get a cell to Yourself, the tv channels are nice, and most officers are respectful. They also have the best Healthcare that I have seen in 20 years of incarceration.
102. To Understand my Answers i would like to mention that im in Administrative Detention And they have not offered us any schooling, Education (GED) (High School Diploma), or college courses. so theres nothing positive.
103. you are alive
104. Staff know How to talk to people
105. The phone calls to the outside world.
106. none
107. its a lesson.
108. There are opportunities available For class participation and work assignments.
109. Visiting family
110. I'm in A.D. I haven't had a chance to be in general population yet. So I don't know of any positive things.
111. It's sad to say but I don't have one positive thing to say about this prison.
112. Counselor [REDACTED] truly extends help. Nurse [REDACTED] helps prisoners as patients not as animals or monsters. C/O [REDACTED] is consistent and professional
113. [TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC: So...so...so...There is nothing good. I am good if they leave me alone but they speak to me and treat me in a racist way.]
114. We get to go to the yard regularly and the academic teachers help you learn.
115. They have alot of programs, but they're only for certain inmates
116. NOTHING. The prison Administration don't even want to allow us to buy Art surplies from the outside vendor... The Prison Commissary sells only six different Acrylic paints...



- I spent over one year asking for Art Surplies Commissary Changes, but my requests, it seems like them don't getting acknowledge.
117. Sometimes you meet People that really want to help you but they can't do it cus they have to respond to other's
  118. The myriad clinical services, vocational, and academic opportunities.
  119. I get to shower Daily & use the phone daily
  120. There are none. From in here im house since transfer here
  121. the staff dont seem to be trying to cause problems and are respectful.
  122. The staff are polite and respectful for The most part. Coming From a Prison in **[STATE REDACTED]** This is a new experience for me
  123. Nothing
  124. Reflecting on what you did to get Here
  125. They did finally give me my magnifier and digital audio book player from the State Library for the Blind, but only after my attorney bullied them
  126. You finally grow-up
  127. Their is nothing positive about this prison
  128. one man cells
  129. In this specific prison is the fact I do not have a cell mate.
  130. There is an outdate, weather by death due to the negligent disregard of A.D.A. rights and critical health issues. Or via scheduled M.S.R. date vague as it may be at this point and time...
  131. None
  132. the ability to know oneself.
  133. Not sure yet But i heard they school and Jobs and alot of cut time im interested
  134. Still Alive

### Q13. What are the most negative things about life in this prison?

1. Being treated less than an wild animal.
2. Trying to get information about Thing, we write the people we Are told to and they Dont Answer is hell. The cable in Here is Bad Dont Have All the channel we are to Have. There are a few channel we get A picture But no sound. We Are to get ABC station per contract/no Barber shop to get Haircut.
3. The way staff treat & look down on incarcerated individuals
4. mental Health services are not available immeditly, especially when Requesting a 1 on 1. They keep saying not enough counselors, yet they sit in their office doing nothing (I see them all the time) They're Just getting a pay-check to sit around & make excuses
5. Staff
6. Everyday is like "GroundHog Day" ... same shit, different day!



7. The adjustment committee is unfair and not following the 504 A.D. We are being denied cosmedics in RH such as trimers, mouth wash, Dental loops, Q-Tips and other things like shoes. We are forced to used state issued shoe that are to big and they are thin to the point our toes freez in cold conditions. People on A grade are not getting their proper phone call in RH nor are we getting properly fed. The kitchen gives us "real" lil portions of food. We get "NO" tablets that's the way the Warden is running RH!
8. Medical, water, lack of yard
9. Just some negatives that can be improved
10. Food, lack of programs, under qualified employees, unfair treatment of the incarcerated
11. You are not provided with enough facts to defendant Yourself from violation to ones due process before the Adjustment Committee
12. Racism and lots of Knit Picking on Inmates By the Staff!
13. They don't follow the rules and make up new rules thats not part of the hand Book or A.D.
14. The only way to obtain a job is either by becoming an informant or source of information for the intel unit. They run the prison. in that same light any information by way of informants is taken as true no matter if the info is true or not. This administration also makes their own rules and applies them only when they are most beneficial to them. When the rules are meant to benefit us they ignore them and sight "security."
15. NEUTRAL
16. staff attude
17. Everything's broken. Concrete yards. Lazy staff
18. Positive groups/school & work for people to stay positive And Keep busy. The disciplinary system is not right. And trying to get back on good terms From my past.
19. I refer to Q 12 as the most negative aspect of having a celly in a room the size of a closet.
20. Everything
21. all the lies and petty games some staff play
22. Everything
23. self exsplanatory = were in prison with Little Hope
24. Staff Does NOT Know how to treat us like humans. This prison Does what it wants make they own rules on a daily basis. Every house in this prison is treated Diffrent far as Privileges.
25. Very weak wifi. most people with tablets cant even use them while in the cell. There isnt any type of college classes offered. Not enough dayroom phones for people.
26. Not giving me what I Have coming
27. no programs, security specialist is unfair about level E reductions
28. 1. No programs for P.C. 2. No jobs for P.C. 3. No gym for P.C. 4. P.C. yard is Just a concrete slab nothing else 5. access To Law Library limited and makes legal work difficult 6. Lack of opportunities leaves me feeling useless 7. disruptive inmates are given prefered Treatment. good behavior inmates are simply ignored.
29. no tournaments, few programs
30. Staff/Retaliation

31. No movement, no mental health staff, not enough school, not enough jobs. Commissary and dietary food suck!
32. Coming out the cell for 35 minutes a day are the most negative thing about life in this prison.
33. Our healthcare is problematic and this place can't keep staff.
34. C/O Play Inmate against one another; I am in P.C. so I am considered weak or scary! I can not get a G.E.D cause here there is no school for me or gym. I can not get what general population get although **[CASE NAME REDACTED]** says I am suppose to. The C/O's tell other Inmates Look at them cowards! Or if we move to population C/O let it be known we from p.c. cause problems
35. Staff (Security) bring home issues to work
36. Horrible commissary. Different areas have more privileges, no equal standards. Only out the cell for 35 min a day. No way to eat hot food (No Hotpot). Small Breakfast. No microwave. No Law Library on the Tablets. No Phone on Tablets. Horrible A/C during Summer. Things take a long time to happen (Property, clothing, commissary)
37. Staffing issues that cause cancelations of yard, gym, dayroom, school, programs etc...
38. They violate your rights, then ignore certain living conditions. They treat us like we committed a crime before it even happened. they put people in investigation status as another form of punishment they get away with
39. The only issue here is that they always change the rules and never tell you what they are. They constantly make new rules as well. They tell us the rule book says this or that so we cant do or have something but when we show them the rule book or the 504 A.D. says we can have or do something they say its wrong or that they are going to rewrite the rule book.
40. The way this prison is run overall. The administration does not communicate with the officers and this negatively impacts the relationship between prisoners and officers.
41. Food sucks. Too many people acting like children. Over crowded 2 people in cell built for one. Not enough phones. Not enough jobs not enough counselors getting stuck with celly cannot get along with. A few young smart mouth officers.
42. looking forward to death
43. Counselor dont be helpful staff. We are only getting 35 mins out a day and not everyday.
44. Dealing with staff who can care less about your well-being or issues. Dealing with racism. Being punished for protecting yourself.
45. having to be forced to live with another person in a closet
46. everything
47. Officer harassing, intimidating and threatening me for writing grievances and the officer lying what he said or did to me. Dietary food dept cold food, uncooked food, lousy breakfast. Officers, healthcare staff, warden dont answer or review complaints. Unsure if I'll be assaulted again being in wheelchair. surgery to **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]** prison wont due. Having COVID twice, harder to breath need released.
48. The C/O's... no communications/we never no the rules they change when C/O's or Lt, sgt. or CAO see fit in they're favor
49. They are keep taking things away from us.

50. Food is generally very poor. The cable package could be easily improved. 22 hours a day in the cell TV is 90% of how we occupy ourselves. Plus cable has constant malfunctions, channels losing sound. Too many world-class dummies here.
51. Segregation units they don't have no programs the Adjustment Committee there's no good in them no mental health groups
52. C/O not doing There Job The right way
53. Not Enough communication with my family.
54. Healthcare is not taken serious enough!
55. you are cut off from your loved ones with very little opportunity to have contact.
56. Wasted time and money
57. Similarly situated prisoners in G.P. are treated differently. Prisoners in 7 house arent allowed school, mental group therapy, weights, washer & Dryer on the wing, rare law library time, very little out of cell time. And prisoners in every other cell house are allowed the aforementioned
58. No dayroom time/yard time for "unapproved" or "kickout" PC individuals. Occasionally slow responses to kite requests (ie. sickcalls, clinical services, Business office)
59. not enough time allowed out of the cell
60. Violence; Nothing but assholes running the place, who are racist (I'm white) against blacks or lean against being thought racist and are unfair to everyone. Everyones bright idea becomes the "rule" of the moment.
61. Everything!
62. It is all rigg; and only thing is for staff all they do is cry don't do no work sleep all day.
63. Medical treatment takes too long (1 month to finish proper channels to see a doctor). No associate degree/higher learning programs. Personal property personnel aren't available in their post.
64. The people an C/O you have To be aready The C/O wish to make are Day as hard as posables
65. People and Most staff look down on us and degrade us; and sees us as a statistic and/or less of a person
66. Lazy Officers who do Nothing
67. To wake up some days
68. staff they feel their better like we're not human
69. Commissary whenever they want once a month Sometimes Twice. one phone call a day, staff treating inmates poorly, unorganized housing schedule.
70. EVERYTHING!
71. the administration wardens lie to all the Inmates everytime you try to talk to them and get something done or find something out.
72. Most Programs offered through LTS + Clinical Services are Race or Urban Based and provide no meaningful education but more a place to complain
73. The idea that i can get to a better less restrictive unit & it doesnt happen & there ends up being no diffrence
74. The risk assessment tool works against guys like me. I've been rated Low. This Low level means I am rehabilitated and my chances of reoffending are low. I've been locked

- up [30+] yrs and have [10+] left but my chances of getting into programming is NONE.  
So almost no good time for me.
75. I only receive 35 minutes out of my cell per day.
  76. cant use the phone in "C" grade when in other facilities in IL in RH can. Even "B" and "a" graders have gotten Punished for the last 3 weeks. The food Portions or so small. we had no hot water or heat for a month. we get Punished for calling for a crisis team and going on hunger Strike (peaceful protest).
  77. I am not sure where to begin with the negative circumstances.
  78. The Adjustment Commettee
  79. The Treatment we get From staff.
  80. Everything about it.
  81. You have to Fight For everything! Not necessarily in a Physical Form, but staff never wanna Follow the rules or give us what we have coming according to the rules, but are quick to penalize us the moment we break a rule with the maximum penalty. Also we never win major tickets In any institution. The Adjustment Committee is totally unfair, and they Find us Guilty on All Major Tickets Innocent or Not!
  82. Staff Treament
  83. They need to Put Weights in the gym and expand The Hours of the visiting For people that wants to Ride 5 Hour's to see There loved ones
  84. The lack of respect, All the rules thats in place to help us are being Ignored and all the things to discipline us are being overly enforced.
  85. the way you are treated as a person and mental health
  86. everything Healthcare food commissary
  87. everyday waking up
  88. Everythings Falling apart heat, water stuff alway not working
  89. is how its (Prison) structured around Punishment above all else, dispite claims by prison officials
  90. They are so short staffed they lock us down alot. they dont have officers for property or other places because they must pull them to work units or walks.
  91. Antagonism from the Security Staff (Not All, but some).
  92. Abuse of Power. Bogus tickets. favoritism. never enough staff on commissary always out of stuff. not properly trained for people with seizures like me. staff put inmates cases out making camp and security unsafe.
  93. constantly being harassed by staff, it's hard to get into any programs or school depending on what house you're in. Restrictive Housing is stressful & designed to isolate you from Keeping & maintaining contact with your loved ones.
  94. Their lack of help when it comes to get your allowed property in Restrictive Housing & the Adjustment Committee procedure. In my experience I always get Punished for months. or half a year for any infraction.
  95. Lack of program opportunities, lack of professionalism from staff, lack of vocational opportunities, lack of job opportunities, lack of ability to earn money for release, lack of ability to earn money for wife & daughter, extremely poor healthcare, extremely poor law library, cannot spend quality time with family face to face

96. Staff don't treat you like a human being when you are in need of medical attention, a new mattress, a new bed bundle, your personal property, and your mail or a job.
97. we are stuck In the cell we only get 35 minutes A Day out Which is phone shower then lock up that mentally Does some thing to you On your ticket plea out of all the thing you say to plea you case they only right the Bad thing Down and Found you guilty off what the staff say 99.9% of the ticket they find you guilty and it's many more things
98. "Death is better than Bondage"
99. 1) The use of Healthcare Services to Attack/Harm Inmates 2) Impediments To Gaining Freedom Through The Legal System
100. Not enough phones or time in the dayroom to use the phones
101. The entire staff treatment here, from the top levels (Each Warden) to the small levels of staff C/O's counselor's etc...
102. unprofessional over aggressive staff and unconsistant administration
103. They force people out of Protective Custody based solely on their security level, not on their merits or based on the threat to their safety. Internal Affairs lies to people and tries to manipulate them into signing out of PC. I.A. is very untrustworthy. ONLY approved PC is allowed yard or dayroom. If you are approved PC in another prison and get transferred to Lawrence, they make you sign in to PC again in order to put you through the Approval process solely so they can deny you P.C. Even though you are supposed to be already approved PC upon arrival, this place won't let you have any yard or dayroom. Disciplinary seg. is allowed more movement, freedom, or rights. The PC process is being made intentionally miserable by the Administration. Lawrence has the WORST mattresses I've ever seen or experienced since I've been locked up in prison or any County Jail.
104. most negative is us in Administration Detention not receiving what we got coming. Not receiving any Education at all to become better people and educate ourselves.
105. The way the warden makes her own rules, and don't follow the AD rules at all.
106. They Dont go By there own rules
107. We have no form of rehabilitation in Protective Costudy here at Lawrence C.C.
108. Staff. Food. Seg. Commissary (All ways out of shit). Communication with Family bad. Law library. Clothing. never get a job. no programs at least not for me. no Tablets in seg (RH).
109. Mindset in these cells all day.
110. In order to get in classes you have to intentionally fail the risk assessments that show you are less likely to reoffend.
111. Not being able to hug your family on visits
112. The food from dietary and the overpriced items on Commissary.
113. Locked in cell all the time.
114. That the Administration does not follow or adhere to Administrative Directives or Prisoner Rights
115. Grievance Procedure ineffective (Non English inmate inaccessible). Staff is related (Nepotism) (Cronyism) retaliation/Harassment/stigmatism. Law-Library Access & Legal Assistance Very Poor, non-english inmate inaccessible. Medical Care very Poor—

- noncompliance with Lippert consent decree (Nepotism). Indoor air pollution of cancer causing toxins & water contamination
116. **[TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC:** Racism that is found amongst all the police [C/O's] and some of the nurses.]
117. Internal affairs have too much power to bend rules to accommodate them. Also the adjustment committee will always find us guilty for every ticket and give no segregation cuts until you have done majority of the time for a bogus ticket.
118. only certain inmates can have jobs, vocational, school, etc. Level E inmates are treated like crap.
119. EVERYTHING. I can't even keep doing legal research to help me out on my criminal case because the Prison Law library just starting Charging \$ for the Case Law.
120. There are no qualify medical staff to really To taker the problem when you are on sever pain E.R.
121. The treatment of "Level-E" designees. Lack of racial diversity.
122. I am isolated from group interactions, I am always talked down to by authority, the food is unsanitary, there is never a clear answer to our concerns. when it comes to enforcing rules that are punitive it is done w/ an heavy hand when it comes to rehabilitation & the such it is non-existent.
123. We don't be treated as human at all.
124. too much isolation in cells—windows covered—not enough out of cell time.
125. I am being treated as a security Risk due to Things That happened in a different State, and not based on behavior here in Illinois.
126. The prison always uses security to lock us down or short staff and we find out they are lying they Just want to take the day off also they have rats or mice running around the food in the kitchen and try to cover it up.
127. Away From love one's
128. despite my Q12 answer, they fail to FULLY comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, they denied me 14 of 20 ADA reasonable accommodations that I received at my last 7 prisons in this State and two other states
129. Loss of Love One
130. This prison steal inmate property
131. commissary and unsupportive staff
132. The Healthcare Is Horrible, and "Medical Holds" are being used to Hold "Medium" Security guys Hostage, and not allowing them to transfer somewhere they can continue moving Forward. and better themselves. Stop treating guys like animals when they're in seg. Not allowing them to wear their own shoes, shave or Keep their proper hygiene in order.
133. 1) NO ONE in over 70% of all departments on same page. 2) No Doctor since May of 2021! 3) Critical Healthcare and security grievance issues are vanishing prohibiting timely filing to second Level review and blatant manipulation of Facts and documents by Internal affairs division effecting P.L.R.A. Time Frames all the way up to the A.R.B.!!!
134. Being warehoused w/ No real opportunity to get out of AD; No school, Only 4-hour of yard, Nothing to stimulate our mind. AD basically being Disciplinary, contrary to IDOC's argument that it's not.



135. the created environment had made me reconsider the things I'm willing to do. I've never thought of actively hurting a senior man or woman till I came here. I never thought of raping a woman till I came here; not for pleasuer, but to Fuck her life up the long way!
136. To many people think they tuff including Sgt. C/O Lts
137. Staff don't care wether you live or Die. Don't give you the right Medical to Help for The right pain.

## Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

1. Provide real educational and trade programs to ALL prisoners and real mental health treatment.
2. A system designed to whole the entire administration accountable!!!
3. Better or Higheir WI-FI cells From 10-13 are unable to get the wifi (Higher WI-FI)
4. new staff
5. Provide more programs, more out-of-cell time, education for A.D.
6. The improvements in RH need to be looked into and also in 7 house everywhere else in the institution is prety much OK. Restrictive Housing gets treated badly to the point they make us feel unhuman.
7. 1. Get a doctor 2. A proper yard (concrete box) and rec. (half basket ball court in a fence) 3. A warden who cares about our well being, not about what makes her look good.
8. Closing administrative detention down, holding officers/authorities accountable when abusing there authoring as they always abuse it here. Better food, it's like dog/cat food here or at least the proper portion. They feed us like were infants, also for this institution to follow the rules & not make there own up. I'm in Lawrence AD, there's no type of schooling.
9. Hire better cooks, do away with all mystery meats, increase out of cell time, hold staff/employees more accountable, stop viewing all of us as one and the same, put more effort into properly pairing people in cells.
10. Create better Administrative codes that protect the rights that a prisoner still has, in order to protect himself from retaliatory and malice acts by staff.
11. Get Rid of These White Supremisist and The Racist Bigots that work Here!
12. New D.O.C staff that follow the AD rules.
13. There has to be an independent board, outside of IDOC control, to hear disciplinary reports and fully apply the rights of incarcerated people. There also needs to be some type of incarcerated people committee to speak for the population when it comes time to make decisions that actually affect the prison population as opposed to leaving it all up to the administration. This will not only help everyday interactions with staff and incarcerated people, but it will also bring about positive change and growth.
14. NEUTRAL



15. Better training. More programs
16. The rules are too back and forth. They can't make up their minds. More consistency would be nice.
17. More Programs For Everyone, Not Just certain groups of People. A GED Teacher/class. Mental Health groups Not only for people in seg but Population too. A program to help people recover From their past, C-grade ect.
18. Better Everything
19. Better, Food, Healthcare, and Mental Health
20. NOTHING!!!
21. Lower our sentencing. Im **[50+]**, doing **[70+]** years! ((How does that Happen?))
22. Staff gots to treat us better. Mental health or healthcare dont got a say so we should All get treated as one because when it comes down to security issues we get treated as one so why this house gets more than the next.
23. offer more school programs. More yard time/time out the cell. Let us use the phone App on the tablets.
24. constant communication between staff and the individuals in custody
25. More programs and the guidelines are followed when it comes to level reductions and commissary is done per rules
26. 1. Treat P.C. as the rules of IDOC dictate. 2. create meaningful jobs 3. create meaningful educational programs 4. P.C. unit is treated as 2nd class inmates. stop this! 5. actually reward good behavior beyond simply standard treatment. currently any bad behaviour is reward by giving them special treatment to stop bad behaviour good behavior is simply ignored to the point that to get anything one must act out to getting anything done.
27. more time out the cell. please!
28. New Administration/Officer Training
29. More programs, mental health groups, Job Rotations, and some kind of Accountability for staff behavior
30. One thing I think could Improve this prison is that get rid of the 35 minute Dayroom and also get Rid of sign-up online for a in-person visit
31. To be honest this Question has been asked a Million times! But first C/O need a number to call So they can vent ... without having to give up their badge number! Also it should be a earned system in better Regaurd to dropping your security Level. If you have checked into P.C you should be able to work and go to a joint that's not full of gang banging!
32. Stop letting **[NAME REDACTED]** (LTS) Run movies
33. Education is a nescesity not a privilege. Better Commissary, Higher spending Limit, Phone App on Tablet, More dayroom time. Get Better A/C. Hotpots to cook food or microwave. Let us see our Trust Funds on tablets, Free Educational Apps on tablet.
34. More opportunities for individuals classified as Level E to work and advance their edu & voc skills
35. Trying to work with people who knows whats good for them. Stop lying to individuals. Stop avoiding & ignoring trying to help people avoid recidivism. Stop ignoring helpful and fair suggestions for everyone equally

36. Make the rules clear. Stop constantly changeing them. And if your going to take away from us at least give us what we are suppose to get per A.D. and the rule book. And follow state wide procedure when it comes to privileges and so forth.
37. Remove the warden and hire compentate officers.
38. Inforce rules equally for everyone. Stop favoritism. Some people get 4-6 hours dayroom while others not on favoritism lists get 1 1/2 hours 7-3 shift.
39. put us to work a reason to "go on"
40. Better counselors, better staff.
41. There needs to be more communication amongst staff so everyone can be on one page with one another. Privileges should be the same for everyone not just some. There should be access to wardens when issues arise with their staff and Inmates
42. Be in the cell by myself. More school, more out of cell time, a over 40 unit, Better healthcare, and Real mental health Staff.
43. anything positive
44. Replace Wardens healthcare director, dietary supervisors, officers, counselors. Replace with qualified caring staff who answers complaints and not deny every grievance or falsify grievances. Replace Mail dept. employee that doesnt send my complaint letter to USPS and destroys because they gave my letter from [REDACTED] to healthcare
45. Don't come here ... more programs because the ones we have we dont really have low on staff they say to us. Also how they handle things, talking to us, etc, etc.
46. Prison suppose to be about Rehabilitation. Need to improve the Rehabilitation in the prison and give individual in custody a Chance also mental Health treatment and anger management
47. Exterminate the Retards, or give the normal guys an opportunity to live separate. Loud, stupid, obnoxious, degenerate, discourteous, immature assholes are a real stresser.
48. Keep it Diverse staff. fix the Adjustment Committee and the Rules. They don't have a legit Rule Book They follow...
49. give us more yard gym give us something to do and not keep us Locked in our cells use will see how everyone will be so Tryer of coming out to Play or workout
50. Real recourse when staff break the rules. Incarcerated people always have to be "The Bigger Person." we have to accept that staff will always win. Even when we are Right
51. more Time out the cell. more phone time to speak to family, more classes to Earn Good time to get to your family sooner counselor dont give your six months of Good time that your supposed to get B & C grade is not right
52. Give people more options to earn good time thru school, jobs, programs, etc.
53. Close it down or release me
54. For all similarly situated prisoners to be treated the same who are in General pop. status. For prison guards to stay out of hearing and viewing range of our mental and medical care as HIPPA laws dictate
55. Dayroom time for intake/kickout PC individuals
56. Allow inmates to buy hotpots for hot water. increase spending limit for max custody inmates.
57. Set concrete rules everyone adhears to that are fair to everyone. Provide consistant MHP and medical/Dental services not overridden by the current or future Warden.

58. 1. More out of cell time. Not just 2 hrs. 2. Longer phone calls. Not just 20 min. 3. More yard time w/exercise equipment. 4. Getting a job. No jobs available for P.C. inmates, no gym, no church or law library for PC.
59. more programs, let does that been rehabilitated Go home. I don't get good time I am under the Truth in sentencing, or let me go on work realese I have **[4+ years]** I am a good candidate been interview For it but this people wont submit me for it.
60. Continue to keep single man cells. Increase access to higher learning. Hire teachers.
61. let up a little bit everything is not a fight gave a person a change To mess up on their own. not what someone else did 10 years ago mess up for everybody now
62. Alot. (Taken from successful approaches in other max. joints) from Security to Programs.
63. Monator daily offer work loads, which is mostly extinct
64. To get more Help and out the cell more
65. Better communication, Mental professionals do their Job, staff follower their on rule
66. At least 2 hours of dayroom, regular commissary, surveys about how things are going so far in the prison
67. Start a parole system that is fair, for the young & the old.
68. educational, more time out of our cells, allowing more people of color to get good Jobs which are only given to white and latino's. A black is hired here and there Just for optics.
69. Offer more job training programs and stop using staff shortages as an excuse to not run the facility as planned.
70. more time out of cell. which means more phone comm. w/ family. more programs more opportunity to do & be better
71. The risk assessment should take guys like me into consideration. once again new law/prison reform bypass my generation. The law finally gives me good time but can't recieve any cause I rehabilitated myself. BUT, if I begin a disciplinary record by trouble, I GET GOOD TIME!
72. Everything costs money. A man's quality of life depends strongly on how much money he receives from people outside in the free world.
73. make rules and Stick to 'em. Not everyone Should have say so in rule making when it comes to people's livelihood and lives in general.
74. Treat people Like Human Beings Not a paycheck.
75. Be more fair and open minded
76. Better communication. To Remove This step Down Program. give Everybody A chance to work & go to school. we get no Dayroom In 7 House. Theres A memo That The L.T. **[REDACTED]** & the warden signed off on It, that we get no Dayroom, only a 20 minute phone call & 15 min shower Per Day. Thats It. we Have to Be Here & Deal with this for 90 Days or more Before we can go to A House that Allows us to go to school or work to get good Time. This Is A Punishment for us that Didnt Ask to come Here. Especially If we weren't In seg. So A step Down program for what?
77. It Don't Matter cause they won't Do it.
78. They Need to serve better Food. Allow more phone privileges and out of cell time. Change there bias behavior, and stop allowing confidential Informants to tell them things about other inmates, and they take what they say as true, but not the inmate being

- accused and charge them with offenses like 111 STG Leadership tickets and they get 1 year seg time just For being Accused. Stop being Racist, and be Fair in all endeavors...
79. Respect and communication
  80. get a bus service so people That can't drive can visit there loved one's can. And give The more Hour's until The seat's are Needed
  81. The culture of the officers.
  82. more chance for programs for everyone
  83. get all New Staff peoples replace everyone get All New Staff
  84. listen
  85. Change the people at the top let someone else run this places.
  86. To Remember that at the end of the day we are all human beings with real feelings that need treated as so. so that we dont become wild animals and come back to prison after released.
  87. Jobs afforded to all prisoners making over \$100.00 per month; at least 2 hours of Rec 6 days per week; unlimited access to phones while locked in our cells; and Healthier food options on commissary (Real vitamins Protien Powders, fresh produce ect..)
  88. Hire more employees. Offer more programs for Level E Inmates
  89. CBT classes (cognitive behavior Therapy). CRT classes (Critical Race Theory)
  90. train staff for emergency. not put inmates cases out. mental Health need to actually help mental Patience not leave us in the wind. Do their Jobs (All Staff)
  91. As far as Restrictive Housing goes, I feel we should have more programs & be able to purchase our T.V.'s regardless of what grade you are on. Be able to use the phones more. & to get our tablets so we can maintain contact with our loved ones.
  92. Better consideration in their Adjustment committe process, not Just rubber stamp the tickets written up and maxing us out on the punishment.
  93. Every able person should be working, in school, or programming. There should be opportunities to earn and save money for release and taking care of family. I should not have to relie on others to take care of me financially. Should be able to spend real quality time with wife & daughters being able to walk around, hold hands, hug and enjoy each others present.
  94. Open the prison back up like it use to be back in the day. And give individuals in custody keys to their own cell. Have one man cells throught Illinois prisons. Have family picnics. Have concession stands, allow food to be purchased from restaurants, get better food on commissary. Allow sex offenders to work as teacher's aides etc. Allow electronic chess boards. Allow X-box and Play Station systems. Allow Sports teams with competition, allow music concerts
  95. A prison reform Better staff and wardens all they way Down to the C/O's Better phone time more time out the cell more programs and Jobs Also with good time that off it for the whole prison
  96. Few or no penological Excuses to keep A person in prison. Removal of Legal Documents From U.S. **[ILLEGIBLE]**
  97. more programs for medium & max inmates, mindful programs
  98. Close it down, they don't deserve more years of causing unrepairable damage to everyones mental health.

99. Be more professional, more out-of-cell time, better access to line of communication with families. Staff be retrained to follow the rules and to have all staff to wear body camaras
100. There is no reason that PC intake or PC kickout can't have dayroom since everyone on those respective wings are under the same classification. Plus everyone who arrives in PC via transfer is already approved PC in another prison therefore they can receive dayroom together. They should give PC access to the same things as population, like jobs, school, gym, programs etc. They are making it more difficult than it has to be, just look at Pontiac C.C., they were able to do it for years. Commissary needs to do a better job ordering from vendors because commissary is constantly out of nearly everything. They should get the same mattresses as the other I.D.O.C. prisons, because these ones are painful to sleep on.
101. Everyone to be treated as equal no matter if your in general population or Administrative Detention. Everyone should have the same opportunity to go to school for GED Diploma, or college courses. Everyone should get 10 Hrs of structured and unstructured time out they cell. Proper mental Health treatment without the administration Dictating everything that has nothing to do with security reasons.
102. more dayroom, yard, and even out the population with Black officers
103. To let us get weights and Better TV channels. They only have weights in certain cell houses
104. They need a better system of running this prison w/ people who care about rehabilitation
105. Bigger portions of Food especially in seg. staff act professional and not like asses and stop lying. Jobs For everyone not just a few. stop long seg bids. I have 2 years straight in seg (RH). give us our Tablets in seg (RH).
106. More time out cell and more Phone
107. Do away with the risk assessment test so that every individual in custody may have equal opportunity for class participation. courts won't honor the excuse that I couldn't get certificates because I passed the institutions risk assessment test.
108. Let people who are Low risk for coming back to prison get programs
109. Remove the wardens and bring in wardens and majors that know how to run a maximum security Institution. They need more experience when it comes to dealing with maximum security offenders.
110. More freedom.
111. That the federal Prisons take over the State Prisons. Place an impartial person in place to oversee the day to day.
112. establish an Omnibus Grievance Official. Break-up the Nepotism & Cronyism to improve supervisory Leadership. Eradicate employee culture of Performing minimum work. Hire more law-library staff and enforce legal assistance requirement (Lexis/Nexis access on tablet)
113. Take away some of the power of internal affairs. Also make it to where the adjustment committees have to give monthly time cuts after we maintain good behavior in segregation.
114. **[TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC:** The police [C/Os] should spend more than 5 years in the police instead of them taking people from the street.]

115. Treat all inmates that follow the rules the same. Dont use labels as an excuse to treat certain classes of inmates like crap.
116. The prison Law library "stop" Charging for legal material. Otherwise, It will be like the i would have to pay for getting access to the Court, because in my situation is the only way that i can get the acknowledge of the Law.
117. To have more qualify and bette staff on medical we no doctor here at all! When you need one...
118. Re-assess all long-term "Level-E" designees. Transfer/recruit (15-20) minority men/women for supervisory and management positions.
119. Get experienced staff on all levels to deal with us. Allow us meningful interactions among humane staff & our peers. Any programs that will help us to focus on Rehabilitation or at the least work our way to better situations
120. Respect us and give us what we are intitle to get. As human.
121. Take the window covers off the cells; Run more yard; and let guys out of cells who havent had a problem in a year. Dont hold us for years and years in cells.
122. more open communication between staff and inmates as well as The implementation of self-help groups and other Positive Activities.
123. make them clean the problems up or close it
124. Neutral people, not associated with I.D.O.C.
125. Replace/remove the command staff at LCC. It is the only thing will or can effect change here.
126. Sit Down Talking About Problems And Listen
127. I want to be transfer
128. no comment.
129. Stop treating everything as a privilege. Stop allowing the mailroom to Dictate what is allowed in or given Just off their own opinion Just because they Don't like it.
135. The Assigned Counselor **[REDACTED]** also goes by **[NAME REDACTED]**. Both Titles followed by CCII, to which i have proof copies! causing critical grievance issues to become null + void Leaving us awe struck + slack Jawed as they're supposed to be our Advocates! **[NAME REDACTED]** CCII AND **[NAME REDACTED]** CCII Refuse to read and act upon critical medical + security issues as They're simply used as "Filling" because over 3 dozen staff in all Depts. have Litterally walk off The Job To be somewhat replaced by kids as young as 21 yrs. ignorant and inexperienced at the most detrimental Level! It is the reason 8 house was taken over by maximum security inmates this past November/December this pathetic **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]** is a miserable failure! And brining on assistant warden such as **[NAME REDACTED]** From **[POSITION REDACTED]**, is as incompetent and untrustworthy as all so called counselors she assigns here as our entrusted Advocate. And it's getting worse by the day! I've been denied **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]** as well as related Hospital writs since **[1+ YEAR PRIOR]** ... These resulted in TWO (2) visits to **[REDACTED]** Emergency room for a **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]** put my Life in jeopardy **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]** This Last episode on the **[DATE REDACTED]** was in particular the worst in which i was ignored by C/O **[REDACTED]** when he Found me



in a pool of blood on the Floor in cell closed door and walked away Leaving me to Face  
**[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]**.

130. That the warden stops micromanaging everything and staff do their job; at the very least that we get our 10-Hours of Yard and 10-Hours of constructive out of cell time For Mentally Ill prisoners. Also some real Academic schooling
131. Aint no time for the Revolution only the Solution.
132. i stay out of people way trying to make it home faster
133. More Mental Health Staff. On (2) for this prison – Need group. More yard or out of the cell Time. Need School for A.D. Individual.

## **Q15. Please write any other comments or feedback on this survey below.**

1. More concerns should be made over our first amendment rights! Particularly the way our mail is handled & negligent distributed!
2. Programs Help school, Jobs, But not enough. Guys That have 10 years & over are always put at the end of the school List. I'm one of Them. Haven't Been able to get in school for **[5+]** years now. They keep saying I'm on the waiting List. short Term sentences are put in First so they can get Good time & get kicked-out sooner (WHY!!) Look into it, all short sentences are put in school A.S.A.P
3. I always Ask for Medical Help Down Here any They never see me. The nursing Staff Down Here are really rude. I Been Having pain In my private area for over 5 months!!! And They wont do anything. They say everything Look normal But I'm In so much pain!!! somedays I can't get out of Bed.
4. Lawrence Corr. Ctr needs a overhaul, starting from the top-down in how to operate a Maximum security prison
5. Do you guys really plan on helping us or is this survey really just for nothing? Alot of the issue that are accuring are in RH. I been here for **[6+]** months now and have not been seeing no improvements. The current warden has RH to the point where guys feel unhuman. "PLEASE" look into the issues in RH.
6. They do not care about our health. It takes over a week after a sick call request and you only see a nurse who writes your complaint down and puts you in for a NP. Which takes about a week after that. And they give you pain pills for everything and never get to see a doctor. A lot of guys are positive for H. Pylori (bad water)
7. Nothing but one or 2 bootleg programs, that they use to say there doing something. We're lucky if we get 2 yards a week, we're practically in the cell 24/7. These C/O's have a pattern of writing/fabricating false tickets especially assault tickets on C/O's. I'm an example of this. To keep seg/r. housing full to keep us AD guys in AD. we get no contact visits, don't understand why I can't hug my family & hold there hand. I've been in AD going on 9-10 yrs. I can only speak for my AD situation, cause I haven't been out in general population since **[YEAR REDACTED]**. There's much more, this just some



8. Prisons, especially max prisons in Illinois are moreso focused on warehousing us rather than rehabilitating us. Politicians in Illinois don't care about the incarcerated, they don't take into consideration that our lives have been messed up from birth. I'm not making excuses, all of us aren't the type of individuals who need to be locked away, given the opportunity myself and others could positively impact Chicago, Illinois.
9. If you want to help listen to what is provided or else stop sending us survey's to hear us with your ears covered. Your wasting our time and yours...
10. These places need to be investigated just like all the crooked cops that exist out in the free World! It goes on in these places as Well!!!
11. They should send somebody to Play as a inmate to see how they treat us!! Thank You!!!
12. NEUTRAL
13. I did a survey last year, and what change? nothing! we still deal with staff that come here everyday on bullshit! And hate people of color. That's true!
14. I been on C-grade since **[3+ YEARS AGO]** And don't get to A-grade until **[3+ YEARS IN THE FUTURE]** but I go home **[PRIOR TO THEN]**. So on Paper I'll Never go to commissary For food, Never get video visits, Never use the Phone more than 2 20 mins calls a Month, Never get A Job, can't buy A TV or tablet Not even electric razors. 75% of time I feel depressed & suicidal, Hopeless, worthless, we come out our cell For only 35 minutes A day, I'm SMI & only mental Health groups Are in seg.
15. The Lack of respect for people over all
16. Can I please get reclassified as soon as possible so that I can go to a better prison that's close to home for better visitation from my love ones. Please and Thanks!!!
17. A lot of us—Just made a Bad Decision. Give us "Hope" we can return to our Families. Offer us a way, we can make some Real money, to support our self—and possibly, send money to our families. we do Have Skills, and everything is NOT About escapeing!
18. Help Free the many individuals in custody of modern day slavery. Thank You.
19. Note: I have been at LCC for over 10 months I do not know what the warden looks like never met or even seen her. I have seen one assistant warden but another inmate later told me who he was. I have not even seen who the major is who is in charge of the cellhouse. They seem so special that they can not be seen or spoken with.
20. Do a walk-through to see (restrictive housing & 7 house)
21. There has to be some way to know that this is going to make a difference. Things have been the same for so long. That no one has faith in any change.
22. N/A as of Right now...Thank you!!
23. I think about killing Myself daily: I have worked begged for school and stay depressed I had a ticket cause I found money gave it to a officer and was kicked out of defy lost my place on the farm work camp and moved to Lawrence! I have never had a STG or fight of staff assault. Yet people who are S.M.I get pizza parties or Gangbangers get jobs that staff give them to hopefully apise them! The only way to get something done in jail is to play in poop! Hurt staff...or snitch. If you follow Rules you get nothing But over looked! If you want any attention you have to act out...or All you hear is we under staffed! But let you break a Rule they will be on you in full force.
24. Whenever this institution figures out what to do about tablets stop redtape(ing) the features

25. The better our environment, the more we are able to focouse on our Rehabilitation to come out a better person. We know they can do more for us, but they chose not to. Shed Light on this Injustice and make our conditions humane not just Liveable. Thank You!!
26. Personal property office is responsible for more problems & incidents than anything else. Upon transfer, individuals property should be sorted in their presence to prevent theft & "missing" items also it should not take 3 months to receive items through personal property that were purchased through the commissary
27. hopefully this survey wont be ignored in whose hands it lands on. Hopefully this can be apart of a solution as it was for me to write in hopes because thats what we have. The people running this prison thrives on deprivation, degradation, and provocation. They recently cut down our communication and video visits. The prison officials dont take responsibility for their actions, and more than less, they are complicit with each others unusual behavior, usually its about "making them look good on camera." only when it benefits them is only when its good. They even lied about fixing the heat & hot water. personally I feel like its about monetary gains. Also it be a shame to have us do surveys only for these continuous problems to ensure. nothings ever consistent. and everyone feels that constantly talking about continuing issues is like pacifying us when we clearly see no change. There must be a solution
28. Also when they pass statewide rules and regulations they say that they are doing it different here. Again they make and follow their own rules as they see fit but they want us to follow their rules. They want to take but not give.
29. The Restrictive Housing unit has not had a functioning heater since February 25, 2023 and we did not have hot water for two weeks during this time frame.
30. For no doctor Lawrence has great medical for me. Two really good counselors that actually counsel. All medium prisons built for single cell should be single cell status (Big Muddy, Danville, Pinckneyville according to 50 square feet per person. I have been locked up since **[DATE REDACTED, 1980's]**. I got G.E.D. **[DATE REDACTED, 1980's]**, 2 colleges degrees **[DATE REDACTED, 1990's]** at Danville. Since then I have been denied participating in education programs. They say I have too much time (out date day I die)! Should be anyone wants to attend programs should be permitted. It will be a sad day to leave best healthcare I have had in over 20 years. Should look into healthcare providers at the prisons, Big Muddy, Danville and Pinckneyville at least one of these are subpar and not in accordance with court. Respectfully, **[NAME REDACTED]** The forgotten man
31. Supply or allow us to buy what the statewide clothing/commissary approved list claims we're allowed to have or get clothing/commissary staff to do their job and make available what is already approved for us to have
32. I get patted down when I leave the dietary from working, and in one incident a LT. Made me expose myself because he thought I had something in my pants. Even after I repeatedly told him that it was me he felt I had no other choice but to comply or risk being thrown in segregation. This is just one incident amongst many everyday where we are forced to degrade ourselves to avoid some kind of punishment. I'm not sure if the warden is aware of what's really going on or not. The grievance process is a joke.

33. Let me out of Prison I'll NEVER come back. 18 years is enough!!!
34. they don't give p.c. any school or work or programs they treat p.c. like dogs
35. That staff allow all workers unlimited time out of their cell in access of 10 hours while me a non-worker only gets 3 hours a day. Those workers aren't working in the wing like porters and aren't supposed to be out of their cell, unless it's their dayroom time or yard. Officer don't treat me fairly or equal compared to workers. Allow workers only to get ice anytime they want while I'm told I need a medical permit or another lie unless I'm a worker. Give unlimited laundry soap, toilet tissue, extra food trays, hand soap to workers only. Inmate hassling me about getting laundry soap to do my laundry. Sent letter to USPS Inspector General about Lawrence CC mail dept sending my letter to Healthcare Unit instead of me. My letter from [REDACTED] was about [PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]. Second letter I never received that had [PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]. Didn't receive a reply from USPS of my complaint letter and even had my sister [NAME REDACTED] contact USPS but won't disclose if they received my letter. So now I have to contact Attorney General on complaint and don't know if mail dept sent my letter or disposed of it as that would make mail dept. look bad and be fined \$10,000 and mail dept. employee 5 years in prison and terminated at Lawrence now I filed a complaint suit in U.S. District Court Southern District, maybe they can find out how corrupt Lawrence C.C. is.
36. you should honestly use my survey as THE baseline. Many will deliberately skew answers. This one is honest and accurate. Thank you for your good work. A large percentage of Respondents will blindly use every answer as a complaint. Instead of counting mine as one you should count it as 100!
37. they pick and choose about privileges. Restored whom they give Breaks to all the Latinos, Hispanics, Mexicans, Spanish Speaking peoples. Cultures are always Stereotyped all off them R STG Related you can't Be looked at any other way other than all Brown people are gang bangers And all get 111. gang leadership tickets Threw all IDOC max penitentiaries (Racism)
38. help us open This like it use to be with All the Program and Art class and other craft help us get all This and you will see There's inmate who can do so much Good Things That can help each other if you can help us with the Tools we need Thank you for your Time. God Bless ya'll
39. Listen, I developed a report with staff through my Job assignment. so i have a different take on some of my experiences here. However, i do see how others are treated and it disturbs me. Yes, there are "Programs" here, however, it seems like the Program counselors only care about their careers and not helping individuals who attend their classes. There is a strong lack of empathy within this prison. Personally, i think You have to understand a people in order to help those people.
40. The only time they want to make it seem like they are doing their job here in Lawrence is when Springfield comes and visits to see how the facility is. it's kind of sad, we don't have Heat and Clean water or Hot water at times
41. They don't help you rehabilitate, you have to practically improve yourself.
42. There is no programs for rehabilitation, no good time or any reason to care, only thing to look forward to is getting high or drunk on any drug available. The whole court + IDOC

- system is corrupt. I am being treated like a slave while the system profits off me sitting here in this cell doing nothing but getting high off the drugs the police bring in.
43. Feedback for IDOC as a whole: The Illinois DOC is one of only a few DOC's that does not have video game consoles available, I know many Individuals in custody who would behave better with this kind of outlet for boredom and frustration. Also, re open workshops and classes for more individuals, at ALL the facilities!
44. Haven't been able to shower for 6 days today **[DATE REDACTED]** 2023 after moving to this house on **[DATE REDACTED]**. Handicap shower here has been broken for well over a month before I came. Lt. **[REDACTED]** refuses to provide alternate shower facilities in this house or in Healthcare, or any other house. No end to this autocracy is in sight.
45. I was working at Pontiac CC **[JOB DETAILS REDACTED]**. Had only 2 cellies in last **[20+]** yrs. Never got into trouble—no tickets or seg in **[20+]** yrs. Was very productive for my age—**[50+]** yr. old. Then for no reason I was transferred w/ **[20+]** other inmates to Lawrence, lost my new touchscreen R.C.A. T.V. I just bought because it came w/ speakers, lost my big black radio I bought in **[YEAR REDACTED, 1990s]** because it has an antenna on it. As well as 57 other items I bought from Stateville + Pontiac commissary. Now I'm locked in a cell by myself 22 hrs a day, no Jobs, no exercise equipment, I'm just rotting away!! This is what its like being an model inmate, just used like a pawn, lose everything you owned for **[20+]** yrs. And now I suffer anxiety + depression and on psych meds—WHY!! I did nothing wrong. Can you please explain why I, never got into trouble since I've been locked up—**[20+]** yrs, was just transferred here in **[DATE REDACTED]**. They took my P.C. status away upon arrival, tried transferring me to any medium population prison, but I refused to go, was denied P.C. status by Warden, then re-approved by Administrative Review Board and now stuck here where I don't-didn't ask to be, or want to be, it's just DEAD TIME, where I was a productive working inmate at Pontiac. Wasnt on mental health in Pontiac—no need, now I'm suffering PTSD, anxiety and depression, and taking psycotropic meds, sleeping all the time, starting to get in bad health. Why? Thank you. **[NAME REDACTED]**
46. we need your help and we need for this people here to stop laying to us.
47. I've been at this facility since **[DATE REDACTED]**; Warden **[REDACTED]** (to say the least) does not know what she's doing situationally and overall. I've been gone nearly **[20+]** yrs. straight never have I ever seen or been treated as poorly as here. And I've done time in all the other maxes except Tamms. She's going to get someone killed.
48. Stop allowing Officers to replace Plummers or Nurses and any other staff, for whatever reason. Most do not have the Training to fulfill that spot. like today nurse retire's. Tommarrow a C/O wants the Job but has No Training. takes a Two week course. And now thinks they know everything about Medical treatment.
49. We just need To be out cell more and have some type of way we can E-mail out like The Fed's prison.
50. This prison has a real problem staff argue wit inmate like it's Real Housewives. They need to realize their a security risk. Staff need to have respect for all inmates not just one's they know.

51. The John Howard Association Takes surveys—but does nothing to really help us. you must be paid off, like everyone else in this state.
52. People in prison are not hardened Criminals, and they are looking For a means to change their life. But, I.D.O.C. policies makes it Difficult to do so when they think and push through prison staff. mind that we are the sum total of 1 choice.
53. IDOC + Lawmakers need to focus on Bringing Back Parole and repealing Truth in Sentencing. There is no incentive for any inmate to follow any rule and for those of us that do there should be some reward Because the majarity do not
54. classified as max or med is stupid. it only looks at the paper & not the person. my behavior should dictate my opportunities.
55. A lot of my answers are more neutral or not so great because Lawrence C.C. is going thru alot of change: Medium to Max. So for the most part officials don't know what their doing and don't care how it affects you. See ya
56. Their trying in this prison. They're making an effort. I will give them that.
57. I have so much to say it wouldn't even fit in this box. sorry. but I appreciate the concern.
58. I will be getting released on **[DATE REDACTED]**. I will be in contact.
59. most officers here are cool, fair and good People.
60. The Step Down program needs to Be shut Down In this Institution & school & Jobs should Be offered to All Individuals no matter what House They are Housed In.
61. you Do this every year but nothing Gets Done.
62. we need people to Investigate and Fight For us on the outside, because there are a lot of injustices going on Inside these prisons that we have no control over, and no one to Fight For us! These prisons and jails do whatever they want, and we can't do anything but suffer and hope For better...
63. is this for something that will be use to get this prison to be better or is this Just for show like everything else around here!?
64. It need changing.
65. This place is not that bad comparred to others but when it comes to how we are treated and the mental health help is needed.
66. we are treated like dog
67. Get some Real Help Down Here Staff From the higher ups or Improper Down to Alot of C.O. sorry But It's the Damn Truth
68. Thanks.
69. when Staff (HCU, mental Health, etc.) say they will do something they need to actually do it not Just say it to get us out the way. I have seizures and busted my head open here and staff lie and say its drugs when never was and laugh while I seize out and stand around. These People not Properly trained. unsafe.
70. I hope this helps us improve the quality of life in this facility. Thank you.
71. I personally have had a horrible experience in Restrictive housing and my time in the Maximum institutions I was reclassified as "max" status since **[YEAR REDACTED]** and although I go home in less than a year & a half. I have not been allowed to work, go to school or participate in a program for the last five years. This seg stay in Lawrence I went 2 weeks with no working hot water while the heat also bein inoperable & still has not been adequately fixed & its been over a month & 1/2 & mind you its still winter!!

compounding this Menard lost all my clothes & Lawrence refuses to provide me with any clothes. so, I spent Feb. & March with no hot water, no heat, & no clothes to stay warm! I dont care to remain anonymous my name is [REDACTED]. Are you going to help or keep pushing survey's?

72. Education, Education, Education through real programs with professions who take the job serious, and job opportunities which allow individuals to save money for release will change the prison dynamics for the better good and make prison life and our outside society better. Illinois prisons spend too much time sitting in cells for too many years without many educational and real job opportunities. Not being able to spend real quality time with partner and/or one's children during visits cause ones to lose contact. **[NAME REDACTED]** Lawrence Correctional Center
73. On **[DATE REDACTED]** I was examined by **[STAFF NAME AND POSITION REDACTED]** while she was examining my shoulder she put something on me, and then she had me lay on the flat surface that was not sterilized and I started itching from head-to-toe that night with a skin and soft tissue infection that feels like a flesh-eating-bacteria. I'm still suffering from this infection, even though Nurse Practitioner **[REDACTED]** ordered **[MEDICAL TREATMENT DETAILS REDACTED]**. On **[DATE REDACTED]** Chief **[REDACTED]** and others came from Springfield and I told him about my infection. I need help.
74. this prison mentally Beat you Down if you not strong enough and they take Away Almost every thing for C and B grade people need help with that Also this Are they Jails they Do what they want to And nobody can Do nothing when outsiders come they make it look good then go right Back to Shit
75. What Happen To The Services which Would provide information to inmates? Tax form & publications, Internet Downloads for Various subjects
76. upon the arrival in the max housing units, inmates are kept in a very strict dayroom time. One shower & one phone out of cell time per day. That's sending the wrong message. It's not a program prison rather a punishment prison.
77. I don't have a mad comment, but this place is fowl and evil, yet they who work here are fully aware of what is being done and only care about getting a pay check. No human concerns don't apply here at Lawrence. (WE NEED HELP) Everything is wrong here!
78. HELP!!
79. The commissary list here is very limited. (Only 1 toothpaste option) Out of that list they are constantly out of 50% to about 60% of that list. The orientation manual says that PC is being allowed the same things as population but that is absolutely not true. The Administration here refuses to Approve anyone for PC if they are or have been lowered to medium security classification. They completely disregard anyone for PC if they are or have been lowered to Medium Security classification. They completely disregard a persons issues if they are Medium Security. Its only a matter of time before they get someone seriously or irreparably hurt. In the **[NUMBER REDACTED]** months that i've been here, commissary has never sold or had available, any Cough Drops, shower shoes (except size small), headphone extensions, most clothes, and many other things have been virtually impossible to obtain.



80. my main concern about this survey that through the years of my incarcerated ive seen these surveys before and done a few myself but no changes have ever been made so besides of just knowing peoples input or views on prison conditions what good does this survey do for us if nothing is being done to make things better for us? what's the plan???
81. I hope something is done with all of this you all are asking! Plus why is this the only facility where there is a step down program. Inmates dont recieve dayroom after leaving Restrictive Housing. You only recieve 35 minutes for phone and shower. Also you are put under Investigation status for any and everything and sometimes released. You should have a feeling of Being harassed. Something need to change they don't have weights
82. Let us get our tablets after 30 days in seg. Allow us more program time.
83. Our constitutional rights are being violated here at Protective Custody at Lawrence C.C.
84. It won't help or change shit.
85. Please make some change's
86. All institutions are going by this newly developed risk assessment test/analysis that deprives individuals of equal opportunity for class participation. I personally have been incarcerated for 10+ years and only have 1 certificate (not by choice). now that an opportunity is available to be in classes, I can't be chosen at all because I am considered less likely to reoffend due to the risk assessment. A few questions, asked for a period of 2 minutes should not be the determining factor that I am rehabilitated. actual proof of class hour participation should be that proof.
87. I think Level-E's should get meet + greet with their family on visits, and jobs inside the fence
88. The warden here doesn't like talking to A.D. Offenders. When she comes she has a rudeness to her that reflect her inexperience on how to deal with maximum Security Offenders and this creates issue's between us an her staff.
89. The police unions, civil courts, and buearocracy keeps any officers from ever being held accountable for their wrong actions
90. I.D.O.C. does not give hope of reform to individuals housed in max prisons. There are not educational programs or adequate Mental Health services. Administrative Detention is long term Segregation. Being in a cell 24/7 and only give two years 2 week for 2 hours is inhumane.
91. There are no educational opportunities available for medium-security prisoners. Disabled prisoners have no activities to participate in or benefit from. Wifi signal not accessible in cells, so we are paying subscription unfairly. The Food is prepared in unsanitary conditions with infestation of mice dropping. cleaning supplies to adequately clean showers & remove mold is insufficiently Accessible. There is no Access to Chicago News channels (WGN Chicago was censured) Local News only. Commissary does not stock T-shirt, underwear and IDOC does not provide them. Please contact me if you need Answers to questions **[NAME, ID AND HOUSING INFO REDACTED]** Lawrence Correctional Center, 10930 Lawrence Road, Sumner, Illinois 62466
92. **[TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC:** I am in this prison because I am an Arab Muslim. I am in need of people who fear God to help me. I am the only one from my family here. If one



- of those responsible would receive me [speak to me] I could explain the problems that I suffer from. I am 5 days into a hunger strike.]
93. I was assaulted by a known assaulter with a weapon in Lawrence C.C. for no reason. Just because I fought back and my assaulter had to go to the hospital with injuries, Lawrence gave me a violent assault of any person and gave me 1 year in the hole for my first ticket. Cameras clearly show me on the phone with my back turned when I was assaulted. After being totally honest with internal affairs about the incident I was still treated unfairly and given 1 year in the hole when the person who hit me with a weapon and started everything only served about 1 week in the hole for a fighting ticket.
94. This prison was not ready to transition to a max prison. And max + medium inmates are treated so differently here. And if you happen to be classified as a level E inmate, then you really get shafted. Also, every envelope you sent here, the counselor put everyone's cell number on it, I blackened mine out!
95. That the Law makers start making Laws that benefite none and violent offenders in the state of Illinois ... specially those Charges like discharging a fire arm and caused body harm and received the sentencings **[20+]** for discharging the fire arm and **[20+]** years for caused body harm, because it is one Crime but it is double sentence. Please somebody help me. i was wrongfully convicted by a Jurry trial, and sentence to serve **[40+]** years in this place. So far i served **[20+]** years. I still gotta serve another **[20+]** years and it is for something that I ain't do. Sincerly **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**.
96. Some of the officers need to be educadet on medical stuff cus they sometime take all your med's and hearring stuff. and to get it back if lucky takes forever. or meantime we suffer
97. I've been a "Level-E" for **[15+]** years. This despite the fact that I've never been charged, tried, or convicted of (escape, attempted-escape, or conspiracy to escape) while in the custody of the IL Dept. of Corrections. **[NAME, ID AND HOUSING INFO REDACTED]**
98. The staff here i.e. wardens down to C/O's & counselor are very insensitive to the needs of the prisoners & the way max prisons are operated. They have an Authority charged environment here that is brewing it's like they the administration goes out their way to prod & provoke us into some madness.
99. I like it because at least it sound as if someone from the outside do care for me as a human (see me as a person). I only can hope that yall do help us because a lot of this C/O (correctional officers) do have bais even they said they don't but action speak louder. I see it every day. Like right now we only get 35 minute out of cell time per day. 1 phone call (20 min & 15 shower) I would have to wait more then 24 hours to get time out the cell. Just for another 35 minutes. They only doing it on this house R7-General Population house. Lawrence. We had file grievance & spoke to springfield personal when they did a tuard walk here few days ago. But it seem they turn their eye the other way. And didn't help us.
100. overall From What Ive experienced Illinois D.O.C. is well run and organized. I would say other states could use Illinois as a model to run Their own D.O.C.s
101. There commissary is bad they seem to be racist also when we catch tickets they are never fair to us

102. the grievance procedure's are a joke, the disciplinary procedures are a joke, the entire system is unfair there's one way And It's their way All the time individual's in custody are always wrong
103. I am confined in Illinois under the Interstate Corrections Compact (ICC). I am not an Illinois prisoner. In **[STATE REDACTED]** I was confined in a super-max (Security Housing Unit) and participated in a graduate level writing program at the **[UNIVERSITY REDACTED]**—In **[STATE REDACTED]** I was given 30 days disciplinary segregation and 1 year in the Security Housing Unit which was reduced by 30 days for participating in the **[UNIVERSITY REDACTED]** writing program. In otherwords 1 year. My one year has long since passed. With no new or different misconduct, the State of Illinois voluntarily accepted custody of me and placed me in Administrative Detention (segregation) for life citing events that occurred over 35 years ago. I have no prospect to be released from segregation.
104. Pretty much good Staff here. Lt. **[REDACTED]** Top shelf most of His staff Is Good
105. I have none
106. That I am being hated upon by jealousy and prejudice. And this is why. please go to Illinois prison penpal . com. Search the name **[REDACTED]** at Lawrence
107. The commissary Dont Stock enough clothes, or shoes, always claiming supply chain, but the prison Dont provide the clothes the Dont Not Stock Like T.Shirts, a good pair of shoes that doesnt hurt. And never have items that healthcare Dont want to give you. Like cough drops Allergy Meds
108. Are you even trying to better things For us in AD??? We are just here lockdown Forever, 4-hours of yard is TORTURE; we're basically dying in this cells!
109. Aint no telling of this even going out so this for you LCC. I dont forget and dont Forgive, I'll be back upon release and punish you racist white n\*\*\*\*\*s I cannot tell you the pleasure I will receive from seeing your pain for the first time in my life I will get pleasure by causing harm to my Fellow man I've had regrets of only being able to kill someone once but that it.
110. I Been In RH for A Month or So. The only thing that was giving to me is 1-soap, 1-tooth paste, 1-Sheet, 1-Deo, 1-Boxer, 1-T-Shirt, 1-Socks: This is wrong & I'm being Treated As Dog. 5-day C/O **[REDACTED]** doing. I had to change my Food Tray to Kosher, Because for 3-days straight we Received the same Tray with the same Soil Food. I Need to have a **[MEDICAL PROCEDURE REDACTED]** Right Now that I could barly Walk. Lawrence C.C. Won't give me No pain Med to Help with my pain. I Mark my grievance As Emergency But was Denied. Now the Counselor Have my grievance.

# OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

## **Q1. Age (Under 26, 26-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51 and over)**

1. [51 and over] 65
2. [Blank] 60
3. [51 and over] 53
4. [51 and over] 64
5. [51 and over] 65 yrs

## **Q2. Race or ethnicity (White, Black, Hispanic or Latino, or Other)**

1. [Other] Mexican
2. [Other] Mēxicá Native American Nation
3. [Other] Hungarian Polish Irish Dutch
4. [Other] Human

## **Q3. Are you within two years of release? (Yes/No)**

1. [No] Life
2. [No] 4 yrs 1 month

## **Q4. Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25? (Yes/No)**

1. [Yes] 21 yrs old
2. [No] 28

## **Q5. What housing status are you currently on? (General Population, Restrictive Housing, or Other)**

1. [Other] A.D.
2. [Other] Administrative Detention
3. [Other] P.C.
4. [Other] P.C.
5. [Blank] Segregation
6. [Other] P.C.
7. [Restrictive Housing] Administrative Detention
8. [Other] Admin. Detention
9. [Other] Step down seg kick-out
10. [Other] Administrative Detention
11. [GP, RH, and Other] it is unknown. they doing unlawful shit here at Lawrence Correctional Center.

**Q6. Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area? (Yes or No)**

1. [No] Absolutely not
2. [Yes] Bcuz I just Moved from R7
3. [No] only 35 minutes a day once a day

**Q7. Do you have a work or school assignment? (Work, School, Both, Neither)**

1. [Neither] need
2. [Neither] Not Allowed
3. [Neither] at This Time
4. [Neither] I was denied school due to Housing unit; not even in/went to seg.

**Q8. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)**

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

1. [SD] NO
2. [SD] The Adjustment Committees are Broken...

I receive support from staff when I need it.

1. [SD] Staff lie to much
2. [Blank] Depends on who staff is.
3. [N] Depends

I trust the officers

1. [Blank] sum not all
2. [D] Not I.A.

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

1. [N] some only

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.

1. [SD] I cannot get my property

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.

1. [N] by sum

I am treated as a person of value

1. [SA] medical staff

**Q9. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)**

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading

1. [SA and N] only one C/O

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people

1. [D] Ive seen officers look the other way
2. [A] until I am forced out of PC again

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.

1. [A] depends on staff
2. [Blank] worded strange??? "even if they"???

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.

1. [A] Some

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.

1. [SA] and ask

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.

1. [A] card playing staff
2. [A] they still Dont Do Anything

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.

1. [SD] the environment makes me plan/fantasise bout killing staff

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.

1. [SA] Whites Blacks
2. [SA] Snitches have to be a Informant
3. [SA] bitch ass snitch ass nigleas

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [N] these **[ILLEGIBLE]** say bad behavior changes good behavior does not!
2. [SA] these hoe ass people...staff aint worthy of life

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.

1. [Blank] at times
2. [SA] with one C/O
3. [SA] Since I been here I've learned to not discriminate in needing to hurt (Age/gender)

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.

1. [SA] I was put in seg for giving up a shank! I'll NEVER do that again
2. [N] for clemency or court
3. [A] In PC, Yes
4. [Blank] I be about principalities over privilege IDGAF cost of doing binize

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.

1. [A] Still In 7 house

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

1. [A] some place's

This prison is well organized.

1. [SA] NO
2. [SD] It should be this way

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

1. [N] some time
2. [Blank] Depends on staff
3. [SA] All But one C/O
4. [A] sometimes

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms

1. [N] some of them

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.

1. [N] some time
2. [Blank] don't matter face 2 face You ain't Geting Nothing Done
3. [A] Depend on the person

You never know the rules

1. [SA] I was never issued a Rule Book.
2. [Blank] This prison don't have none it is what Lts said
3. [SA] They make up their own rules
4. [A] Always change
5. [D] Administration dont follow rules

My experience in this prison is painful.

1. [SA] only one

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.

1. [N] ? Don't know

The disciplinary system is fair.

1. [SD] Its Broken
2. [N] ? Don't know

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.

1. [SD] some people may have to because of the Lack or no-existence of support from family

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.

1. [Blank] ??
2. [SA] At least that's what they (staff) always say
3. [SA] Never seen so many pussy ass C/Os in my life

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.

1. [SD] no educational programs available here.
2. [N] dispozable

**Q10. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)**

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.

1. [D] it helps

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual, not a number.

1. [SA] NO
2. [N] dep sometime

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.

1. [SD] I have C-grade till **[3+ YEARS OUT]** 2 calls a month no video visits no commissary been like this since **[3+ YEARS AGO]**
2. [Blank] No Support No Contact
3. [SD] They said "C" grade can't use the phone



This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.

1. [Blank] (Don't understand)
2. [SA] white n\*\*\*\*\*s run this place (staff)

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.

1. [SD] They Just want a Pay check
2. [SD] NO NO NO NO
3. [SD] their steady taking away our contacting abilities

This is a humane prison.

1. [SD] Nobody has used a phone for the last 3 weeks!!!!
2. [A] Not how PC is handled

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.

1. [SA] PC intake and kick-out only get out of their cell to shower

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

1. [N] on what level not mentally

Mental health treatment is available.

1. [N] yes no
2. [SD] Good
3. [D] I dont see them but it is poor
4. [SD] sads sads
5. [Blank] Its available, but not effective due to the mental health workers not being allowed by administration to fully do their Job
6. [SD] they fire people who actually help us doctors included

This prison is better now than it was last year.

1. [Blank] It was Never Better
2. [SD] worse

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.

1. [SD] No programs

I am satisfied with food from dietary.

1. [SA] Food service is the Best Here
2. [A] food unedible at times
3. [D] Not Enough
4. [SD] Raw chicken Dirty kitchen people just dont care. Rats, mouse everywhere
5. [SD] portions too small
6. [SD] It adds aggitation staff always eat our good Food!

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week

1. [SD] once a week "workers yard"
2. [SD] No yard no dayroom

**Q11. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of quality of life/general treatment of the people incarcerated here.**

1. [10] It is only a "10" because we have single-man cells, which is invaluable.
2. [2] we need help ive been here for [10+] years it has got worse. All the state do is take from us. Everything on paper looks good but truth be told it is nasty here, we need for your office to come here unesspectetly but we know this is Illinois, corrupted
3. [7] PC is treated drastically different from Population and Seg. for everyone else its not so bad here, but for PC it sucks. My decision is based on overall like Q11 says, not my experience in PC.
4. [1] I'm a man; cordial is due respect is earned. I aint no PC nigga, no chomo, no rapist. I dont wana hurt these Fools I wana kill these Fools (staff) the shit I've had to put up with, I'm Fucked up I'm socially Fucked up I now look at a white person, And I think Fuck that piece of shit.

**Miscellaneous Comments**

1. The questions I havent answered is due to the fact that I haven't been able to experience any other areas of this prison other than A.D.
2. If your on the up & up, please confirm "to me," you's got this survey **[NAME, ID AND HOUSING INFO REDACTED]** 10930 Lawrence Rd, Sumner, Ill 62466
3. Names **[NAME REDACTED]** I've so much more It would surely slackjaw you and a competent Civil Rights Attorney would have a field Day in Litigation But I can't Find an Attorney as They don't have a Functioning Law Library here to visit.
4. Please Help! I'm in pain! I Need you. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** 10930 lawrence C.C., Sumner, IL 62466

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