Survey Comment Report



Pinckneyville 2023 MQPL Survey Comments

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Introduction

Pinckneyville Correctional Center is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1,916 people on January 3, 2023. 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 Pinckneyville had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 612 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Pinckneyville through July 1, 2023, representing approximately 32% of the static population. JHA visited Pinckneyville in May 2023.

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 <u>positive</u> things about life in this prison?

- 1. America's incarceration rate is twice as high as Russia's, not to mention seventeen times higher than Japan's if the US prison population were a city, it would be the fifth-largest in the nation more population than Atlanta, Miami, Cincinnati, and Memphis combined
- 2. Nothing at all.
- 3. Nothing!
- 4. School
- 5. Free room & board. \$13/mo. state pay. A nice exercise yard. Weekly commissary privileges. Free laundry. One free roll of toilet paper per week! The tap water has fewer contaminants (sp) than Menard or Lawrence Correctional Centers. Although my counselor is insulting. I've only seen him twice in about 9 months...
- 6. There are drugs EVERYWHERE which keeps my mind out of here.

- 7. Just got Here
- 8. Bad
- 9. Nothing.
- 10. trying to get your life Back on track from your past mistakes to Learn from to make Better choices and make a Better future for me.
- 11. Nothing!!!
- 12. I'm alive
- 13. NONE
- 14. You can talk and fellowship, with the officers and inmates.
- 15. The 23 & 1 structure provides an individual with many hours for study & reflection
- 16. Being able to visit with love one's
- 17. For those who's not serving life sentences the most positive thing is that you will go home some day.
- 18. At this moment, unless there are more programs in this facility that are afforded to EVERYONE regardless of MSR dates, there is nothing positive about life in this Facility.
- 19. None, this prison is for animals or high profile, Max inmates
- 20. Nothing!
- 21. NOTHING
- 22. Getting on the phone talking to loved ones and having a brief mental escape from being in the cell 22-23 hrs a day every day
- 23. one hour dayrooms a day. 20 min phone calls. Commissary when they are fully stocked. Religious services
- 24. Life it self. There seriously isn't many positive things that comes to mind at this moment
- 25. Commissary every week
- 26. I wake up everyday
- 27. Nothing it's hard to get in school or any class
- 28. I [ILLEGIBLE] up
- 29. Having The opportunity to correspond with outside supporters.
- 30. The programs (school/etc...) thats offered.
- 31. Nothing it's hard to get in school or any class
- 32. none—this prison sucks the life out of you. Theres nothing to look foward too!
- 33. None
- 34. Umm...Commissary Once a Week. Only Medium Amount of Gang Banging.
- 35. The opportunity to truely reflect on your life and build yourself up in your spirit, mind, and body.
- 36. That Im alive and get to talk to my kids + family
- 37. Being white, educated, and respectful makes staff assume I share their values, making it easier to get what I want.
- 38. zero
- 39. Chapel is good. Veterans Group is Good
- 40. Not one!
- 41. Nothing it's hard to get in school or any class
- 42. My paint. I learned to do something I've always knew believed in myself I could do with guidance. I earned 2 certificates in art class in [DATE REDACTED]
- 43. Absolutely nothing
- 44. Nothing—Grievances
- 45. Nothing
- 46. Nothing at all

- 47. my release date
- 48. My outdate I can't wait
- 49. Nothing!
- 50. their is nothing positive here.
- 51. The possibility to transfer out of here.
- 52. The treatment is so bad and poor I never want to come back.
- 53. None
- 54. Lakeland Vocational College. Since internal affairs has no say in who can go to college, we are able to attend college.
- 55. The Movie Channels
- 56. That there is opportunity to develop a more positive mentality. There is opportunity to be rehabilitated and leave with a different set of goals and priorities. If the purpose of prison was re-evaluated, it could make a difference.
- 57. The time to think about life, correct negative behavior patterns, and make a plan.
- 58. much fewer lock downs than Menard. Get to shop commissary reliably. Laundry 3 times/week.
- 59. Although PNC CC is known to be the only disciplinary facility, we receive commissary EVERY week. Wolf in sheep's clothing: PNC considers that as time out of cell while denying morning dayroom time. The result: no morning dayroom no night yard due to "winter hours", we are denied 2 hours out of the cell (walking to chow does not suffice). As cells don't offer 50 sq. ft/man, Rhodes v. Chapman & Davis v. Baldwin are violated.
- 60. you have the time to reflect and better yourself
- 61. Nothing positive
- 62. N/A
- 63. nothing at all
- 64. They give a bar of quality soap and laundry detergent every week.
- 65. "NONE"
- 66. That you can pick up books and read and become smarter than you are.
- 67. NOTHING...They dont offer anything for people with time.
- 68. there are no positives in this prison.
- 69. you get shop commissary every week. nothing else positive at all.
- 70. we can go to commissary once a week, other than that there is nothing else positive.
- 71. I don't have anything to say on this matter.
- 72. Nothing not even the cable
- 73. TV Yard
- 74. We have yard 3 times a week.
- 75. Im Alive
- 76. Everything sucks about this joint
- 77. It's hard to find positives about this prison. Im a decade in and this is the worst place ive been yet.
- 78. N/A
- 79. Nothing
- 80. Nothing!!
- 81. wake up
- 82. That we get to shop once a week.
- 83. Nothing
- 84. channel 17
- 85. I have time to myself
- 86. I Still Have My Good Health

- 87. Phone calls, mail
- 88. You get to use the time to improve on yourself.
- 89. Food, Dayroom, yard
- 90. Thinking about going home.
- 91. Live with someone bout same age. able to work. store weekly.
- 92. That I'm still living.
- 93. Nothing theres no programs its hard to get jobs and good time.
- 94. Just knowing you have the chance at going home! Support from the outside.
- 95. Nun
- 96. nothing!!!
- 97. laundry is available routinely. Basic hygiene items are furnished. I have had the ability to hold a Job most of my time at this prison.
- 98. We go to commissary once a week, or at least 3 times a month. There are truly NO redeeming qualities in this prison. I would prefer to go back to a max than stay here.
- 99. School
- 100. Nothing, because it is not anything in here that one can not Learn, Find or accomplish out there.
- 101. Live, survive
- 102. Nothing
- 103. I spend so much time in the cell that if one apply's it well, you can word on becoming rehabilitated
- 104. None, because we are locked up all day.
- 105. none
- 106. N/A
- 107. Being alive
- 108. I Really Cant Say. They dont give you any programs, to better yourself. honestly dont think they are concerned. I've sent numerous Request slips for programs.
- 109. None.
- 110. Mind your own And stay out of any thing that don't concern you.
- 111. I'm able to attend my Biblical services! I'm able to get medical treatment; the food is great. They have a good school program. Yard + Gym regularly. Staff treat with respect, etc.
- 112. Being able to go to commissary once a week.
- 113. If you catch Major [NAME REDACTED] and/or [NAME REDACTED] on the outside which is seldom you can talk to them about a problem they'll try to handle the situation or they'll let you know what "avenue" to take to get something done (oh yeah, Major [NAME REDACTED] as well)!!
- 114. That they haven't let me die yet.
- 115. It is cleaner than menard, phone more than menard, laundry more than menard, food tastes better than menard. I had [35+ years] at menard.
- 116. Literally nothing!
- 117. I have nothing positive to say about this place not 1
- 118. None
- 119. Commissary weekly, phone usage daily, tablets
- 120. None
- 121. Breathing
- 122. That I'm not dead!
- 123. Nothing
- 124. The only positive things in this prison for me is that I have been approve for a transfer to a different institution

- 125. They have GED schooling and secondary education but the waiting list are long especially for people with lengthy sentences.
- 126. There are none, its total Chaos
- 127. Are life is accountable & responsible for his fellow inmate
- 128. There is non It's all bad they treat us like animals
- 129. I have anything nothing to say about this place, It's all negative.
- 130. Nothing we are in our cell 23 Hours a DAY and They only let People in school or programs if you are close to going Home
- 131. They provide 1 bar of soap per week with laundry detergent.
- 132. There is no positive about being in this prison
- 133. Go to store every week
- 134. It's cleaner than max prisons.
- 135. I at least get to wash up once a day in the shower (cold water in the winter Hot in summer time)
- 136. Never Seen any!
- 137. It's so hard to found something positive out of life in this prison!
- 138. Nothing
- 139. Nothing
- 140. We shop every week
- 141. you can talk to Mental health staff and the counselor almost Everyday
- 142. None.
- 143. N/A
- 144. Nothing
- 145. There are no positives here at PCC
- 146. nothing at all its like living in hell
- 147. I guess when I'm locked up I get time to think about changes I need to make.
- 148. Nothing
- 149. nothing really
- 150. You may come across some guys filled with wisdom because they have served a lot of time. and the chaplain
- 151. Nothing
- 152. Time To Improve on self Reflection if you want.
- 153. Yard, Chapel, Netflix DVD Channels, Cable TV. Visits
- 154. Higher educational opportunities
- 155. Time reflect on misstakes and make better decisions. Also Programs.
- 156. You get alot of time to reflect on whatever it was that got you in prison in order for you to make a change for the better
- 157. you have alot of time to read
- 158. None
- 159. sometimes commissary
- 160. The Food, Programs
- 161. None
- 162. cell Placement regarding Age, weight, etc.
- 163. School
- 164. I Don't know I'm not suppose to be here [ID REDACTED]
- 165. Very good mental Health staff
- 166. There are none.
- 167. time to talk to God!
- 168. I can tell you about our situation.

- 169. the Placement office here respects the Elder's and allow them at request to be in a cell alone without Bullying younger individual in custody.
- 170. Having certain Jobs.
- 171. We are allowed to go to store once a week
- 172. you can see scenery outside, you have wireless tablet services, and some staff treat you as human
- 173. Commissary every week.
- 174. The chapel services
- 175. Nothing
- 176. Well maintained, modern, clean, a window that can be opened and closed, shelves in the cells, a dayroom with working phones and hot showers, decent Wifi access for our tablets, OK commissary, very few lockdowns
- 177. Commissary
- 178. None
- 179. Nothing at all
- 180. Nun
- 181. N/A
- 182. Nothing. The only positive is it can't get worse
- 183. The food in the dietary tastes good. Officers respond quickly to an incident.
- 184. Being here around people with Alot of time show me not to cum back
- 185. The power stays on 99.8% of the time
- 186. Prison is not a positive thing. We have to choose to make the best of it. I'm thankful when I'm allowed to attend chapel, go to yard or shop
- 187. in This Their is nothing positive, no school, no job, no activities, nothing positive to Better myself
- 188. Staff Can't Stop Time
- 189. school when you can get in.
- 190. None
- 191. Nothing
- 192. Education, and work
- 193. We go to commissary once a week/you can go to school to get your GED. & Good time
- 194. I learn alot about people and myself
- 195. Still Liveing and have another chance at life if released
- 196. It makes you speak up for yourself. It makes you more aware of whats going on around you.
- 197. The good time.
- 198. Im taking voc. classes and working on my future beyond prison.
- 199. Nothing
- 200. That I have a outdate
- 201. opportunity to go to commissary
- 202. Jobs, schooling, and Programs. counselors trying to help
- 203. Nothing, this prison is messed up!
- 204. There is nothing positive about life at Pinckneyville
- 205. There are no positive things about life in this prison.
- 206. Being Patient
- 207. Their are none at all period in this prison.
- 208. If you "drop" somewhere, they will get you to healthcare within maybe 30 min there are a (very) few staffers who will help if they can and that is who an inmate has to go to but they are often "outgunned" and "over-requested."

- 209. Lakeland college. School programs (some). But If your MSR date Is far your unable to get into Is hard even If you have A high school Deploma like me If you also have a Bunch of Time you wont B Able to get Into These programs.
- 210. you can use the Phone
- School for those who need it.
- 212. NOTHING!!!
- 213. Certain Staff are cool and some of the mental health actually helps the individuals that ask for help.
- 214. Their Transgender mental help treatment program for people like myself.
- 215. Not a Thing
- 216. I Can't think of anything!
- 217. Nothing is positive Here at all
- 218. There is nothing positive about this prison
- 219. You have easy access to the law library. Mental health looks for good detail or reasons to make you feel better.
- 220. Help Another Inmates can't write or speak english. Help All cases when the Individual in Custody Are Innocent of the Offenses. learn How write or speak English.
- 221. There is nothing positive about being in Pinckneyville except for being alive. Pinckneyville isn't ran by IDOC rules they do what they want. And they only respond to litigation. you can't even get proper time in the law library. one hour every other week if you're lucky isn't enough time to successfully fight your appeals or any other law work you have going on. They keep you locked-up 23 hrs a day, and they only have 46 channels to watch.
- 222. Nothing at all
- 223. Winning my appeal. Freedom. Speaking Gods word!
- 224. I Nothing Positive to say about this prison. Ive been here 8 year and haven't learned anything thats going To help me on the outside once I'm Released Next year
- 225. Nothing
- 226. free Healthcare
- 227. The life outside of prison that's waiting for me.
- 228. Chapel. Celebrate Recovery
- 229. The only positive thing about life in this prison, Is wakeing up!
- 230. Nothing Really Because your stuck in the cell 23 hours a day.
- 231. Nothing
- 232. you still can call yo family in get visits
- 233. Nothing
- 234. The most positive things are school.
- 235. I feel safe
- 236. Waking up knowing its one day closer to Home (freedom) rather it's sooner or later.
- 237. Nothing!
- 238. That you able to buy your own Electronics for your cell and your own food just in case you don't like being served at Dietary.
- 239. Most positive things, That they pretend as if their really provideing the necessary education, as well as proper tools to prepare us to return back in Society.
- 240. Nothing
- 241. The most positive things, is you have time to recognize your problems and do the necessary things in your own Power to change. But as You Know Prisons are full of broken People from broken homes. So Positive things have to be shown.

- 242. The window is clean and Im able to see outside, plus outside bugs like ladybugs & crickets come inside my cell, that make me feel more human, because they visit me, & never had nothing negative to say...
- 243. It gives you the mindset of not wanting to come back to prison ever again in life.
- 244. None that you don't create yourself.
- 245. Daily showers
- 246. To tell you the truth there Isn't many positives associated with this prison. When speaking among other prisoners the main topic that comes about Is trying to transfer out of here. The prison Is oppressive, mentally and physically.
- 247. Commissary Every Week, Shower almost every day, if you stay out of The way you don't get the COs attention.
- 248. visits video visits phone call commissary Tablet
- 249. Commissary is every week
- 250. There Isn't Any that I Get From this Prison
- 251. If you are NOT getting along with your "cell mate" you are immediately moved to a new cell.
- 252. Nothing
- 253. time to think about wrong comings. medicare
- 254. It gives a Person time to Reflect and gain a Better Understanding on the Ways of the world. And a chance to start over. And For a lot of people It Probly stop them From Committing a Crime and ending up Dead
- 255. The slight movement
- 256. nothing
- 257. Absolutely Nothing
- 258. can't think of none
- 259. going Home
- 260. Nothing its not dangerous like the Joint use to be
- 261. Nothing about prison is positive at Pinckneyville
- 262. when you stay out of the way, your pretty much left alone.
- 263. nothing
- 264. Being Sober
- 265. We go to store every week though they are usually out of what we ordered on our commissary slip. Reading the Bible! They have 4 decent size yards!
- 266. This isn't life in prison, its surviving in prison.
- 267. I go to Chapel service "Taleem & Jumu'al" on Wednesday and Friday
- 268. I'm still Brething
- 269. nothing positive a here but 3 yard a week but only for a 1 hour it use to be 1:30 min
- 270. You wake up every morning.
- 271. none
- 272. It's so messed up here all I think about is getting out of prison and never coming back
- 273. Waking up in the morning
- 274. nothing But work & school.
- 275. That your able to buy your own Electronics for your cell and your own food just in case you don't like being served at dietary
- 276. N/A
- 277. When you write request slips to most people excluding healthcare, they get back to you, when other prisons completely ignore you.
- 278. There is absolutely nothing Positive came out My incarceration. Theres no incentive For Rehabilitation I have Been incarcerated For [20+ years] since I was 17 yrs old

- I'm a change person But the system is Design to keep us oppress & away From our Family & Friends.
- 279. Not To come back
- 280. Nothing!!
- 281. I'm still Alive
- 282. Reading books and educating one self in prison. This is self education not directed by Prison, but self motivation worth.
- 283. your still alive
- 284. N/A
- 285. I go to church and I go to Celebrate Recovery Inside Program and MH group. it help me be positive and Talk to my family and my kids I want to be a good father and son to my family
- 286. have chance to take showers everyday
- 287. Absolutely nothing, this system is builded on racism. Whites don't want incarcerated people to get more out of the system than them. The system belongs to them and their communities and African-American are used to carry-out these means.
- 288. Commissary every week.
- 289. Transferring out someday. Gave me a job when many others cannot get one. religious services Chaplain is a good one
- 290. You can learn a lot of thinges hear
- 291. I really can't think nothing but just knowing I have a outdate, and never to come back to this Place again
- 292. If you ever wanted To kill yourself. The opportunity is consistently provided By Way of negligent staff and inadequate Mental health Treatment
- 293. Dayroom. Medical Furloughs
- 294. That you can message your family and, Listen To music as well as Take advantage of school, church and programs To grow in Life.
- 295. "I get to keep my pyc-med's!!"
- 296. Praying to get out!
- 297. I don't think are any positive things, because they don't help people at all. They just help people with short time; they need to help everybody with programs & school, Jobs.
- 298. nothing to me Life is 10 % what happens to you and 90% how you handle it. There is no accountability the staff pick what rules to Follow when they want to follow them and when you call them out on it or ask a question you get told to shut up and Lock up. Yard and gym suppose to be 1 hr 30 min sometimes you only get half of that please check it out.
- 299. Being able to go to any educational programs or programs that help you better yourself
- 300. You have time to self reflect, but doing that there really isn't any help, you don't change positively on your own.
- 301. school
- 302. School is the only thing
- 303. Doing hard time at Pinckneyville lock-up 23&1 hours limited movement away in cell where is most of the time safe & comfortable it all depends your celly mate
- 304. NOTHING
- 305. We got programs and school and the Rest trash
- 306. Nothing
- 307. For me personally I was able to enroll in GED class in a short amount of time upon arriving here because of the teacher here. She seems to really attempt to provide

- opportunity to move forward in ones school if you desire it. That has been far from the case at other prisons and even here still from other teachers.
- 308. work
- 309. Nothing!!!
- 310. It serves its purpose (cash flow to rural area)
- 311. Nothing
- 312. None
- 313. Education like school and other programs
- 314. waking up
- 315. None I can really say you have to self teach yourself and educate you're self on you're own behalf.
- 316. I have a cell to myself and that they sell phone minutes and link units on commissary
- 317. Imposable Pickney Staff no respect prisoner treated is bad
- 318. Its given me time to correct my negative thinking and time to focus on myself and future.
- 319. Clinical and field services are Good
- 320. going Home one Day
- 321. Blank
- 322. That even with all the bad taking place around me, I don't allow it to change who I am. I can only control me.
- 323. You do not allow the system to turn you into a monster
- 324. I know of none...
- 325. self reflection
- 326. The State gets alot of money for me being incarcerated.
- 327. None
- 328. Time to reflect and set goals
- 329. Not much cuz I have a lot of time. There is no positive Things here win you got alot of time here cuz you can't do anything like school cuz you can not get in there. and you only come out of your cell for a 1 hour
- 330. Commissary every week
- 331. If you want to lay around & sleep/rot this is the place.
- 332. Opportunities are here but you have to keep on persisting. As well as have 2 years and under.
- 333. School/Job/Good Time. Programs in Pinckneyville. Hygiene from Pinckneyville. Holiday Food from dietary. "State Pay," but it could be higher. Christmas Gifts.
- 334. While in seg/Restrictive Housing, you are celled by ourself and you get 10 hours a week out of your cell, compared to population where you only get out for an hour a day.
- 335. A lot of time is spent reflecting & due to lack of choice, one learns to be patient in situations they weren't before.
- 336. We go to the store every week.
- 337. You Get 3 meals A Day.
- 338. Nothing
- 339. Nothing
- 340. I have been on the waitlist for school the past four years. It is almost impossible for me to earn college level education here. A job is the only other positive opportunity but they are very limited. We only come out one hr a day and have to struggle to find space to use the phone. You are lucky to get a 20 min call a day here to talk to your loved ones.
- 341. I cant think of any.

- 342. Nothing, they Keep you Locked in the cell I go to college so outside of school Im in the cell All Day. I Do Not Get to make phone calls when I miss Dayroom Because of School I Do Not Get Extra time to Go to Gym or Yard Because I Go to School All Day 8:30-10:30/12-44 So I miss Everything And Do Not Get Make up Time or Anything At All.
- 343. Nothing
- 344. 1.) From what I have experienced Staff, in most cases do not go out of their way to pick on People unless they are on their radar.
- 345. School; if they didn't cancel our classes so much
- 346. The weight training. But Pinckneyville is the only prison in Illinois without weights.
- 347. Educate they got going help us
- 348. School and Job = good time (contracts)
- 349. Could say how big the yard is, but even that's depressing aint no weights.
- 350. The only positive thing I see coming out of this prison Is seeing people from the staff actually trying to better this prison.
- 351. Nothing
- 352. Being Alive basically that's All maintaining here -
- 353. The day I Leave
- 354. In this prison there are no positive thing going about it, the inmates for the most part are Lock in for the Majority of the day Leaving staff of about 5 to Lay around doing Nothing! Ive walk through the coor of a living unit to see a Sgt. Fast asleep.
- 355. None
- 356. I don't see any. This prison goes off your outdate for programs including school so since my outdate is 2030 I have been on the waiting list for school since April of 2022 and Now it Jan 2023. I was told by a teacher that the more people come with less time than me will get on the list and start before me.
- 357. Before the pandemic they offered educational programs
- 358. I can't see any positives about life in this prison or this prison period. I'm not overexaggerating or being negative I seriously can't see any positives. Daily interactions with staff here is stressful and highly hostile. I'm harassed, insulted and degraded by staff members of Pinckneyville Correctional Daily without reason. Many officers here are very racist. Its so hard to get anything done in this facility even if you try through your outside support because communication is so limited. This facility seems like their daily goal is make you feel hopeless, angry, belittled etc.
- 359. Getting the 1 hour of dayroom each day, and Gym once a week, and yard 3 times a week.
- 360. Nothing
- 361. Nothing!!!
- 362. They almost never shake down. I've been here for the last 16 months and haven't been searched once.
- 363. NOTHING!!!
- 364. The Friends you make and positive discussions that we have
- 365. We wake up
- 366. Chapel, Mental Health. There's nothing positive about Life in Prison.
- 367. They run commissary every week
- 368. School, groups
- 369. Nothing
- 370. I work and staff for the most part are polite and respectful to me.
- 371. Nothing at all in this one, there is no program or anything to help you, and you put in to speak with someone and you get No Respond

- 372. Leaving alive
- 373. NOTHING
- 374. NOTHING
- 375. NOTHING
- 376. We get fed 3 times a day and we get showers
- 377. If you have something coming you will get it. Clean
- 378. There are plenty of drugs/alcohol to numb whatever pains you might be dealing with
- 379. There is none!
- 380. Nothing Positive at all. I am locked in my cell 23 hrs. a day.
- 381. Nothing!
- 382. Rapid email Response: Every week commissary: The Horses you can see from 4-yard.
- 383. N/A
- 384. The Medical System is Really good. They live me Alone to do my time in peace. And gives me a long look at what I have to do when I live the institution. And see my future in the outside community. Also I have a life out there with a job, home, family. Also my vision to help other people other there to stay out of trouble.
- 385. None
- 386. Shit
- 387. There are No Roaches
- 388. NOTHING
- 389. That White People Hate Blacks and only see us as people who are beneath them
- 390. This prison has good water, better cells, and staff who knows how to treat us & they do their job well.
- 391. I use the time in my cell to work exercising my brain (reading and writing) and my brain it's not good before they put me here and time alone is a lot and I try to get the best benefit from it I can say we get out of our cells in total of 12 hrs a week that include: yard 3 hrs, Gym 1 hr, dayroom 6 hrs and the rest where we go to eat.
- 392. Commissary every week
- 393. NONE
- 394. Recently a schedule was provided for each cell to use the phone During Dayroom and the prison is fairly clean. Also, commissary is Available once A week And the gym is well Equipped with weights.
- 395. I can open and close the window in my cell to control ventilation, temperature. With out my highly coveted dietary job I would only get out of my cell 1 hr-1 1/2 hr/day
- 396. None u cant get Job or programs of healthcare unless u call for crisis team at least once a day and far as Job/programs its almost impossible
- 397. Even though it's ran like a max, you come out your cell everyday.
- 398. The positive is I get to paint all day because I'm locked in the cell on average 22/2
- 399. Honestly none, youre in your cell 23 hrs a day with really nothing meaningful to look forward to but yard.
- 400. To be truthful there isn't any thing positive about prison life but some how I make it thru.
- 401. NONE!
- 402. NOTHING
- 403. Keeping a Job
- 404. Dont Know
- 405. It is very hard for me to think of anything positive to say about this prison, but the fact that my loved ones live approx. 30 mins. away is positive, because of visits.

- 406. For Myself, I am a peer educator here & that gives me an opportunity to do positive things for not only myself but for others as well.
- 407. The positive things are the health staff does their job, and the Pinckneyville correctional have good college courses.
- 408. It helps you to Reflect on life on the outside world. And knowing what you should do in life with your life in the outside world of living.
- 409. I remember the first few month after I arrived at PNK I wanted to go back to Menard. That is how bad Prisoners are treated by COs and staff here at PNK. After thinking about it I guess I can say two good things. One the food is slightly better. Two there are fewer lockdowns.
- 410. Seeing How Poorly we are Treated is a wake up call an eye opener to the corruption in here its scary
- 411. I feel pretty safe and secure and most of the staff are respectful and helpful
- 412. We spend lots of time in our cells if you don't work or go too school so there is lots of time to reflect, draw, write home or sleep.
- 413. Im locked up so much I don't have any time to get into ANYTHING! :(
- 414. they give enough soap to live on.
- 415. Programs for short timers. Good time earned credit.
- 416. That you can call, write, or email (message thru the tablet) your friends, family and love ones.
- 417. N/A
- 418. They aren't too anal about compliance checks and let us be if our cells are in order and not pig stys. Even if the grievance you file isn't answered to your liking the issue grieved tends to magically get fixed; save for HCU and cable. This prison is trying to become accepting of LGBTQ+ peoples and you can tell.
- 419. looking forward to being released in 2025 to my family, kids
- 420. none
- 421. The (only) positive thing ab out this prison is the 1 hour I get out to use the phone & talk to my family.
- 422. a few COs are relaxed. They Don't Do Daily Compliance checks
- 423. Trying to stay safe and alive, until you get sick and we're afraid to go to healthcare because it takes 3-4 weeks to be seen or call request slip to be honored. Most times it's thrown away and you're close to life or death situations.
- 424. Free Rent, Free Healthcare, Free Food
- 425. They have some educational classes/courses available
- 426. Not to ever be in prison again, specially K-59 Pinckneyville
- 427. The only positive thing I like is that I get the opportunity to go to gym outside of population.
- 428. I Don't Know
- 429. Yard 3x a week
- 430. I'm doing my Time
- 431. 1) The view from the yard. Could see horses, dogs, etc. 2) A shower everyday. 3) We are able to get to the eye doctor when needed. 4) We are able to get to the Dentist when needed/are able to get our teeth cleaned.
- 432. N/A
- 433. I Really wish I could Think of something. I Don't Believe in playing Homosexual Games with CO
- 434. The food is O.K. The Mail is reliable. Yard is consistent. Phones are fairly accessible.
- 435. During Dayroom You Can Take, Showers, Use The Phone On A Daily Bases

- 436. Nothing... Just Being Honest
- 437. NONE
- 438. They aint nothing positive about this prison. None
- 439. I Have a good caretaker (I'm ADA).
- 440. Nothing
- 441. Having a Strong mindset to Stay positive, so you will stay mentally strong!
- 442. Being Able to get programs to better Are selfs.
- 443. I really don't think that there are positives at Pinckneyville
- 444. Its in Southern Illinois And I Like the Climate. I'm From Chicago
- 445. Honest Nothing
- 446. Everything at this prison sucks.
- 447. NONE
- 448. That there are at least some school programs available
- 449. Knowing I Got A outdate And A Future Still to continue.
- 450. Nothing
- 451. Honestly, the days when you actually get a telephone for a 20 min call. When a day goes by without violence of some sort transpiring. When you finally get a piece of mail that's postmarked 3 weeks prior (or more). Sometimes they play newly released movies on their prison channel. There's not a lot of "positive" here to be honest.
- 452. If you are close to release you are able to do programs. If you have a good celly, fights are very avoidable.
- 453. that transfers have began and I can finally leave
- 454. School and my Outdate
- 455. gym once a week, yard 3x a week
- 456. Phone call usually once a day. Gym once a week
- 457. NONE
- 458. None, I am minimum security and they wont allow me to transfer out of this maximum security facility. My transfer request been in almost a year. They have no academic college classes and no programs available for minimum security people who get program credits.
- 459. Working
- 460. X
- 461. None, besides I wake up everyday, Im stuck in the cell 23 hours a day
- 462. Is that I'm Breathing.
- 463. NONE
- 464. NOTHING
- 465. Work Assignments come dime a dozen.
- 466. My Religion Services. But the chaplin is Real good at being fair No matter what Religion you do.
- 467. I am behind a door, where I feel a little safer.
- 468. I have so far survived it
- 469. Me having a job and being known positively by correctional officers.
- 470. NONE
- 471. nothing

- 472. I have nothing Positive to say about life in this prison because the employees suck the life out of the inmates at this prison.
- 473. Education
- 474. nothing
- 475. None I am a offender who can't get into any programs to better my self cause this prison does not have any and when I say any that's what I mean.
- 476. Commissary, visits, gym, yard and phone time. Mental Health
- 477. I would have to say nothing, because everything is done by MSR date and the people with a lot of time can't get in school or programs because their date is far away.
- 478. Because I stay in my cell, I am not noticed. Out of sight, out of mind.
- 479. getting for my outdate, and saying out of prison this time around.
- 480. there is nothing positive about this prison
- 481. Being able to continue to talk to my loved ones and being safe from the streets.
- 482. NOTHING.
- 483. IDK
- 484. That Allah allows me the opportunity to wake up each and every day which gets me a day closer to my release date.
- 485. You get to go to commissary every week.
- 486. NOTHING!!!
- 487. College class at night when ever they re-start
- 488. Nothing. People say this is the worst prison in IDOC. They say time is better in Menard/Statesville/Anywhere just NOT HERE! If you investigate they will make errthang look pretty until you leave. Its like sweeping Dust under a rug! IA is corrupt. Cruel/unusual punishments. Its crazy.
- 489. NONE!
- 490. They Have Education Programs, School Etc....
- 491. Really the only thing is Roof over head and three meals.
- 492. I can go to chapel. I can get my GED Mental health is good.
- 493. time to study for my CDL, time to workout
- 494. for me I feel that I am one of the Lucky ones. I have got my GED here and plus.
- 495. There are literally none. This Place is a nightmare.
- 496. food is bad
- 497. nothing motivates a person.
- 498. limited distractions + a lot of time to think and prepare.
- 499. There are not many things in this prison that encourage us to better ourselves.
- 500. Some staff wont write tickets quick for petty offenses. Commissary runs every week. Law Library and chapel are attainable.
- 501. In my experience, there has been nothing to say would be considered positive. In my view
- 502. You find out what triggered you as an individual, mostly law abiding citizen and child of god to react to the unfair world of employment policy + state govt. laws that cause men of great potential to plunge into the man-made nightmarish world of the D.O.C.! And how to stay out of this trap 4 good!

- 503. Seeing people go home with a plan.
- 504. I can honestly say Pinckneyville C.C is the worse most oppressive prison in Illinoiswith major issues dealing with Race
- 505. commissary every week
- 506. Have a single cell like segregation!
- 507. For people 50 and older there's not none: Basically the young people go to school and work. They don't too much let the old people go to school.
- 508. Have a single cell like segregation!
- 509. Next to round [ILLEGIBLE] on negative. But I can't think of nothing positive. Esp for Pinckneyville.
- 510. you learn to take full advantage upon you next opportunity knowing how it could be dictated if not.
- 511. The counselors do their job
- 512. N/A
- 513. Every prison has it's good points and it's bad ones. And this place doesn't have many good or positive things going for it. I can only think of three things. 1) We don't ever go on lockdowns so we get the whole \$13.00 state pay every month. 2) You can go to the commissary every week here. 3) Everybody is pretty safe here form other prisoners.
- 514. I would have said that if you were living a life of crime the positive in living in prison would be the opportunity to live and not die, but in this prison people are being killed so I don't think there is much positivity in this facility.
- 515. Religious service. Established rapport between some official's staff and prisoner's. At times healthcare unit save lifes. Sometime's. At best.
- 516. I cant think of none
- 517. The only thing I can think of is me waking up. Thank God I woke up this morning.
- 518. Nothing
- 519. There is nothing positive about life in this prison
- 520. They allow school to go even though we are on constant lockdowns because they are short of staff.

Q13. What are the most <u>negative</u> things about life in this prison?

- 1. Black and Hispanic people make up almost 60% of the prison population and all those prisons cost more than \$80 Billion per year to maintain
- 2. you only allow 1 hour out a day to use the phone/shower...
- 3. No programs or school because of my MSR date, can't get jobs unless you are a snitch or you know somebody
- 4. You're locked in your room 23 hrs with only 1 hr dayroom and 3 yards a week. They cancel video visits on the regular making it hard to see your family who live long distance.
- 5. Healthcare/Mental Health Providers

- 6. No communication twixt inmates & staff. I can't get a Covid booster shot as needed. Totally inadequate medical care. Total disregard for CDC Covid guidelines; they're putting me in danger. I have a long MSR date; I can't get any programs for self-improvement or rehab. I'm [70+ years old]. and feel as though I'm just waiting around to die in custody. Commissary is understocked, overpriced. Bad state food. Need more space.
- 7. Locked in a cell all day, even in GP, they haven't done sick call for over 3 mos.
- 8. Jail
- Everything.
- 10. not getting along with people I live with or deal with the staff members on all situations or Issues.
- 11. only 1 hour out cell.
- 12. Negative Dietary
- 13. only given one hour of dayroom; like being in seg.
- 14. Being lock up in the cell the majority of the day.
- 15. The 23 & 1 structure leaves an individual with too many hours of time on their hands. And undisciplined individual needs structure not unlimited hours of idle time.
- 16. The incompetent Hospital care unit.
- 17. Everything. From fair treatment to a person general safety and wellbeing this prison is very inhumane
- 18. There are people scattered throughout the prison (staff members) who would love to help us, yet Pinckneyville C.C. hierarchy finds ways to punish those individuals when they attempt to help.
- 19. I only have a year left but I treated like I'm facing life. They don't care who they put you in a cell with my last celly is a max inmate doing 75 years. I bearly get to talk to my family and kids because I only get 20 minute on the phone a day and a lot more things.
- 20. That There's nothing positive effective for People with a Lot of time
- 21. EVERYTHING
- 22. no programs, in cell all day, staff conduct/response
- 23. School available by outdate. Staff dont reply for Jobs or medical needs properly. we're in our cells 23 hours to 36 hours at a time. no weights
- 24. The complete disregard of individuals welfare, well-being and ability to
- 25. Being so far away from family
- I can't go to school due to my MSR Date of 2043 or I can't go to any other schooling due to my MSR date as well
- 27. The white CO's, they racist, they use the word boy alot or get or say you people alot like it's still back in the day it's Sgt, L.T. an CO's
- 28. There is no programs so we are in the cell for 18 hr. a day. help!
- 29. Treatment by staff.
- 30. the way the staff punishes inmates for other peoples wrong doing.
- 31. Everything
- 32. The whole atmosphere, everything from yard to dayroom to gym is hectic! You never know whats gonna happen
- 33. The officers
- 34. Good Behavior is ignored. Only 1 Hour Out the Cell and is Hard to Communicate With Loved ones and that is EXTREMELY frustrating and Harmful
- 35. for me, I have a sex case so I am forced to fight more then others. I'm put in danger with every cellie I get and if I dont fight and walk to dayroom restriction then I still get in troble but my cellie dont. So the way the rules are, your forced to fight

- 36. Im locked in the cell for to long & they take to long with certain things people need.
- 37. Everything.
- 38. we spend All day locked up 23 hours a day, we are like misused Animals
- 39. Being Separated at visiting Room due to Plexiglass Being up. And were still on the mask mandates. Commissary is out I miss when we go.
- 40. Everything!
- 41. It hard to get any help, It's Hard to even get to the hospital
- 42. Education: Locked up behind the wall since "2002," never given a chance for rehabilitation through GED. Never givin a good paying job because of discrimination.
- 43. It is stressfull because we are in our cells all day long.
- 44. Racism
- 45. Everything
- 46. Every Thing
- 47. almost everything
- 48. Being locked up can't do what I want to do
- 49. Everything!
- 50. Everybody around here.
- 51. No programs, time out of cell (they dont even walk us to chow for every meal anymore). Difficulty getting a job. No more sick call. No more one on one mental health. Stopping movement because not enough staff. They dont keep to a normal schedule for anything
- 52. you are always in the cell, They dont care if you need anything. Healthcare is the bare minimum
- 53. everything
- 54. I.A. doesnt let long termers have jobs. Two different vocational teachers offered me a Teachers assistant job after completion of their class but I.A. wont let me have the job. "Security" what about the 2/3 years I was in school? I can attend school but not work? Dead end
- 55. Healthcare. Dayroom. The schooling and Programs. Medical treatment. The meals. Placement
- 56. Being exposed to hatred. Being informed everyday that you're not important, that you barely exist. Being reminded that society threw you away. Being denied a lot of forms of human contact.
- 57. Being caged like an animal and disrespected by officers. The fear of being hurt or possibly killed by an officer or an inmate.
- 58. This is considered a "disciplinary prison," but most people are not here for disciplinary reasons, just general population. Yet we are ALL treated as if we're being punished. Medical program sucks—They seriously don't care. TV signal is messed up for months and They Don't Care! About anything!
- 59. Few opportunities for men over 10 years to educate/better one's self. A hard-working lifer in the kitchen was recently approved by Upper Iowa University to matriculate into their correspondence classes as he has too much time to get into Lakeland College classes. The A/W will not allow him to enroll—he wants an education! IDOC Mission is?
- 60. Everything you can think of in here, when cellmate don't get along they refuse to do moves. If you want to be moved they will tell you to walk yourself to seg.
- 61. The way this whole prison is ran where you got low med high risk inmates mixed matched and not separated in safety accordance
- 62. the fact that people with less time get more opportunity for classes than people with a lot of time. we deserve the opportunity to take classes as well. how can we get help

- or get clemencys granted if we dont take classes to prove or show we want to do and be better
- 63. Being in the cell for 23 hours a day, the Correctional officers, the staff, if your transfer is denied for any reason then you cannot put in for a minimum of three years
- 64. "Staff"
- 65. Name calling and bullying by staff and inmates.
- 66. EVERYTHING...you cant grow in this prison...
- 67. They act racist curse at you disrespect you call you names officer [REDACTED] destroys your property on purpose and tell you he did. treated like shit here.
- 68. Not enough time out of cell, not enough dayroom, no weights on the yard.

 Unprofessional Staff members of all departments, distance from family, small portion food servings, not enough Jobs for the Long term inmate, no programs for the long term inmate, poor health/mental care
- 69. we are locked in the cell 23 hours a day, when dayroom is ran they have too many people and not enough phones or showers
- 70. I feel that Mental health is treated as a joke and it makes me want to kill myself!!!!

 People that are long term don't get anything I'm not able to program, work, or school!

 This is a issue!!!!!
- 71. Everything including staff MHP [NAME REDACTED] try yet is blocked
- 72. Almost everything!
- 73. There is a poor selection and amount of items in commissary. There are not enough healthcare workers to run HCU and medicine in a rutine and timely manner.
- 74. To many to list
- 75. Everything you can think of.
- 76. Medical treatment. I wrote a grievance and sent it all the way to Springfield about med line im either not getting my seizure meds or at crazy times was told the problem was fixed but it hasn't been. At times they only have one nurse. Staff here are degrading and pure hateful. Just took me 2 months to send a canvas board out and was over charged. The most I can earn is 33 dollars yet get overworked.
- 77. In the cell All day & most of the time fights start because we all dont have time to get on the phone.
- 78. Everything
- 79. Staff conduct, programs available for us, time in our cells
- 80. I been here a Year in a half. And unable to get a job or school and Mental health don't try to help at all. I've been lock up [10+ years] and dont get in any trouble and still get treated unfairly. I got nothing to look forwards to.
- 81. Majority of the staff is Racist!!!
- 82. spending too much cell time
- 83. As a long term offender there is no hope for a better tomorrow
- 84. Stay locked up all day long
- 85. not Being Able To Get A Job. Being lock In The cell For 22 Hours out of 24 Hours, no weights on The Yard And not enough Time on The yard.
- 86. Being locked in the cell 23 hours a day
- 87. They dont put people with long outdates in school. When you have been approved to work but they dont let you work but will let a person who has not been approved to work out so they can work
- 88. We are in the cell For too long, if you come out at 8am the next day you will not come out until 6pm. That's longer than 24 hrs. You only get a hr. out the cell.
- 89. The Racist CO's + the negative attitudes they have against individuals in custody
- 90. The way we get treated. And not letting people Have school or Jobs

- 91. Locked in cell all day
- 92. Many officers yell at Lot!! ie. Lock-up! Go away! "(I Don't Care)" sick-call Line, stopped!
- 93. Treatment
- 94. This cell is killing me mentally. But the negative is we come out an hour a day, and some days we have to choose between yard or dayroom. And school programs are given to people by MSR date. And I still can't get a job.
- 95. one hour dayroom one gym a week and we locked in the cell for more than 24 hours a day.
- 96. The overall conditions of this place! IDOC is aware that each of the cells in Pinckneyville C.C. are illegal in size And yet they still double man these units
- 97. One Hour a day we come out please Help us. The officers Srg LT
- 98. we are locked up 23 hrs a day most of the time...The staff (C/O's)...
- 99. Bolts have been installed in each sewer pipe causing constant sewage backup. without a Job you spend little more than a hour a day out of cell. will not furnish any proper footwear to work in. medical unit is not competent in rendering a accurate remedy or Treatment in many circumstances and conditions are often ignored all together regardless of written and verbal requests. commissary is terrible, continuously depleted of common items. Staff is rude and demoralizing. far from home and family
- 100. 1 hour of dayroom or less a day, not enough phones/phone time. Not enough school or jobs for everyone, disrespectful staff, not enough medical/nursing staff, counselors don't do their job correctly. This prison is the most negative and depressing place I've ever been in [15+ years] of incarceration
- 101. sitting in the cell all day
- 102. Being away From our Families, and many other things.
- 103. Treatment
- 104. To much time in the cell. only 1 hour a Day under 23 hours in the cell
- 105. stuck all Day in the cell
- 106. The lack of recreation (i.e., Weights yard time)
- 107. Being locked up all day is just one of the nagative things and the prices on the commissary are too high, these people here in this prison are making their own prices.
- 108. Staff and mixed community
- 109. Constantly in cell—one dayroom per day; no adequate academic classes, i.e., college courses
- 110. Being locked up.
- 111. No time for real to communicate with outside support. 20 minutes a day is unacceptable. Especially out of a whole 24 hours.
- 112. Everything.
- 113. #1. that if you can earn good time but have a lot of time left on your term, you won't be given a chance or opportunity to get in no program or Job assignment until you At least 1 yr. to your outdate which is very very unfair.
- 114. Inmates have a lot of hate for a number of reasons.
- 115. Officers. Time out of cell. No weights.
- 116. If you're not dying then you get little to no help in anything else...most of the time you have to go over so many heads to try to get assistance and sometimes that doesn't help or they won't go get others of authority when we request for them.
- 117. we spend to much time in the cell 23/1

- 118. The CO's talk to us disrespectly, not enough food on the tray. Not enough jobs here. They fired 5 assignments because of drugs + cellphones. The tact team searched us & we were drug tested, I passed all that + was still fired from the commissary.
- 119. Only 1 hr out a day. Trans women are treated horribly!
- 120. Being Locked in the cell Damn near all Day
- 121. Lack of cleaning supplies weekly + inability to pull property boxes out of cells in order to sweep/mop. Low-quality cable system. Never have adequate items on commissary. The service provider on our tablets, "GTL" is piss poor. All the jobs are given to people w/ long prison terms rather than people like me who are under a year and good time eligible.
- 122. No weights, not enough time out of cells, horrible TV service, tablet connectivity, movie selections, state pay and work pay, healthcare is horrible at best, food is not based on a proper diet, old gym equipment.
- 123. Isolation
- 124. The staff treat us like shit
- 125. No respect, no help, no care. they don't give a Fuck about the Inmate in this Jail please Help
- 126. No schooling or work
- 127. The most negative things about this prison is the racism and the lack of respect from staff and how they treat and talk to individuals in custody. It's a very toxic environment
- 128. There is nothing to do to better yourself, you are locked in a cell 23 hours a day. Basically being warehoused.
- 129. Everything About this prison environment and its staff is negative, This is an extremely Miserable life.
- 130. Good things here are sometimes in too small in quantity & Require waiting for Good things.
- 131. They treat us like animals we are lockdown 23 hours a day even doe they said it's a 18-6 but they run it as a max also it's hard to get in school
- 132. I've never needed a lawyer until this case. The law library gives me the least amount of help to get by.
- 133. you ask any staff for help, They tell you to write a kite, when you do write a kite, they don't responds to your kite, these people think they can talk to you any kind of way Like you ain't nobody.
- 134. everything They Don't offer people programs to change or anything.
- 135. Being in the cell 23 hrs a day. If I try to transfer and I get denied I'm stuck here for 3 yrs. minimum. Training of staff is anti-prisoner.
- 136. Lock up all day long with no help on life after prison
- 137. Locked in cells Too Long
- 138. Staff are abusive, disrespectful, and uncaring because they know they can get away with it. Today, 1/9/23, a guard called my whole area "Bitches." Then he yanked my commissary order out of my door and threw it on the floor. I've never even looked at him!
- 139. I've been here since 2019 and still cannot get into school (college or elective classes). Most staff talk down or talk very disrespectful to you but when you speak to them in the same manner that they are speaking to you they will lie and say that you threaten to harm them or write a bogus ticket and take you to seg. No management over the phones, lucky to speak to family once or twice a week if you not in a click. Healthcare really sucks in IDOC period. They rather you suffer then do the right thing cuz Wexford wants to keep as much \$ as possible.

- 140. The way it is run and how they act and hide their Racism!
- 141. Everything about this prison is negative!
- 142. Inmates that maintain their grade and don't receive tickets get the shaft. And those inmates that create chaos are rewarded.
- 143. 23 and 1 lockdown
- 144. Healthcare units & **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]** Grievance Replies. No incentive to seek early release by program participation due to TRUTH IN SENTENCING. I've been here 20+ yrs pick on by guards due to wheelchair status & assaulted.
- 145. too much time in cells. can't change cell mate if you don't get along
- 146. I'm not able to Get a job or Go to school cause I have too much time.
- 147. first, Their is one dayroom a day, an a Sgt. in one house on 7-3 pm That make it hard when she works.
- 148. everything
- 149. N/A
- 150. Everything
- 151. staff conduct + healthcare, food
- 152. we only have 1 hour of dayroom a day, The Kiosk machines never work for video visits, The wifi server never allows us the ability to use our tablets in the cell. I cant get in school because I have too much time as they say, They tell me I need to have 2 years or less to get in school
- 153. Being away from family
- 154. No weights, to much time in cell, No Jobs, Not enough Yard or Gym
- 155. healthcare is shitty they treat you how they want not how you should be treated
- 156. The staff makes you think about your daily interaction with civilians post-release due to the hidden motives and ill intent behind the mask they wear showing smiles
- 157. Commissary. Medical, cannot get med refills in timely manner. 1 Dayroom a day. No Dayroom on commissary days
- 158. So Much Time Away from family and Real Friends
- 159. No way to get attention, even in an emergency, when in cell. They don't answer the button or yelling. Classes go by MSR. Most people will never be able to attend.
- 160. Lack of self-improvement programs with earned program sentence credit opportunities for people with 10 or more years to serve.
- 161. Food, staff conduct, contact with family and ability to get early release
- 162. Being locked away from society/family
- 163. you are locked in a cell for 23 hours a day. seeing guys go crazy from being locked in a cell for 23 hrs a day. you walk to chow once a day.
- 164. ADA Staff. Schooling/Time limit on going to school. Not taking people being sexually assaulted seriously. C/O's misusing the power
- 165. you cant work or go to school in you cell all Day
- 166. 23 hours in the cell, no airtime
- 167. certain TV Programs, NO HGTV, or GAC
- 168. None
- 169. No access to cleaning supplies and chemicals. No college Associate Degree Program Available (3 yrs.) Facility resists Any Positive change which benefits inmates. Hinders change. Treats Nurse, Mental Health, and teaching staff Poorly Forcing them to quit/Retire.
- 170. Being around Raciest Staff
- 171. Staff conduct!
- 172. Fights, Not Being paired up Right. Gangs, Medical Treatment Attention
- 173. The counselor and the C/O Staff conduct

- 174. No programming for all individuals, one hour out your cell a day. No schooling for all individuals. Poor food, Poor commissary, Poor cable.
- 175. No Room to move around in! No one care's...
- 176. Plexiglass on tables in visiting room, Because of covid. Totally unnecessary + only hurting our family quality Time!
- 177. Inmates die and no body says nothing about it.
- 178. Bad Plumbing. No heat, and no one is actually even attempting to address these problems without repeated filings of multiple letters of complaints and Grievances.
- 179. Staff's treatment of individuals in custody. Time out of the cells. Staying in contact with our support system. Etc etc etc...
- 180. 45 -1 hr out A Day, Bad channels, Bad staff conduct, Terrible foods, Not Alot of programs, very Racist
- 181. Some staff curse you, treat you like less than dirt, no really good program opportunity, administration will try to transfer you even if you do not want to be transfered.
- 182. Administration lacks concern about safety. They impose rules that break down communication between everyone. The warden is just treading water til he can get a better position through his political connections.
- 183. Racism between Inmates
- 184. Pinckneyville only give's you six hours of dayroom a week 4 1/2 hours of yard a week, 1 1/2 hours of gym a week. In gen pop. In seg you get 15 hours our of you cell a week and 12 hours of yard a week.
- 185. terrible food, poor cable TV reception & limited channel choice, only 1-hour access to dayroom (phones & showers) per day, minimal time available for yard & gym, incoming mail prohibitions block much mail, no genuine library
- 186. out of cell time, job opportunitys, programs, fair treatment
- 187. The warden and [STAFF NAME REDACTED]
- 188. Everything
- 189. Come out one time a day
- 190. Everything
- 191. The 23 + 1 Lockdowns
- 192. Healthcare ignores people's problems for months unless you press the issue with a grievance and even then, they do the bare minimum just so they can say they saw you. Pinckneyville healthcare is the worst I have experienced in the [15+ years] I've been incarcerated.
- 193. The officers are disrespectful when they talk to you and overly aggressive. I used to work in the dietary and everything in there keeps breaking down. The kitchen has multiple things in disrepair. They have no more night college classes ran through LakeLand college to get your Associates Degree. The cable channels always go out. We only come out of our cells for one hour dayroom time.
- 194. They will put you In the cell with a person That have 20+ years In you only have 3
- 195. Everything in every single area is broke, or breaks down way too often. No matter what is offered here the quality is the absolute worst they can find. Lack of Hot water for showers. If you have a problem that needs addressed, there is little to No help at all to get it resolved. It seems they want something bad to happen before reprieve.
- 196. Stress. There are some good CO's who are respectful and helpful but there are some who are not. more not so good than good. the counselor in mental Health agree and understand the stress we go through but they are just as frustrated with the system and officers who causes all the tension and stress.

- 197. 1 hour DayRoom 1x A Day, not multiple yards to go everyday no multiple gym to go to
- 198. The Facility It Self
- 199. The way CO's treat you, being lock in your cell but an hour and a half when no yard or gym. The way they get away with anything. How they go by MSR date for school. How you have to kiss a C/O's ass to get a Job or better situation. How the C/O's treat the nurses in healthcare for actually caring and trying to help us.
- 200. In cells all most 22.5 hours a day four to five days a week
- 201. Staff NOT following Procedures
- 202. Being cooped up with a person thats difficult to get along with.
- 203. It's only one hour of yard time/we locked in the cell 23&1. The Food that they serve is nasty & not enough to Fill a person up. It is not enough dayroom time as well
- 204. The young people they have no respect and the CO's and the L.T.S guy
- 205. Getting treated as we're not humans and no one care if we need help
- 206. you have officers and inmates that can make your situation better but they choose not to get involved
- 207. The staff here they only deal with specific people like favoritism
- 208. Drugs and correctional officers not caring about mental issues because it's to much paper work. They say.
- 209. Everything no rehabilitation
- 210. They only let us out 1 hour a day, we dont get yard or Gym everyday, I cant maintain Being a full time Husband an father because we dont come out enough
- 211. little to no access to productive rehabilitation Programs. Not enough out of cell time. limited communication with family (outside)
- 212. Without the most positive things, you are in your cell twenty three hrs a day! staff talk down to you, The unsanitized showers, the long process it takes to get a Job, put in school or programs
- 213. The staff and the amount of time we spend in our cells.
- 214. One hour of dayroom, one 20 min phone call a day. mail is 4 weeks behind. Impossible to get video visits from family. Support Contact
- 215. Staff are unwilling to help when asked. especially when concerning an issue between cellmates. Dietary feeds a lot of cold cuts. No programming. Hard to get a job. time out of cell is minimal. Staff shortages in healthcare
- 216. We only come out our cells 1 hour a day, it takes at least a month and a half to receive packages of book, etc. for property, They don't serve enough food on our trays, the officers are disrespectful and the overall quality of life is depressive and oppressive.
- 217. Being in a cell with Nothing To Do
- 218. Can't see your family and your in your cell 23 and 1 so no time to call your family, you come out once a day for a hour
- 219. They (C/O's) beat inmates. When in the cell with a problematic/incompatible (Dirty/mentally disturbed) inmate, the staff says "Fuck or Fight" in order to be moved. Healthcare is mainly pills (ibuprofen/acetametaphen) and creams.
- 220. If you have a lot of time Left to do you wont B excepted In the programs that R available here at Pinckneyville
- 221. correctional officers Dont talk Respectfully
- 222. Medical Care, They don't Care for anyone who needs it they turn down proper care for a lot of Incarcerated.
- 223. EVERYTHING!!! Not Being Able to talk to my Love ones

- 224. Being Part of the LGBTQ community and labeled as a transgender and not getting the proper treatment or treated fairly like having jobs and being around other individuals who gay bash and bully us.
- 225. Being locked in your cell at least 23 hrs a day. And there really isn't any good programming here. No good time restoration after long period of good conduct.
- 226. When you get here, The officers allow the inmate's that work in property to rob your property box, take all your commissary and they make you sign, like you receive all your stuff, ask anyone who got transfer here
- 227. Racist staff!
- 228. Everything Is negative Here
- 229. Everything is negative in this prison.
- 230. If you have a long time left in prison or if my outdate is further away. The education department doesn't show or have any equal protection of the law. Jobs aren't available to many long term offenders. The option of getting on your religious diets aren't always accessible.
- 231. your Family can bring you good Food From Outside. Healthcare system is Bad. Food Greasy, Expired and Bad. Officers From IDOC Only Care About money and Overtime.
- 232. Being locked-up 23 hrs. a day only allowed 1 hr a week of gym time, no weights on the yard, no access to the library or law library, you have to choose between going to yard or taking a shower. you shouldn't have to wash-up in your sink if you go to yard. Why should a inmate have to choose between yard or washing your ass. It's just crazy that they don't allow you to take a shower after yard or gym.
- 233. Healthcare denies us for everything. Dentist do too. The wardens hate inmates only white ppl get jobs. they're very racist. Food is terrible, trays are dirty, no cleaning supplies for the cells. mail is being held for weeks after arriving. Commissary is robbing us. EVERYTHING—No dayroom, no respect, no jobs, no nothing
- 234. Not ran properly. Racially profiled. Food. 1 hr out of cell a day. 23:1 in a medium
- 235. Staff Talk to you like you're a child, you gotta be bleeding to be seen by healthcare. They make it impossible to call your family everyday with how they run the Dayrooms.
- 236. Need more phones or at least extend dayroom
- 237. Gang members
- 238. Life in this prison
- 239. There is very little to do if you need a wheelchair.
- 240. Medical, food, freetime
- 241. The most negative things about this prison, Is the staff bring their personal problems to work, The ill treatment of Individuals in custody, And not providing weights to help relieve stress, Get proper Medical care!
- 242. Not comin out the cell long enough.
- 243. The Food is horrible, They have us to wear masks but 90% of staff do not.
- 244. The officers putting they hands on you in the disrespect
- 245. Everything
- 246. The most negative things about this place is the treatment by staff, there is not enough time out of cell for the phones, when button is pressed for assistance they never come. If something bad happens they take long to respond and risk our safety.
- 247. Being locked in cell 22 hours a day—or more.
- 248. The CO's and lack of dayroom time and Programs especially for People with time who trying to rehabilitate themselves.

- 249. We're locked up 23 hrs a day, Cant get contact visits unless vaccinated, Treatment by staff, yard and Gym time limited
- 250. They hold your mail or send it back for the dumbest things. Certain magazines they don't allow in. They force our love ones to be vaccinated just to see us. We come out once a day. The medical Treatment is beyond repair.
- 251. The most negative, All the mistreatment, And denial of Mental health, And Medical treatment. The way they degrade the individuals in custody, as if we were the dirt on the bottom of their shoes.
- 252. No programming, school
- 253. The most negative things about life in prison is Negativity is some time encouraged as a solution, often by staff! They rather see a good fight than a "ideal" environment!
- 254. The size of the cell. make me feel like Im dead, I can't stretch with out injure my self. The only space to move in my cell is about 3'x4 1/2'. I feel like Im been treat like a terrorist, My name is **[NAME REDACTED]** and Im afraid to die in such small cell.
- 255. When people cannot seem to get along and come together as one and stop being at war with each other Because thats what these people want us to do!
- 256. Staff talks down to inmates. No jobs unless a staff vouch for you. Always something different everyday no set rules or scheduled
- 257. No time out of cells
- 258. Being locked In the cells too much! The Healthcare is pretty much none existent. The staff don't listen to our concerns and the counselors try their best to do the least amount of work as possible.
- 259. Almost always in the cell, Not enough phones for inmates, favoritism by CO's, Nothing to do, no weights, on yard or in the Gym, Very Poor cable system and movies, Almost No medical care! They NEVER respond to The "Emergency Button" in the cell.
- 260. There are no weights on the yards. if you don't have anything going for you. Physical self improvement can enable you to be happier and more motivated to do other things
- 261. Not enough time out of Cell no dayroom and Not enough Phones Cable sucks and Tablet App
- 262. we only get 1 hour of dayroom & its hard to get transferred from here
- 263. Stay Locked up Everyday in the Cell. No weights
- 264. Correctional Officers DO NOT CARE about inmates needs and concerns.
- 265. Everything, shit needs to actually change and be looked into
- 266. interaction with other are not positive. Programs are not for everyone, low mental health, food is bad, hard to talk to love ones, we come out for 1 hour dayroom
- 267. Not being there With the people I Love. Feeling like Im Wasting away and Not using the Knolege I have. Being around People I don't know when I Should Be With My Family.
- 268. Being in the cell so long, and lack of opportunities for better improvement
- 269. sex offenders have to lie about what there here for to stay safe
- 270. you're in the cell 23 hours a day, you can't get a job and you can only use the phone once a day for 20 minutes.
- 271. no phones on tablets. so we only get to call are family once a day. some time none.
- 272. Being here
- 273. I am locked in a small cell all day with another guy. We are like live stock!
- 274. Lack of Healthcare, locked in cell 23/1, unable to get a job, placement, quality of food, lack of weights, yard/time out of cell, commissary, TV channels, property
- 275. The staff that controls our services, (cable, DVD's) are not held accountable

- 276. Everything honestly
- 277. not able to work a job or go to school to rehabilitate myself for society
- 278. No sick call/no healthcare given to those in need!! only regular people who already have medical conditions are somewhat getting Healthcare. No Tylenol available/pain meds at store nor can we go to sick call to get them. People at the chapel here trying to push their religion on you (store clerk) and frowning on our own religions. No fish at dietary for catholics on Fridays.
- 279. No such thing as life here.
- 280. There no opportunity for inmates with 20 yrs. and up to work, go school or programs. as of now this prison opportunity only help inmates with less time.
- 281. The different change's shift By shift on Rule's bay staff when warden + staff dont see eye to eye
- 282. negative thing the food, no school for people who got time to do, we use to get 2 dayroom, now it's one and it's only for a hour a day. we feed in 4 time a week
- 283. We are deprived of the things were supposed to have.
- 284. Most staff (no officers) literally know nothing about rules, policies, etc concerning offenders (and dont care) nor are responsible in their job duties, responsibilities, etc. regarding the job they are hired to do
- 285. Being away from family. Not much Time out of cell. nothing to do with our time. There is no programs to help better ourselfs. commissary never has anything we want or need.
- 286. no weights on yard & less dayroom
- 287. Being stuck in the cell 23 hours a day, no access to school or jobs, oppressive atmosphere
- 288. 23/1 lockdown, Not enough yard time. They discriminate.
- 289. The Dietary Staff putting chemicals in Inmates food like mines.
- 290. They hold your mail or send it back for the dumbest things. Certain magazines they don't allow in. They force our loves ones to be vaccinated just to receive visits. We come out for an hour a day.
- 291. Being locked down 23 in 1 All Day
- 292. That staff treat incarcerated individuals like animals rather than human beings.
- 293. They don't care if you get hurt or beat up by other inmates, the adjustment committee does not hold hearings like they are Supposed to, they just dish out punishments that violate our due process rights. They don't actually investigate incidents against staff.
- 294. Being Away From Love ones And watching your kids Grow up in pictures.
- 295. inmates
- 296. Healthcare is terrible. No sick call in 8 months! Treatment not given for chronic health
- 297. Everything you can think of
- 298. Not being able to get what you need like a pencil or a ink pen that works. Never being able to go to Law Library or regular library or having a Desk to write on.
- 299. you can lose your life @ any minute
- 300. We spend too much time in the cell with not enough time out. There are no weights. The cable/TV is terrible
- 301. Too many to list
- 302. we don't get help from the CO staff, they don't come by my cell to go out to eat, school, Dr, I'm Hard of Hearing and some time I can not hear them, they don't come and let us know or help us.

- 303. Food here is not very good. Cable here is very poor. Commissary never has anything always out of everything. Never get any cleaning supplies for our cells. Not much Time out of cells. They move people around alot
- 304. The rule of law does not stand equally for everyone. There is no such thing as "We the People of the United States."
- 305. 23:1 in cell, treatment of queer inmates poor, staff aggressive even if you're cordial, staff is untrustworthy & fails to show basic compassion.
- 306. This place makes me really hate life. Interactions this place has made me unhappy
- 307. gang members and drugs related peoples
- 308. We are in the cell for 23 hours a day, & the access to the phone is horrible, & they do not offer college classes & the programs they do offer they give you access to the people with the shortest outdate.
- 309. Nobody cares about you and you are often Forgotten or left in Bad situations
- 310. Dietary Foods All Three Trays. Breakfast Dinner Lunch. One hour Dayroom.
- 311. Being in a cell with another man or multiple cellies, plus not being able To Talk To your family whenever you want to.
- 312. "Staff kill or let inmates die!!!!"
- 313. No movement not enough programs
- 314. The treatment we been receive, basically, we don't have rights, they do whatever. They don't listen inmates they use punish better than help.
- 315. It's hard to convince people that you have changed your not the same. It's hard to rehabit yourself when you stuck in the cell 23 hrs a day. You sign up For all the classes and If you got a long outdate you keep getting pushed back, I been on waiting List to get In school, anything positive, for over 3 yrs.
- 316. The Administrative staff and officer are Racist, vindictive and make up the Rules as they go to suit them
- 317. Only one hour out of cell. Since being in school, we're not allowed showers some days. Only get 1 yard a week and 2 gyms a month. Officers are ignorant and neglegent.
- 318. Drugs, Gangs. Both here run the prison. CO Let them out to run all over the place even tho they don't have a Job. Gang people Treated Better thean non gang.
- 319. people
- 320. locked up in the cell 23 hours a day, food in chow hall is crap.
- 321. Being contain like an animal. 20 min phone time. Being placed in a cell with a lifer when the other person only has two year sentence
- 322. RACIST officer abusive authority, Degrading and Depriving inmates due process, gross medical and Healthcare providers
- 323. It dont got no available Jobs, we dont got alot of Dayroom hours, and commissary Items No good
- 324. How the staff treat people. The phone calls are not long enough. The food is not good. The Dayroom is not long enough.
- 325. Nothing to do, stuck in the cell no rehabilitation
- 326. Only 1 hour out of the cell time each day to attempt to use the phone and shower. With so many people Being let out at once (32-50 people) for 8 phones and 2 showers it leads to chaos. No time to socialize or do much other than try to make a quick call and wash yourself. little to no programs available only 3 visits per month
- 327. Dayroom once a day
- 328. Everything!!!
- 329. Too much cell time, not enough job or assignments. And forcing and choosing which inmate cell with another

- 330. The lack of Hope, Options, and incentive for ALL!
- 331. the way most of the Cos talk to the men here.
- 332. People with short time non-violent offenses in cells with violent offenders with a lot of time.
- 333. It is hard to get clothes when you wear them out being a worker, no work boots given to workers for work
- 334. The violence and bad Activities
- 335. All the above
- 336. Staff treating you like you're nothing, look at you like you're nothing, give you no attention or support.
- 337. Mail is 3 weeks late. They run this facility like its a maximum security prison.

 Guards/staff are racist, telling People this is a disciplinary prison when its really a medium (not enough phones)
- 338. Every official, Chanall, No School, Spanish TABE testing, Celle ect.
- 339. Im locked down all the time. I only get the phone once a week
- 340. The officers need People skill improvment
- 341. Staff
- 342. You have no real support or help, not outside or inside. No one cares about "Individuals" who the "world" condemns.
- 343. racism. The system hatred of black skin period.
- 344. Mostly The staff and how every rank sticks together even when they're upholding each others in wrong doing!
- 345. Life in prison
- 346. Everything
- 347. The way you are perceived by other people who have not been in this situation before.
- 348. You stay in your cell more than you be in your cell in a Max prison this is a medium they do not go by rules they are not letting Prisoner that have a lot of time go to school violating the School rule, even if you was in school and transferred in you still can not get in school, the Dietary food here is overcooked and undercooked, it is not a lot of food on the tray for a grown man, the trays have old food on them and Dish water on them where the food is. It is hard to get medical help, you get no response. You get one hour of yard. In the max you get 2 1/2 hour 3 time a week Stateville CC, Menard CC 5 hours two times a week, and commissary is over Priced for last food here.
- 349. Inhumane treatment no standards whatsoever. Even though I completed this survey nothing will change I wasted my ink
- 350. No weights and if you got a lot of time you cant go to school! we only come out of are cell for a 1 hour
- 351. Putting inmates in cells with people that Have Life sentences and Inmates that only Have a few years
- 352. The staff From wardens, CO(s), to counselors, to mental health directly blackball inmates for years blocking them out of any/all schooling & job placement do to prior history (in spite of years) of good behavior
- 353. Treat it like a maximum security prison. Lock you up + throw away the key. Argue about everything. The answer always ends in I don't care, file a grievance.
- 354. To many steps for the GTL video visits, extremely too many. Clothing don't follow protocol yearly. There are rats everywhere, in the food, commissary food. Dietary.

- 355. The way the staff run or let the institution run. Gang violence and drugs are rampent. This place makes you seriously fear for your life especially if you are gay or trans or LGBTQ+, I have been to 7 prisons and this is the worst so far.
- 356. Inhuman Treatment, lack of Respect, Freedom of choice is stripped away, fairness is obselete, & staff is very unreasonable.
- 357. We are locked away all day except for a hour! :(
- 358. 23 hour a day lockdown in cell, Lack of covirtion opportunity for prisoners who a substantiate amount of time left to serve
- 359. Its miserable. Being locked inside the cell for 23 hours a Day. Some Times more. Max Prisons Get more movement.
- 360. everything
- 361. No weights, Not enough Gym time, to much time in the Cell, Cant get Job From Staff.
- 362. No Education, program, or job opportunities. They say Lakeland is offered. Look into how many people actually received a degree the past decade here. Inmates are willing but the opportunity is not there.
- 363. The Staff who treat us like were not human, and the healthcare, we're not getting proper care.
- 364. I Am Bullied By other Inmates Because I'm Disabled, No One Cares About the Care of the Disabled Inmates. Medical Staff Do Not Do their Jobs or Care About our Health. I can Never Get my Medication Refills on time. I have Had An injury Since April And they took 8 months to Give me an MRI. No one Cares.
- 365. The Phones. No weights. No Time out The Cells.
- 366. 1.) Staff does not make grievances (grievance forms) available (especially in 4 House) to individuals in custody. We have to tell staff why we want to file a grievance before we have access to grievances.
- 367. They only give us 1 hr out of our cells, they ignore our crisis calls, and etc literally, It's Just so much.
- 368. Constant lockdown, it is dangerous, they do not feed you enough, there is no opportunity for good time, and the staff is disrespectful and unprofessional.
- 369. Been in cell with Another male, Also shower
- 370. Not being allowed Healthcare (no sick call and no Code 3 emergency) Sick call requests being ignored/No HCU Staff
- 371. 1. Sitting in cell for 23 hrs a day. 2. The fact we cant join any programs, until we 6 months close to going home
- 372. The most negative is staff is never properly trained for this type of environment.
- 373. Being locked up in the cell all day
- 374. Inside A cell Majority of the Entire day No Education following
- 375. everything
- 376. everything... The blatant disregard of the staff to inmate Fluctuation of the Prices in commissary, How is state pay \$10.00 dollar and a case of Noodle 12.00 dollars. Why are there inmates doing 5 year mixed with lifers
- 377. The Help No School for The People That have a lot of Time to Do
- 378. Drugs. Im an addict who by the judge is suppose to get drug treatment that they don't have at this prison and the drugs is everywhere. I stay in my cell 23 hours and today 24 hours and have nothing to do so I get high. They have a "request" library nobody uses with no self help books. So yea drugs
- 379. Racist, bored, lazy staff that only want us locked in or rooms so they can sit in the core without any worries

- 380. The most negative things are limited phone access, lack of healthcare, excessive time in the cell daily. This facility is far away from home so I cant get visits cause my families schedules don't allow due to distance. This facility does not go by state rules/prison rules no one is here to oversee or control their inhumane treatment of us. Ive had my life threatened by staff members in this facility. Ive been maced by staff when I was not involved in an incident and did not receive medical attention when requested. This prison feeds into animalistic behavior. Food is raw when served and trays are dirty and smell. So much time in the cell without access to ways to communicate is harming my mental state of mind. I have access to a phone maybe 3 times in a week due to insufficient number of phones and time out.
- 381. Being locked down so much and not having weights in the gym or on the yard.
- 382. No school for a lot of people or jobs too much time in the cell
- 383. You Don't get treated like an Human Being
- 384. Access to rehabilitative programming is by outdate so lifers get none. It is really tough to be approved for jobs. I have a great 35 yr. record but got one lousy ticket for fraternizing w/ a former nurse and now I can only get the worst jobs despite no tickets for a year + a half and a **[ILLEGIBLE]** to cold.
- 385. Medical Treatment is Highly inadequate; Quality of Food is Not Good; Cable Channels Bare Minimum; Commissary is Poor
- 386. Staff does not do theyre jobs at all and keeps us locked in our cells for as long as they can
- 387. Everything they do, They not organize, they unpredictable
- 388. How we get treated by CO'S, and Other Inmates, and Healthcare Sucks, They Don't Give us Enough to Eat, Everything is Dirty and to much Alcohol and Drugs Going on in Prison. The Mail takes So Long to Go Out or Come In.
- 389. Not enough time out of the cell in dayroom. Not enough time to use the phone. Lock downs that stop visits even if they drove 4-6 hours to the prison.
- 390. Lockdown, cell time
- 391. The Treatment we receive From certain officers
- 392. everything
- 393. The lack of literally anything. If something happens no one tells you why we are locked down, for how long, etc. The nurses and healthcare unit is terrible and you have to file grievances just to get things fixed.
- 394. Not being treated as a human a person
- 395. Cell assignments are random & dangerous, celly's get assigned randomly using only age as criteria.
- 396. EVERYTHING
- 397. EVERYTHING
- 398. Everything
- 399. We are locked in the cell 23 hours a day and it messes with a persons mind
- 400. Healthcare, Hard to get job/Not enough time outside cell. People with a lot of time unable to go to school. Prices at the commissary are insane. Need weights to exercise.
- 401. Incentive programs are not provided, for every individual which effects the mind state/attitude of individuals and ultimately plays a role in the environment.
- 402. Spending 23 hours a day locked in a cell. The lack of accountability to all staff. The medical Dept. is filled with tyrants. Officers are vindictive towards prisoners.
- 403. N/A
- 404. 23 hrs. a day locked down.
- 405. The treatment of inmates

- 406. Copious Amounts of Idle time: Too Small Double Celling: No Opportunity to work or Go to School: No Weights: Not Enough Yard time: Backed-up mail: Poor cable system/Package: No System to Document when you Do Something Good
- 407. 1 hr dayroom, Not Enough Time out.
- 408. Not enough schooling. Not enough space in a cell with two person in it. Not enough reading materials for none understanding English speaking persons and they need to help Hispanic with education so they can look forward in life when they leave the institutions. Also seeing persons that shouldn't be lock up for a crime they say he did.
- 409. the staff
- 410. Shit and nothing
- 411. Night yard "and" Dayroom for upper + Lower left side only in each unit. Upper + Lower right has to choose one or the other in each unit. Commissary low stock [HOUSING UNIT REDACTED] almost always shops last each week. Tv Reception most channels is always bad sometimes unwatchable.
- 412. The way staff talks too and treat us
- 413. Staff. How Commissary Is Ran, The Phone System.
- 414. the same as above
- 415. There is too much time in the cells & the people who live here are too young & inconsiderate.
- 416. The healthcare system staff, well the all thing, plus no time out from the cells
- 417. Staff. Locked in the cell all day, The food, The officers, The lack of programs and school.
- 418. they have a Lt. that has fights with an inmate or more at lease twice a year and he still here so you don't know when and if your next on his list
- 419. The treatment of inmates By staff, the small cells which Are Not Enough space for 2 inmates to occupy, and the Extreme heat in the summer inside Dining Rooms & Cell houses Because of lack of fans, Air conditioning, Etc. Not Enough time out of cells.
- 420. No industry, No Education (college), no programs, can only go to gym 1 time a week and there are no weights. It often takes over a month to get my mail from Home.
- 421. The officers treating inmates as if there Nothing.
- 422. u cant get good time/proper healthcare and staff is very violent and inconsiderant
- 423. How much time you have left dictates your involvement in activities and jobs. The informants basically run the place.
- 424. They lie about the food they serve they only give us 1 hour out every other week, we have to choose Between yard and dayroom when we can't get both. Staff don't respond promptly to issues. The CO abuse their authority and power trip over little things.
- 425. The negative is I'm locked in the cell on average 22/2 & I can't never get into school because in order to get in it goes by MSR date.
- 426. the fact that your in the cell All day and there's really no contact with your Family but 20 mins on the phone if the doors are on your cells to Get Access to the phones.
- 427. In one/two word Every Thing. (Or/I don't know if its one or two) lol
- 428. A LOT, For Example, Healthcare Withholds Medication To Punish People Who Write Grievances on Them!
- 429. Everything is about control and not Rehabilitation, we come out for one hour dayroom time, they control where we can and can't go in the dayroom, it's a dayroom the whole dayroom should be available to us. The staff curse, yell and disrespect us daily, I'm afraid that I might lash out when a staff member disrespect me. Everybody that work here is disrespectful
- 430. No opportunity for growth. No weights. No Programs.

- 431. Don't Know
- 432. Privileges are very limited, as is out of cell time. Jobs are given out on an inmate buddy system
- 433. Being around people who are constantly negative & just being locked up is obviously negative.
- 434. The negative things are the correctional officers doesn't give incarcerated people there mail and most of incarcerated people can't get a jobs and incarcerated people only have one hour in the dayroom. Incarcerated people only come to the dayroom one time a day.
- 435. You are a number and not seen as a person including any negative thing while locked away in life is a very poor situation/negative way of living. Especially in prison.
- 436. Right now the most negative aspect of life at PNK is the lack of healthcare. No matter how much pain, no matter how many request for help, no response from Health Care Unit. Other prisoners have told that they have not received high blood pressure med for weeks now.
- 437. The way we are treated
- 438. If a person does not have a job, to much time spent in the cell
- 439. They implement a "vote sheet" system for obtaining jobs. It keeps many from having opportunities as others do. When we submit for transfers theres no way of knowing If your request actually was seen by the transfer coordinator unless you were actually approved.
- 440. We never get out our cells long enough to get anything done. And no school for ppl with time to do (over 2 ½ yrs)
- 441. channels. Dayroom commissary
- 442. The way we are spoken to. Over aggressive & disrespectful. No programs for 50 plus individuals.
- 443. Not being able to spend some real time with your kids, family and friends.
- 444. everything in this prison sucks The living soul out off me
- 445. Healthcare. You don't receive it unless you are dying or the issue is obvious; like a bone popping out of your skin. Dayroom. You only get one hour of it a day. And on your commissary day, if you would have had it in the am you don't get it. The prices at commissary are astronomical! And where does the money from the inmate benefit funds go? Not the cable or movies, which are old and can be seen on tv
- 446. TV Channels, Food, Commissary, gangs, inmates controlling staff. Not Being treated as a Human, NO weights, No mental Health, NO Sex Offender Treatment. No Healthcare, Drugs
- 447. Medical don't know about Inmates Problems
- 448. 90% of everything.
- 449. You can't just get a job from who wants to hire you
- 450. Dealing with this unprofessional prejudice staff, who only care about locking people into cells 23 hrs a day and treating individuals like animals with a branded number on a plastic card.
- 451. Being away from Family.
- 452. Individuals in custody are locked in their cells for too much in a 24 hr day.

 Communication with family on the outside is limited to a 20 minute phone call a day.

 Not a lot of classes.
- 453. They do nothing to help rehabilitate the inmates for returning to society. Specially if your not short in time to serve.
- 454. I see more negative things than I have room to discuss about life here and since nobody cares I really don't care to explain due to nothing being done about it.

- 455. Being locked Down 23 hours A day
- 456. Out of Cell 1 hour a day.
- 457. Take to long to get enroll into any of it's class!
- 458. No sick call/Healthcare provided to those in need. Only provides medical care to a selected few individuals. Changing cellies... staff promotes us to fight it out making us Live in dangerous situations. People getting Killed in here because staff don't fix the situation. NO Heat for weeks in some cells!
- 459. No Mental Health Support, Treated as Numbers, Extreme Bias towards Sex Offenders
- 460. Food, Grievance Process, Rules Been Change, CO's Disrespect on Inmate, Women CO's Think every men wants them.
- 461. Healthcare is the worst I have seen in [15+ years] + 4 prisons. No weights on the yard. Drugs rule this place. Very inconsistent on scheduling. Going to chow is done inconsistently. Need access to grievances. Have to go through counselors. None in law library.
- 462. Dayroom Not Long Enough, Phone calls Are To Short (was 30 Minutes, Now 20 Minutes) Dayroom Could Be 1.5 Hours
- 463. Staff Support And School.
- 464. Officers Taunt Prisoners, Only A Hour A Day Out, Not Enough Law Library
- 465. being out for one hour a day and not a hour around maybe 50 minutes
- 466. Everything
- 467. Doctor won't take care of Pain in Legs!
- 468. The Officers Attitude
- 469. They don't put inmates in the right housing units, they don't put LGBTQ inmates in the right housing units, they put us anywhere, around people that make life hard for us, they don't cell us right, they put us with anyone!
- 470. Being treated like we aren't regular people
- 471. Harsh treatment of inmates and no time out of the cell. And minimal healthcare.
- 472. Its Totally Unorganised. Mental Health Here is poor. Not Enuff out of cell Time
- 473. Lack of time out mostly eat in house. No State Loans
- 474. Everything
- 475. You cant get to healthcare I been putting in slip for life 3 month still aint got called. I haven't seen the counselor in four or 5 months. Staff dont know how to talk to people like a human being but If you give them the same attention They give you they want to write tickets.
- 476. Not enough time out of the cell. Not portioning out commissary (they always run out of items before they get to our wing, Always), Not enough time to use the phone. School enrollment is determined by MSR date. No access to healthcare for me. No help at the Law library. If you don't get along with your celly you have to deal with it to the point of fighting your celly or refuse housing and get ticket. They don't want to help you get in a cell with someone who is compatible.
- 477. How I Get Treated By Everyone.
- 478. everything
- 479. Loneliness
- 480. I, for example, have no violence in my background and was given a convicted murderer as a "celly." I'm daily around people with no out-dates. I often have to barter to use a phone. There aren't enough for everyone. I have no violence and only drug charges, yet I'm in a cell 23 hours a day the same as lifers. If a loved one has a felony conviction I need permission from the warden for VIDEO visits. I am

- degraded and dehumanized daily by sharing showers with rapists and using a toilet in front of another man. In here the strong prey on the weak.
- 481. The staff refuse to help you or do anything to support you in a positive manner. Only interaction is when issuing tickets, shake downs, or medical emergency. Only 1 hour of dayroom on average, even for most workers, commissary is inconsistent and expensive. No school or programs unless you within 2 years of release.
- 482. Staff misconduct
- 483. No cleaning supplies, Brown water, dietary trays, expensive commissary, 23n1 (23 hours in cell a day)
- 484. Inhumane conditions, negative environment
- 485. Meds not being distributed on an everyday Basis. Dietary is Bad. Locked in cell 23 hrs a day.
- 486. always being around negative people
- 487. 23 hours in a cell, people who get good time and are minimum security are not getting the same treatment they would if they were in a minimum security facility. Most people with jobs have 85% or 100% sentences, and people are getting jumped on, stabbed, or retaliated against.
- 488. Healthcare/[60+ year old] man/[MEDICAL INFORMATION REDACTED] /broken "leg brace" [12+] months on crutches/Blanton disregard of health and well being having to file a "1983 Civil Lawsuit" to try to get a "new" leg brace. Meanwhile in pain/medication being "withheld"." Retaliation by Pinckneyville
- 489. One word explains it all; Everything!
- 490. I can't get into school or get a Job, there no weight on the yard to Help maintain my mental health, I can't get any Help to better myself
- 491. It That the staff look at you as Animal more so than a human.
- 492. They Take 40 to 50 days to give us our mail. 5 to 6 days for messages.
- 493. Staff Members
- 494. When you have 2 yrs or less, this facility fails to get you into any mental health or substance abuse programs.
- 495. The time we spend in the cell and it is so hard to get a Job if You under the 100% charge and if you don't score <8.0 on the Tabe you can't do schools.
- 496. Very poor availability to Health professionals, diagnosis, treatment, and follow up. Dental and eye care almost non existent. Dangerously low staff levels in security, mental health, and healthcare. Too many people dying in here for preventable reasons.
- 497. Not having the means to be rehabilitated while here nothing in the sense of helping you change your attitude or behavior.
- 498. it has No Programs of Any Kind to help people Become Better people when They Return to the outside
- 499. not going home
- 500. Everything in this Prison is negative. The officers pit us against one another. The administration favors and caters to the black inmates over the white and Latino inmates. Jobs are nonexistent for white and latino inmates because they go to the blacks.
- 501. The CO's
- 502. everything
- 503. How they keep us locked up for 23 hours a day like this is a max prison. I was sentenced to 50% for my crime and I can't receive good time award cause this prison has no programs etc...

- 504. Time in the cell is 23 hours a day animals in shelters and zoos get more time out of their cages.
- 505. Officers, Food, HCU, in cell time
- 506. Most things are negative because the way the staff sees us as sort of the scum of the earth.
- 507. I feel like there is no one I can or even want to talk with about the problems I'm having. That included mental health.
- 508. The COs inmate both if you ask me.
- 509. being in my cell 23 hours a day.
- 510. Having to be told what to do or having to live in the restroom.
- 511. Racist staff. Little time outside the cell.
- 512. Food, counselors, some COs, No Blow up Dolls on commissary, State Pay is to low, Toilet Paper is Rough on your Ass, They Don't Sell Jim Bean Johnny Walker or Kessler not Even Vodka
- 513. The fact that I'm stuck inside of my cell for 23 hours out the day, that I can't talk to my loved ones but 1 time a day for only 20 minutes.
- 514. The Healthcare situation. In the cell Twenty three Hours in your cell All day! Food is Trash
- 515. Lock up ALL day long Except 1 hour
- 516. personal treatment by Staff (All) Including the Warden
- 517. Dietary food; Commissary; we are a medium facility but get 1-hour out. And on commissary days 7-3 shift does not come out for dayroom. If you get a DR and you're innocent, they will make you guilty. Since I been here I asked for camera footage the prison said "None remain for the day' or 'Footage show nothing relevant for your innocence.' The Rules always change and when they do you never know until its to late. You Sometimes (4/10) Get Notified of Boil-Water Orders! No Daily cleaning supplies. We have to use mirrors/cardboard/rags and make our own cleaning chemicals! More...
- 518. Most of All Things
- 519. The Staff! The way the operate when it comes to helping individuals in custody; abiding by their own policies & regulations. Being inconsiderate of one's health and safety, as well as overbearing with senority. Abusive when using Authority
- 520. no groups, not about building or becoming better, no mental health groups, we don't get to see health staff because low staff. no yards, no gyms.
- 521. Healthcare you can't talk to a nurse to see the doctor. I take meds I was getting them at 8 am and 8 pm like I spose to but now I can get them from 5 am to 10 am and from 9 pm and 1 am. And if you get a call pass and your gone you don't get your meds at all.
- 522. My old cellie attacked me twice, I told staff and showed them the bruises/told them he exposed himself and threatened to kill me. They did nothing. I was scared for my life so I walked myself. I received a ticket for it...
- 523. All the Drugs smoking and stuff.
- 524. It is very dangerous.
- 525. food is very bad.
- 526. 1. Over-housing these one man cells. 2. Once a day for dayroom... Un-affordable things on the commissary
- 527. Lockdown 23 and 1
- 528. The many personalities you are forced to deal with. And, time away from the people you love.

- 529. The pressure of being locked in a very small space with another person for 23 hours a day is inhumane.
- 530. Some staff treats minorities very bad in a very (extremely) disrespectful and slightly (subtly) racist way. Little dayroom and yard.
- 531. Terrible food, very unhealthy, limited contact with loved ones, very much Isolation. 23/1
- 532. The direct and most likely answer to that question is the abysmal and immoral level of healthcare that's going on (as of right now) in the Illinois, i.e. I.D.O.C. system. Specifically Illinois has a mediocre, irresponsibley reckless medical service co. vendor: Wexford Medical Heatlh-Servs. which unfortunately for Ill. inmates has a code of inaccurate and improper medical patch up work and cut corners medical treatment (corrupted and corruption) protocol! A medical treatment protocol that is literally inhumane by open free society healthcare standards.
- 533. unproductive time and counter-productive activities.
- 534. This prison Pinckneyville locks us down 23 hours and over 30 hours every other day this place treats us like terrorist anti social policies. We can't speak to each other about the law, family issue, religion if your housed on the top or bottom deck.
- 535. No support for the LGBT community
- 536. No consistency, Hard to move on from this Facility. To much time locked up
- 537. Not having a cell by myself!
- 538. The Racist officers, nurses, Admin, staff, and Warden: It's Blatant Racism
- 539. I have A cell! Not Having a Cell By Your self!
- 540. It's strictly designed to be counter productive. All opportunities here @ them [ILLEGIBLE] as privileged [ILLEGIBLE]
- 541. The value of life no longer means value.
- 542. Being in your cell for 23 hrs a day, no school for people with long sentence, no law library or phone on tablets, showers, no clothes in commissary
- 543. everything
- 544. 1) Go to seg porters steal property and the COs know it and don't stop it. 2) They sell small 6" fans now. With climate change + hot summers it's torture in these hot cells with them. 3) The nurses our quitting because of a contract dispute with Boswell Pharmacy Services. So there is no sick call anymore. No sick call anymore. 4) The cable is terrible here. Either channels always go out or the sound on a channel does.
- 545. The time spent in the cell, there is no opportunities to attend any helpful re-entry programs. The officers are extremely biased and some blatantly show racial discrimination.
- 546. Lack of humanity. In. Chief. Big I & Little U out Laws in various capacities. No respect at large for prisoner and common rights. In particular.
- 547. Staff Don't listen to you, you only get 1 hour out your cell, punishment are to harsh
- 548. There are so many but I would say the way the CO talk to me the way they treat me. Then not having more time out my cell. And last the phone at one time they were going to put phones on the tablets. I think that will be best.
- 549. Everything. You can't get in school unless you are short. You can't get a job unless you are a snitch or kiss up to them.
- 550. everything about this prison is negative
- 551. We stay on lockdown due to staff shortage, and most of the violence here is because of the shortage of phones.

Q14. What suggestions do you have for

improvement?

- 1. Sentencing for nonviolent offenses should be re-evaluated, and prisoners with no history of violence should be considered for release. Or courts Diversion programs. And other alternatives to prison should be expanded
- 2. Let us out our cells For at Least #2 hours a day to use the phone
- 3. more dayroom hours, Let mental health professionals do their job and not let officers dictate them. Let Healthcare staff do their job and not let officers dictate it.
- 4. More time out your cell. More programs and school for guys who have more than 4 yrs. Staff training to deal with inmates.
- 5. Better healthcare, more time outside cell/Dayroom/Yard
- 6. Focus on inmates' needs. For rehabilitation. For physical health. For psychological well being. Teach staff that it's not demeaning to attend to inmates' needs. Their training should include more than self-defense against inmates.
- 7. more time out of cell, more programs.
- 8. No
- 9. Put the phones on the tablet. It a stop a lot of fighting. And I think these people know that!
- 10. Going to program and taking down note so I won't make the same mistake so I can do Better with things in front of me.
- 11. more time out cells and access to programs including working.
- 12. Staff Follow The Rules
- 13. Given more dayroom time. Get CO **[NAME REDACTED]** away from medical line cause she cancels call passes on her own. She's not medical personnel.
- 14. To let the inmate have a total of fourteen hours out of the cell every day and a extra hour out on the weekends.
- 15. Employee training in social skills. more access to educational & rehabilitative programs
- 16. Close it and start over.
- 17. Get the news and outside people involved.
- 18. Overhaul! Yet, on a smaller scale, there should be some kind of sensitivity training for staff here at Pinckneyville C.C. (mandatory) especially for correctional officers.
- 19. Just understand that we are human beings too
- 20. There's no improving prison(s); prison(s) is design to incarcerate ones physically, mentally, and emotionally—It is that that cause recidivism. 90 percent of incarcerated people are insane; They get locked up over and over for the same thing, expecting different results; Instead of prison, many need to be sent to a created rehab center for mentally insane people! Statistics shows that prison is not the solution
- 21. HELP NEEDED!
- 22. more time out the cell for social activity and ways to be productive like more programs, vocational classes
- 23. New Warden new IA thats for Individuals not Just the Staff. allow schooling and rehabilitation courses available to requesting individuals in order from request, add another dayroom or extend dayroom time

- 24. Equal opportunity for Individuals thats looking to educate themselves, regardless of the amount of time left on their sentence. Schooling has often been denied to Individuals with outrageous sentences.
- 25. To put phones on tablet will take away 90% of problems and move ones closer to family for visits
- 26. give us more time out the cell, start giving us with truthful sentencing more school and job's, and bring weights to pinckneyville that would help with one's Mental Health and Stress and Help take one's mind off a lot. We need weights Here
- 27. for the CO's to wear body cameras, stop calling black's boy an bring more black officer's down here...or mexicans
- 28. Try to bring in more programs, so that men may have a change To make it on the outside, right now and no hope no jobs
- 29. Better treatment by all staff. more Dayroom time, more Yard & Gym time. Availability to school & programs for guys with a lot of time. Better Quality food in dietary (including Kosher meals). Adequate Healthcare Treatment. Cleaning supplies.
- 30. to punish the sole individual who committed the offense instead of the whole unit.
- 31. Hold staff Responsible for there actions & more school & programs
- 32. new administration
- 33. None
- 34. More opportunity to Communicate With Outside Support. Grievances Be Taken more Seriously and Be looked into.
- 35. Eather single cell or placement should be more careful of who they put into a cell together. They should give people with more time a lot more opportunities to be able to get out
- 36. Fire the entire staff and replace them with new recruits and new administrators.
- 37. more time out treat us as men and not wild Dogs
- 38. Better commissary. Take Down visit Barrier—we All Have Been vaccinated. Isolate those who havent had the shot to Just 1 Building.
- 39. counselors should be from a outside source not IDOC. Nurses should not be able to talk to the CO unless a problem accures for rules only, not beat some ones ass! or set some one up! It happened to me!
- 40. Stop the Racism and taunting of prisoners, the whole purpose is to provoke you.
- 41. 2 dayroom times a day, GED class for lifefers like myself, so that I my present a GED certificate for my clemency.
- 42. change the way you allow people to go to school and work. They go by MSR date, my date is a long ways away but I'd still like to be able to learn and better myself.
- 43. Shut it down.
- 44. Close it down or new administration
- 45. more chances to better yourself
- 46. More out of cell time longer yard time. Better movies. More TV channels
- 47. There are alot!
- 48. more time out the cell and more yard
- 49. Close it. Ive been at Stateville, Western, and Menard over the last 10 years. This place is the worst. poorly run and staff that is anti inmate.
- 50. Need more out of cell time. Make it more easy to get a Job. Have staff treat us more like a human.
- 51. Respect
- 52. staff training. stop kicking our ass for asking for help or for more yard. They take things too far. we get cussed out for simple questions. In example, "Are we going to

- commissary this morning?" Answer, "I don't know, I don't give a fuck if you shop or not."
- 53. Detainees should be housed with those whom they have same outdate!
- 54. I think prison should be utilized to rewire the brain through education, giving people another way to see life as an opportunity and not as survival. Education and information should be the main focus of prisons. If you make a man believe he's an animal, he'll act as an animal. We should also be able to be with our wives.
- 55. More opportunities to better ourselves. More classes to get an education. Lastly, more than one day of gym a week
- 56. Fix Placement! Let us pick our cellmate. They are bad at it and we can't get away from a bad cellie. One CO said the only way out was to "fight or fuck." We get PUNISHED if we choose to NOT fight by refusing housing even more severely than fighting. 30 Days vs. 7 Days.
- 57. NO ONE wants to work at nor be sent to a "Disciplinary Facility"—NO ONE!
 Consider the logic of offering the opposite: Everyone would be proud to brag about being transferred to/working at one of the best facilities w/o IDOC. 1st consideration: PNC CC is the newest. add more school. Has most overweight men in IDOC: dump weekly commissary.
- 58. more programs
- 59. put any one in they 50's they should be housed in the same cell house, and not in the cellhouse with any one in they 20's to 40's, make cell moves when there is a issue with cellmate
- 60. set up houses in min/med/and high and separate them as you get life people stabbing fighting low/med people
- 61. give the same opportunity for people with a lot of time that guys with short time get with classes
- 62. Allow more time out of the cell. Provide more programs. Change the three year transfer rule so it is made possible to rehabilitate in a prison more productive.
- 63. "more time out"
- 64. Better food/commissary/tv channels, also workers who stay out of trouble should be able to have a picnic 3 times out the year for good behavior
- 65. more dayrooms, more programs for all not just the short timers.
- 66. find none racist people to work, if you are black you cant get a job in certain places here has been verbally expressed from staff here.
- 67. Put weights on the yard. give 2 dayrooms for at least 1 hr 30 mins each. Provide all offenders (long term) programs. Just like (short term) education
- 68. to give us more dayroom time, and to make a real difference the tablet needs the phone app to be made accessable like they told us in a memorandum they would. almost all fights and conflict is over the phone. nobody can call their loved ones like they want to
- 69. more attention given to long term offenders, in the form of programs, schooling, work, and mental health. give us another Warden that cares about the population that they run. We need someone that wants to use programs that better the population. This Warden is only pushing punishment!
- 70. Stop running a business & run a restortive environment
- 71. Classes, Technical opportunities
- 72. More healthcare and maintenance personel. Weekly parts and supplies reviews. Weekly maintenance reviews for the whole Facility.
- 73. I think we should Look to the state of MN. For help in how our prison should be run.
- 74. Remove the warden

- 75. each Staff member needs to be reviewed on work performance. By the way they treat people here causes tention. Medical unit all around needs improvment. It's not the nurses but the company they work for. Higher work pay. The overall maintenance and well plumbing, cable, showers, Hot water.
- 76. Open up the prison & start giving classes to everyone so that we can learn & do some thing with are life's
- 77. Close it Down
- 78. To bring more programs here to support re-entry to the free world
- 79. To get more dayroom & movement. People that got time to be able to get school and jobs. And treat everyone fairly.
- 80. more nurses & mental Health staff. This prison is mentally draining
- 81. more programs & job availability
- 82. more dayroom, weights on the yard
- 83. Being able to Have more time out of cell
- 84. 2 dayrooms, more time on The yard And more Gym Time And weights on All of The vards.
- 85. Allow us to be out more
- 86. Give mail on time not 2 weeks late. Put the phones on the tablets along with case law. Give more time out the cell. Better food.
- 87. More Programs for all individuals in custody regardless how much time they have.
- 88. Close it down. Everything needs Improvement
- 89. Let the Fed. run it.
- 90. see why all the nurses quit—many, many, over the past (1/2) yr!? (short staffed, no sick call lines past (1/2) year!!
- 91. More jobs and programs
- 92. I wake up angry most days, so I've never even thought about how to improve this facility. Maybe provide programs for every individual. And more time out the cell.
- 93. Shut it down because the CO's Just look out for themselves.
- 94. Mandatory programs for everyone on the new. Lifestyle redirection is the best start. Then school, this will change a persons mindset + give she/he a chance at being the best them!
- 95. New Staff and Warden ASAP
- 96. more leisure time out the cells—How is this even MED-security But TREATED AS A MAX!?
- 97. reasonable time for recreation and being out of cell. improvement of food quality. competent medical administrator to do the Job correctly!
- 98. Allow us more dayroom time, add phones to the dayroom, add weights to the yard, hold staff accountable for acting unprofessional, require counselors to walk around and speak to us once a month like they should, hire more medical staff, repair cracks in the walls so our cells aren't freezing and full of vermin
- 99. more time out of the cell and more programs and Jobs
- 100. To me on my opinion it is not one. Stay out of here.
- 101. More jobs and programs
- 102. more Dayroom—yard. classes to Learn English. spanish translaters in HCU
- 103. To start meduem Transfers Back so I can get away from this prison
- 104. (1) More out of cell time (2) More programs
- 105. To lower the prices on the commissary, to train staff better and most important give (2) two days, so that we can get out the cell to talk with our family and friends.
- 106. Please see for yourself

- 107. more dayroom; more yard/gym access; fix the cable system; add college programs; need to allow us to order art supplies from Dick Blick again
- 108. No comment
- 109. Well supervised dayroom schedule. Different programs to better yourself. Also better communication between staff and inmates.
- 110. Stop Being Abusive to Inmates!
- 111. To Allow people who qualify for good time to have an equal opportunity as a short timer does. Because people with time left to do are treated unfair in that area.
- 112. None
- 113. To many to name. But can start with answers from Q13.
- 114. Better food (white bread for one is pork) and most food doesn't seem edible; its a toss up to eat it or not. The prices at commissary is outrageous. The items they use to have (such as chips use to be bigger) and now the smaller bags is about the same price as the big bags. They used to have sodas (by "push") but now they have other sodas that's \$1.69. If you're having problems with your cellie the only way you can move is refuse cells + get a ticket or fight. If a person is feeling stress he can't even request a couple days away in seg. w/o getting in trouble.
- 115. improve the channels, movie's, dietary food, time outside the cell, recreations, school, jobs, programs
- 116. Teach staff to do their job. The counselor **[NAME REDACTED]** will not do anything for you. He shows up when we are leaving for chow or commissary. I sent him a request stating that my celly said he would kill me. "get me moved." I had to refuse housing. It has been over a year since a counselor asked me if I need anything.
- 117. More dayroom. Better Trans treatment!
- 118. Better and more training of the staff.
- 119. Fix the cable system + get a package that actually has some worthwhile channels, considering our "inmate benefit fund" is paying for it out of our state pay. Stop neglecting to restock commissary w/ necessities + staples regularly. Stop depriving us of basic art supplies such as card stock, colored pencils, oil paints, etc. Start giving jobs to people w/ less time to serve so we can get good time instead of giving them to people they know can NOT get good time contracts for work assignments so they can keep people from getting out sooner which would dip into the government funding this facility receives. (If people continued to be released so regularly and in bigger numbers, it would decimate the prison's population and the amount of money being generated by such).
- 120. Weights on yard and better gym equipment, complete healthcare overhaul, work pay needs to be increased to minimum wage, commissary needs to have a better supply of staple items, TV wires and connectivity need to be updated, tablet troubleshooting updated service, better food.
- 121. Better Food
- 122. More dayroom & school
- 123. Fairest! more school For everyone! Better food! more phone time!!!
- 124. More school
- 125. I would suggest that all staff be trained on stress management, mental health, sensitivity training. More access to educational programs for longterm offender. More time outside cells.
- 126. For the health and safety of the inmates there need to be a way we can communicate with the officers in case of an emergency. As it stands if something happens why we are in our cells we have to beat and kick on the doors continously for lengthy periods of time to get the officers attention, (We are in the cells 23 hours

- a day) There is no emergency button or intercom to the officer Bubble outside in the interlock!
- 127. Close this prison, or fire the entire work force and employee security staff that has no connection to the current staff.
- 128. Put the Phones on the tablet & serve more chicken quarters, their delicious.
- 129. letting us out more and letting us get in school it's hard to get a Education we need them to get on top of that
- 130. Get more teachers + instructors. Better food. Better commissary. More things to do during yard. Like get some vollyball nets + balls. Bats + balls. Let us get our social security benefits.
- 131. I have no improvement in this place, I not in school, or I don't have no positive vibe in here, all negative vibes to me.
- 132. more Programs/more Recreation and a change in flow, Clinical service Do People custody of being Low/Med/Max instead all together
- 133. Allow me to leave the cell for more than 1 hour a day. Change the 3 yr. minimum wait if your transfer is denied. Allow people with further outdates a chance to be productive.
- 134. More freedom and not controling programs by outdates
- 135. Educate Staff To Mental Health Issues
- 136. Set up a system for using the phone fairly and more often for all. Now, I'll get the phone once a week or so. Then I'd have to beg and pay others to use the phone on their time. Now its set up so every one gets a phone for an hour every week or so—but we can only make one 20 min. call in an hour. So we have to try to trade phone time! Prisoners are not fit to run phones fairly.
- 137. Give everyone a equal chance to get into school no matter how much time a person has. put phone's on the tablets. More dayroom time. Galsburg even when I was there they had dayroom twice a day 1 1/2 during the first shift and 1 1/2 hours during the second shift. real accountability for the officers. Better healthcare and when you get transferred whatever healthcare issue that have been taken care of should continue on to next facility.
- 138. Blow this Bitch to Hell!
- 139. Everything about this prison need improvement, very poor behavior by officers on all levels in this prison
- 140. Grade standards. Inmates who continue with bad behavior should be placed in a cellhouse of their own. It's 4 wings to a house and each wing should contain inmate that attitude reflect the wing that they live on. If you are on C-grade you should be placed on D-wing and have to earn the right to be on A-wing.
- 141. more time out/programs
- 142. adopt/create a time line for daily housing unit rutines. Tell Guards to stop intentionally doing nothing early on to deliberately deny or cut programs short. Also stop blaming Nurse for unnecessarily excuse stopping daily Dayroom/Yard showers ADA shower. As were to come to the core/vestible off wing of housing unit, to visit nurse while programs continue
- 143. Be able to change cellmates. More law library. More time out of cells
- 144. more dayroom time and school programs.
- 145. Well, give more dayroom, pass out cleaning stuff, just let up in let us have more to do.
- 146. N/A
- 147. get FBI to investigate it
- 148. Complete rework of living Standards + Rules that are here in place be inforced fairly

- 149. let us out for more than 3 hours if this is supposedly a medium facility, fix the wifi servers, fix the kiosks, give us chances at getting better work opportunities, give us the ability to get into school
- 150. We need more time out of our cells
- 151. more Gym time & weights on yards. more Jobs opportunity
- 152. everything
- 153. Swap the entire staff with a northern prison
- 154. Replace commissary staff + workers
- 155. 1. More Time out of cells, At least 4 Hours a day. 2. Better training for staff in communication with us. 3. More Job opportunitys
- 156. Education and materials, documentary tv channels or tablet apps. We need positive, education and stimulation. There is none!
- 157. Separation of people who are in school/work from those with disciplinary issues. collective punishment is unfair.
- 158. Better food, everyone receives good time and the grievances taken more seriously. Air conditioning even dog shelters have to have it but not prisons.
- 159. Give us more programs that encourage us not to come back. And make it available to all. (Not just people who are have to do 50% of their sentence or who are about to go home shortly.)
- 160. There has to be a standard of time enforced of out of the cell movement. Example the requirement for medium security is 18 and 6. How is Pinckneyville getting away with 23 and 1. While lying on the computer saying it's 18 and 6.
- 161. To get mental health staffs that works w/ all incarcerated peoples along w/ the LGBTQ+ prisoners too. Helping people in school w/ ADD/ADHD problems. Help prisoners that has been assaulted in anyway. Put call/emergency button in segregation/general population
- 162. more Time out cell more yard time And weights on the yard!
- 163. more time out the cell, more recreational time
- 164. get Those's stations
- 165. None
- 166. correct problems From Question 13 (Above).
- 167. get more of every Race working hear
- 168. Having CO who help inmates
- 169. Place inmates by the Extension of time they Have. Place inmates by the nature of their crime. Don't move A Inmate if he's Not Getting in trouble
- 170. Allow more Time out-of-cell, and provide program for older prisoner Like myself, of 70 yr old. Start Allowing Inmate to have a input in some policy concerning the Day to Day Living Policy
- 171. More programming that include all individuals. Including the one's under truth and sentencing, this means schooling as well. Better food, more time out the cell's, Better cable system.
- 172. More yard, Gym, and Better Food and Better staff A-Men...
- 173. IDOC needs to stop rewarding "short-timers" with programs they don't appreciate. IDOC always gives to "closest MSR Date" for all programs. Not fair to "Tall timers."
- 174. Change the way that they run it. and the staff.
- 175. that Prisoners requests when it comes to bad Plumbing (no hot water), no heat in cell is taken seriously and without repeated written and oral requests and Grievances are filed
- 176. For an outside source to come in and study all of the negatives and recommend positives that can be implemented

- 177. change the staff conduct, they look for us to mess up
- 178. Keys to our own cells for letting ourselves back into our cells when we want in, clearer TV reception, better programs, more choices in cutting our time down so that we can go home to our families quicker, and easier ways to parole out of state.
- 179. More yards. More/longer dayrooms. Better mental health treatments.
- 180. Phones on the personal tablets
- 181. more time out of your cell and more contact with your family.
- 182. If only in the name of maintaining good health, need more time out of the cell to move about—more dayroom, yard, and/or gym access
- 183. Give us more out of cell time. make school & jobs available to all. treat people as humans not animals
- 184. New and humane (Warden and Doctor)
- 185. nothing
- 186. Close it down
- 187. it wouldn't make a difference
- 188. Replace entire Healthcare staff. Better cable channels. Allow us to obtain games such as Magic the Gathering card game or Dungeons & Dragons. Put exercise weights on the yard. Let us out of our cells for longer dayrooms. Create more programs that encourage positive activities.
- 189. Need more cable channels. Bring back the night college classes to obtain an Associates Degree. Put Free Weights on the yard to allow individuals in custody to work out and have more options for exercise. Add more dayroom time!
- 190. Even though it will never happen—under cover individuals infiltrate all areas and see first hand how bad things truly are. Even though you all have walk throughs they take you to cleaned up places, serve better food and act different when you are on site. All I can say is "If you only knew."
- 191. separate the inmates who are doing their best at following rules and being good inmates from the problem inmates. make sure inmates are properly signed based on who they are and not by the MSR outdate
- 192. to many suggestion to list, This is the worst prison in IDOC.
- 193. More Out Of Cell Time
- 194. Body cameras for CO's, more supervision, and more accountability for CO's. more programs to help us to better our Lives for when we get out.
- 195. A new Warden, and people who care. more time out of cells.
- 196. Transfer out
- 197. Make single man cells available to those who choose to be by themselves.
- 198. Need more time out the cell. Stop showing Favoritism & only giving surtin People Johs
- 199. Keep us entertain change the movies on time, the old and young bond over TV trust me its true
- 200. Really the Staff can treat prisoners better. Ive seen prisoners mistread inteminade by staff called ugly names by staff. cells can be cleaned more or they can hand out cleaning supplys. They can get what we really need on commissary soap and hygienes. get more School and life Skill programs so one can perpear them self for release. Give more time out the cell if possible.
- 201. Treat everyone, no matter what race they are, equal. Put some weights on the yard. More educational programs.
- 202. Stop giving people what they want for favoritism & dont treat people some type of way just from there background

- 203. more out of cell Time. out of 7 days a week we only get 6 Hours of dayroom. Im in school from 8am-4pm so I miss my Dayroom about 2 Times a week
- 204. Close it Do Reform
- 205. Yard or Gym everyday, come out for more than a hour twice a day, Put Phone's on the Tablet so I can reach my family at all time
- 206. That convicts with short time should not be sent to Pinckneyville, it's extremly hard to procure a Job, especially if you are not a disciplinary transfer, staff (CO) should not try and provoke a prisoner, more programs should be initiated
- 207. We need more time out of our cells and we need more phones on the deck
- 208. more dayroom, phone time. Longer hours for video visits. different warden, **[NAME REDACTED]** is a piece of shit with no backbone. I.A. is the warden here
- 209. More programming, especially mental health. Better trained COs. more time out of cell
- 210. Have officers take sensitivity training. Dayroom should be at least 2 hours. Commissary days should rotate each week for every house to give everyone a chance to get things that are in stock
- 211. Let Individuals who Been Locked up a Long Time Talk to The Younger people.
- 212. Staff need more personal training when dealing with people instead of cussing when asked a question
- 213. Moving inmates upon request will curb a ton of violence, stress, problems, etc. More yard, dayroom, gym. Better items on commissary. Phones on the tablets. Pinckneyville is close to HELL...maybe worse.
- 214. Change the Rules make it equal opportunity for all to go to school, work, etc. your out date shouldnt matter.
- 215. let us out the cells more
- 216. Medical Care needs to be inproved 80%
- 1. More Time out our cells.
 2. Put the Phone App on our Tablets.
 3. Better Educational Programs
- 218. Get Programs for transgenders and stop letting certain inmates run things because they've been here longer and get people who can receive good time in school and some type of job even if there labeled as being transgender or in the LGBTQ community.
- 219. That they would have longer periods of dayroom, more programming to prepare people for release and Job training and help with disability SSI Application
- 220. Stop being so racist, and stop ignoring your medical needs. There killing diabetic's inmates in here, they dont feed or medicate you right
- 221. Change staff!
- 222. get out and don't come back
- 223. Better movement, more time out of the cell and better staff.
- 224. 1. educational class should be 50/50 not only people close to going home. 2) Jobs should be 50/50 and not just people close to going home. 3) More yard time and needs weights on yard. Since the wages went up on the outside, so should the state pay in here.
- 225. give more Dayroom, Give us Better Food, More Yard, More cable channels, respect each other, treatment like human. No Racism and Discrimination. Better Healthcare, Dental, Commissary
- 226. Inmates should be allowed to go to the law library more than 1 hr every other week. Inmates should be allowed at least 4 hr a day in the dayroom. There should also be more cable channels on the TV and weights should be on the yard.
- 227. more out of cell time for phone + showers.

- 228. Investigate the staff they're stealing money/Stop Racism. Stop throwing away grievances. Counselors need to do their jobs. More time out of the cell and give us our respect/what we have coming.
- 229. Reform/Shut em down. Run real productive uncontroled classes
- 230. Somebody really need to come down here and yall a see this place is a joke and the tax payers money is being well wasted at this Facility
- 231. Add more phones. Better quality of food. Longer dayrooms. Share jobs (being able to receive a job)
- 232. more gym time. Better jobs and pay. Better commissary.
- 233. More school for college and more clinical services classes
- 234. Need better Medical, Better Commissary, Better food.
- 235. Allow professional incarcerated people serve as trainers of trades for those who get released to start good paying jobs rather than turning to crime.
- 236. Better communicating skills, Humane treatment, Better food, more time outside of cell. better medical assistance, Providing weights for stress.
- 237. To give us a little less hardship and Treat us Fair and all us more time with our loved ones and to take down the plexiglass in the visiting rooms.
- 238. The Food could be Better. it don't have to be five star but it could be better. They could have more channels on cable Because we are in our cells 23 hours a day.
- 239. more jobs, school, Phones in video visits on the Tablet 1 year goodtime
- 240. Everything
- 241. Better treatment by staff, more out of cell time for phone, to get help for individuals that are on C or B Grade somehow get them back on A Grade
- 242. There is plenty of time to allow us to get dayroom twice a day.
- 243. More dayroom time, weights, Programs!
- 244. More Time outside of the cell. More contact to our support on the outside. More rec Time (Yard/Gym)
- 245. put Game systems on Commissary. Illinois is far behind every other state in that regard. put the phone on the Tablet so that everyone has a fair chance to get to the phone.
- 246. Creat a better way to communicate, Leave personal problems outside of the facility, provide the proper Nurishment + healthcare, mental Health
- 247. Rehabilitation programs more access to school programs
- 248. Mental health is a real problem, and I suggest that Programs of completion be emplamented for guys struggling with mental health. Like let them have there own institution!
- 249. Single man cell would be the right thing to do, because the size of cell.
- 250. Change the whole dynamics of the facility all together, give out more Job opportunities and alot more Educational skills to anyone that may need them
- 251. Better staff interactions practice. more job chances
- 252. More opportunity for self improvement
- 253. To do away with all of the staff, from the Warden all the way down to the officer that started last week. I say that cause this prison breeds a culture of racism, laziness and slave labor!
- 254. Shut it down, or completely change The dynamic of how its ran OR—be more careful about how you classify prisoners that get sent here, (use it only for punishment).
- 255. more opportunities for longer term individuals. work, school Programs etc. more tv channels. longer dayroom time
- 256. Better Tablet Apps More TV Channels more phones on Decks

- 257. more dayroom, more gym, better treatment by staff, easier transfer requirements, & better food!
- 258. Give everybody a Chance to work and more movements to stretch your legs
- 259. For Correctional Officers to treat the inmates with MORE respect
- 260. More time out of cell, more opportunities to be productive and learn. Better food and more job opportunities.
- 261. More time for Dayroom. Program for everyone more mental health staff with a little more power to help
- 262. I Feel like They Place Everybody In the same Box When It come to how they talk and Treat Us. I'm a Man and a Father. Im Not a animal. And More Job's and Program's For Inmates
- 263. More time out of cell, giving equal opportunities as others individual in custody with school, Jobs for employments
- 264. Put sex offenders with other sex offenders that will keep them safe
- 265. more time out of the cell, more programs and school
- 266. put phones and visits on tablets.
- 267. Better Food, Better Treatment, Better Healthcare, more Dayroom Time, and more phone on the wings
- 268. That it be changed to one man cells. Put weights on the yards.
- 269. Fix IDOC
- 270. Hold staff accountable
- 271. Better programming to help rehabilitate
- 272. Sell Ibuprofen or Tylenol at commissary. make sick call/visits to see a doctor available! I've been trying for months to see a doctor with chest pains/pains in my arm not related to covid and they ignor my requests for sick call/to see a doctor nor have they given me a physical in a few years.
- 273. New administration. Incentives
- 274. You need staff members in leadership position to change theirs thinking process in an manner that help every inmates not just the few.
- 275. apoint someone from springfield to oversee warden + staff conduct toward prisoner on time out of cell and IDOC SMI + other Rules
- 276. They need to improvement the visit and video visit. And school in job's. To get a job you got to have alot of time.
- 277. Pinckneyville Corr. Cntr and its staff (not officers!) and administration is a complete farce. Joke and void of any law/care, concern of the rule, law, policies, duties, responsibilities, etc. They are "entrusted in to perform daily! Offenders are literally "warehoused" here, until transfer or release, period!
- 278. Weights on yard & more dayroom Time
- 279. More dayroom time & access to phones, opportunities made equal (concerning jobs & school), more programs, weights on the yard, better training for staff.
- 280. They need to have better work ethics. Treat us like humans instead of animals.
- 281. To fire all currupted Dietary Staff & warden
- 282. Put game systems on Commissary. I feel we are so behind other states when it comes to that. Put the phones on the tablet for those of us who can get to the phone all the time.
- 283. more time out, Better living situation
- 284. Let us have 2 Hours out, 22-2 + Have more phones on yard, Dayrooms + Bring in Weights
- 285. That they allow prisoners more time out of there cells and implement more school/programs for inmates.

- 286. Let inmates out more than an hour a day, give pro-se litigants the opportunity to go to the law library at least twice a week, put case law program on the tablets, let us clean our cells with cleaning supplies, put our food in warmers when we feed in case it comes to us cold. put an inmate or 2 on the adjustment committee to ensure fairness, make a housing unit specifically for pro-se inmates and people who back in court
- 287. There should Be a Real Form of Rehabilitation system in play that you can partake in so your sentence can Be Reduce Thru Rehabilitation Programs, instead I'm doing 100% of my prison sentence without any hope of Getting a commutation of sentence.
- 288. None
- 289. Fire [MEDICAL STAFF NAME REDACTED]
- 290. More leisure time. More school and work details to all offenders
- 291. It should be one man to a cell in Prison because their is to much conflict with two people in the cell.
- 292. Tear it down/get better staff
- 293. Fix the cable. Give us more time out of the cell. Get weights. Allow more people to get jobs.
- 294. N/A
- 295. Need improve for Hard of Hearing and we Need more Experience CO staff to help us
- 296. Better cable, more channels. Better Food. Cleaning supplys for cells.
- 297. Take "White People" out of power for the entire world.
- 298. shut it down, top/down social restructure of staff, give mental health power, give prisoners option to single-cell.
- 299. Above my paygrade
- 300. IN Saint Louis Correction. i wrked my times Out as a Kitchen worker
- 301. Just let us out longer, because being in these cell for long periods of times can be very stressful & run a system for the phone to ensure that every one get a chance to use them daily.
- 302. retrain all staff, organize a group to oversee The interactions Between staff & offenders
- 303. Every strongly Disagree check
- 304. More dayroom and yard and Gyms a week and, receiving more and better commissary and being able To Take a picture in Jogging fits
- 305. "Shut it down or change (ALL) the staff!!"
- 306. more programs and staff conduct
- 307. More respectfully, programs, school, Jobs, any (EPSC) for every body working, going school, stuff like that not just serve people.
- 308. You need an Independant person that has power to make changes. maybe Here grievance by someone From Springfield or nutrual site. Treat it Like the Feds. give people more privileges more time out If they mess up then treat them accordly. In the Feds, the max joints, you are out all day everybody and it's no problems you treat people Like animals that's how they will act.
- 309. Programs and education opportunities to help prisoners better themselves
- 310. New staff and more opportunities for the Inmates to become better people.
- 311. rules need to be inforced evenly for all. Stop the drugs.
- 312. Let people go
- 313. more time out of your cell so everyone use the phone everyday, School showers, school gym line
- 314. Their should be division among lifer's and short timers, as well those on mental health & medication. Yes sometimes or some individuals is perfect to be placed with

- an inmate that has mental health issues because you don't have to feel pressured by a celly that doesn't have mental health issue's or be bullied. So yeah me & my celly get along and we both take mental health medication, I respect my celly and he respects me as a person.
- 315. A change of Administrative staff, and Healthcare providers, and programs to help Inmates better themselves for society
- 316. It would be better Commissary, put more Jobs Available for people, and give more dayroom hours.
- 317. Treat people fairly. Give us longer time on phone calls. More time out for dayroom. They could give us good food.
- 318. More rehabilitation, More teachers, More re-entry programs, More people to review cases.
- 319. There is plenty enough time each day for them to allow more time out of the cells. they can up the visiting limit up from 3 per month to 5-7 like most prisons and allow more video visit opportunities here. Other prisons have double to triple the amount of available options for video visits than they do here, they only have a few select times here they allow them. Allow more recreation time would help and workout equipment be given.
- 320. More dayroom time
- 321. More time out of the cells. Weights in this prison. Better Food and Better and More Programs
- 322. With the exception of count and chow time make the dayroom "open access," and allow inmates to choose whom they can best live with in a locked cell 24 hours a day
- 323. More Programs, Jobs, and resources. Tablets Packed with Possitive tools to aid in change
- 324. More time out of the cell. Weights on the yard and in the Gym. Better response to medical issues
- 325. Classify people more accurately
- 326. Get employees to help you. Alot of times there seems to be problems getting clothes, out of alot of food in dietary, commissary
- 327. Communication, more Respect and Equality
- 328. more yards, more programs, more dayroom, time out you're cells.
- 329. 1) more out of cell time (Dayroom, yard + Gym) 2) Phones on Tablets 3) Jobs/Programs for everybody 4) allow transfers from here 5) Put more Black employees 6) more T.V. Channels (digital channel to be exact)
- 330. I need School my case is 50% y my Judge Sentencer in the Prison Minimum is Pinckneyville [ILLEGIBLE] now is Maximum
- 331. To Get Some Healthcare
- 332. This prison needs weights and more time outside of the cell. My cellmate has [[65+ years] at 100% and I have [<5 years] at 50% this should not be allowed to happen.
- 333. more Jobs
- 334. getting out of our cells more
- 335. Let some people go home who has truly change.
- 336. There has to be more diversity in all levels of staff why is staff 90 percent white in just about all the prisons when the prison population is 70 percent black.
- 337. security shouldn't run prison mental health and healthcare should. security should only be here for escapes and attacks or planed attacks. Its to much to elaborate on for this question
- 338. Equity i.e. fair treatment, real Programs to prepare for reentry

- 339. Food. More movement. Guard need to learn a people skil. Guard need to know the rules so they can adequately help Inmate query
- 340. There needs to be some type of supervision from the State so people are treated correct and fairly.
- 341. Put the Phone on the Tablet, lower the Prices on commissary, more dayroom time, more yard time, uphearing to the school rules, give the inmates cleaning Item for there cells Daily or once or two times a week.
- 342. Equal opportunities for all, fair treatment, more programs. The best skill you can get here is to learn to cook, plant a garden, and know the difference between a plumber and roofer
- 343. give us weights and let us with alot of time go to school, give more time out are cell
- 344. open up more programs for Reentry into society
- 345. Let mental Health make decision to aid those in need & allow guys who have been locked up for years with years to go (decades) to get in school if their Record has been clean for a year
- 346. More classes available/programs for us with more than 2 years.
- 347. The Channels/Cable could be better. The hours of Dayroom time. The weights in the gym and on the yard, its nothing to do! Outside service to have access to products for art and supplies.
- 348. All staff need to be retrained, time allotted out of cell needs to be increased and easier access to call loved ones. Rather they add more phones on the wings or add the phone app to the tablets.
- 349. More movement/time out of cell, to be treated as a person rather than a number; an actual positive recourse to a potential threat of violence as opposed to punishment for choosing non-violence.
- 350. More programs for 50%-85%-100% to help work towards an successful release. And also more ways to communicate to our love ones! :)
- 351. 1) Allow to be out the cells more than one hour a day, a Pinckneyville College, Allow at least 6 hours A day out of cell. Also, put the Lexis Nexis e-law library App. on the Gtl tablet.
- 352. Bringing more programs for everyone. Allow more people to work in the Institution. (Inmates)
- 353. Release everyone and close down Pinckneyville
- 354. Get weights, Gym and Yard everyday, Jobs available to everyone
- 355. Offer more Education and job opportunities. Give people more time to use the phone and shower
- 356. I suggest more recreation time, and let people who actually have experience with working in prison have input and make the rules instead of people who never worked in a prison.
- 357. The Federal Government Needs to take over the Illinois prison system.
- 358. More phones. Weights. More Time out of The Cell.
- 359. Make grievance forms readily available to individuals in custody in living areas.
- 360. More recreation, more good time programs, more easier to get jobs, and staff who actually tend to our mental health
- 361. More time out of cells, more programs for good time, workout equipment
- 362. Make sure Bill pay on time
- 363. Overhaul Healthcare Provider! Get Wexford out of there!!
- 364. More programs, letting people in school, or At least work with 3 years or less. More productive things to do...

- 365. I feel staff should be more properly trained. Also each prison should be looked into more properly. Unannounced inspections where they do not have time to cover things up.
- 366. More movement and time out the cell
- 367. More Access to programs, more access to being out the cell, More exercise for inmates.
- 368. retrain Staff and Volunteers
- 369. Come see for yourself. Talk to individuals and not the Staff, theres a pandemic going on, the inmate are giving it to each other, who do you think is bring it in?
- 370. Send someone That Know how To run a Prison The right way and The Staff That Negative To The Prison move them around.
- 371. Make programs more accessible. The way we communicate questions through request slips that we have to ask multiple times with no answer.
- 372. 1. ensure staff conduct their 'round' logs, they falsify records by saying they did a walk-thru when in fact they don't 2. Ease COVID Lockdown procedure because we are punished way to much for COVID issues, lockdowns, 15 minutes out when we had 1 hr.
- 373. There needs to be an outside run gov't unbias group working within the facility individuals have access to when needed who can publicize our treatment and make others stay in line or be seriously disciplined (FIRED ASAP). There should be an outside minority group who new and old employees should get screened by to determine probability of potential racism, lack of knowledge/common sense, lack of professionalism and professional training. This prison needs more DAYROOM more GYM and YARD This prison needs more SCHOOLING/work opportunities for good time and social interaction. Adding the phone app to the tablets can decrease a lot of hostility, anger and stress for individuals. Officers should be forced to wear body cams around individuals and have them recording. Ticket hearings should not be held by officers superiors cause their bias and unfair, we need an outside justice committee.
- 374. More dayroom, free weights on the yard, phone to be added to the tablet.
- 375. allow people more access to programming and work assignments
- 376. Treat Everyone equally And like a Human
- 377. Allow long term prisoners access to rehabilitative educational and vocational training programs and allow inmates job access w/o such undue restrictions.
- 378. Nurses are Quiting left and Right, Remove [MEDICAL STAFF NAME REDACTED], Change Healthcare Policy, I was Treated Better at Stateville, Menard, Lawrence. Access To Better and more Cable Channels. More out of cell Time, we only come out on 1 shift per day for dayroom one hour.
- 379. Train staff how to do theyre job and how to treat people
- 380. Better Food, More time out the cell, different staff and phones on the tablet, it would eliminated the aggression
- 381. To Treat Inmates Better, Don't Reward the Inmates that Break the Rules, but Reward the One's that Follow the Rules. Keep the Younger Inmates Away from the Older Inmates, and Keep Any Sex Offenders Away from Other Inmates because They Use That Against Them.
- 382. More dayroom time for all units, allow more phones on the yards, and stop denying visits because of lockdown if that person is not in Seg. Add more school programs, vocational skills courses, and
- 383. Open movement At least 6-8 Hours
- 384. More programs

- 385. more time out the cell and waits to work out
- 386. Activities, better school, maybe better tablets with self-learning options, more time out of cell. We are 23 hrs lockdown and I realy don't get that. All it does is increase violent behavior. The phones become an issue when not all can get on.
- 387. Shut it down take it off 23 hour lockdown, it's people in here that don't need to be here, it's Max Security mixed with medium, Not safe at all
- 388. New Warden to start. Figure out what Kind of Prison PNK is How long can they drag that decision out. Is it a Max? Experimental? Disciplinary?
- 389. More timeout the cells, more recreational/yard time, weights on the yards, phones on our tablets, better food, more access to programs, schooling, conjugal visits!
- 390. Close it Down
- 391. Tare it Down And Start over again
- 392. more time out, be treated less like animals, more help to do better
- 393. Ability to enroll in school for those with lengthy sentences. Hire many more nurses, medical professionals. Realistic prices at the commissary.
- 394. Provide programs that encourage change as well as life skill, re-entry tools. Opportunity to demonstrate rehabilitative potential.
- 395. Allow all prisoners to work/program, not just the snitches. Get rid of the Warden. Stop hiring officers as counselors. Remove Wexford Medical Source Inc. Starting with the [MEDICAL POSITION REDACTED].
- 396. Write! It does not do any good what you
- 397. More time out of cell and MEANINGFUL programs for reentry.
- 398. More time out of cell, Jobs.
- 399. One Man Celling: More Oversight & Opportunity: Explain the Science of Doing time, to Help us survive Prison: Restore voting Rights
- 400. More Time out for dayroom. Long Yard Time. Better Commissary. Better Support For problems with gang members.
- 401. Having more bilingual speaking people, more reading books and a lot more trades so they can have skills when they live this institutions with something to look for or have when they can get a good job and be happy for the future in the outside community. Also more schooling etc.
- 402. none
- 403. Let us get some pussy
- 404. Night Yard "And" Dayroom For everybody or nobody. More commissary stock and **[HOUSING UNIT REDACTED]** not last to shop so often. Improve or repair TV reception and more channels.
- 405. Better and more food at chow, staff should respect us and we them. Better commissary and cheeper, phones on the tablet and more time out the cell, people with a lot of time should be Able to get into school.
- 406. To Be Closed By the State.
- 407. Care and concern and stop Hiring People Just to fill a position!!!
- 408. Phones are a big issue in most prisons. I think we should be allowed phone access thru our tablets
- 409. Well they need have better attention in many sections but prinicipally Healthcare, Activitys for us and that include time in the out of our cell
- 410. more time out the cell, Better staff and officers, more programs
- 411. Let the Feds come in and take over or just over watch
- 412. We need New wardens that care about the people incarcerated to do better in life and get ready for release to accomplish more things like school and mental health issues.

- 413. More time outside of cell, more Educational Programs made Available to All inmates. Better treatment from staff. More gym time. More Access to law library. Something done About the Unbearable heat in Summertime which inmates suffer and are forced to constantly sweat in cells & Dining Room.
- 414. Industry, Weights, Education, Programs, More Phones or Phone App on the tablets.
- 415. more time out and better food.
- 416. fair treatment when it comes to programs and everything else
- 417. programs/Better staff/proper healthcare
- 418. Springfield need to take over.
- 419. Try to hire people with some humanity, that actually understand the situation we are in and how they can help.
- 420. More out of cell time, Regular visits because we're still only getting 3 a month. The video visits are still only 20 minutes instead of an hour. And schooling for everybody.
- 421. more access to the dayroom and out of your cell. Better service to the tablets where we can communicate/see our friends and family. Also Access to school and programs to individuals that have a lot of time.
- 422. First: of all more the 1 hour out of the cell. Second: Make a plan on how the day is supposed to run and do it every day instead of every day is different. Third: Better staff that can treat us with a little respect.
- 423. Get New Healthcare Employees! Give More Time Out of Cells! (We Only Get 1 hour)!
- 424. Make School and work assignments available to all prisoners not just the ones with short time. Training for the staff and they disrespect toward us. Make transferring not as hard.
- 425. Weights, Programs, Tablet Phone
- 426. More time out of cells
- 427. I'm sure my suggestions mean nothing, so I ain't gonna waste my Ink.
- 428. Start a program wing/cell house for people who want to change their lives. Lawrence had a re-entry wing that to me was great, & gave me an opportunity to be a mentor to my peers.
- 429. I suggest Pinckneyville Correctional Center get more cable channels, two hours and thirty minutes on morning and second shifts
- 430. None because not noone belongs in prison unless they are a grusome person due to rape, pure evil killing, harming of children etc. The kind.
- 431. Number one, provide healthcare service. Number two, expand educational programs. Three sell quality products on the commissary. Not the lowest quality items they can get. Improve and expand the TV cable system. Five more out of cell time, including more yard and gym time.
- 432. Someone to defend the inmate a voice. Someone that doesn't work next to the officer, or even knows them. Some type of system that cant be controlled by prison staff.
- 433. A better system of alocating jobs so that it's fair to everyone. Allowing more time for those who don't work or go to school more time out of their cells. Giving better quality food.
- 434. 2 dayrooms & more education, no matter how much time youre doing.
- 435. give us more time out in Dayroom. Better tv channels and better exercise
- 436. To house older individuals with older individuals to stop the Gangs from running units & to have the Administration make themselves Available.
- 437. That All individuals, no matter oudate, can get into helpful, much needed programs.
- 438. non, there is room for nothing to happen, Dreams Die in Pinckneyville

- 439. They need a new healthcare provider. I have to grieve them to get some help and they still aren't trying to address the issue. The cable needs fixed. Every channel is fuzzy w/ lines running across the screen. They deny its broke I wish there was a system to help us pick our own cellies. They'll put anyone in the cell w/you.
- 440. More TV Channels, more security, Better food, No gangs, weights, Better staff Healthcare, teachers, mental Health
- 441. Doctors that know about a lot of Peoples pain and medicines that inmates needs
- 442. To many to count.
- 443. Put weights on the yard. Get an AA/NA wing. Eliminate vote sheet for jobs.
- 444. Tear it down and give this staff an attitude adjustment. Most comes to work high and drunk off controlled substances and never do their hourly routes to see how people are in these cells. We never get cleaning supplies to cell the rooms.
- 445. Let people who have A lot of time to do (Like Me) be able to go to school so they can better them selfs
- 446. Individuals in custody need more resources, positive things to do. More programs (life skills/educational courses). Time out the cells and more time to communicate with family
- 447. All inmates should be entitle to programs for positively for return back to society
- 448. I talk to the Leisure time staff and its not a whole lot of room for people to use the talents they may be able to offer. Drama, skits, Arts + Craft, music or band, and outside of school activities for people out of school wanting to get involved.
- 449. Make the cells bigger and give us more time out of them.
- 450. More dayroom and more opportunities to receive "good time."
- 451. Provide Medical care to us! There is No sick call here which means we suffer endlessly with pain, etc. Improve dietary by providing a better/wider variety of (fresh) fruits + vegetables
- 452. Hire More Mental Health Staff, Implement a Sex Offender Program Here
- 453. To Get Hot Meals, Hire Inmates That Know How To Cook, More Dayroom Time, Better Visits, Better Commissary, Better TV Service, More School, More Work Assignments, Better Medical Treatment
- 454. Better Cable. More yard time. Improvement in relationship skills of officers. Less retaliation measures from staff.
- 455. Better Food Mail System Better Store. (I am **[70+ years old]**) Jobs For the Old Or Natural Life Inmates. Ask Who Maintains The Law Equipment, It Could be Done IN House, Except For Replacement Parts.
- 456. Someone In Charge Who Really listen and Care...
- 457. New Officers, Random Drug Test For Officers, Real Food
- 458. Remove All Staff And replace them.
- 459. N/A
- 460. They Need to help Keep people from coming back to prison
- 461. I wish they would put all LGBTQ inmates on the same unit so we won't have any problems with Gangs, and so that we wont have to walk ourselves to Seg. Because we are in the cell with a Gang member or some other inmate that will beat us up if we don't leave the cell. This prison do not handle these situation well at all they just don't care!
- 462. We Need Weights Down here Also At least 2 hours of Dayroom.
- 463. Better gym, yard, and dayroom scheduling.
- 464. Give Us Back Our 2nd Dayroom. Taken Away in March 2020 Due to Pandemic
- 465. State Loans, More time out able to walk to chow more
- 466. All staff need at least (1) year of psychology to better understand those locked-up

- 467. getting more dayroom, Taking the limit off how many calls we can make instead of waiting 30 minutes when we get more dayroom time. The staff attitude, better healthcare. Video visit need to be run right cause I haven't seen my family and they be trying to video visit me and they tell them they facility is over booked.
- 468. Better healthcare By a provider that actually cares. Allow the purchase of ezines (magazines) on the Tablet. Allow phone and video visit access through the tablet. Allow pictures and videos on the tablet from Loved ones. Upload Lexis Nexis Law library to the tablet. Allow conjugal visits. Access to video games to distract us.
- 469. Safety, LGBTQ community
- 470. More time out of cell and better training of officers
- 471. Better background pairing for cellmates, or individual cells. More phones or more adequate time/system to use them. Better food. Also more jobs & opportunities for education/self-improvement. Separate those who are classified as minimum form mediums. Allow any person to VIDEO visit (unless victim or O.P. etc.). Replace Disney & Nickelodeon for National Geographic, HGTV, more educational channels. Hire more counselors in an effort to help address issues and actually physically come speak to individuals, instead of relying on vague answers through request slips.
- 472. Longer dayrooms, more opportunity for schooling and professionaling for people w/ long sentences. More access to administration and counselors. Better way for inmates to understand How to write a grievance. More consistent and inexpensive commissary.
- 473. federal oversite at most, State Probe at least.
- 474. More dayroom, more Gym, more yard, better food, more school, more Jobs
- 475. more out of cell time single cell no room in cell
- 476. it aint going to change Theres nothing you or I can do to change this prison
- 477. more dayroom and more porters to clean
- 478. Do surprise check ups from Springfield, Allow a Hotline # for inmates to call Springfield to make complaints, better/more TV channels since we are in the cell 23 hours a day, phone app on tablets so we can call home more, separate minimums for maximum inmates, better food, weights for exercise.
- 479. Treat us like "Humans"/Fix Healthcare
- 480. It all starts with the Wardens. If the wardens are not for the people incarcerated who are humans just like them, then we as inmates will never have a fair shot at life in Pinckneyville C.C.
- 481. give us more time out the cell, put weights on the yard, get us guys with time get in school well as give us jobs
- 482. More yard, more phones, Better staff & Equal Opportunity in the Education program, and weights on the yard.
- 483. NONE
- 484. Get Rid Of All The Older Officers.
- 485. The heavily medicated inmates do not need to be in this prison. It has always been a heavily medicated inmate who gets out of hand and gets hurt or killed.
- 486. More Dayrooms and if You could get Job easily and school.
- 487. Independent audit and physical evaluation of standard of care and physical conditions of this prison.
- 488. Whatever individuals need to fit their specific needs i.e. behavioral, substance abuse, trauma
- 489. More out of the cell time if this is a medium prison
- 490. let people out these cell longer

- 491. A new grievance Procedure should be put in place. The officers need to be held accountable for there actions. Everyone should be given the opportunity to have a job detail. We need more time out of our rooms.
- 492. More ways to communicate with your support system
- 493. they Just need to close it down
- 494. Programs, more then 1 hour or dayroom time and more out of the cell time cause this is a medium prison not a max!
- 495. Time out of cells
- 496. To many suggest for this small box!!!
- 497. give us more than 1 hr out our cells a day. Better ways for schooling and programs that doesn't involve an MSR date.
- 498. I don't think it can be improved. Hopeless. The people is the problem and as long as they think it is okay to be the that they, there will Never be change.
- 499. Stay to yourself.
- 500. more time out of our cell and more groups
- 501. There are not enough programs for us and we need more out time.
- 502. more discipline to staff. Real investigations of claim of abuse.
- 503. Jobs, Better food, Counselors who give a shit of more than a paycheck and who don't have an attitude of their shit don't stink As I am sure it does since most of them are full of it
- 504. More recreation time, more phone time, more time out the cell, and some public relation classes for the staff of these prisons so that they learn how to treat people.
- 505. Better Healthcare. Out Your cell more. Better food.
- 506. Staff Has a lack of Respect for Individuals. Disrespectful 100%!!
- 507. Spending all this time locked in a cell when other prison are coming out several hours a day needs to end someone needs to monitor this and see that it is possible to have more than 1 hr dayroom and more phones
- 508. Tear it down. New Warden. Make a Individual-in-Custody have power in decisions. Change commissary. New Dietary Kitchen so we can eat cooked 100% food. We need weights. They don't give us any and the reason is so we cant get big and beat them up. These CO's/staff talk disrespectful like a person won't get out and hurt them (Hopefully this Never happens)! Clean this up! They have NO Panic Buttons in restrictive house or R5-House.
- 509. Everything
- 510. Cameras Being Worn Upon The Staff/Correctional Officers During Their Shift; And this would show exactly the Deescalation in Complaints Concerning A Staff.
- 511. they need more staff so they can run more programs. They need a better law library. Better counselor as well.
- 512. Healthcare both nurses and doctors. Longer times out of the cell. All inmates should get treated the same. The staff from the warden on down need to listen to what the inmates has to say.
- 513. the staff don't care what happens to you.
- 514. not waiting to 1yr to 6mths to try to help some one get their GED by that time all kind of stuff happen among teacher and staff that don't allow to finish.
- 515. Too many guys with short time mixed in with lifers makes it dangerous.
- 516. Stop putting 4 people in 4 people ADA cell wheelchairs, can not move around
- 517. Give the men good training programs in trades of construction.
- 518. Change to 2 dayrooms 1 hour 30 minutes each. Twice a day dayroom
- 519. More educational opportunities + activities.
- 520. Time out of the cell and larger living spaces.

- 521. more dayroom/yard/gym. Disciplinary for staff as much as for inmates.
- 522. Food.
- 523. These officers the majority of them should have Mandatory sensitivity training as well as submit to a psychological evaluation every 3-Three mos., i.e. (4) four times a year. They should be given mandatory responsibility + Liability for insuring that any I.M. declaring that they r experiencing a medical emergency be admitted to a HCU (Health -care-unit) without hassle or questions asked on part of the CO
- 524. more structured programs education, art, exercise, chess, etc.
- 525. More out-of-cell time to mitigate the Excessive Lock downs to properly burn calories from eating processed foods. More programming to help us rehab and adjust to society programs that address the violence programs to address Men's Health.
- 526. Allow all inmates the chance to work & go to school regardless of time or offense. More time out of cell, not including call-passes: more Gym time & Dayrooms
- 527. Weights. More Programs. More Dayroom
- 528. Every man should be in a cell by there self!
- 529. Stop Hiring Racist People.
- 530. Every Man should Be in a cell by there self!
- 531. **[ILLEGIBLE]** app., & better dietary standards from the **[ILLEGIBLE]**
- 532. Full correction of staff as well as accountability. And for the meaning of correction in the IDOC to exist.
- 533. More school programs, put the phones on tablet it would lower fights & add law library on tablets for people to work on their case or research, fix the showers, more movement
- 534. everything need extrem improvement
- 535. We only have one dayroom a day. Before Covid in 2020 it used to be 2 dayrooms a day. But they never went back to two. All they want to do is keep us locked in a cell all day. When Covid first hit in 2020 one of the Directors memos said there would be suggestion boxes issued for us in each Housing Unit. But Pinckneyville never supplied any. They would be good. And COs and staff should start caring about doing their job more here. No one, rather some don't really care. They come here do their 8 hrs. doing very little and go home. Some really don't do their job.
- 536. I feel that annual or quarterly pysch evaluations should be performed on every employee. From officers, to school officials, to medical examiners. Because they haven't been convicted of crimes doesn't mean they don't bring outside trauma or views to work with them. I also think all officers should wear body cameras like police others to monitor their behavior.
- 537. Meeting with the C.A.O. to establish a safe compound. Treat others the way they willth to be treated! Stop provoking prisoners to defend themselves against outlaw staff.
- 538. more timeout the cell and teach staff how to treat people
- 539. Phones on the tablets, more time out the cell, more yard, Gym, and Dayroom. More groups, MH Self Help, and School. I wanna say something about the COS but I think they will be the same no matter what.
- 540. The way the COs treat inmates.
- 541. For this prison to actually care about the inmate we are treated like we are scum and not human. And for dietary to spend the money they get on food for us not pocket it for themselves
- 542. Get the App for the tablets for the phone and allow the Individual in Custody to have a class or a group to allow us to talk about our mental health and stress of prison.

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

- 1. Prison Release should Be Accompanied by Re-entry programs and Education. Locking a young man away for a youthful mistakes that harmed Nobody and then Dumping him on the street without any preparation years later merely compounds the problem.
- 2. "I'm just tired of being in prison? we need to Have more than 1 hour a day out and the Dayroom to use the phone and shower. at least 2-Hours out in the Dayroom to Do everything
- 3. People with a certain amount of time to do can not get in GED class or programs. And jobs are not given to inmates fairly or equal opportunity. If you talk to any officer or Mental Health you have problems with you cell mate they don't separate you but tell you that you have to fight and catch the ticket to get moved.
- 4. Pinckneyville is the most unorganized and unprofessional prison I've ever been in. Inmates die here. Inmates are treated poorly. Need more phones to eliminate fights. Check the statistics of how many inmate deaths have occured in this facility.
- 5. How do you (John Howard) Help other than doing surveys. Do you Really Help change Anything?
- 6. Our mailroom has a mind of its own; I hope you receive this survey. Thanks for listening.
- 7. This place is awful.
- 8. My name is **[REDACTED]** and Just get Here From Menard.
- 9. Just pray.
- 10. I Feel we should be able to get Much better TV Channels as well. we look at the same thing's over and over every day. Even on the tablets, They never change the movies really at all on the tablets. That should at lest change every week. Thank you.
- 11. it was a challenge, But I finish it with the Best answers to the question, I answer with my Best thinking at this moment.
- 12. It's hard to get medical emerg. called by staff. They dismiss whatever you have going on. We also getting cheated on our time out of cells. Only out one hour per day unless you've got work/school assignment to go to.
- 13. More time given to inmates in terms of education. And better food. And better jobs.
- 14. [NAME AND ID REDACTED]
- 15. Close this prison down
- I believe these survey's are great, although I personally feel that I am going around and around in circles everytime I fill out these surveys: (Meaning, the same questions are asked in each survey with maybe the addition of one or two and yet it seems the answers we provide to the survey's blow away in the wind because year by year these prisons get worse. There is an inate feeling among incarcerated people that staff as well as a large part of society, who could care less whether we are treated fairly in these places. We get organizations like "John Howard" who extend their arm reach only to find out that their reach is cut short because you "NEVER" get a full drawing of the atrocities we face on a DAILY basis within these walls; not even these survey's give a full insight and at the end of the day, we (incarcerated persons) are left right back where we started, chained with ravanous

- wolves guarding us! We aren't even getting proper, if any, healthcare at this facility (Pinckneyville C.C.)
- 17. They gave me a ticket for something that my cellmate did, so they gave me 7 days in restrictive housing, but I been back here for 5 months now. They put us in situations that would make the inmates here disagreement that lead to fights then punish us for it. this prison would drive any human being crazy. Pinckneyville
- 18. The existence of prisons lead me to Beg The Question: IS the Purpose of the existence of Prisons is to keep the Economy Stabilize? Because Prisons, increase the Destruction of society
- 19. ETC....
- 20. Please dont Just take these Surveys and not help us individuals we have no voice so fight for us some form of relief speak on our behalf so we can put ourselves in a position to not keep making this our reality
- 21. You know, I been locked up for 12+ years and I never experienced anything like this in any other Institution that I've been to. I was pulled out of max to be able to take advantage of things that I wasn't privy to in max, but there aren't any opportunities for Individuals with outrageous time. Every time that I've asked to be enrolled in classes my time has always been the factor on why I was either denied entirely, or some other lucky fellow was placed ahead of me...
- 22. Thank you for at least trying to ask questions.
- 23. I Hope you all are able to Help make changes Here at pinckneyville, please help us get more time out the cell, me bein stuck in the cell 23 hours A day not Helpin with my mental Health
- 24. I dont feel safe down here...Do to racist CO's L.T., Sgt, they want us to be like slave's keep our head's down, name call us, talk crazy to us, its sad down Here they dont respect nobody black down here at all. it's 2023 why still call us boy's or say get get to us when we are all men boy is used for another term of n****r...
- 25. The survey is good to know whats going on in prison but have no impuck what so ever if nothing is did. To improve our condishion Action speak volum over words. How can the government offer grants for trades school to help for reentry back into society with no programming is it in the budget?
- 26. N/A.
- 27. Help Please
- 28. This place is ran by favoritism, you can never get nothing done unless you know a certain staff member! This place is truely negative we are being housed here, not rehabilitated
- 29. Good Behavior Wings are needed. BADLY!!! Tired of Drug Heads!! Needs to Be More than 1 Hour of Dayroom time Out the Cell Per Day!!!
- 30. Please help
- 31. Pinckneyville is the worst joint I've ever been in. I feel like I've sold my soul at times to get what I need. This prison has no meaningful, positive impacts upon me or anyone else. I survive mainly because I'm white, educated, and respectful, and can leverage this to my advantage over other colored peoples. It should be noted that there's always exceptions, and not every staff member here adheres to the punishment culture of Pinckneyville, but these questions ask for generalizations and answers reflect such. BTW—Two people (IIC's have been grievously injured since I've been here [DATE REDACTED]. One stabbed in head with shank, one skull crushed with property box. That's just the ones I know about.
- 32. This prison should be shut down A.S.A.P.

- 33. This place is horrible from the staff. They create problems so They can Jump on you. Once they aggravate you to swing on them.
- 34. Whould've loved to explain my story of how unfair the criminal justictice system was with me. Because of my unfair sentence, I haven't been able to get the help I need for rehabilitation.
- 35. you guys always do these but no changes ever occure! stand on these officials!!!
- 36. Stop racism.
- 37. This place is unsafe inhumane and secluded 23 hours a day in a cell and never a full hour out
- 38. I NEED HELP!!
- 39. you need to come and ask the prisoners that are here.
- 40. Drugs and alcohol are openly sold and used here on the gallery causing drama and fights. Not enough medical staff to run sick call anymore. Not enough mental health staff to run mental health 1 on 1 sessions. Retaliation for everything the officers dont like. Jobs/good time are not equally distributed. One person can have a job/good time for 5 years while others are denied outright or "black balled."
- 41. They aren't trying to get people closer to a prison where they family are!
- 42. How cant they keep noodles/pasta, sausage, coffee, ect on our commissary? Pasta is the cheapest thing we can eat as a replacement meal since the food is terrible. the meat comes from some prison industry that they say is turkey/soy but it is uneatable sometimes. Look at one of the (white sausages/hot dogs) taste it. WTF? Bad food, no noodles on commissary. They didn't sell underwear for a year. The officers need to be removed from their emotional b.s. This is a stressful place but they are paid well. Train them to be professional not emotional. All they want to do is fight and argue. IA is too big and lies about everything they investigate. they blow a simple fight (over the phone) up into some drama for TV when why is there only 8 phones for too many inmates. One hour of dayroom to fight over 8 phones/6 showers.
- 43. Prison would never be perfect but, this is the most you'd be able to have the attention of a criminal, use it. Everyone values something, find out what that is and use it to aid the effort in rehabilitating. People with extensive time should be able to have the opportunity to bring life into this world. We should be given other, more efficient ways to report staff conduct to get a more rapid response to combat targeting and retaliation. We should be given more opportunity to earn more privileges and certain staff should not be able to interfere with earned privileges because they don't like them.
- 44. Changes need to be made immediately.
- 45. Please more surveys or perhaps a question if we wish to have a face-to-face interview to discuss problems that may or may not lead to class action suits. If given a chance I am sure you'll see common themes from inmate to inmate. I hope this leads to change. God bless you all.
- 46. PNC CC Administration is rarely held accountable to IDOC and civil responsibilities. The Upper Iowa issue will not be addressed. Commissary vendor is popular to price spikes (18 oz of peanut butter is no longer in a jar (\$2.16) now only provided in packet strips of ten: \$3.84 for 11.2 oz, tripling the price), but Keefe Supply is allowed to defraud the lowest class. When called for chow, "Stand-by for FEED!" When cable channels are provided, we receive Disney and Nickelodean. So are we stock animals going to feed or are we children watching the next episode of "Pup Patrol"? Also denied off of Commissary: No long tube socks sold, poor quality canvas Reeboks but "we will not sell high-tops" although ankle support is required for basketball players & ADA required physically disabled.

- 47. I feel the CO's here dont care but about the money and they really do little to help if a problem persists
- 48. Please investigate this prison. Please change the three year transfer rule to six months. Please investigate this prison.
- 49. "I would like more programs & time out of the cell"
- 50. If inmates have more channels in every prison than people can do there time smooth. also if the food is better inmates would be happy. Also inmates who stay out of trouble ticket free for 8 months or more should get rewarded.
- 51. Overall this joint needs a warden that cares about change and not getting rich...That we are human being that made a mistake...our charges do not say who we are in the inside
- 52. LTS, law library, library, maintenance, wont hire blacks, the officers are racist, officers will plant shit in cells and destroy your property, officers call you names disrespect you curse you provoke you and write bogus tickets on you. very unprofessional here. Racist Institution very. Food is Horrible. Staff Horrible. Healthcare is very Horrible. this place needs to be closed or monitored closely.
- 53. the worst prison I've been, and I've been many Tamms, Menard, Stateville, Pontiac, Lawrence [ADDITIONAL PRISONS REDACTED] by far, its Ran almost like a supermax. Similar traits. doesnt seem to be an end in site. Unprofessional Hateful evil
- 54. If the prison lets us call our loved ones from the Tablet there will be a significant decrease in violence on Inmates and CO's. I watch conflicts arise over the phone everyday, maybe 2 few times 2 week a conflict over something else happens but not much
- 55. The powers that be in this prison only care about punishing the population, I'm not look at as a person here, I'm thrown in a cell for 23 hours a day and not even given a chance to better myself. I'm a diabetic and when I need help in this cell no one answers the button when I'm looking for help, I almost died twice.
- 56. Ppl like me who r from Randolph & Perry county should not be housed in Prison this close to home I know or my family knows several of these ppl & admin wont do shit.
- 57. No comment!
- 58. Ive gone 10 years without writing a grievance because I know this is prison, life isnt going to be great...But this place we are treated poorly more so than the max prison. We have to beg for clothing, healthcare, basic needs. This whole prison needs to be looked into and not by eyes that can be paid off.
- 59. Police find it funny how they treat us in the hole by Not responding to are Needs and Also Dont give us showers When We are given the chance.
- 60. These Officers Have No Respect & They Freaky As Hell
- 61. The staff & administration here are racist & act like slave owners. When we try to ask questions they walk away from our doors because we're locked in 23 hrs a day.
- 62. Mental Health here don't try and help you with things. I've seen people ask for a Mental Health team and not get it. Staff talks to us like were animals or kids. People make mistakes in life. and grow to be better people.
- 63. This prison is full of drugs!!!
- 64. make transfers easier for people (prisoners) to get closer to Home
- 65. N/A
- 66. If I Had More Time out of My Cell And More Things To with My Time, I would not Be so Frustrate. not Being Able To walk To The Dinning Room To Eat, I get Feed In my cell more Times That Im walking To The Dinning Room. one Hour of Dayroom Time

- To use The Phone And Shower, Is not Enough Time out of My Cell For This Prison To Be A Medium (The Commissary Are To High)
- 67. To give people with sentences and outdates a chance to better themselves by going to school. To give people a chance to work who has been approved to work and have a vote sheet done
- 68. Give staff proper training on how to treat us as human.
- 69. More access to the phone to keep a strong support system.
- 70. Close down all prison.
- 71. Nurses quit, rumor is the lady of wexford company was hard to work for. (one reason, all the mandatory—overtime??!?) This said Lady no Longer here, is the rumor? Many nurses quit—bout 7 of them! (hard to find proper, replacements) (as said above, sick calls stopped (1/2) yr ago, approximately—so is very hard to be referred to a Doctor!!)
- 72. Just help however you can. Thanks for your time!
- 73. Asking that this be taken serious. It's been 2 deaths down here because placement CO put's anybody in the cell with guys doing life or 60 to 80 years. This prison should be under some type of investigation by outside source! With Director making it oneman cells
- 74. Somthing need to be done about us coming out one Hour a day. All the staff do is sit and play cardes and keep us in these cell 23 Hour a day. Somone Need to help us this is rong. Thank you
- 75. This place (prison) Doesn't Even Have Protective Custody? How Is this Even possible?
- 76. placement in a prison that is within a reasonable distance to family and area one is from
- 77. for a majority of individuals in custody at Pinckneyville we are warehoused. We are degraded and belittled, and expected to have no feelings on the matter. We are made to feel like we are less than and that their is NO hope for us. The lack of empathy and rehabilitative programs is astonishing and should be criminal. If dogs in a shelter were treated as we are it would be criminal. You shouldn't be aloud to leave people (2) in a cell (with inadequate space to accommodate both by federal standards) for 23 hours or less a day and get away with it. I don't expect anything to come of this, but thanks for reading this.
- 78. Non-vaccinated people should be able to visit, just like those that are vaccinated because the vaccinated still have to wear mask and be behind the "plexiglass." The State is being prejudice + retaliating against those that are not vaccinated.
- 79. I want to go to school, But they Don't let me cause I Have much time.
- 80. This prison does not treat black men with any respect and that not right, the people who suppose to run the prison don't and if we say something they black ball us meaning we can't get any help can't get jobs or get in school, because when we write a grievance they have to go to the staff member and when they see who wrote it that when the black ball come in.
- 81. What functions will this survey Facilitate?
- 82. Are you actually going to act upon this survey or continue turning a blind eye by doing nothing to help change the conditions within IDOC. A survey is only good for gathering information, but what good is the info if you don't act upon it. Duh!!!
- 83. Thanks anyway...
- 84. Its hard to keep a normal Mental health Mind frame. When your locked in A Room for 23 hours a day. I just recently got an school assignment "thank God." I can get a little more time out of my cell.

- 85. give us people a more equal right to get involved in programs & Jobs. us people as in having time left and qualify for good time. oppose to those thats short timers That get a chance at all the programs and school slots which is unfair & discrimination. Thank you and God Bless
- 86. I tell them I shouldn't be on the top deck because I'm suicidal but they tell me I have to have paperwork but the Dr. refuse to put me on paper what can I do. Mental help agrees I shouldn't be up there but their hands are tied because they're not able to have their say-so. Mental Health has mostly no say-so on what should be done. Every time I do move mental Health do step in when they try to put me upstairs (only when I declare I'll jump off the top walk.) This doesn't have to happen if they give me papers to show when they move me they shouldn't put me on top deck. The COs try to force me to go on the top walk or they'll send you to seg. for "refusing cell"!!
- 87. life is a living hell in this prison and I rather die then spend a nother day living in this horrible place...
- 88. I know inmates with single cells, I am [65+ years old], in April I will have [40+ years] in straight, I do not have the mental stamina to be around these inmates anymore. I wrote to 4 people here + the only response was after the 3rd request to my counselor which said "placement makes cell assignments." I wrote to my counselor + library + asked for the names and mailing address of the deputy director + director cause I went as high as the warden—I got no response.
- 89. Im a trans woman and the horrific treatment against LGBTQ+ community at PNK is overwhelming.
- Need more time out the cell here... 2. Regular visits need to start back up (Precovid visits). W/out plexiglass. And w/o the need for us and are visitors to have a vaccine in order to receive a in-person visit.
- 91. And the healthcare here sucks!! I've been writing requests for (3) months trying to get to sick call so I can attempt to see a doctor for the well-documented chronic health issues I have that are not being acknowledged or treated—I continue to be ignored. I wait an average of (1) month just to be given a refill on my albuterol inhaler! I have hep. C that they refuse to acknowledge. **[NAME REDACTED]** But John Howard never does anything to change these prisons except TALK.
- 92. Everyone Should be able to get earned good time with 85% sentence
- 93. The staff need to treat people with respect
- 94. Please Help us! we are Humans!!!
- 95. The only other comments would be to put the phone on the tablets, law library access on the tablets
- 96. College and trade course's need to be afforded to inmates with the most time first, because they have the time to get the degrees. OR it should be on a first come basis. Inmates going home never get to complete most course's or get degrees, it only serves for a propose for early release while inmate's with time that deserve education never get the chance.
- 97. I wish CDL truck Driving lessons could be offered at this prison. This is a good haven from the Barbell weights that cause too much Belly pain. Sometimes, Dayroom is a good thing. Are there any truth-in-sentencing for this joint.
- 98. They need to get people in school Faster also need to give us more free time out of our cell's so we can get in the shower and to talk to our families more Please help us out Thank you & God Bless
- 99. Have placement match up inmates better. Make a few wings with just former military. I'm a former Marine. I've heard that other joints have that + they are better than the all civilian wings.

- 100. I been lockup for [5+ years], I haven't been to no other Prison but this one, but if I had to put down a place to transfer, it would not be this place, the staff here treat us like low grade Dogs. I don't like how the staff talk to us. The nurses here, act like you asking to much. I can't get in school, because I have to much time, I would like to learn something, while I'm in here to better myself and keep my mind on positive things, but I can't I'm loss in this place because I always on lockdown.
- 101. IDOC have too many people with short time in cells and prison with people with natural life and a lot of time and we lockdown all Day as if we are being Punished.

 [NAME AND ID REDACTED]
- 102. I sit in my cell all day I have nothing I can participate in here to further my education because my outdate is further away ([5+ years]) so I guess I'll probably have to wait to transfer from here and hope I don't get denied because this place offers little help in the grand scheme of things. Please investigate!!
- 103. Been locked up a few times and this place is the worst doesn't help at all
- 104. Be Humane
- 105. My name is **[REDACTED]**. I've done over 30 years in every prison in this state to know.
- 106. when family call to address an issue they get the run around, when I first got here in 2019 the head counselor said not to have family members call up here because its a waste of their and her time, their call will not make a difference. this is pinckneyville and we do what we want here.
- 107. I hope that I Live Long
- 108. Prisoners voices are not being heard! we are being treated very unfair and no one knows!
- 109. more jobs should be given along with the ability to go to school. The seperation of inmates that create problems should be the prisons first priority.
- 110. food is Bad, can't get the phone. No visit for people. Visit need to go back to normal.
- 111. Truth in Sentencing Keeps Beds Full for Federal stimulus. Its a slow Death Penalty, so Mentality why tolerate all the Above DAILY while knowing youll DIE eventually in prison or that you mightest well be dead before Release & to help others [ILLEGIBLE] a really Evil Guard that smiles & lies to ALL visitors [ILLEGIBLE] with you since NO Hope & NO incentives exist proving freedom to enjoy life in or out of prison exist ESPECIALLY when the prison since [DATE REDACTED] TAKES All my incoming funds FOR ILLEGALLY (No Legislature Public Act) TAKE violates 5th Amendment taking clause TAKES ALL my incoming funds. Life (Death Row) Liberty (freedom Jail/Prison) Property (\$) without due process of law. Im Not Allowed To Purchase A Photo to send to Family & They ALL Live in WI my two kids etc. (only mom & I In IL) 10+ hr TO FAR TO VISIT. Im innocent A Bad cop mislead Cook Cnty ASA to believe his rumers could solve case & justify my false arrest warrant. [CASE INFO REDACTED]
- 112. This survey is pointless! Nothing is going to change! Why go through the motions!
- 113. Please help us Get more hours out this small cell. Somedays I do feel trapped. I Go to sleep mostly to escape the pain. God Bless you all out there.
- 114. used, This survey feedback to make This a better prison. for the next people that come To This place.
- 115. N/A
- 116. this place is a mess
- 117. The Level of malpractice + abuse and Neglect at the healthcare is beyond reproach.
- 118. Close this facility or bring us actual weights down here and better opportunitys to rehabilitate ourselfs.

- 119. Please make a change with pinckneyville prison and staff
- 120. you need to Really do something About our situation instead of Just sending out surveys.
- 121. I've been days, actually over a week without a working toilet. Had to use dayroom in the open, and only when meal line left. We should be able to pick cellmate, especially lifers who know who they'll get along with.
- 122. Grateful that real prison advocacy exists in Illinois, without it, bad behavior by staff would undoubtedly increase. Your presence ensures staff restraint and serves to check a willingness to cross legal and constitutional lines. Also, a permanent "open box" for comments, stories, complaints, etc., would be helpful.
- 123. Please take our surveys in to consideration not just to say they were done. Because we are humans as well. Everyone gets good time
- 124. How can I be in a Medium Security prison (Pinckneyville) and be stuck in a cell for 23 hrs. a day. They run yard during the dayroom hours so you have to chose. That's only 3 times a week. Even if I get both I still in the cell for 21 hrs and 30 mins. I was getting more yard and movement in Max prisons. The SHU program in California has proven that 23 hr. lockdowns drive people crazy. So why are you all letting them continue to do this to us? Then you wonder why the streets of Chicago isn't safe. Once they drive you crazy they're not releasing these guys in their neighborhoods, they're going to Chicago. They tell you security concerns and the JHA says O.K. that's a good enough answer to keep us locked in a cell for 23 hrs. a day. This is a Medium Security Prison, it's not TAMMS.
- 125. To get C/Os better works w/ LGBTQ+ prisoners instead of turning there/their nose up at us. Stop bullying us w/ certain cases. Stop stealing/throwing away property when we go to seg/the hole. Need more peoples who's going to look into problem more than/en lie and say they did look into the issues
- 126. Put weights on the yard for mental health use
- 127. This is much needed.
- 128. Pretty good, Keep up your good work.
- 129. None
- 130. Work on Racist people and get more Races working hear
- 131. When inmates are constantly being moved that's how their TV's are being Broke or Broken. If a inmate is placed somewhere and not getting in trouble don't move him he's safe. People with sex offenses should be placed Together for their safety.
- 132. The Administration should make Weekly Round to get Feed-Back From Inmates If not Weekly. Then it should be monthly done By the Warden or Assist. Warden. Have a Better Grievance policy and complaint policy
- 133. This is the only prison in the state of Illinois That is only allowing inmate's 1 hour out there cell's. every other prison is giving inmate's 2 hours or better out their cell's everyday. The food is poorly in this prison. The cable system in this prison is really bad and needs to be changed.
- 134. Not enough help for mental health peoples, we need someone to help us all!!!
- 135. I disagreed about the disciplinary system being fair. The majority of Individuals look at things like "easy consequences, no problem, I'll break that rule." Most don't care about the consequences.
- 136. We need help, sometimes it looks as we are alone, like no body cares about us.
- 137. This facilities Maintenance Dept. is lazy and doesn't actually fix any real Problems, they Just sort of put a Bandaid on the Problem, that way they can keep fixing the Problem for a little While, and Keep their jobs, it is the ole (fix it today and wait for the next call to fix it again)

- 138. I would like to see people from outside IDOC come in and observe whats going on and also speak with individuals in custody about problems and issues. we are being warehoused and treated as less than human.
- 139. I feel that, we should be allowed to wear denum jeans. Also, there should be more art programs available, and this survey should be concentrated on more ways to help reduce the incarcerated population Statewide by focusing on those individuals under the TIS (Truth in Sentencing) law which is unconstitutional and unfair!
- 140. I know it takes a lot to change the system. People in power fear change because they fear the loss of their power. Illinois has always been corrupt. It's system's built on corruption and lies. I wish you all luck in your endevours to create a better system. I know that a forty-something, white male is not your demographic and what I have to say means little to your staff. I still support your efforts because, eventually, I'll see benefit's when they come. Thanks.
- 141. Mental health education should be top priority in every prison if we truly want to help people make better choices in their lives.
- 142. All said above.
- 143. Please help us!
- 144. Being in a cell for 23 hours a day is not good at all
- 145. Come see for your self. Someone need to help us. Please A.S.A.P. New Warden new staff
- 146. N/A
- 147. None of your questions revolved around healthcare.
- 148. One problem is that when we ask to see a "Crisis Team" or request a mental health professional, most of the time, we are denied that request. Pinckneyville hides things a lot when John Howard Association comes down here for a visit. So, the John Howard Association should always take the time to talk to a few "Individuals In Custody"!
- 149. If you put in for medical sometimes it gets ignored completely or if you get a pass to go your symptoms are minimized. Commissary does not sell proper clothing needed for outdoor/seasonal activity. Lack of healthy choices for food in dietary or commissary. Too much carbs and canned food. Lack of mental health help.
- 150. Free Me
- 151. Staff Just Does what they want to. It says on the website its a 18 an 6 so six hours out the cell. If your not in school or Job you get about six hours out of the cell a week. I have been trying to get a Job for 2 and a half years. You have to act out to get anything done. If you don't get along with your cellmate they don't care. The two options they give you is walk yourself to the naked room and possibly get moved back or Refuse housing and get c-grade and yard Restricktion and they take your tv. Also grievances don't work they take the CO Side.
- 152. Inmate's that are ADA and have lawsuits against IDOC Pinckneyville Corr or Healthcare unit and **[MEDICAL STAFF NAME REDACTED]** are treated very poorly and never get to sick call! and are harassed by staff and shaked down all the time!
- 153. This survey is full of shit
- 154. 3 yrs. Is to Long to have to wait For a transfer after you are denied the first time It should at least be 6 month to a yr. Before you can put Back in.
- 155. Not all staff is Bad some are great people. And all prisons should have HBO Games of thrones let go
- 156. the prison should do a sync evaluation on staff work befor hearing not all staff should be working here or in a prison. Don't say it to get them in trouble but the way they treat people or speak to people or even do their Job right

- 157. Prison isn't for rehabilitation. It's only for lockup. Each inmate has the opportunity to participate in programs, but they don't!! Prison should force the inmate to participate in these programs due to the fact that prison should live up to its name IDOC (Illinois Department of Corrections)
- 158. Everyone deserves a 2nd chance & also to get Jobs & get good time as well.
- 159. We need more programs to help us be successful after we're released.
- 160. Get me out of here.
- 161. They do what they want to do here at Pinckneyville
- 162. The dishmachine is broke here, has been for 3 mo. Trays are washed out in trash cans. we only walk to the chowhall once a day. This prison keeps us in our cells as much as they can. Sick call passes are not honored. I have been trying to see a doctor for 3 mo, I am a level minimum security why am I here. Drugs are bad here and these fucking people DO NOT CARE! The counselors no nothing about how to do thier job and help inmates. Grievances are pulled out of the grievance box and read right on the wing, being discussed with other inmates. And sometimes thrown in the trash. When I did write a grievance on this issue I was told the cameras were broke. Staff spend more time lying for each other and cover for each other then they do, doing the right thing. Did I mention I get 45 min-1 hour a day out of my cell to use the phone! I do not FEEL SAFE at this prison! people die Here
- 163. Ive been in multiple situations in which I was physically assaulted due to my being a gay man & I notified staff prior to each incident. Nothing was ever done. I was always told to refuse housing & accept the disciplinary actions that come with that.
- 164. I believe the survey should be tailored to each cellhouse individually and its officers individually. This would help root out individually problems better.
- 165. It ok.
- 166. We have no workout Equipment on the yard but a pull up bar and dip bar
- 167. Pinckneyville is close to Hell...maybe worse. HELP.
- 168. Thank you for all you do Stay Bless
- 169. I hope That you guys look into This for me my name is **[REDACTED]** And Ive been treated horrible because my case can I please get sum relief
- 170. The Phone Situation Here and Every other IDOC prison is the Biggest problem, causes the most fights! The Solution would Be to allow the Phone app on Individuals in Custody Tablet's to Be Active
- 171. They have a program in Centralia Corr. Ctr. for trans/Gay/Vurnable people and no one is being process to be sent to that program, a safe environment for LGBQI individuals. Ive been waiting over a year to get to this program.
- 172. This is a Disciplinary Joint. and I was sent here because I am in a wheelchair and they did not have bedspace nowhere else, so now i got to suffer. I was in school in Lawrence, now that I am here that's over with, they don't have no weights on the yard, and you only come out for 1 hour a day for phone and shower and you only got time for one. When they open the cell door, it's a race and I am in a wheelchair so i cant compete with these younger guys running to the phone and shower and i can't fight over no phone either.
- 173. The healthcare system is a complete Failure!!!
- 174. There's nothing like Home
- 175. Thank you for asking me these questions, hopefully their's som action behind y'all.
- 176. Need see when Finish the Report.
- 177. I hope the JHA does something to change our life in Pinckneyville, and I.D.O.C. The JHA use to be a great organization that got stuff done, but as of lately you guys have become just like I.D.O.C. you'll just like putting shit in black & white (i.e. putting shit

- on paper) for John Q. public and not seeing that the quality of life for the inmates improve in I.D.O.C.
- 178. Staff here shows tremendous racism towards blacks and muslims. Staff here disrespect us just for asking a ? or needing help. Staff here hates inmates and has made that clear as day. Staff here always falsifying tickets and scarring our 1 hr. of dayroom. Counselors are not counseling.
- 179. I wish something would be done to better the treatment at this Facility this like modern day slavery they make the inmate run the prison and pay us chump change while they sit back and collect large paycheck and they do nothing
- 180. Classes to help people with their issues
- 181. They should put All unvaccinated on one side of unit. so the the rest of us dont get locked down because they fail their covid test.
- 182. I want to buy Art supplies from Dick Blick again. They won't let us! More opportunities for earned good time. MAKE IT HAPPEN!!
- 183. Just because an individual is incarcerated doesn't mean he/she couldn't bring positive growth to the table of life skills.
- 184. This facility assists in helping each other cover up the mistreatment of Individuals in custody. They dont all mental health, or medical personels to properly do their Jobs. This facility carries it self like a organized gang! Inflicting hurt + pain on individuals in custody and fabercateing how situations occur, or occured, to Justify their reasons for inflicting the hurt + pain!
- 185. What will Be done By this survey?
- 186. every Inmate In IL should get a over night visit wit they girlfriend or Boyfriend
- 187. Im mentally III will you Help me
- 188. If any questions more need asked Please get in contact with me cause the treatment here is unfair. [NAME REDACTED]
- 189. I understand That There are limits on openings but people with more than a few years left have no opportunities for school or programs. This is very discouraging.
- 190. People who are allowed good time should have more opportunity to get some.

 (Job's/programs/...) school. There should be more things going on that get us ready to reenter society
- 191. Also I think we should be allowed access to Social Media. I feel our voices have been silence to things that may be important to us in the world. If they can Moniter our Text messages on the Tablet, They should be able to Moniter what's being said on Social Media and Cancel all things that are not within the guidelines they place before us. They just charge us to be on there. It should be that way for different TV shows that they don't have. Netflix, Starz, Hulu etc.
- 192. Properly train this Security Staff how to truely handle Medical Crisses When they occur, an also properly train them how to handle Mental Health Crisses in the Same Manner.
- 193. Illinois, is 50 years behind the rest of the world, when it comes to simple things. the only focus, in this state is staff's safety. Not the reality that there is no parole system, no system that benefits I.N.C. or gives incentives for good behavior! At least in Medium Security. I pray JHA can at least help us get a system where people are accually forgiven for there worst mistake, and given a real chance. I personally been incarcerated for 24 years. I've worked since 2003, and I still can't get a good recomendation to go home. I have 16 years left.
- 194. Cleaning supply are not being pass to clean cell's, I'm exposed to a disease, because no gloves to clean toilet are being pass, or disinfect. On December my cell

- mate tested positive for covid 19, they remove him out the cell, 8 day later they bring him back and a few day I became sick with covid.
- 195. I've been incarcerated [25+] yrs and I've never seen a prison that exacerbates the worst in prisoners such as mental health, physical ailments and criminal mind. If this prison is continued to function as it currently is there will be many more deaths as well as recidivism at an all time high.
- 196. Medical is pretty much 3rd World status unless you are about to die. Most COs seem too lazy or scared to properly do the job. All COs seem to want all inmates in the cell 24-7. I've been here 16 mos., and I'm still trying to get medical treatment for Things I addressed when I arrived.
- 197. The Tablet should have better Apps, more Channels on TV, more dayroom time, more phones on yard and dayroom will have a positive improvement in this prison
- 198. This place is the worst facility I've ever been in. This Place is Very Depressing, this is Torcher
- 199. I Never Been In trouble but is placed In this seg like prison
- 200. To have Correctional Officers give the REQUEST SLIP forms out to the inmates when requested for them!
- 201. Actually come do something about how this prisons ran, and stop acting like this survey means anything to you.
- 202. We need shoes and boots. more cleaning utensils and a broom
- 203. This Is My Home. these People gave me 46 years For a crime I Didnt commit and I have no Hope every going home. So how I see this as my Home. I just want to be treated With Respect and as the person I present myself as and to be able to get More than 55 minutes out the cell a day
- 204. Need to get this prison act together because It's a total mess
- 205. It don't help sex offenders. Sex offenders should all be in one prison so there safe
- 206. not enough Jobs for everyone. The people that do have them. Keep the same ones for years. Hard to get in school or programs. If you got time. Hard to get the phone. cause it's only 8 phones. Alot of time a phone or two or out. Take months to fix need phones on are tablet and visits. would make time much Better.
- 207. Theres nothing done here to try and prepare a guy for release. This place is a ware house house for societys illrepute. The people of the state see Inmates as a \$50,000 an plus Job a year. And they dont do shit. On lock a door he
- 208. I am improperly placed in a level 2 prison. I have 1 year to serve. All other prisoners that are short are being transferred to lower security prisons. This prison is being filled with prisoners from max security prisons. I am trapped here. Im at risk of catching additional charges protecting my self.
- 209. we are just being warehoused like animals. An the institution have me around murder an I am locked up for a gun with two years left to go.
- 210. This place "Pinckneyville" is inhumane! Many have tried to go see a doctor/sick call and not available to us unless you fall out/have a stroke etc. They deny us healthcare as they say they are short on nurses/staff! we suffer! This is an emergency! I suspect that you won't even get this survey! They will be hand picked! opened and read and Pinckneyville will select surveys to give to you. Anyways! It is a struggle to keep healthy here and stay alive without proper healthcare! This Place isn't LGBTQ friendly! They make fun of Queer's here/harass us! They only give jobs to people who do drugs and are drunk (Hooch) drinking all of the time. Female staff flirting with inmates to have sexual relations with!
- 211. Everyone knows about the horrors of Pinckneyville, why does no one step in?

- 212. Out of all the prisons in Illinois Pinckneyville on the top 3 list of the worst prison period. If y'all even get an chance to come around and talked with peoples in all these prisons around the would y'all will learned alot about the unfair, unhumane treatment of all inmates.
- 213. I have been gone for some Time! I've see some change For Better move's from springfield to IDOC, But when it comes prison to prison the Rules + Reg. are often left warden to warden Fall short do to staff implament in doing so it put staff, Medical, Admin, at is where all tension Between Begain until This prison to prison are Fixed I see This as a Fewtile effert at Best.
- 214. Thank's for doing this. Because we don't have anybody to talk to about this.
- 215. Officers act very unprofessional. We are limited to only 1 hour per day and there is plenty of time that could be allocated for more out of cell time. Staff continuously complain about having "too much work" to do when they spend majority of their time sitting out in the core (no matter what cellhouse, it's all the same).
- 216. The prison should have cameras facing The Dietary who making to trays and do Training with staff members and Stop Throwing away The mail Inmates put in mail Box.
- 217. Also I think we should be allowed access to social media. I feel our voices have been silence to things that may be important to us in the world. If they can Moniter our Text messages, Then in the same sense They should be able to Moniter what we way on Social media. They just charge us to be on there. It should also be that way for different TV shows they don't have. Netflix, Starz, Hulu etc.
- 218. This is the only prison in IDOC that Doesn't Have weights
- 219. The prisons are more focused on keeping people down and miserable than preparing them for the outside world and to succeed.
- The D.O.C. does not provide adequate access to the courts even though we have a 220. constitutional right to this access. I have been here 7 months and have only been to a law library about 8 times if that. I am pro-se and this has caused me actual injury to my court case that I plan to file suit for when I get out on [DATE REDACTED] along with several other lawsuits seeking injunctions and damages. They also steal your belongings when you go to segregation or on court writs, they fully expect you to clean your floor on your hands and knees with a rag because they do not allow us to use brooms and mops and I believe this is cruel and unusual punishment. The officers lie on you and they word is taken over yours every single time. They treat us as if we are incapable of telling the truth and their officers are incapable of lying. When you ask them to contact witnesses ahead of an adjustment committee hearing they never follow their own rules but say they are supposed to. They don't follow their own rules but expect us to. I have been trying to get to healthcare unit for 3 months and still haven't been able to. Officers and staff retaliate against you for writing grievances which is against the law, and they have beat inmates to death here on more than a couple of occasions. This is the worst prison I've ever been to and I'm going to sue the D.O.C. for sending me to a medium maximum facility when my charge is indirect criminal contempt, which should put me at a minimum security prison because thats not even a felony, but instead they have me here with murderers and people with life which has resulted in me being nearly choked to death on [DATE REDACTED] and when I told them what happened they did nothing but write me a ticket for wanting to get out of the cell with my attacker, help me sue them

- 221. Chicago IDOC should allow inmates to Get some Goodtime thru some form of Rehabilitation programs or bring Back the Parole Board to Award some of us that Has Been in Prison the chance to Get a time cut thru Rehabilitation programs.
- 222. No commit
- 223. Ive been recommended four times for cataract surgery by the eye doctor in four years. But its never been done. Have had Hep C for [20+] years!! Recommended for treatment by NP and PA 3 times in the past 2 years it's never been done. Fire everyone 1) Rob Jefreys Director 2) [MEDICAL STAFF NAME REDACTED]
- 224. The CO's at Pinckneyville C.C. are rude and aggressive.
- 225. In Illinois they are not trying to help inmate become part of society, every inmate should have a place to Live when they get out and real job opportunity also Prison should have better access to legal help in Prison.
- 226. Pinckneyville is stressful and your on lockdown 23/1. your out for Dayroom for a hour and you only get 20 mins Phone time to call home its fucked up here.
- 227. N/A
- 228. Food here is very poor. Cable goes out alot and sound goes out. need to fix lines in channels and need more channels. Commissary always out of most everything a lot. never have what is on commissary list. have a very hard time seeing the Dr. when need to. They stoped nurse sick call, and get our Med's all Times of day or night. Sometimes not at all. you get moved from cell to cell alot and can't get moved if can't get along with cellie. Been moved 12 times in 5 years here.
- 229. The evil that U.S. has done has gone to far. It can only be evil for evil until who ever religious belief becomes true. I am tired of seeing evil people act as if they are good or become good after they get old like Joe Biden. Then talk as if they are good people while the kill, rape and rob the world for its resources.
- 230. I was marked a single celled for being queer & this prison FAILS to honor it. I cut myself once & a staff member told me I "did it wrong." Then promptly told me how to do so properly. Mental health staff makes NO executive [ILLEGIBLE] as staff has crippled the capacity of MH to do so. If you have a problem, the "solution" is to refuse housing which gets you C-grade w/ another person who may be racist, bigoted, etc. This place is hellish. Shut it down.
- 231. Thinkes to god i have done my time Out
- 232. I would suggest that they (the staff) learn to treat us individuals in custody with respect & dignity, because most of them think of us as less than human being. I've been in Menard & Stateville (both max facilitys) & the staff in those facilities treat individuals in custody with the upmost respect & dignity.
- 233. I am concerned that this survey will Be read and Discarded By the staff at this facility and due To my crutique and critical Judgment of this facility I will be retaliated again, please alert me if and when you receive this To quell any anxiety and fear
- 234. I appreciate Taking The survey and I hope to see changes soon as well. Thank you!
- 235. "We really need to speak with John Howard face-to-face!" "So that (WE) can tell you (ALL) the HORRIFYING stories that goes on here!!!!" "No one does administrative tours and come and see about us in the HELL hole!!!" "PLEASE HELP US," (please)!!!!!
- 236. more mask being worn by staff and able to get in programs with alot of time to serve
- 237. I don't what to say I just hope you guys can help, & Change all this treatment; people getting fuck up mentally For all this. God Bless you all.
- 238. When your transfer get approved it should not take 8 months to get moved. You should not have to be a snitch to get a Job. In order to get a Job you need a votesheet but in order to get a votesheet you have to get hired so How is that

- possible. A votesheet Is a List of Jobs you are approved to work based on what no one knows and sometimes your vote sheet comes back no jobs. How am I suppose to show I changed If I'm not given a chance have only had 1 Fight ticket in [15+] yrs I approved to go to a min place but I'm not approved to work a job, I know about 300 people In the same boat please Help.
- 239. This place is a Ticking time Bomb ready to explode, They feed and treat you like animals locking you up 23 hours a day and barely give you a hour out, Recreation Time is far fetched
- 240. One Hour Out of Cell a Day is Inhumane! Twenty Minutes On the Phone a Day is Inhumane! Lack of Clothing and Hygiene at Store is Inhumane! The Way The Staff Treats us is Inhumane! Prison Reformation is Needed to Better us!
- 241. put phone calls on the tablet. It would help stop gang from running phone. Stop drugs and enforce rule evenly
- 242. CO's on some units show favoritism to some inmates by that I mean they pop they doors to let them pass stuff but they dont let other ppl do it. May come pop doors and let some inmates out to use phone when ever they want, they let some inmates out to run the deck all day even tho they are not porters. You should Let everyone or no one if you ask me.
- 243. We need Help here, The Healthcare system is inhumane people are being grossly cared for. The officers ignore, deprive and degrade Inmates. We are confined 23 hours a day. The food is served cold and slopped together
- 244. I dont got No more comments Just that we need better commissary and better Jobs available and more dayroom.
- Overall my experience here has been poor (aside from the GED class opportunity). I've been incarcerated [20+] yrs now having spent almost all of it in max security prisons and I can honestly say the staff here are some of the worst at how they talk to you and treat any issue presented to them. Every question or complaint is answered with "I don't know" and "write a grievance." Little concern is shown towards the inmates and any conflict or fight that happens while on deck has been immediately ended by CO's deploying pepperspray right away even when the fighting has stopped, they are too quick to engage in yelling and being confrontational with inmates and never attempting to quell frustrations through listening or dialog only locking us up.
- 246. S/O's are treated as the worst of all. But strangely, most from model backgrounds. The playing field is not balanced. I have managed processes and supervised people for many years...but here I can't be trusted with picking up trash inside the yard...Heck!
- 247. Need more re-entry programming.
- 248. This facility sucks
- 249. this prison here at Pinckneyville should be investigate because its alot of things that is wrong that I feel these staff are doing. I feel that its the staff against the inmates.
- 250. Staff need to give more instead of taking
- 251. Pinckney I needed program is in loock 9 Moths my case 50% not Call me the school program Drugs nothing I needd GED Tabe testing Spanish Nothing Not Counselor Bilingual
- 252. I'm a ADA inmate. since arriving 4 mo Ago I've been denied medical Treatment.

 Refused meds + access to sick call. Mental Health Too! The med Techs likes to pass the buck "drop a kite" or just ignore you altogether "don't Reply to kites"
- 253. The Good Time from springfield should be effective

- 254. Prison is not for humans. Who are we as humans to condemn a human off one action. Multiple offense are different but the first shouldn't be so hard. Give them help not harm.
- 255. More diversity in institutions of staff will stop the racism in housing work assignment, transfers, food and staff. This is the problem and a lack of ways for all prisoners to earn good time on their behavior towards there sentence
- 256. question: are you really paying attention?!
- 257. We need to establish a new type of officer training my point guards take on a Dominant alfa male or female persona. New trainee are Indoctrinate to this Bias and the cycal of Bad and Dominate conduct not result in physical abuse or they Feel they are Abuse the Inmate. They Fail to understand they are Just over paid Babysitters we need to work to get a Happy Inmate makes for good work Environment. There lie about Food. When no offical are Here, we Dont get Full Portions and Have to Rely on Commissary, Commissary Has no Health choices.
- 258. Some of the people that work here need sensitivety training and more compasion for the human aspect.
- 259. Stop just doing surveys and really help make a change new laws and rules go in like they are not laws. Two that is not shown to be uphear to the long term prisoner school rule, and keeping Inmate close to Friends and loved ones. I was in Stateville CC in School close to Loved ones now Transfered for no good reason to Pinckneyville CC far from loved ones and schools. John Howard year after year put out prison surveys and new rules, laws and never stand on none of them for Prisoners. Another rule or law that is not being upheld is the ADA Hearing repair rule, IDOC is not repairing the hearing aids, one man cell the cell is to little for two people.
- 260. Instead of opportunities for parole violators Pinckneyville uses education + work assignments as a tool to control rather than equipt. For example someone serving life will get a opportunity before a parole violator. Because if you give someone with little hope a opportunity they have something to look forward to and less likely to cause problems. No one cares about parole violator because they are good for business (tax dollars)
- 261. More Dayroom time and manditory Jobs
- 262. It has a feel off officers/Lt. against the Warden. We are the cannon fodder.
- 263. Can you give other people a chance to have contracts with this place, not just these weak companies that offer fragile products that break within the month and forces my hand to buy it again, especially boxer briefs. We love name brand clothes that was purchased in the world like Timberland, Nike, Champion, Jordan and others, to hats boxers, socks, shoes. Even the name brand Hygiene products too.
- 264. Medical Treatment is very poor here too. A person should not be forced to live in a cell with someone they have nothing in common with.
- 265. The survey was Decent, but it would help to know if the answers I gave are actually garnered to change/positive change in this facility, because as it stands, all I know is that I answered Questions.
- 266. To put on the Gtl Tablet Khan Academy College App on the Gtl Tablet. Also, put the Lexis Nexis e-law library App on the Gtl Tablet. These Apps will give Prisoners Ample Amount time get education And conduct meaningful Legal research on the Gtl tablet in their cell (espcially at Pinckneyville Corr. Ctr. when only allow 1 hour out the cell)
- 267. This joint Does not Allow or Give Everyone the equal opportunity to Better them selves And show that they Deserve a 2nd chance or those willing and Need to Show they have Rehabilitate.

- 268. Please look into this jail. Look at how many people have actually received their GED or a degree. I have been living like Im in a Super Max even though I am Med security with an upcoming outdate. Inmates of Med/Min classification do not belong here. I am not a parole violator or have any disciplinary issues and the state has done nothing about me being housed here.
- 269. I think Springfield should do random stops and not inform the prison that their coming so that they could really see how the prisons are run.
- 270. I pray this Actually Does some Good we do not get enough food on the trays at any meals. We Do not Get fair treatment By staff most people who work Here Do Not Like it Here. Please use this to make A Difference people Are Dying Here Help us please.
- 271. I just wish to thank your organization for your time and efforts, to not only hear our voices, but moreso, allowing us a platform to be heard.
- 272. This is the worst prison in illinois
- 273. This facility is borderline abuse. Violations of my 8th amendment are happening everyday and I am also a minimum custody level at a medium/max institution. I am only here on a parole violation. This is the worst prison ever.
- 274. Need cell By ourself Also take Shower By ourself
- 275. Better Healthcare Needed A.S.A.P.
- 276. Please help us here we truly need it...! I just want to do productive things with my time. [NAME AND ID REDACTED] is me
- 277. There are to many elder men and women incarcerated that can not walk or worst. I understand they where sentenced to a certain amount of time. But time was not to be a death sentence in here. This should be more addressed then anything.
- 278. Help with schooling + more programs + more gym, yard and get some weights down Here.
- 279. Please Help us here commissary is A Issue (Shortage) Time out the cell is A major issue That includes health Also Access to get into Programs here is not good I'm in Mental health (SMI) And cannot get into there programs. Ive wrote Before concerning other Issues.
- 280. On the surface we as inmates owe a debt to. This is Ridiculous no education program for those that qualify For the incentive only First time offender and truth in sentencing
- 281. This prison is moer mentally harmful than physical. It is a physical threat here but more so mentally because all we do here is lay around in a cell designed for 1 person but has 2. I want to better myself before I get out but being here does not help me with that problem. This prison is more concerned about security more than anything. It's suppose to be safety and security but they know once we are behind the doors their job is basically done.
- 282. Inmates are given ripped masks because staff tak out the metal piece that goes around the nose. Inmates share a central air system that goes through all the room, and inmates have lost 1 hour of dayroom because of Covid the above conditions are in place if one individual get Covid and is on Quarantine. Unvaccinated people should be housed separate because if Im vaccinated and around an unvaccinated person I get punished and go on Quarantine, miss passes, visits, outside time.
- 283. This facility (Pinckneyville Correctional) needs to be placed under a surprise investigation. Don't give them a heads up or they will put on a facade. They will serve ok food and have people clean and stay in the cells all day so no incidents happen to make things look as they're not. Srgt [NAME REDACTED] and [NAME REDACTED] I strongly believe are white supremacist who are part of the pride boys who work

here to harass and harm. I've heard both of them on separate occasions speaking negatively and spitefully towards individuals, speaking of harming them in gruesome ways such as hanging. They always speak of "MAGA" as if blacks dont belong. Many Lt. and Majors here set the standard for hatred and unfair treatment. I've seen staff here beat multiple people up also.

- 284. This is the worst facility in Illinois and It Needs to be Shut Down Immediately
- 285. They were supposed to do risk and needs assessments on us per the Director's 7 pillars memo. All this place (Pnk. C.C.) did was assess my risks w/ a questionnaire. When I requested a needs assessment to try to get a transfer someplace where I could continue my college education, the requests were unanswered. This place is about punishment. I'd rather be in any max. than this shit hole! All I can do here is push a disabled guy in his wheelchair, work in the dietary, or work in the cellhouse as a porter/janitor. I'm a law clerk w/ 103 hrs. of college and a great record. All I did was write a former DOC nurse and refuse to answer questions at Danville C.C. when put to the question on it. They stuck me here and now ostrisize me unnecessarily while denying me all rehabilitative programs except the 3 aforementioned jobs which I have no interest in. The yard sucks for it has no weights just basketball. So, I don't go. I'm warehoused like cordwood.
- 286. This Prison is Petty were locked in our cells to much on days there is no yard or gym 24-1. We have No Choice in Cable Services, the Audio Tablets have Poor in-cell reception if at all. We Need Better Quality mattresses these mats were not made for long term sleeping. Rarely have the right size clothes, shoes in commissary I think those items should be ordered like electronics. If you came from another prison with Back Brace, knee braces, certain medications this Dr. should not be able to Take them From you. Individuals in Custody with long sentences should still be able to Participate in School or Programs to better themselves, have Jobs, or why should we be good?
- 287. The staff here need to be reevaluated and trained how to help people rather than
- 288. I.D.O.C Should Rehabilitate Inmates. Give Good Time to AllI Inmates. Increase State Pay to Those Who Don't Get Money Sent to Them. IDOC Needs A Make Over With the Changes of The 20th Century. The Elderly and Handicap Need to Go Home to There Families and Enjoy What Life They Have Left. There's Hundreds of Things That Can Be Changed to Improve the Prisons And The Life of Inmates in Prison.
- 289. Thay are not giving people jobs on c grade and it is way to hard to get off c grade
- 290. I don't think these will change anything it is just one more carrot on a stick to keep us from acting out. I am going to write a letter to JHA with some ideas to help all the men and women in here that are trying to do the right thing.
- 291. I think you should Really look at these surveys and Really help the people in here cause this place is not here helping anyone it is making them worse not being treated like a person a human.
- 292. This place is extremely dangerous & it's a crap shoot whether you will cell with someone who will assault you. Fights happen often.
- 293. THINGS NEED TO CHANGE.
- 294. These Staff Members Need Another Job & This Job Needs More Requirements!
- 295. More Yard, more Dayroom, Better Food, weights, more college courses, Better school, industry, better commissary, Better Healthcare, Better Staff, Cleaning Supplies, Clean Water, Good Time
- 296. I hope this survey helps improve the life of us prisoners and the new ones that come after us.

- 297. If a person wants a job they should be able to get one. More dayroom/time out the cell. Bring weights to work-out.
- 298. Wexford Medical Source Inc. and its staff should be removed from IDOC expiditiously! Prisoners should not soley be judged by mistakes in our past, but by merit and actions today. There needs to be body cameras worn by officers at all times. Bring back contact visits w/out plexiglas barriers. Allow all prisoners some type of education/job training. Track spending through public forums. Stop catering to sex offenders. Develope an outside agency to oversee the grievance situation and disciplinary hearings.
- 299. Does it really matter what I write. JHA are collaboraters with IDOC and only do shit like this to seek grants and money from the State. Do you think I'm stupids???
- We spent 23 hours a day in the cell. We have been without heat in the cells since Dec 29, 2022. Staff refuse to help. Everyone is aware.
- 301. Administrators all too often Implement Abstract concepts in the Name of Policy with No concern toward the Practical Effect on the Human Beings they Presume to "Ward"... Also: The Prison System Promotes Predation, Bullying & the Rise of Feudal Lords There Is NO LAW In a two-man cell, only Rape, Bullying, & Survival of the Fittest.
- 302. N/A
- 303. They need some weights lifting material in the yard so we can have some needed exercise. But I know that that will never happen, because security. Also put some Legal books for a Spanish speaking person can look and see at what can help him to get back to court. I'm saying this because I have been helping [NAME AND ID REDACTED] on a law claim that I started in [YEAR REDACTED] about why didn't they have a bilingual wasn't assigned to him when he went to see an [MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL REDACTED]. That's when the institution decided to separate us to different joins. My name is [NAME AND ID REDACTED] an I was helping my brother [NAME AND ID REDACTED] while in Lawrence C.C. about he never had a bilingual speaking person each time he went to see the [CASE DETAILS **REDACTED].** And I just found out that the court just drop the claim. It is that **[NAME REDACTED**] doesn't know the Laws. And he send the papers the court send to him. He send them back because he doesn't know how to read any English Language. And I guess the court thinks that he doesn't want to keep the claim going. Remember when we wrote to you asking for some help in this matter on [YEAR REDACTED]? Anyway the Hispanics really need help in this, because there are a lot of them that are lock up just because they don't know about the Laws in the USA. And that's why they close A lot of cases because they can pick on a Hispanic person that cannot understand any English. Like [NAME REDACTED]. As for me. I'm in here for a third person that said that I did this crime and he got his time cut also the second person the same. As for me I still have life. Sorry got carried away.
- 304. Kick the Fuck N****s out
- 305. We don't Get channels on our overpriced TV's such as Me TV, Free From, INSP, Hallmark, IFC, TLC, Antenna, Cozi, H+I, Ion, yet we pay \$200 plus for a TV. I've been trying to buy cough drops "And" a TV cable for (6 months). We can never buy them here and I've been here for 10 months now shopping nearly every week.
- 306. They don't give us cleaning supplies of our cells, the cable don't show clear, there is always a problem over the phone. The staff talk to us so disrespectful, you ask for something they say write a grievance, they give so little food at chow I'm still hungry after I eat. They need to put in more wifi boxes.
- 307. Graham C.C. Is 100x Better than Pinckneyville.

- 308. I will like to say the life here make me feel like a pet in a cage and make me feel more than a punishmen and more like a human pet or human animal.
- 309. The prison puts on a Act. The prison is the worst of the worst
- 310. money is being stolen, our Rec equipment is in poor shape, staff purposely Kick or basket balls around to see if they can warp them. Its so much and this is not going to do anything so I apologize for writing
- 311. This is a horrible prison And we need your help in forcing staff and Warden to make significant changes Because it will Never happen without outside influence. Please send letters or someone to speak to inmates so we can share our Accounts of how Bad this prison truly is.
- 312. Ive been to 3 prisons this is by far the worst prison Ive been to, cant get a Job, really time u get to a program ur already being released so there goes any good time And healthcare is impossible I am diabetic when I got here it took 26 days before I got insulin or meds and Im insulin dependent
- 313. HELP!!!
- 314. This prison needs to make a lot of changes it is very corrupt. I wouldn't be surprised if these surveys are swapped out for ones they made and the real ones get thrown away.
- 315. Thank you for all you do in bettering our environment to make it more conducive to us rehabilitating ourselves. This prison lacks that key communication with our loves ones & they're using the "pandemic" as the reason for restricted visits. thanks.
- 316. I don't really have anything else to say other then please look in to this prison/Pinckneyville Corr. Center, 5835 State Route 154, Pinckneyville, IL 62274/and change things this is really the worst place Ive ever seen and when you do come here don't be fooled I live in **[HOUSING UNIT REDACTED]** and OMG its the worst housing unit that's because this is were there put the transgender or Gay people and that being said since they are over here the CO or staff treat everyone like trash nothing ever gets done and there are no buttons on the doors or shelfs like the other houses have. thank You and God Bless
- 317. You (J.H.A.) Don't Do Anything To Help! I've Written You Many Times With No Response! I'm [70+] Years Old And Confined to Wheelchair. This Prison Treats Me Like Crap. Do Something Positive For Us (Inmates) Pinckneyville Cor Ctr. Is A Sewer of Corrupt Employees! Healthcare is Worthless! Do Something!
- 318. Focusing more on Helping the Individual Instead of overly controlling him or her.
- 319. better treatment and more time out of cells
- 320. I was transferred from Menard to here on **[DATE REDACTED]** because while on my Job Assignment I saved one of the officers, who was being violently Assaulted by another prisoner. I put myself in harms way, and now I have to forever worry about other prisoners assaulting me or worse because I saved an officer. I've Got nothing in Return for my actions, been here for **[6+]** months and still never even been given A Job Assignment! Go figure...
- 321. IDOC has to allow people with longer sentences the chance to go to school. Currently they prioritize people on how long their sentence is. The shorter it is the more opportunities you have to attend school.
- 322. This survey just helps me realize this is not what my life consist of on the outside world. "Prison is just for however much time from a little 2 a lot if any at all. Thank you for taking my thoughts away
- 323. I hope the information provided will lead to positive change here at PNK and all of IDOC. To be honest I do not believe this survey will have any effect on life in Prison.

- 324. The food is poor, they are very corrupt. Sometimes even evil, abusive, emotionally, mentally and sometimes physical. Starvation is very real, improper healthcare, unfair tickets, no one to check the tyranny that goes on in here, staff come to work and feel like they can treat us anyway. Lock us in our cells. Racism is very alive in here, they don't care to help reintergrate.
- 325. All & All this prison system has came a long way since I've started my prison bit. The officers have become more respectful towards me, what needs change is the process of who gets jobs and whose allowed to go to school. So many get looked over because of a security level or amount of time he or she must serve.

 Opportunities are not fair in prison, period! Neither its jobs, school, & or transfers.
- 326. I think that there should be programs for ppl to earn things when they are doing good (not catching major tickets) Everybody here aint Assholes & ppl make mistakes. Some ppl here are innocent.
- 327. We only have a few channels on the tv They keep us in a Box all day, at least let us have more educational channels like HGTV, Sci, discovery, TLC. So at least we can learn something.
- 328. The HCU is the worst Ive ever experienced & I've been locked up for [20+] yrs.
- 329. N/A
- 330. I wish you had asked about the quality of healthcare. Otherwise, good survey.
- 331. Better security, them tracking down on gang Banding, Better opportunity to Better yourself for release or Just increase the Ability to learn Not Allowing gang members Run the prison Nor Allow Them To work For most People this is life Beyond life Have Heart to Allow inmates live Before They die in A way its Positive. More Food and TV Channels Wont Hurt
- 332. Thank you JHA. I hope what yall are doing helps us out soon or later.
- 333. Healthcare ignores requests for refills and refuses to send out a call pass for sicknesses. They also only could test nonvaccinated people. Vaccinated people could have and spread it more since this place is to retarded to test EVERYONE!
- 334. Please don't waste our time with us responding and nothing gets done investigate the issues and watch video recordings that can show that this staff does nothing but sit on their ass, have dietary send them special food to the units and stealing money from the state that they never get off their butts and work for, but I'm sure you guys already knew that. (The Truth)
- 335. Its nice You put out this survey for US to reply on the conditions + staff. I just hope things start to change for the better School for one. I would love to go to school, but having [20+] years to go. I can't. They only let people who have 2-3 years left on their sentence to go. Maybe down the road that will change.
- 336. We Need meaningful change!
- 337. The truth in sentence need an overhaul people are being excessive over punish for crime they are not guilty of as charge. People are being force to take guilty plea when they are not guilty. The prison board at some point be able to adjust an-A-status inmate with a spotless disciplinary record for 10 plus years be granted some type of release consideration.
- 338. I am one who wishes to build on a future for myself as well as others and need funds to continue my schooling but don't have the means and I can easily see why guys use legal action to provide this source of income to get ahead of the game. Im working on Business & Corp. Law as well as Real Estate Law, I already have my Certificates for Paralegal/Legal Assistant, Criminal Law, and Civil Litigation. So after my current classes I won't have any more money, but want to finish my field of study. I need a sponsor but limited the resource of out of cell time to do so.

- 339. HELP!! We Need Medical care in Here/Sick Call!!!
- 340. N/A
- 341. Better Counselor Very Seldom See one On Wing, Better Grievance Process, Hire Inmate (Assign) For each Cell-House To Help Inmates With Grievance At Hearing. Put Inmates in Cells with People They Have Things in Common Such As Age, Religion, Hobbies.
- 342. The chow hall is only used by 2 houses every feed for some odd reason. Access to drugs + alcohol is easier than if I was on the street. Cannot rehabilitate in this place due to the drugs. No type of workout equipment outside + the equipment in the gym is old + worn out. Healthcare is nonexistent. I have not had a TB test since 2021. Need more nurses. The nurses are stressed out + very rude due to I believe from being over worked. Need programs for people with more time. I have [15+] years left + I was told not to even think about education. Commissary is poorly ran.
- 343. Please Help Us As Human And Give Us More Time Out To Speak With Our Love ones... Thanks!!!
- 344. I Am Fighting Wrongful Conviction
- 345. Everyday in this Facility is hell. WE only come out For one hour A day, And on commissary day we don't come out At All if our dayroom is in the A.M. Overall, hell.
- 346. N/A
- 347. None
- 348. Can you please talk to the Warden of this place Pinckneyville to see if he or she can better house LGBTQ Inmates because a lot of us are going through hell because the placement officer here won't cell us right. Thank you!
- 349. Please get us some weights And more Dayroom time And More Programs.
- 350. The ladies are typically the ones to calm situations.
- 351. No Matter How Many Facts you Present Grievances Are Always Denied! I Have Written Proof! Mental Health is A Joke Here. Pandemic is Over We Never got Back our 2nd Dayroom. Out of Cell Time is only 1 Hour A Day 4 Days A Week plus 1/2 hrs 3x A week For Yard Gym Once A week For An Hour. Pinckneyville is Totally Unorganized Nothing is Done to Resolve Grievances. Counselors Here Are Basically Useless.
- 352. This prison is a joke in terms of treatment. Once a CO gets "power" they treat those locked-up like bad dogs/animals get treated better than us.
- 353. Refer to Q14
- 354. This survey is Not Going To affect This Prison.
- 355. I really hope that this feedback will make a difference in implementing change for the future. There's NO doubt the entire system is in dire need of revision. Certain laws and sentencing guidelines need serious re-evaluation. Crimes such as mine (possession w/ intent) that are both victimless AND non-violent shouldn't carry the same or more time as sex crimes and other violent offenses. And at the VERY least, someone such as I should never have to do their sentence living around and/or in the same cell as those people. There are a LOT of injustices occuring within these walls and systems and we need to call on members of congress for immediate change. Also just want to say thank you and that I appreciate your guys's

- collaborative efforts. In a place so devoid of hope, it's nice to get a glimpse of light that shows we're not completely forgotten.
- 356. Please Help us.
- 357. Please truly consider and forward this info to People in Power.
- 358. Come inspect they are using Covid as an excuse to treat us inhumanely
- 359. thanks for giving individuals in custody a survey to fill out about the conditions of this prison I have wrote to JHA before and I will keep you guys updated on condition of this prison in the future!!
- 360. Im **[60+ years old]** and need an ABE class to raise my Tabe Score to 8.0 to get into college class and becuz I am an 85% **[30+]** yr I am on a waitlist. I already Know III be on a waitlist until the Day I Die
- 361. our showers in 5 house never get clean + the dayrooms never get clean nothing not sweeping or mopping its always dirty
- 362. This facility is Big on Retaliation against inmates. We don't get our whole 1 hour out of the cell, we don't get to come out the cell on commissary day, the phones are always broken, we have only (8) phones for over 100 people. Help get all minimum inmates to a minimum security facility. PLEASE HELP CHANGE THE IDOC PRISON ENVIRONMENT
- 363. I've been fighting Pinckneyville HEALTHCARE for the last [5+] years. I am an ADA person. There health could care less, if you live or die, walk or not. [MEDICAL INFORMATION REDACTED], due to the lack of healthcare. I've done it all, grievance, request Begging, and now a "Lawsuit" I Need Help, We ALL Need Help. Equip for Equality is now doing an investigation of Pinckneyville, and health. [CASE INFORMATION REDACTED] I need help in finding an "civil rights" Attorney to handle my case.
- 364. I remember a while back with JHA there was a survey I believe before Covid occur and it's like we as inmates aren't receiving the proper help. No matter what we do or say we're always judged and we're always wrong. And to top that off, there's no correctional officer here that is never wrong, at least that's what they believe.
- 365. Please Help makes changes here At Pinckneyville. Please, Please Help Thank You
- 366. We Also need Better Healthcare. And the staff need to Understand that they cause more stress in this place.
- 367. Me, Personally, I Been treated less Than human since I Been Here, I don't get none of my message for whatever reason they Don't tell me. I'm in the cell All day No Job No School cause they wont let me cause of my MSR date. How do I suppose to learn if I can't go to School? I know yall dont want us to put our name on here, but mine is
- 368. No Programs for inmates.
- 369. Commissary needs to be redone. They are always out of essential items. Out of noodles, how does this happen?
- 370. That which is hidden from the rest of the world will always be abused.
- 371. Survey is good to know that what you experience while in prison can be asked of and answered by you through surveys

- 372. How will us as offender will know if doing this survey will help us or help the people who will come after us? How will we know if you are getting these survey back from us?
- 373. no Thank
- 374. We need more out of cell time because as of right now we get one (1) hour out of our rooms. We need more access to the phones, we need reasonable prices on commissary items. We need weights on the yard. We need better cable channels, we need better healthcare service, we need this prison investigated for excessive human rights violations. We need equal privileges as the transgender inmates, they get bras, panties, make up, but the straight inmate population is denied tank tops, after shave, smell good lotion, better deodorant, better oral toothpaste, mouth wash.
- 375. N/A
- 376. I hate it here the staff is Just negative here and they do not help you with shit the food is b.s. and this prison is Just fuck up.
- 377. I believe I have said it all in 12, 13, 14. This prison improvement need to be looked A.S.A.P
- 378. N/A / Free Me!
- 379. Jail is really what you make it, but pinckneyville will never change for the Bad or good!!
- 380. This was very helpful it helped with my mental health problems and had a lot of concerns.
- 381. This is a disciplinary prison most inmates are here for disciplinary reasons but a job is near impossible to get here. Please look into availability of jobs for All inmates. The power outlets suck Ass.
- 382. I feel that the good time is not properly being given out to the individuals in custody, that's something that can be looked into. I also feel that adding more apps on the tablets specifically A phone app would help balance out the conditions we face in this prison. Lastly "cell assignments" I feel this prison should be more aware of the individuals they place in the cell together.
- 383. I ask if you can help with anything with this prison it will be the healthcare situation!

 "It's Really a Joke" I'm Really Afraid about my overall wel being here!
- 384. This Is A Racist Facility!! Staff Has The Same Attitude As Leadership Here Negative! Pinckneyville!!
- 385. Communications with family over the phone needs to be addressed phones on our tablet is a must, lower commissary prices, prices should not change week to week, better access to know what's on commissary not Oh you should have put it on your list when I didn't know they had it for Sale or I would have
- 386. To be honest theres no saving this joint at all. 5-House has no panic buttons but all other houses do. Im currently under Investigation in Seg. IA (Internal Affairs) questioned me concerning a fight in which I don't know how it started even though I was there when it started. I was on the phone. They threatened me saying 'A fight is like 7-14 day seg, but since you won't tell us Anything we have to investigate in which investigation lasts up to 30 days." In Segregation you dont have a cup. They give you a bowl to eat/drink out of. No Lid. No hardcover books. NO TV. No Tablet. 1 Phone call a week. Showers Tue, Thursday, Sunday. No sweatpants or sweatshirts. Shoes but no laces in them. No food (only state food). I weighed 210/208 and come out of seg after 28 days weighing 196. The Nurses quit due to Pinckneyville treating inmates poor. We barely have nurses. 5-House get morning meds at like 3Am the

other house is normal (at 7am/745am). If you have dayroom in the morning on commissary day you wont get it. Dietary doesn't cook food all the way. If you come here the prison do things a little better until your gone so it won't look 'as bad.' Every staff is in cahootz with each other, meaning if I get in trouble or argumentative w/one CO and they lie and I go to seg, and I'm innocent the hearing officer will find you guilty. He wont investigate. If he do your still guilty. If you have a sex-case & CO gets mad at you, he go tell the whole house. If you sue them they retaliate. You write a grievance they retaliate. The Chapel is predijuce in religions. Only do stuff for Christians. School is available but if you get in trouble twice in 1 year you have to wait a year. People got killed in here. People committed suicide. A person died in 2021 around April and he notified the Healthcare department for a long time thing did nothing. When he died on the walk going to healthcare the CO's in the house (4-House) laughed and say 'Glads its out there so we don't have to deal w/him"

- 387. hoping This Help!!
- 388. I have been a victim too staff conduct concerning a variety of abuse & neglective issues. So many complaints fail upon Death ear and this is only due too the Discrimination of me being a Prisoner & the supervising officials are Decorated officers. This stigma has been the problem for centuries and it's still affective as we live. Theirs a Big Racial, Power, that being The Abuse of Authority that officers Have and It makes ones sentences to be harder physically & mentally your That Indivual In Custody. Cameras worn upon the officers person would help this situation.
- 389. I hope this is look at and make it out the mail room.
- 390. Everyone needs to get good time not just the 50% and under inmates, everyone should be able to go to school or take any class just not the 50% and under. Everyone should be able to have a job in I.D.O.C Just not the 50% and under. There are inmates with certain skills like cook, EMT, carpenter, tutors that can use what they know. But I.D.O.C dont let them.
- 391. Please help bring change.
- 392. N/A
- 393. This prison is used as a disciplinary prison. It's the dumping grounds if you get in trouble anywhere else in the state. Also, they are bringing a lot of guys from Menard here now.
- 394. No comments.
- 395. The main issue in IDOC is that the department is fully aware of the problems imposed on the prisoners but choose to ignore them until they are forced by lawsuits to change their unlawful treatment of the prisoners.
- 396. Conjugal visits. Homosexuality is tolerated, nearly encouraged. But we cant enjoy our lady physically. That's a simple and natural thing that's look at like "too good" for convicted persons to have. It's also a deterent tool for inmates to conduct themself in a good manner. Think about it.
- 397. Illinois prisons are Not run as they are advertised. The food is Very Poor, Time to access loved ones, Very limited, Family Can Not Access Video visits.. Overall I am Happy to fill out survey
- 398. Also it should be mandatory by law (federal and state) that all prisons have communicative intercom systems that allow inmates to communicate with the security personnel regardless of the time of day. This means 1st, 2nd, or 3rd shift.

 No inmates should have to repeatedly blurt out +/or sound off at the top of their lungs

to flag down and/or get the necessary undivided attention of a CO regarding any immediately necessary inmate issue! Also, the current prison phone systems need to be immediately abolished, done away with completely and upgradingly replaced with individual cellular phones that r pre-programmed and come with strict smart phone encrypted and instructed time limits! This is largely due to the incredibly horrific level of inmates fighting on any given day just to peacefully be able to use an old, outdated, and overcrowded phone system that is also too potentially volative to use (ever unpredictable) by a so called general population at large in the 1st damn place!!!!! Period! At the same time, I am also both checking in and chiming in with none other than Corey Devon Arthur, a young by very mature and intelligent youthful black brother, who while less than half of my current age of [60+] years old, had enough sense along with god-gifted wisdom of people twice his age, to see that in spite of the ignorance, oppressive, and immature, reckless attitude of the rickers island new york and Attica NY C.C. Administrators, he clearly, "Stopping Violence Over Prison Phone Time." The very article i so proudly read in the December 2021/9th issue of news inside magazine! Corey Devon Arthor was wise enough to make the simple conclusion: "If we all had the option to use a phone appp the value of violence would plunge. He wrote." Well, guess what Corey Devon Arthur, this now [60+] year old Black (older) brother from the far south side of Chicago agrees with you 100 and 99%! You should be highly commended for your efforts. Administratively induced violence by so-called D.O.C. officals, be it in New York state, Illinois, or anywhere else in America. is just as much a social epidemic as the pandemic that gave us and the rest of the world the coronavirus! i personally thank you Corey Devon Arthur for getting me fired up enough to create a very similar grievance of my own here at Pinckneyville C.C. In Pinckneyville III! My grievance like your targets the x-act same issue while trying to convince a morally-brain dead administration! Starting from Warden [NAME REDACTED] and on down to the lowlife excuse for a grievance officer [NAME REDACTED], the error of their selfrighteous but dead wrong interpretation + administration of I.D.O.C. policy which does not curb 'violence over prison phone time." Rather their policy via their old outdated, crowded out, unspaced apart, and traffic-jammed style phone system creates the very atmosphere for violence over prison phone time in the 1st damn place!

- 399. Thank you for asking.
- 400. There should be Body cams in accord with Illinois Law 50 ILCS 706- Committee Hearings should be video/Audio, outside individuals should visit once a month staff Do not have Grievance forms available in the cell houses IDOC Southern Illinois Prisons are merely 100% While people with over a century of Murders, beatings, mistreats of Black and non-White prisoners.
- 401. The CO in placement or Lt. Placement put the wrong inmates together! Placement put me in harms way the time I have a few years placement keep putting inmates that natural life and not getting out in the cell with me! We have nothing in common! 2/3 of the mans here are Gay mans! Placement keep placing me in that of cell! 1. You have the chicks with dicks you know! 2. You have the chicks with dicks you do not know! You have to watch you back!

- 402. Everything you grieve about I mean Anything it is always denied here AND at Springfield: E.V.E.R.Y.T.H.I.N.G.
- 403. The CO in placement or Lt. of Placement! Put the wrong inmates together!

 Placement put me in harms way all the time. I have a few years placement put an inmate that have natural life not getting out! In the cell with me! We have nothing in common! 2/3 of the mans here are Gay mans! Placement keep placing me in that of cell! 1. You have the chicks with dicks you know! 2. You have the chicks with dicks you do not know! You have to watch you back!
- 404. They feed us the same food 45% of the time. Then charging outrageous prices from commissary. School apps. is deprived regardless of the individual eligibility.
- 405. This is a housing facility for stock + mental health [ILLEGIBLE] which is the inmates. It need to be a place of opportunity for corrections as its presented to be.
- 406. Nothing has been done to improve the living conditions around here the Warden & Ass. Warden along with Springfield do their walk bys but anytime I address these issues, they say they're working on things and hurry out.
- 407. I've been locked up over [30+] years now. And I've been to 7 prisons in Illinois and this is the most dysfunctional prison I've ever been in. And in so many ways, too. This survey is good. Somebody wants to hear what we have to say. To give us a voice. But if any change comes from it remains to be seen.
- 408. We are being detained for committing illegal acts and then being treated illegally and inhumane. I believe that this prison does what they want not the structure of a code of conduct. Their behavior showes that for years they havent been disciplined for their biased and cruel actions they are actually protected. Just like all the money is spent to keep us incarcerated there should be a budget in Congress for training and mental monitoring for prison staff.
- 409. I can bring about a great change here thus would be allowed to between Pros & Cons Prison officials Staff and prisoners. There is good & Bad on both sides. Some officials/staff do not want to see a change. They praise confusion corruption and violence. Prisoner's Advocate and attorney of law, humanitarian in chief. Peace! "M.S." Stay safe of the virus. God Bless us all!!!!! To do better & Serve him faithfully prayers go up and blessings come down. True love never die. He live.
- 410. Thank you for asking for caring and I hope things change.
- 411. They got a panic button in the cell that they don't answer to. You can die in the cell. Because they don't come when you press the button. You gots to wait until the COs come on deck Then if you having problems with your cellie, they refuse to remove you
- 412. We are now in our cells 23-1 when it is supposed to be 18-6. We are treated like animals not like we are humans. The Dietary department is embellzing the money they are given instead of buying better food for us. We are punnished for want to get moved because our safety is jeopardize. The punishment they give us are extremely harsh. They also barely have ways we can earn good time there needs to be more ways.
- 413. I've been in the state and federal prison system and I can tell you that there's no respect in the state system between us or the staff. Staff here just got indicted for killing a guy while in handcuffs, well we get the brunt of the bullshit like it's our fault. The staff here are like a big gang and Springfield is their shot caller.

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

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

- 1. [White, Hispanic/Latino, and Other] Why only one? I'm mixed race???
- 2. [Other] human
- 3. [Hispanic] Mexican
- 4. [Other] Native American & French

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

- 1. [Yes] Indeterminately Sentenced C#
- 2. [Yes] under 60 days
- 3. [Yes] 2 1/2 yrs

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

- 1. [Yes] I was 19
- 2. [No] I turned 25 in June, got arrested in Sept.
- 3. [No] 54 years old

Q5. What housing status are you currently on?

- 1. [GP and RH] General Population feel like restrictive housing
- 2. [Other] 5 house D wing they call it GP yet we listed & treated as RH

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

- 1. [Yes and No] only for school/dayrooms we only get 1 hour daily
- 2. [No] (yeah, For Work only)
- 3. [No] We only get 1 dayroom for 1 hr. if that
- 4. [No] Never will you see 2 hours out of your cell Here at Pinckneyville
- 5. [No] Barely getting a hr a day. we came out once a day for an hr and everyday they find a way to take that lil bit of time from us.
- 6. [No] (Not recreational time)
- 7. [No] 1 Hour
- 8. [Yes and No] Yes, yard days only (three days per week). No, one hour daily dayroom.
- 9. [No] 1 Hour most days besides yard
- 10. [No] 1 hr
- 11. [No] 40 mins if that.
- 12. [No] Not even close
- 13. [No]!!

- 14. [No] Hell no!
- 15. [No] 45 minutes
- 16. [No] 1 hour of Dayroom Except on every other Wednesday
- 17. [No] Barely 1 hour A Day
- 18. [No] right maybe 1 hr some time less
- 19. [No] Hell
- 20. [No] Only people get that everyday if you at worker and in school positions it's hard to get both of those
- 21. [Yes] only because of work
- 22. [No] Only when I work or have gym
- 23. [No] 1 Hour sometime I come out every 48
- 24. [No] Only 1 dayroom a day for 1 hour
- 25. [Yes] Only to work, we are 23 and 1
- 26. [No] 1 Hour Only!!
- 27. [Yes] Sometime

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

- 1. [Blank] Because of my outdate, I have been approved to work but they wont let me
- 2. [Neither] They fired maintenance, warehouse, clothing, laundry & commissary over cell phones & drugs. I have not worked for [12+] months, this is the longest I have went with no work in [40+] years—continues incarceration
- 3. [School] pending
- 4. [Work] But they won't let me out to work
- 5. [Neither] signed up for everything Been on waiting List 3 yrs plus
- 6. [Neither] This Joint Does Not Give or allow everyone to work And School waitlist goes by outdate.
- 7. [Neither] not by choice
- 8. [Neither] take months

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

Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.

1. [SD] Most officers are Racist and Others Are not Approachable

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

1. [SD] Hell no

I trust the officers

- 1. [SD] to kill me
- 2. [SD] Hell no!
- 3. [SD] WTF?

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

1. [N] sometimes

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.

- 1. [A] but not gone Help
- 2. [Blank] Don't Understand?
- 3. [SD] not Down Here they throw grievance In garbage

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

- 1. [SA] only by MHP [REDACTED]
- 2. [N] Not all the time!
- 3. [SD] They don't care
- 4. [SD] No No NO

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.

- 1. [SD] Racism
- 2. [N] Stay away

I am treated as a person of value.

- 1. [SD] Dont bet on it!
- 2. [SD] yeah right?
- 3. [D] Most men who Does not work for the officers Are treated Like Shit
- 4. [SD] (PICKNEYVILLE) NOT HERE
- 5. [SD] Not treated as a person

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

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

1. [SD] Been attacked to much

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

- 1. [D] only punishment
- 2. [Blank]?
- 3. [SD] These ppl treat us like doggs always
- 4. [N] I stay out tribl

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.

- 1. [SD] Disrespectful
- 2. [SA] some

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

1. [SA] Beg u mean

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

- 1. [SD] more end of life plans
- 2. [SA] Because it's that bad!
- 3. [N] Sometime
- 4. [N] I have to make sure I'm doing things to make sure I'm straight

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.

- 1. [SA] depends on environment
- 2. [SA] White
- 3. [SA] white people

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [SA] gotta kiss CO ass

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

- 1. [SA] Yes
- 2. [SA] very stressful
- 3. [SA] I got on meds since I been here
- 4. [SA] Yes Yes Yes
- 5. [SA] VERY

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

1. [SA] Racist 100%

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

- 1. [A] No options
- 2. [SA] only in this prison

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

- 1. [D] Staff like prisoners against each other.
- 2. [N] Drugs easy
- 3. [SD] We have no say in anything

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.

- 1. [SD] never
- 2. [D] alarms yes
- 3. [A] only to a fight or staff assault
- 4. [A and D] Agree: security. Disagree: health.
- 5. [A] when realized
- 6. [A] Fight yes, medical No
- 7. [SD] Not at all

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

1. [SD] no! face to face talk to the back

You never know the rules

- 1. [A] based upon the situation
- 2. [A] Staff have their own rules
- 3. [SA] there is always A New rule

My experience in this prison is painful.

- 1. [SA] worst ever
- 2. [A and D] In what sense? Agree Emotionally, Disagree Physically
- 3. [A] ? physical, mental, emotionally

The disciplinary system is fair.

1. [Blank] Don't know

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.

1. [Blank] Tricks

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

1. [SA] Even Medication

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.

- 1. [SD] who it benefits like paying staff w/ poptarts & candy
- 2. [SA] supposedly
- 3. [SD] Whether staff want to do it or not
- 4. [SA] short staff (no yard, no gym etc)
- 5. [Blank]?

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

- 1. [SA] only because I don't want to never return!
- 2. [SD] All I do is sit in this cell all day. I want a job or school

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

I am not being treated as a human being in here.

- 1. [SD]!!!
- 2. [A] At times
- 3. [N] A prisoner

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

1. [SA] or ur a outsider

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

1. [D] Always Inmate

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help.

- 1. [SA] They make Jokes about it
- 2. [A] some
- 3. [SA] x10

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

- 1. [N] yes and no
- 2. [SD] only out my cell a hour

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

- 1. [Blank] I don't understand this Q?
- 2. [Blank]?
- 3. [SD] covid restriction

This is a humane prison.

- 1. [SD] russia is more humane
- 2. [SD] Racist
- 3. [D] hygiene wise

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

- 1. [SA] 23 hrs a day
- 2. [SA] 23 HOURS
- 3. [SA] 23/1
- 4. [SA] 23 hrs a day
- 5. [SA] 23 hrs a day
- 6. [SA] 22 1/2 hr.
- 7. [SA] 1 Hr A Day Out
- 8. [SA] 23/1
- 9. [SA] 23/1
- 10. [SA] With other people

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

- 1. [SD] Bullshit!
- 2. [A] Except for mentally ill

Mental health treatment is available.

- 1. [D] security prevents it
- 2. [N] yes and no
- 3. [N] They have it but you have to self harm to get it

This prison is better now than it was last year.

- 1. [SA] Worst
- 2. [Blank] I dont know
- 3. [SD] gettin worse
- 4. [N] yes and no
- 5. [N] ldk
- 6. [blank] WAS NOT HERE

- 7. [SD] It was Like the Hood
- 8. [D] Same
- 9. [Blank] CANT ANSWER

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

- 1. [SD] are more likely to come back!
- 2. [Blank]?
- 3. [SD] Thats a bunch of Bullshit
- 4. [SD] They Don't Open eyes to state resources

I am satisfied with food from dietary.

- 1. [SD] Hell no!
- 2. [SD] most days pig slop
- 3. [SD] Need new trey server
- 4. [SD] Cold meal daily

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

- 1. [N] opportunity & it being safe r 2 different things!
- 2. [D] The gangs run the phones on yard and in gym. Staff let them. So I don't go.
- 3. [A] for 1 hr 15 min
- 4. [N] once weekly
- 5. [A] Yard 3 times gym 1 time 1 hour
- 6. [SD] I Must choose Between yard or 1 hr Dayroom time
- 7. [A] Except quarantined

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. [9] no respect at all, make me feel threaten
- 2. [1] HOTEL CALIFORNIA—WORST MEDIUM OF IDOC
- 3. [Blank] ZERO
- 4. [1] worse than Menard max
- 5. [1] It's That Bad, Not just angry
- 6. [Blank]?
- 7. [1] more so zero!
- 8. [2] Your just as said by THEM an Inmate animal TIME FOR FEED (is how they announce meal times over intercom) They wear hats INSIDE buildings yet tell you take yours off.
- 9. [1] Racist People hillyBilly's very Racist
- 10. [4] This Jail Dont follow Rules and dont even have Name Tags so we can Identify Officers
- 11. [3] Note, I only say 3 because the system is set up to help people with short time. I.E. 2 or 3 year, where 95, here In Pinckneyville there are More long term offenders, who's unable to begin to get what they need for offered Change!
- 12. [Blank] -10
- 13. [1] The Healthcare SUCKS. There is none

- 14. [1] no rating, below the lowest the scale goes. "ZERO" This place is Causing me to become mentally ill.
- 15. [4] The tv sucks as well as the movies let alone we don't get out of the cell except for 1 hour dayroom a day.
- 16. [3] Help us please
- 17. [1-4] This prison is HELL!!!
- 18. [Blank] -1
- 19. [1] -10

Miscellaneous Comments

- 1. Broke Criminal Justice And we Need To fix it
- 2. This place Pinckneyville is real bogus on just about all things that will benefit/concern any individual in custody.
- 3. **[NAME REDACTED]** Please come and Interview me.
- 4. Note: I've been here only 4 days, so to answer any of the following, I can't give answer at this time. If this questionaire was about Menard I could tell you all would be negatives!
- 5. I Just had [MEDICAL SITUATION REDACTED], and the Healthcare unit staff ignored me. For over a month because of that Im not get my vision back. Just had my First surgery, but the doctor told me that because of the delay I'm going to need at least 3 surgeries. Do you know any civil lawyers that you can please refer to me Civil lawyers that handle Law suits. Thank you. [NAME REDACTED]
- 6. please Help us!!!
- 7. Today, [DATE REDACTED], guards pressured me into signing for my property without letting me check it because they know they had let their workers steal some of my commissary.
- 8. God Bless you all out there
- 9. High profile 25-year wrongful conviction. visit [SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION REDACTED], or just Google [NAME REDACTED]
- 10. They're stealing money from inmates. If you don't snitch you can't get a job.
- 11. Staff + Officers—two different people!
- 12. From [NAME AND ID REDACTED] PLEASE HELP



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