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VERMONT PRISON CLIMATE SURVEY

2022

Prison Research and Innovation Network (PRIN)

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ABOUT - 2022

The Vermont Prison Climate Surveys were developed as part of the **Prison Research and Innovation Network** (**PRIN**) - a consortium of 5 states, each working to establish a model of transparency, accountability, and innovation in prisons. The 5 states participating in the PRIN project are: Vermont, Delaware, Iowa, Missouri, and Colorado.

The purpose of PRIN is to better understand prison environments: enhance prisons' data collection capacities to promote transparency and accountability; and design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based programs and policies to improve conditions for individuals incarcerated in and working in prisons. PRIN is a 4.5 year project taking place from January 2020 to June 2024.

Phase I (January 2020 – December 2021). Researchers at the University of Vermont developed two Prison Climate Surveys - one for correctional staff and one for incarcerated persons. Both surveys were developed using participatory research methods, elevating the voices and perspectives of correctional staff and incarcerated individuals. Surveys were developed and administered in Southern State Correctional Facility (SSCF), the PRIN pilot facility. In June 2021, just over one year into the Covid-19 pandemic, baseline surveys were administered. More than 70% of SSCF staff and incarcerated persons completed the surveys.

Phase II (January 2022 – June 2024). The Vermont Department of Corrections launched an innovation process using findings from phase I to identify priority areas for change and implement and test changes in the pilot facility to make prison environments more humane and rehabilitative. As part of this effort, the Vermont Prison Climate Surveys are administered in SSCF throughout the duration of the PRIN project, providing the opportunity for researchers to evaluate the impact of innovations and build the evidence-base for change. In June 2022, one year after baseline, the PRIN surveys were administered for a second time. **Results of the 2022** correctional staff and incarcerated persons surveys are presented in this report.



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PRIN Surveys - 2022 Overview

This report details the full 2022 survey results for the VT-PRIN study. Many of the findings did not significantly change from the 2021 results. To help highlight areas of potential change we have flagged each question on the 2022 survey results where there was a statistically significant, or trend towards statistical significance, change from the 2021 results. These flags are based on average scale differences between the two years, and <u>may or may not represent meaningful changes.</u>

- There is a red box next to the questions where there was a negative change (i.e., things got worse).
- There is a green box next to the questions where there was a positive change (i.e., things got better).

Survey questions are presented in the order that they were asked on the survey itself. It's important to note that the survey was largely unchanged between 2021 and 2022, with the exception of a slight difference in questions and order related to Covid-19.

Overall, perceptions of facility climate have trended downward. There were several noteworthy trends in perceptions among correctional staff, including: their mental health and well-being have declined, and there are increased concerns with job satisfaction and workplace culture. Amongst incarcerated persons, there was a perception of less availability of prison activities including those focused on preparation for release, as well as an increased dissatisfaction with healthcare services.

It is important to bear in mind that these results express opinions, feelings, and perceptions of facility climate. As we consider how to use these findings to inform and evaluate meaningful systems change, UVM researchers plan to conduct further analyses, as well as conduct a series of interviews and focus groups to create a more complete picture.

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2022: SURVEY RESPONDENTS - STAFF



- Age: 43 years (median)
- Race: 88% white
- Ethnicity: 87% white
- Gender identity: 19% female, 81% male
- Employer: 95% corrections, 5% contractor
- # Years working at SSCF
 38% 0-5 years, 62% 6+ years
- *#* Years working in Corrections
 - 29% 0-5 years, 71% 6+ years

65%

of correctional staff completed the survey.

The Correctional Staff Vermont Prison Climate Survey was administered to staff working in Vermont's Southern State Correctional Facility in June 2022. Surveys were paper-based, confidential, and anonymous. Of 116 eligible correctional staff, 75 completed the survey (65% response rate). The demographic data presented here are selfreported.

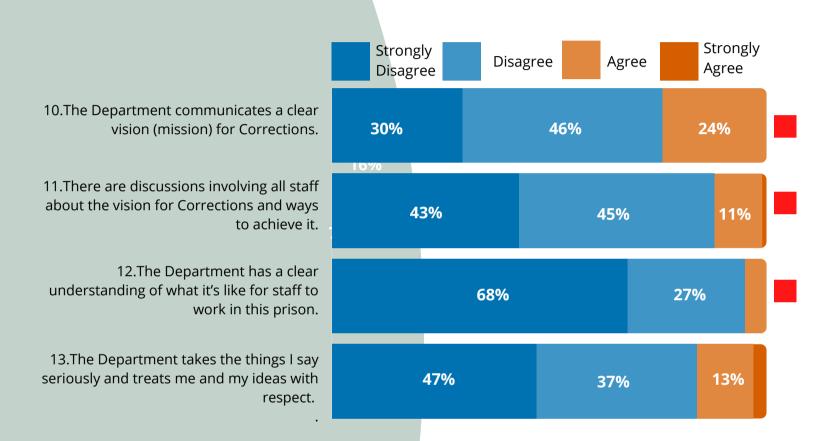


JOB SATISFACTION

		Always		Often	Some	times	Never
1. I look forward to coming to work.		18%		35%		42%	
		Strongly Disagree		Disagree	Aį	gree	Strongly Agree
2. l take pride in my job.	8%			51%		35%	
3. It is clear what it means to be successful in my job.	10%		43%		329	6	15%
4. I have the skills I need to do my job well here.	8%	8%		53%		31	%
5. Leadership in this prison shows appreciation for staff in meaningful ways.		33%		39%		21%	7%
6. My supervisors are invested/interested in my career path and help me achieve my career goals.		25%		36%		31%	8%
7. Promotions in this prison are done fairly.		32%		35%		309	%
8. If I have a chance, I will change to some other job outside of corrections at the same rate of pay.	15%	12%	5	30%		439	%
9. Staff in this prison are fairly compensated for the duties and tasks they are required to perform.		Į	51%		339	⁄₀	12%



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STAFF - 2022



WORKPLACE CULTURE (1/4)

	Strongly Disagree		Agree Stro Agr		0,	
14. I feel that I can rely on other staff in this facility.	209	%	62%		ŀ	13%
15. This prison's leadership does everything possible to keep staff safe here.	30)%	44%		21%	
16. I can rely on my coworkers to respond quickly during an emergency.	7%	55%		37%		
17. Staff in this prison make newer employees feel welcome.	15%	5% 45%		40%		
18. Overall, I feel this is a safe prison.	17%	6 33%		46%		ŀ
19. There is a strong sense of trust among staff in this prison.	24%	4	8%		24%	
20. Staff in this prison operate as a real team.	17%	43%		43% 39%		
21. Frequent staff turnover is a problem at this prison.	9%		849	%		



WORKPLACE CULTURE, Continued (2/4)

		trongly Disagree	Disa	gree	Agree	Strongly Agree
22. Mandatory overtime is a problem at this prison.	12	2%		84	4%	
23. Staff in this prison enforce the rules consistently.	29	%		51%		20%
24. Staff in this prison behave professionally.	11%	32%			55%	
25. There are enough staff to meet the current needs of this prison.			8	4%		8%
26. Staff are treated the same in this facility regardless of their age.	8%	20%	56%		16%	
27. Staff are treated the same in this facility regardless of their religion.	7%		66%	6		24%
28. Staff are treated the same in this facility regardless of their disability or ability.	10%	11%		59%		20%
29. Staff are treated the same in this facility regardless of their gender identify or sexual orientation.	10%	17%		56%	þ	17%

STAFF - 2022



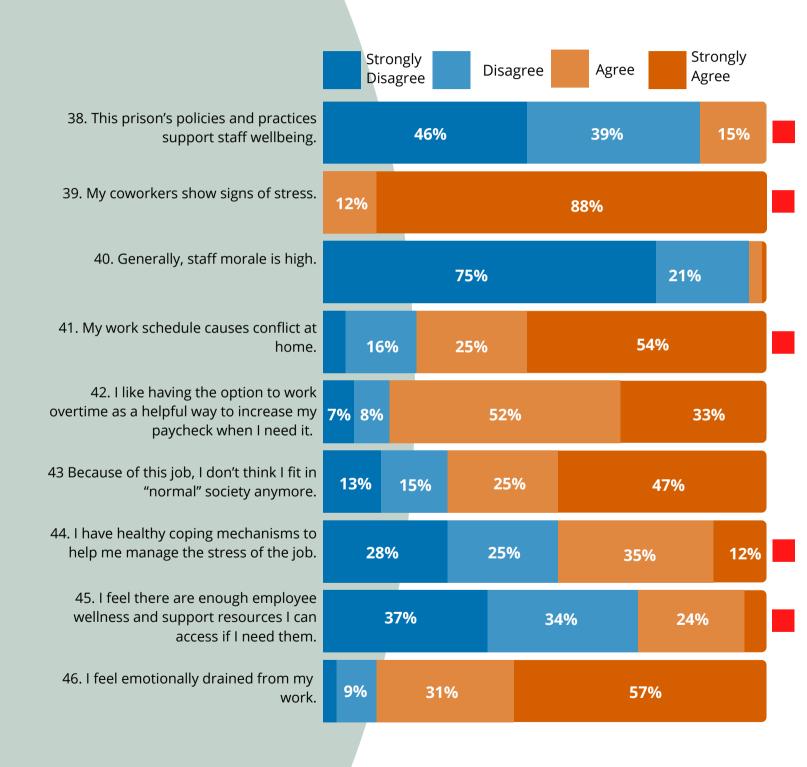
WORKPLACE CULTURE, Continued (3/4)

	Stron Disag		Disagree	ļ	Agree	Str Ag	ongly ree	
30. Staff are treated the same in this facility regardless of their race or ethnicity.	14%		59	9%		2	23%	
31. This prison has a high level of coordination across departments when it comes to delivering services and programs to incarcerated people.	27%	27% 47%		24%				
32. Communication in this prison works well - I have the information I need, when I need it, to do my job.	33%	33% 46%		21%		%		
33. When changes are made in this prison that affect me, I am included in the process.		64%		33%				
34. When changes are made in this prison, we assess the impact to see how they worked.		49%			39%		12%	
35. Staff generally feel comfortable discussing mistakes, errors, or problems with supervisors.	27%	37%		33%				
36. I feel safe speaking up about staff misconduct.	19%	25%	6		47%		9%	
37. Staff investigations are conducted with fairness.	24%	34%			38%			

STAFF - 2022



WORKPLACE CULTURE, Continued (4/4)



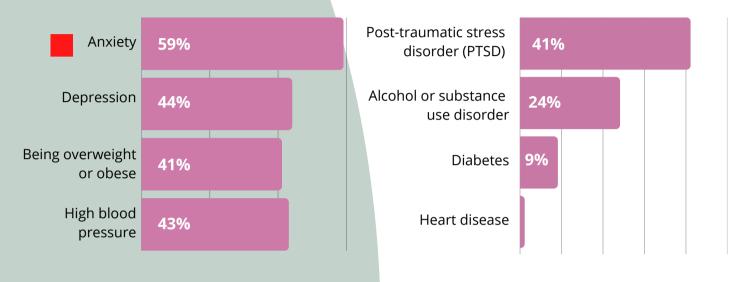
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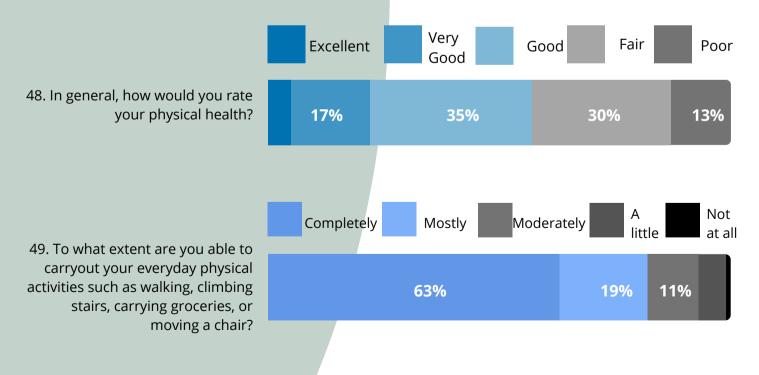
STAFF HEALTH

47. Since starting work in corrections, I have developed the following health conditions (check all that apply):

% Yes

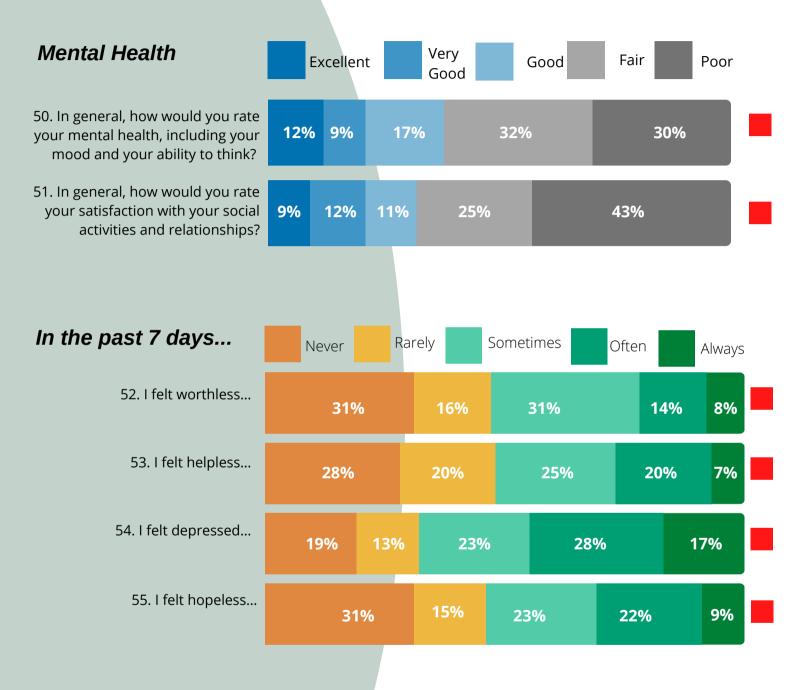


Physical Health





STAFF HEALTH, Continued



Suicidal Thoughts

56. At any time in the last 12 months did you seriously think about trying to kill yourself?

30% yes



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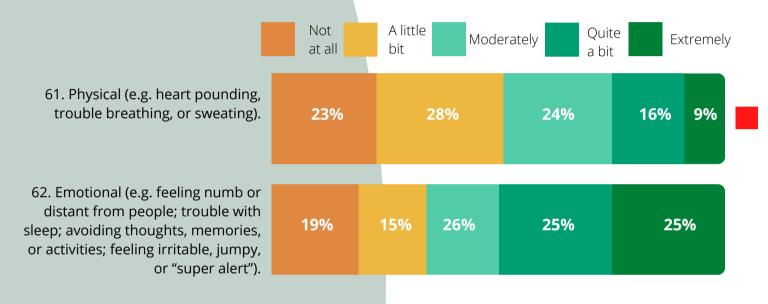
Consider your entire life, have you experienced? (happened to you or witnessed it)

		yes %	no	%	
57. Physical assault?		96%			
If yes, did it happen in prison?		67%		33%	
58. Assault with a weapon?		72%		28%	
If yes, did it happen in prison?		65%	35%		
59. Sudden or unexpected death of someone close to you?		84%		16%	
If yes, did it happen in prison?	27%		73%		
60. Any other very stressful event or experience?	95%				
lf yes, did it happen in prison?		23%			



TRAUMA, Continued

In the past month, how much have you been bothered by physical or emotional reactions when something reminded you of a stressful experience from the past?



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PURPOSE OF PRISON

		Strongly Disagree		Disagr	ee	Agree		rongly gree
63.I believe rehabilitation is possible for the people incarcerated here.	9%	32	2%			52%		7%
It is important that prisons.	Very important Important in ney 16% 46%		Not very important		Not at all important			
64. Punish people for the crimes they have committed.	16%	6	46	5%		269	%	12%
65. Ensure public safety.		75%				24%		
66. Prevent people from committing future crimes.		54%				38% 7%		7%
67. Help people make changes for a better life.			64	1%		32%		

How well does this prison do these things?

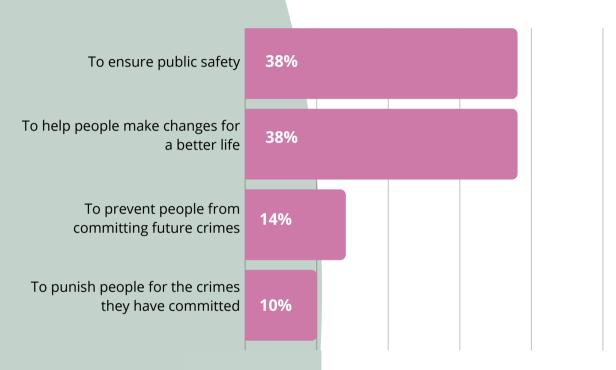
	Ver	ry well	Well	Not very well	Not at all well
68. Punish people for the crimes they have committed.		32%	44	9%	19%
69. Ensure public safety.	2	27% 60%		%	11%
70. Prevent people from committing future crimes.	9%	5			36%
71. Help people make changes for a better life.	15%				42%
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% Yes

PURPOSE OF PRISON, Continued

72. Which of these things should be the <u>most important</u> purpose of prison? (choose one)



STAFF - 2022



PRISON CONDITIONS

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Agree	Strongly Agree
73. Incarcerated people get enough to eat here.	12%	44%	41%
74. The quality of food provided to incarcerated people here supports a healthy lifestyle.	31%	47%	16%
75. This facility gives incarcerated people what they need (e.g. soap, regular showers, sanitary products) for good personal hygiene for free.	9% 17%	48%	26%
76. Incarcerated people are usually able to get a good night's sleep here.	18%	55%	23%
77. It's easy for incarcerated people with physical disabilities to get around in this prison.	20%	59%	17%
78. Incarcerated people get enough natural light in this prison.	11% 32%	45%	12%
79. This prison is clean.	19%	60%	16%
80. The quality of incarcerated people's living space is good here.	27%	60%	9%
81. Working in a prison makes me feel like I am "doing time" too.	8% 17%	31%	44%



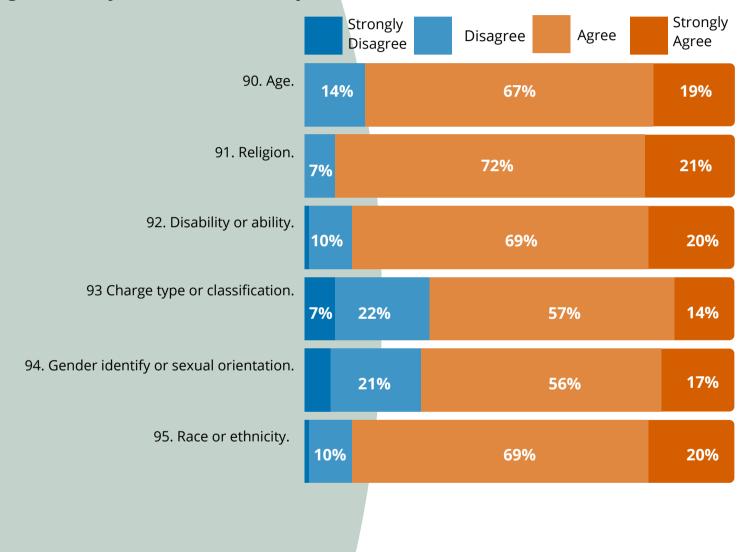
STAFF-INCARCERATED INTERACTIONS

		rongly sagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongl Agree	у	
82. Staff in this prison treat incarcerated people with respect.	15%		76%		89	6	
83. Most incarcerated people treat staff with respect.	12%	36%		52%			
84. People who work in this prison have appropriate professional boundaries with people incarcerated here.	20%	6	71	%			
85. I positively influence incarcerated people's lives through my work.	12%		63%		22%		
86. Staff in this prison have empathy for incarcerated people and their problems.	8%	49%		40	40%		
87. Staff in this prison have the resources to help incarcerated people with their problems.	2	7%	43%		29%		
88. Staff behavior influences the behavior of those incarcerated in the unit.	8%	8% 52%			39%		
89. I try to urge incarcerated people to take part in activities.	8%		68%		20%		



STAFF-INCARCERATED INTERACTIONS, Continued

Staff in this prison treat incarcerated people the same regardless of the incarcerated persons'...





CORRECTIONAL PRACTICES AND SANCTIONS

		trongly Disagree	Disagre	ee Agree	e Str Ag	ongly ree
96. This prison has adequate alternatives to segregation.	14%	35	5%	4	4%	
97. Staff in this prison are more likely to use segregation over other disciplinary options.	12%		66%	1	14%	8%
98. Incarcerated peoples' discipline procedures are applied fairly and consistently.	11%	28%		56%		
99. Incarcerated peoples' discipline procedures are effective at holding them accountable.	2	5%	46%	6	25%	
100. There are options for staff to reward incarcerated people for good behavior.		35% 41%			229	%
101. This prison provides enough opportunities so incarcerated people can stay busy all day.		52%			19	9%
102. People incarcerated in this prison can participate in activities that promote their health and well being.	3	1%	29%		39%	
103. When incarcerated people do not have enough to do they are more likely to engage in negative behavior.		37%		5	6%	
104.This prison does a good job preparing people for release.		39%		39%	2'	1%
105. The programs in this prison give incarcerated people the skills they need to be successful in the community.		49%		35%		16%
106. Caseloads are manageable to adequately support incarcerated people as they get ready for release.	26	5%	40%		30%	
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107a. Did you work in this prison before the start of the Covid-19 pandemic?

82% yes

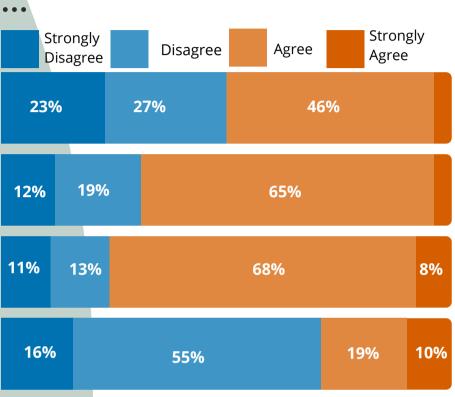
DURING COVID-19,...

107. This prison's leadership has demonstrated care for the well being of staff.

108. This prison's leadership has been clearly communicating changes to normal operations, like new procedures for mealtimes and phone time.

109. This prison's leadership has been clearly communicating information about COVID rates in the facility.

110. The COVID-19 restrictions on incarcerated people have been too strict.



MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PROGRAM

Strongly Strongly Disagree Agree Agree Disagree 111. The purpose of the MAT program was clearly communicated when the program 40% 37% 18% was started. 112. The MAT program is implemented in a manner that supports the prison's 34% 16% 49% operations and safety. 113. The MAT program has had a positive effect on the prison. 18% 51% 28%



2022: SURVEY RESPONDENTS -INCARCERATED PERSONS



- Age: 38 years (median)
- Race: 75% white
- Ethnicity: 73% white
- Gender identity: 87% male
 o Transgender: 5%
- Status:
 - 30% Detained, awaiting trial
 - 46% Serving sentence
 - 24% Incarcerated for a violation of conditions
- # Years incarcerated at SSCF
 - 81% 0-5 years, 19% 6+ years

72%

of incarcerated persons completed the survey.

The Incarcerated Persons Vermont Prison Climate Survey was administered to people incarcerated in Vermont's Southern State Correctional Facility in June 2022. Surveys were paper-based, confidential, and anonymous. Of 293 eligible incarcerated people, 212 completed the survey (72% response rate). The demographic data presented here are selfreported.



PRISON CONDITIONS & ENVIRONMENT

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree Strongly Agree
1. I get enough to eat here.	13%	43%	39%
2. The quality of food here supports a healthy lifestyle.	29%	40%	28%
3. The facility gives me what I need (e.g. soap, regular showers, sanitary products) for good personal hygiene.	40%	35%	23%
4. I am usually able to get a good night's sleep here.	26%	40%	31%
5. It's easy for incarcerated people with physical disabilities to get around in this prison.	17%	30%	50%
6. I get enough natural light in this prison.	24%	36%	38%
7. I get enough fresh air in this prison.	30%	36%	31%
8. This prison is clean.	24%	36%	38%
9. The quality of my living space is good here.	25%	41%	32%



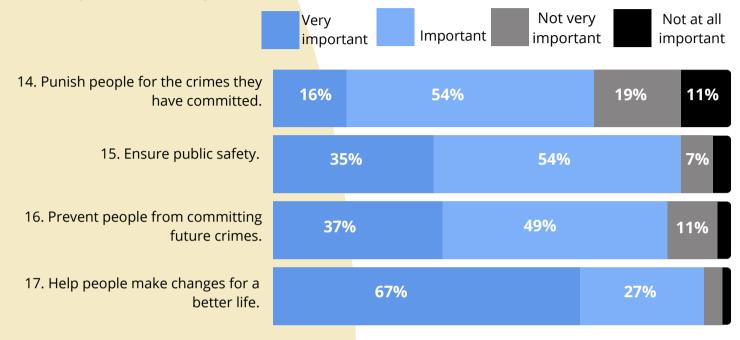
COMMISSARY

		ongly sagree	Disagree	Ag	ree		rongly gree
10. There are enough outside vendors to choose from.	65%				27%		8%
11. There are enough options for things to buy.		55%			33%		11%
12. The quality of the available items is good.		42%	3	5%		22	%
13. The costs are reasonable.		7	0%		19	9%	11%



PURPOSE OF PRISON

It is important that prisons...

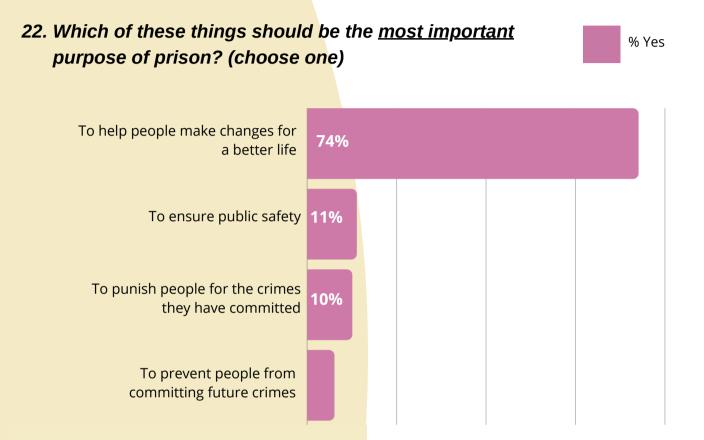


How well does this prison do these things?

		Very well		Well		t very N vell	Not at all well
18. Punish people for the crimes they have committed.		24% 13%		38%		25%	13%
19. Ensure public safety.	1			49%		26%	12%
20. Prevent people from committing future crimes.	7%	% 22%		32%		39%	
21. Help people make changes for a better life.		11%		2%		52%	



PURPOSE OF PRISON, CONTINUED





PERCEPTIONS OF PERSONAL SAFETY

		rongly isagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree
23. Overall I feel this is a safe prison.	12%	20%	⁄o		5	4%		14%
24. The staff at this prison make me feel safe.	23	3%	3(6%		3	6%	
25. Sexual assault of incarcerated people by staff is a problem here.		44%			39%	6		12%
26. Sexual assault between incarcerated people is a problem here.	36%			43%			%	
27. Racial tension between incarcerated people is a problem in this prison.	22	%		38%		29	9%	11%
28. Victims of bullying get the help they need here.	3	35%		38%			22%	
29. Some incarcerated people are afraid of other incarcerated people.	9%	6		57%			289	%
30. I have to constantly be alert and on guard.	13%	2	6%	4(0%		21	1%
31. Incarcerated people feel like they have to be "tough" to get respect in this prison.	8% 1	15%		50%			2	7%
32. Theft is common in this prison.	14%	3	0%		409	%		16%
33. Weapons are an issue in this prison.	3	35%			45	%	1	6%



PRISON CULTURE

	Strongly Disagree		sagree	Agree		rongly gree
34. I am encouraged to work towards goals in this prison.	42%		32	%	22%	6
35. Even if I never got out of prison, my life here has meaning.	40%	29%		21%	10%	
36. Sale and trade of contraband is a problem here.	27%		49%		14%	10%
37. I get emotional support from other incarcerated people.	22%	29%		43%)	
38. I do not trust many people in this prison.	12%	36%			47%	
39. Mixing different inmates (with certain charges or classification levels) causes problems.	16%	38%			43%	
40. Being in prison teaches people how to get better at committing crimes.	11% 219	6	42%		26	%
41. Incarcerated people are treated the same in this prison regardless of their: Charge type or classification.	37%		35%		20%	8%



PRISON CULTURE, CONTINUED

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42. Incarcerated people are treated the same in this prison regardless of their: Age.	19%	32%	40%	9%
43. Incarcerated people are treated the same in this prison regardless of their: Gender identity or sexual orientation.	29%	31%	31%	9%
44. Incarcerated people are treated the same in this prison regardless of their: Race or ethnicity.	27%	29%	36%	8%
45. Incarcerated people are treated the same in this prison regardless of their: Religion.	23%	22%	45%	10%
46. Incarcerated people are treated the same in this prison regardless of their: Disability or ability.	27%	27%	37%	9%



CORRECTIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree Strong Agree	
47. I feel safe raising concerns with staff in this prison.	33%	42%	22%	
48. Staff in this prison treat me with respect.	27%	34%	33%	
49. People who work in this prison have appropriate professional boundaries with people incarcerated here.	26%	28%	40%	
50. Relationships between staff and incarcerated people in this prison are good.	20%	38%	38%	
51. Staff behavior influences the behavior of those incarcerated in the unit.	13%	46%	36%	
52. Staff don't seem interested in my problems.	22%	44%	30%	
53. Staff don't have the resources to help me with my problems.	15%	41%	38%	
54. Staff here tend to reward incarcerated people for good behavior.	46%		32% 18%	
55. In this prison, staff enforce the rules consistently.	27%	26%	34% 139	⁄₀



DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

		ongly agree	Disagree	e Ag	gree	Strongly Agree	
56. The process for reporting staff misconduct works well.		52%		34	%	13%	
57. The grievance process in this prison is a useful tool to address the concerns of incarcerated people.	55%			2	9%	14%	
58. Sanctions are applied fairly here.	45%		30%		22%		
59. This prison has adequate alternatives to segregation.	3	6%		35%		26%	
60. Staff in this prison are more likely to use segregation over other disciplinary options.	15%	369	6	34%		15%	
61. I can keep my dignity even when being punished.	20%	31%		39%		10%	
62. Incarcerated people in this prison have a voice in their own discipline process.		53%	28	8% 1	6%	16%	
63. The discipline and grievance processes would benefit from external oversight.	11% 10	0%	37%		43%		



PLANNING FOR RELEASE

	Stror Disa	0,	Disagree		Agree	Strongly Agree	
64. This prison does a good job preparing people for release.		56%			33%	9%	
65. There are enough staff to help me get ready for release.		58%			26%	14%	
66. I am able to start planning for release with enough time to be ready for when I am released.		51%		29	9%	18%	
67. The programs in this facility give me the skills I need to be successful on the outside.		639	%		22%	13%	



PRISON ACTIVITIES

	Strongly Disagree	Dic	agree	Agr	ee	Strong Agree	gly
68. I have access to activities that promote wellbeing and growth.	42%			41%		15%	
69. There are a lot of times when there is nothing productive (or meaningful) for me to do.	9% 35%			50%			
70. This prison gives me opportunities to feel proud and accomplished.	48%			36%)	15%	
71. This prison gives me enough recreation time.	41%			32%		25%	
72. The quality of activities during recreation time helps me to feel good.	31%		38	38%		27%	
73. I am able to practice my religion in this prison.	24%	26%		44			
74. The prison provides enough opportunities for incarcerated people to earn money.		55%		28	%	14%	-
75. The risk reduction programming in this facility is helpful to me (leave blank if does not apply).		51%		29%	b ·	11% 99	%
76. The education program in this facility is useful to me (leave blank if does not apply).		44%		35%		15%	



PRISON ACTIVITIES,CONTINUED

77. What types of programs would you find most helpful to meet your needs? (choose up to 3)





MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE

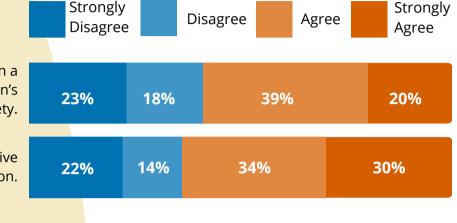
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78. I get the medical treatment I need in this prison, when I need it.	53%	309	⁄₀ 10	6%
79. I get the mental health care/treatment I need in this prison, when I need it.	53%	23%	21%	
80. I receive better medical care in this prison than I did on the outside.	67%		23%	9%
81. There are enough staff to meet the current medical and mental health care needs of the prison.	56%	29	% 1	4%
82. There are enough mental health care services here.	50%	339	⁄o 16	6%
83. When I became incarcerated in this prison, I was able to continue taking the medications my doctor had prescribed to me on the outside (leave blank if does not apply).	51%	21%	19%	9%
84. I am able to get adequate treatment for my substance use disorder here (leave blank if does not apply).	43%	27%	23%	7%
85. When people are first incarcerated in the prison, they are screened adequately for medical and mental health needs.	37%	35%	25%	•
86. While incarcerated, people receive regular screening to update their medical and mental health needs.	45%	37%	16	%



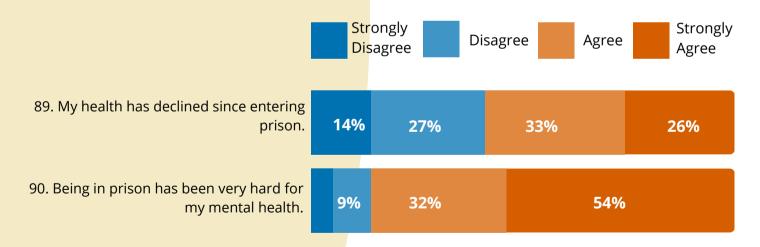
MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PROGRAM

87. The MAT program is implemented in a manner that supports the prison's operations and safety.

88. The MAT program has had a positive effect on the prison.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

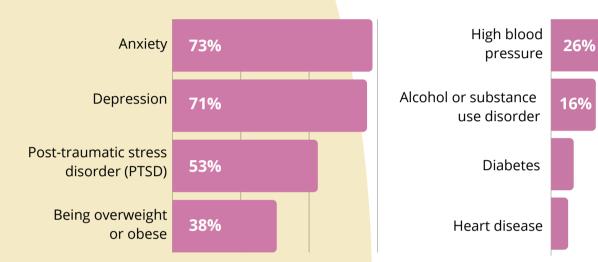




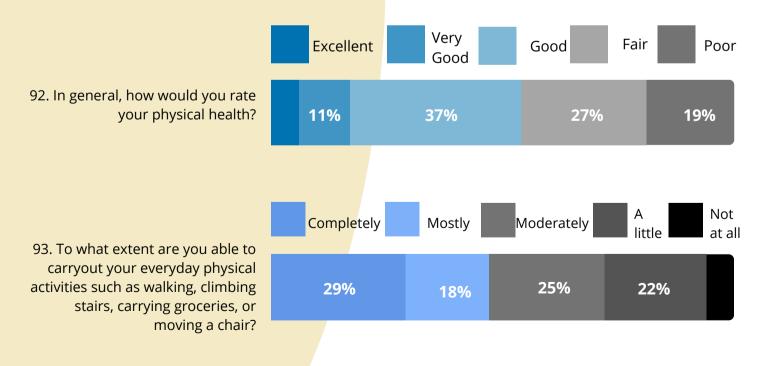
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HEALTH AND WELLBEING, CONTINUED

91. Since entering prison, I have developed the following health conditions (check all that apply):



Physical Health



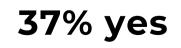


HEALTH AND WELLBEING, CONTINUED

Mental Health	Exce	ellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	
94. In general, how would you rate your mental health, including your mood and your ability to think?	10%	23%		34%		28%	
95. In general, how would you rate your satisfaction with your social activities and relationships?	9%	26%	299	%	33	3%	
In the past 7 days	Neve	er Rare	ly So	ometimes	Often	Always	
96. l felt worthless	18%	16%	30%	6	18%	18%	
97. I felt helpless	17%	14%	21%	26	%	22%	
98. I felt depressed	8% 7%	24%		28%		33%	
99. l felt hopeless	15%	12%	22%	24%		27%	

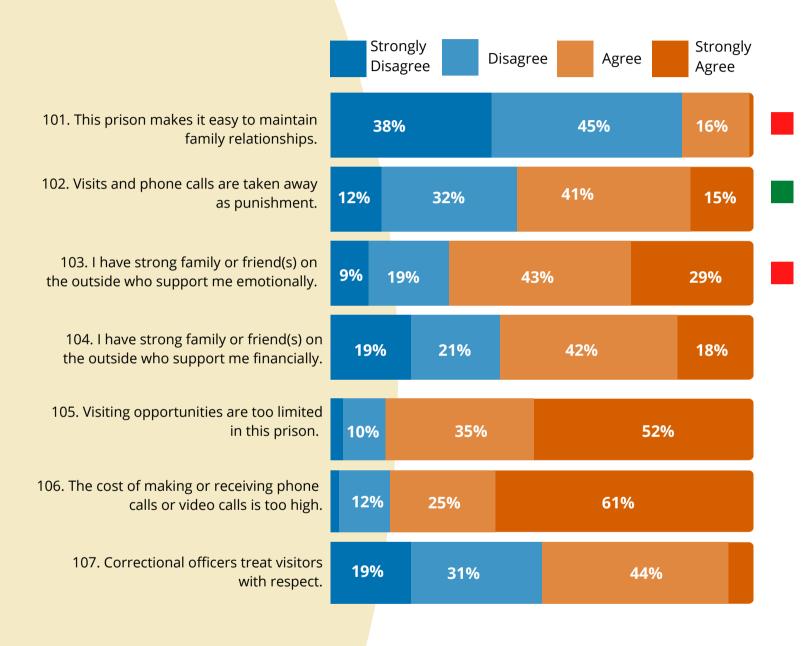
Suicidal Thoughts

100. At any time in the last 12 months did you seriously think about trying to kill yourself?





CONTACT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS





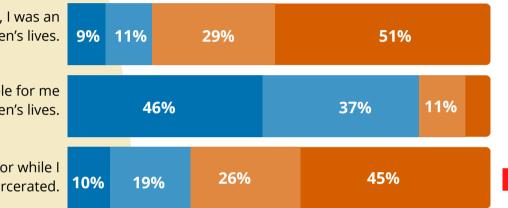
CONTACT WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

If you have children under the age of 18 years old:

108. Before entering prison, I was an active part of my children's lives.

109. This facility makes it possible for me to play a meaningful role in my children's lives.

110. My children are well cared for while I am incarcerated.





TRAUMA

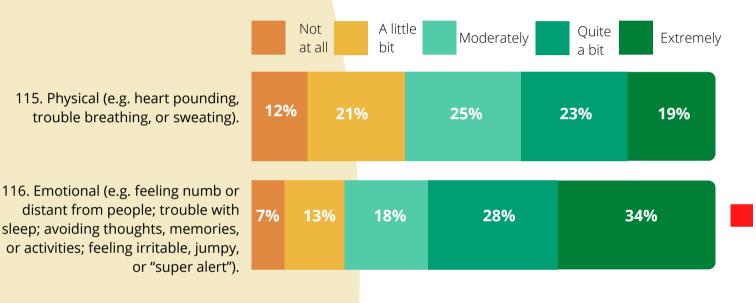
Consider your entire life, have you experienced ? (happened to you or witnessed it)

	.,		%Yes		% No		
111. Physical assault?			78%			22%	
lf yes, did it happen in prison?		39%			61%		
112. Assault with a weapon?		58%	þ		42%		
If yes, did it happen in prison?		35%			65%		
113. Sudden or unexpected death of someone close to you?			79%		21%		
If yes, did it happen in prison?		32%			68%		
114. Any other very stressful event or experience?		79%			21%		
lf yes, did it happen in prison?		37%			63%		



TRAUMA, CONTINUED

In the past month, how much have you been bothered by physical or emotional reactions when something reminded you of a stressful experience from the past?





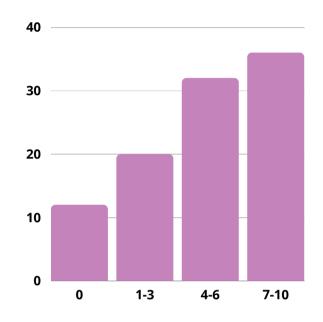
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACE)

A series of 10 questions about difficult or stressful things that sometimes happen to people in their childhood. Respondents are asked to consider the time before they were 18 years old as they go through the questions.

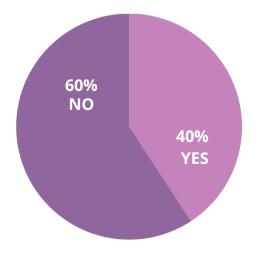
One point is assigned for each "yes" response, and then points are summed to calculate a total ACE score.

ACE scores greater than 4 are associated with significantly negative outcomes. Those with scores greater than 6 are in the most severe category of risk – including having an estimated shortened lifespan by 20 years.

ACE categories



% with history of incarcerated parent





COVID-19,...

127. Were you incarcerated in this prison before the start of COVID-19?

		Strongly Disagree	D	isagree	Agre	e	Strongly Agree	
128. The prison has demonstrated care for the wellbeing of people incarcerated here.		28%		37%		30%		
129. People incarcerated here have been given masks.		29%		34%		31%		
130. Most staff here have been wearing masks.	9%	9%		67%			15%	
131. Correctional staff here have been letting us make more free phone calls when visits were restricted.		28%		31%		37%		
132. Correctional staff here have been clearly communicating when and why our movements, activities, and visits have been restricted.		40%		30%		25%	6	
133. Correctional staff have been clearly communicating information about COVID rates in the facility.		37%		28%		31%	6	
134. Staff here have been increasing the use of segregation as a form of punishment.	13%	6 3	34%		33%		20%	
135. The COVID-19 restrictions on incarcerated people have been too strict.	9%	20%		32%		39%	,	
136. Incarcerated people have understood the need for the COVID-19 restrictions inside the prison.	179	%	28%		46%		9%	
137. The COVID19 restrictions have had a significant impact on my wellbeing.	9%	20%		35%		36%		

55% yes