
**Survey Comment
Report**



Illinois River Correctional Center 2023 MQPL Survey Comments

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INTRODUCTION

Illinois River Correctional Center is a medium-security level male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1,466 people on March 27, 2023, including about 40 people in a maximum-security unit. 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 Illinois River had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 471 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Illinois River Correctional Center through July 19, 2023, representing approximately 32% of the static population.

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

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

OPEN-ENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS

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

1. NONE
2. The time going by
3. Mental Health
4. It gives you time to be able to reflect on yourself and be able to work on yourself. Of course with more opportunities the chance to be successful would increase.
5. Just work
6. Nothing
7. Help you to become a better person and make better decision.
8. Awakening each day knowing I'm one day closer to both death and freedom.

9. I believe the most positive things in prison are having a job assignment or being assigned to school. Here at Illinois River we don't have available to all individuals or intel makes it hard to get approved by changing the rules to qualify.
10. nothing
11. Working in industry
12. There is none
13. Not a thing
14. None
15. Working when a spot is available
16. All the inmates get along with each other.
17. Some staff members, nurses try to assist us... the warden(s) + clinical service counselors, supervisor (never) rarely walk around to assist us
18. Relationships I've made
19. Knowing that I have an outdate!
20. 3 Hots and a cot.
21. hope, opportunity & second chance
22. hope, opportunity & second chance
23. There is nothing positive about life in Illinois River, the things that could be considered as positive aren't taken seriously by staff.
24. The way people act to each other. How staff have a lot of control of this facility.
25. You learn from your mistakes if truly invested in being a better person.
26. Shit this prison fuck up all they want is for you to be lock up so they don't have to do they job.
27. Nothing it's horrible!!!
28. Time to think and be positive!
29. You learn people. You work on social skills, you learn to grow n Think about life.
30. This prison is heaven for peoples who have information. They have all the good jobs. And favored by the offices. There isn't anything good about this Prison to Me.
31. When getting out.
32. Death
33. I have a release date
34. Everything changed after covid. What was positive is no longer positive.
35. They give us a 20 second call once a week.
36. Commissary, the phones are cheap, the food in the chow hall.
37. The cable and movie channel
38. They have been running commissary 3 times a month, while last year it was once a month, their applying more reck time yard, gym.
39. After [20+] years, not sure about that one.
40. My job at the Bakery
41. If you fortunate to get a job or into some type of program been here [6+] years, need [10+] credits for Associates Am still trying to get in, finish it!!!
42. If you have support, being able to get visits with family and grow in faith.
43. That I'm allowed to at the very least have some kind of contact with my wife and family.

44. by having an outdate
45. Some prisons offer better and more educational classes, this prison offer all vocational courses.
46. Staff are approachable
47. Leadership throughout pandemic. Good behavior = positive results. Library an asset. LTs – weights. Yard. Educational opportunities excellent com to 2010-2019 H.I.IT program, contests, competitions. Staff treat you like men, compliment good work, professional medical care (inc. dental) food quality improved in 2022-2023. Barber shoppe the best.
48. Having a job or going to school
49. Nothing really positive about this facility to be honest beside the creator waking me up every morning.
50. My Mindset.
51. Nothing
52. I Have None.
53. Nothing
54. NONE
55. I believe that most people are safe from confrontation of other committed persons.
56. Time to reflect
57. Some people are nice to me (that's about it)
58. The most positive thing about life in this prison is that I learn how to make better decisions and learn patients.
59. There's nothing positive. If you have a lot of time like I do you can't get into schooling & if you are anything but a low risk or have certain cases you can't get jobs.
60. Gym, yard opportunity (when compared w/my previous facilities Menard C.C. (max) & Lawrence C.C.) Commissary is ran faster than other facilities I have been to (as of now)
61. You can get your education, gain work experience, and can get mental health treatment.
62. You got a few cool C/Os
63. Fairly good TV channels.
64. When you get a staff member that actually cares and listens to you and treats you like a human being.
65. Honestly I came here on a disciplinary transfer and can do nothing for a year. Also the tickets are given out too frequently and can be avoided but in most cases are not. I just received another major ticket for trying to refuse housing I asked the Sgt for another pair of cuffs in a calm and respectful manor to prevent pain and suffering in my shoulder and was denied and given a worse ticket.
66. this prison sucks!!!
67. Im Alive
68. Not as stressful
69. Being outside at least twice a week
70. I currently have decent cellmates

71. That they are still letting people go, if it were for the counselor nothing would get done. But they haven't figured out how to keep people passed their outdates.
72. getting yard and Gym every week
73. plenty of reading material is available. Commissary every eight days or so. A new warden appears to be making positive changes.
74. for me nothing is positive, they don't help people with a lot of time left to do.
75. Housing units are assigned by aggression levels.
76. I have an outdate
77. I can open my windows or close it if I choose. This prison is trying to accommodate transgender like myself. But not fully. As trans I cell alone, and shower alone.
78. for me, nothing really, probably that my family can set up video visits
79. Nothing
80. going to Yard, Gym, commissary and family contact
81. There is nothing positive in this prison, they punish you even for filing a PREA. This is not a place to get rehabilitation this is a concentration camp.
82. nothing!!!
83. Not much
84. Rehabilitate Yourself.
85. Nothing positive, just a better place compare to maximum security prisons like Menard & Stateville.
86. See officers come and go Home!
87. Staying Healthy
88. going home
89. If you follow the rules and arent a troublemaker, youre not harassed or targeted just because youre incarcerated
90. every 4 days you get to use the phone
91. I am classified as maximum and so am in my cell 22 ½ hrs/day. The biggest blessing is the single man cells. We also have dayroom once per day for 1 ½ hrs, on occasion we have yard which can give us an additional hour. With the type of offense I have, this is the safest situation for me.
92. Not a lot of Gang presence.
93. That you get 2 dayrooms a day.
94. I don't feel anything positive about being here
95. yard, gym and religious programming are ran consistently for the most part. That's pretty the most positive thing I can say.
96. Automotive Vocational college program, certificated accredited and degree program for associate's degree.
97. Nothing!
98. Positive things is you stay to yourself most of the time
99. Education and positive changes to my lifestyle, thinking, and behavior.
100. N/A
101. For me none. I am here till I die of old age one day and all I allowed to do is rot away and have to every day whistle I get on phone to call loved one - family.
102. none

103. None
104. Using the phone
105. The most positive thing is being able to go to chapel.
106. Nothing, you own very little possessions. That state provides the bare minimum, if that. You can buy what the state doesn't provide if you have money, but in order to get money you have to work for twenty dollars a month, or beg your friends and family, it's an extremely degrading experience. Any good job (industry job) is very hard to get, and not available to everyone.
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108. Nothing
109. Nothing in this prison
110. Cable Channel's
111. There are none!
112. We are able to slow life down and focus on what matters the most. Life-style reflection, family, mental health, etc.
113. Knowing your time isn't forever.
114. Nothing here can't get jobs school is almost impossible to get to + most of the teacher only show 2 days a week
115. Nothing!!!!!!
116. There isn't none of these males see me as a sex figure including the officers and female staff
117. There is nothing possible at Illinois River it's really bad here.
118. There is nothing positive- no privacy- no time to be alone - **[ILLEGIBLE]** - activity education - programs anything that provides meaningful help or gives purpose to a human does not exist in hell.
119. The most positive thing about this prison is I am able to use the phone to speak to my family.
120. Nothing no jobs no school no programs nothing to look forward
121. They don't restrict outside learning material to be sent in.
122. nothing!
123. Commissary
124. Not much, but school is good.
125. close to home
126. NONE
127. Commissary, yard, gym
128. Got another **[ILLEGIBLE]** yourself
129. "Nothen"
130. There is nothing positive
131. There really are not that many fights. I've done nine plus years and haven't had one fight.

132. none
133. The healthcare is good.
134. To think on what you did & time to organize & make plans for when I get out.
135. nothing
136. None that I can recall
137. Aint nothing positive about being in prison.
138. Having an outdate, if staff dont write frivolous tickets.
139. Getting to go home
140. Haven't been here long enough to say
141. The window in my cell! I control the air flow.
142. I am generally left to myself, I don't really wish to associate with others.
143. Staying out and getting out
144. I have time to do things for myself - but only rehabilitation here you must do yourself there isn't help here.
145. Not too much, all discipline, no rehabilitation.
146. None!
147. yard & gym access, almost daily!
148. School, programs, ect.
149. Close to my mother, she lives in Peoria
150. Living Life
151. Not come back
152. New warden, close to home! Nothing else!
153. I really don't have anything positive to say. Maybe that the try end make sure you are compatible with your roommate.
154. Waking up
155. The most positive I guess is that they are trying to improve.
156. Turning your attention towards productive books, studying to learn new things in life to move forward in life in the world.
157. Finding positive people (inmates).
158. Staying away from alcohol and drug.
159. I can shower everyday.
160. Patience
161. The good-time if you could ever get it. College courses if you are allowed to take them.
162. Nothing
163. Nothing but having a bed to sleep in.
164. Having intimate relation with our creator!
165. having knowledge of the rules, and how to really understand them.
166. The chapel is a huge blessing, also the music program, LTS. I would say I can approach staff with concerns generally and be taken seriously - but not that things necessarily get done...
167. That no one offer the opportunity to further my education and become a better person if the facility allow me to enroll in class or programs
168. A long chance to reflect on your past life and plan for your/my future.

169. law library + barbershop
170. Time and add space to plan out your goals in life.
171. Just waking up knowing you made it through another day in here.
172. In Illinois River does not let you make any positive things here programs are not available
173. Nothing
174. Nothing
175. Nothing
176. Nothing
177. Learn from your past mistake
178. I work on myself on a daily to come up with more business planes
179. My electronic. The fact that I self-evaluate and hone in on individual defects, over attempting to better myself. Credit to my religion.
180. Absolutely nothing
181. The only positive thing about life in this prison is that my sentence is over in a few days.
182. "Nothing at all" This prison is run by nothing but white people and its very bias to who runs this place A one sided community when written a ticket your guilty point blank Their right your wrong Springfield needs to better over see this prison and how its really run "And Im white"
183. It's better than the maximum security prisons; less violence than two prior prisons I wat at, Menard, Lawrence; staff is generally respectful when inmates do same; staff seems willing to provide basic necessary rights for the most part; staff are actually non-abusive here as to verbal altercations, etc; staff is easy to get along with; but will enforce the rules; seems mostly fair as far as my experience has been for last 18 mos.
184. Not a thing is positive
185. Its nothing positive about this prison
186. Nothing here at ILL RIVER
187. Some people are very intelligent and talented here just made some mistakes which is the reason they are here.
188. Nothing
189. this prison is only a stop to go to something better?
190. Nothing
191. It depend on where you at! Every Correctional Center isn't the same. Here in Illinois River, you have to tell on somebody to get a good job & they hold your past against you. So to me, ain't nothing positive unless your willing to work for the police.
192. As time evolves, maturity evolves it helps you decide which path you want to take. Not only that but some of the positive things you never imagined doing, with your time you learn to do things and you find things you learn to be good at.
193. Yard time, Gym Time
194. None.
195. There should never be a positive about life in prison but you should make yourself better than you were when you came in.

196. Nothing unless you have money
197. You can call your family and friends all most everyday
198. When you can get education to better your future for a positive release.
199. Nothing
200. nothing is positive here
201. NONE
202. You go home. soon you dont have life to be here forever
203. Outside yard
204. The most positive things are the programs we get there are alot of programs But it takes a long time to get into them + if you have a sex case its very hard to get any kinda good-time for anything its Like people with sex cases are looked down on Because of their case as if you cant change your life.
205. having a outdate.
206. I really don't know. I've tried to get a program or a job and they won't let me. I have never had a ticket either
207. Commissary & food
208. Time to reflex in the room. Your locked down 21 hrs of the day.
209. When I need something done, I ask, and they try to accomplish it, if They CAN!
210. I see nothing positive about this prison
211. Chance to leave the past behind you
212. It gives you a chance to see who + what is truly important + who is really deserving of your time.
213. NONE
214. There is nothing positive here in prison
215. Just Help
216. There is nothing positive about this prison. No programs and not enough good-time.
217. Well this prison has none but if a person mind is in the right set prison will make most never look back once they are released & some learn skills they never had to work.
218. Nothing, staffs knox us down with anything we try to do no matter how good it is
219. I have an outdate
220. Nothing
221. X
222. Access to books
223. Warden is trying to improve it (new warden as of Feb. 2023)
224. Self reflection
225. theres nothing positive about this prison, foods bad, no school, no jobs nothing
226. TV, Books, commissary
227. My room is livable. Wish it was quieter. I can't believe how much certain people talk 24 hrs a day constantly.
228. You are in a 1 man cell all by yourself, we come out mostly everyday, we get at least 2 calls a day in a shower before locking back up, we go to yard every other day, we got are on TV & tablet to watch in play music.
229. I am in a cell by myself.
230. I have a TV, table, books

- 231. nothing.
- 232. Who you can trust in your Family
- 233. Nothing!
- 234. Nothing is positive here at Illinois, most of the staff are racist, their more concerned about punishing us then helping us. The only people who get helped are whites and sex offenders and jail house snitches
- 235. If you are low maintenance and know how to lay low, you'll get by, because you're in a cell all day.
- 236. The phone when available
- 237. Getting healthy
- 238. the staff. they are lay back, help you when you need sumthing done.
- 239. None at all!!!
- 240. You always get 2 yards, gym, and 1 dayroom per week
- 241. Phone call home once maybe twice a week
- 242. The windows in the cell open
- 243. It helps you understand the value of freedom
- 244. health. Rehabilitating your body and mind if possible
- 245. If your off balance it can give you the chance to reset and find even ground
- 246. Dayroom
- 247. Nothing
- 248. I come out of my cell daily.
- 249. I can't think of any.
- 250. There is nothing positive about prison
- 251. Commissary. Some staff understand that individuals are going through enough as it is and these staff do not carry an agenda to make lives worse as possible.
- 252. For me, there is nothing positive about life in prison. If someone find something positive, we can assume his/her life was miserable before prison.
- 253. I am close to home, **[TOWN REDACTED]**. Get visits now that covid restriction is removed.
- 254. Some areas pass out good-time
- 255. Nothing
- 256. Positive thoughts and hopes when being released...
- 257. I am able to work out on the weight pile at my age.
- 258. It give time to reflect if the person is ready for change
- 259. THERE ARE NONE
- 260. ? TV, dirty magazines, the tablet, books, and writing letters and artwork.
- 261. I get to sleep when I want, I get to jack off when I want, I dont have to pay any bills or rent
- 262. Honestly there is nothing I can say that is positive about this prison other than the warden "**[REDACTED]**." This warden have good intention to create meaningful programs. But when the "staff" who is all about doing nothing but siting around doing nothing this is what they feel the individuals in custody should be doing. This way they don't have to work.....
- 263. Some of the nurs's are nicer then C/Os and respectful

- 264. Coming out-the-cell, 3 meals a day, getting on the phone
- 265. Work assignment once you get a job. Yard + Gym.
- 266. It gives you time to look at the mistakes you made to get here, learn from them and mentally prepare your self to no longer make those mistakes upon your releest.
- 267. THIER IS NOTHING POSITIVE ABOUT BEING IN PRISON!
- 268. Recreation
- 269. They allow us to play cards. The medical staff are sometimes friendly.
- 270. I get left alone for the most part, but I have to fight for my rights if I choose to act on them, Covid ended we just received a new warden I believe she is doing a good job so far
- 271. When this institution was "open" prior to Covid, it had many recreational activities & therapeutic programs. Art room, yoga, HIIT class, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball tournaments, art classes and workshops, craft room, mural painting, college courses, weight-lifting competitions, band, guitar, piano, music room, choir, people walked freely to work school meals, etc. Now, since Covid, staff have become volatile, strict, antagonistic, controlling, aggressive, apathetic, and domineering, as well as having taken all of the above aforementioned recreational activities!
- 272. getting out of here
- 273. Recreation
- 274. This is my first offense, so far, majority of staff have been great. The mental health staff and the nursing staff are above and beyond in my experience so far. Only dark spot is Dr. [REDACTED]. It's as if we're a pain, doesn't want deal with us anymore than he has to.
- 275. Chapel, work assignments
- 276. Outdate
- 277. Its hart to actually pick a positive, because there is so meny things that is negative in this prison.
- 278. Some staff memberings are very proferssinal
- 279. not many things positive about life in prison, Although if you choose to do your time and not let your time do you, Things go pretty smoothly.
- 280. nothing, this prison need some help somebody need to come down here and talk to everybody here cause they try to clean up the prison before Springfield get here.
- 281. Being able to use the phones and the showers
- 282. At this time there is nothing positive about life in this prison
- 283. 1. Commissary, 2. Weights
- 284. their is nothing positive about being in prison
- 285. None!
- 286. N/A
- 287. You learn about self
- 288. Nouthing at all
- 289. Not enough activities for everyone. An idle mind is the devils playground.
- 290. You have time to reflect and learn from the past mistakes to make better decisions at life.
- 291. Nothing is possible in Illinois River C.C.

- 292. Going home soon
- 293. The people locked up here are such cream puffs that one has no worries about harm from them.
- 294. Probably my celly. We get along great. & school whenever the teacher shows up.
- 295. Nothing at all, but 3 meals a day
- 296. 1. Time to exercise, 2. Time to reflect on your mistakes
- 297. Everything depends on how you view yourself while incarcerated. You can see yourself in a mirror and if you don't see that monster looking back at you in means you've gotten the best out of your time in this joint.
- 298. Educational opportunities. Job opportunities. Recreational opportunities. Religious services.
- 299. My cellmate, my connection with family and friends, and recreation.
- 300. You're able to go to recreation, commissary is good. There are a few staff members here who may try or want to help but when they do they either get fired, or they quit, get ran off to another job or they ostracize them until they give up or become just as they are.
- 301. None, at **[50+]** yrs. old the quality of assistance regarding health programming preparation is nonexistence
- 302. No drugs or alcohol
- 303. None
- 304. None
- 305. You dont want to come back
- 306. I am by my kids
- 307. The porn channels from LTS staff and movies
- 308. Waking up everyday and praying for better days
- 309. Green grass.
- 310. Waiting to be released.
- 311. The staff has been respectful and encouraging. I was able to start a job during my first year here.
- 312. getting myself together for a better life with my family and other
- 313. "NOTHING"!
- 314. Done?
- 315. N/A
- 316. Watching TV using and 10 visual equipment
- 317. I been to 6 prisons. This one is the worst.
- 318. Yard
- 319. I haven't got anything positive here!
- 320. None
- 321. You get to stay alive instead of being shot in the street
- 322. The opportunity to get schooling colage. and to work toward going home early
- 323. **[NAME REDACTED]** in the library is pretty nice to me.
- 324. You have some mental health professionals that do stand with individuals in custody.
- 325. One and a half hours, twice a day out-of-cells.
- 326. None maybe gym

327. Self-teaching yourself in prison, and growing up mentally
328. NOTHING
329. For me having the opportunity to facilitate 'civic' classes in the reentry room under the guidance of the reentry room coordinator gives me the opportunity to contribute to the restorative justice movement and practice prosocial behavior.
330. Multiple yards a week.
331. We out our cell alot, and the food, and commissary
332. nothing, I been to six diffrent prison on this bit **[DETAILS REDACTED]** and I could have went to Kewanee but chose to go to Stateville Farm wich is MSU in **[DATE REDACTED]** I think + got kicked out of **[DATE REDACTED]** was behind the doors of NRC for over 100 days & sent to Illinois River, This place is the worste prison of them all totally incomptent & Wexford is Bad here.
333. Staff doesn't go out of their way to bother you.
334. There is nothing positive about life in a prison! Family and friend pass and prison notify 5-6 days later
335. 1) The C/Os up here aren't as "Racist" and sadistic as the C/Os down south.
2) The C/Os (most of them) don't go out of their way to oppress you and make you miserable. But there are still some that do. (Pure Evil!)
336. Despite the poor environment, it is what continues to drive me to survive this journey
337. There's nothing positive in this prison.
338. I like how they put cellmates together accordingly to the age group. Every celly I had was close to my age. This is the only place that did that.
339. That we do get a fair amount of movement.
340. If they were able to offer more programs: school, rehabilitation programs self improving programs.
341. Nothing
342. N-A - Because it wouldn't matter
343. Im white so the C/Os dont really trip on me to bad. And during cell searches they dont tear your stuff up to bad. If you know a C/O they look out for you. They can get you a job or in school
344. There are a few staff that seem to care about us but they can't or won't do much
345. It's a cell system when it come's to using the phone. And staff assaults and lockdowns are extremely low
346. Family, and their support! Youre alive! Prison is not rehabilitating anyone
347. Staying out of trouble, and learning discipline
348. Nothing at all
349. Getting words of encouragment from other inmates
350. To be truthful I have to convience myself that God/Allah put me in this prison for me to go through this harsh way of treatment so that I can see jail isnt for me. Theres nothing positive about this prison
351. Their's nothing positive about Illinois River Correctional Center. It's a modern day plantation, The Klan run it and that's their main goal is to keep you/make you feel oppressed
352. its so bad here people dont want to come back

- 353. Time isnt stopped
- 354. Waking-up!
- 355. There is none
- 356. Being able to talk to my love ones.
- 357. NONE
- 358. We get yard most everyday we don't always get our whole time though and some officers (a small amont) only come here to do their job and treat individuals like humans.
- 359. You become aware of different attitudes
- 360. If you choose to grow up and be an adult you have that choice but you have to make it because they treat you like your a kid
- 361. Just getting out of the cell for dayroom, yard, and gym, Thats litterally the only positive thing that come to mind.
- 362. There is really none unless you are in the right prison or work camp
- 363. Some of the guards are humane
- 364. Nothing really. I have a lot of time and I can't get a job because IA says so and I can't go to school because they say I got too much time.
- 365. time to think and reflect
- 366. IRCC is a joke. medical is below average + programs are not even being giving. I am supposed to do 5 programs + I've been here a year + haven't gotten any yet.
- 367. There is nothing positive about this prison. Not the staff, not the dietary food, not the conditions, not how they treat us individuals in custody, not the rules because they change everyday.
- 368. the only positive is that if u have a TV or tablet and that would help you get by otherwise nothing positive
- 369. The programs and schooling. A significant amount of recreation.
- 370. The mental health an security
- 371. My papers that have the day I get out on top, my release date
- 372. Vocational school, work programs and recreational time outside of cell.
- 373. There is nothing positive
- 374. None
- 375. They let you have reading material and the privileged stuff like TV and music
- 376. The phone when available
- 377. Prison is what you make it!
- 378. If you are lucky to be chosen for school or work, me learning to be my best self, learning from others, and meeting some really good people who made a mistake in life.
- 379. This prison is not all that bad compared to other facilitys but there's the need for lots of improvement and at this time I can't give any positive feedback in regard to this prison.
- 380. Law library & healthcare
- 381. None!
- 382. I would say they medical treatment.
- 383. Stay out of the way so that the staff dont not write dumbass tickets!

- 384. It is fairly clean in general. It is relatively safe. Mental healthcare is pretty good.
- 385. there is none
- 386. alone time, and psych once a month
- 387. Me being put in school fairly quick, and us being allowed gym, yard at least 3-7 times a week
- 388. E-messages, tablets, video visits, phone calls, commissary
- 389. I have not been harmed or hurt while being here. My safety is key.
- 390. Access to a open yard and a functioning gym
- 391. School, work, visits, phone
- 392. Knowing you have an outdate
- 393. The opportunity to get out
- 394. It's nothing positive going on at Illinois River, it's almost impossible to get in school and you have to get voted on to get a job so basically if you are not special all you do is be in the wing
- 395. nothing because every thing you do will more or likely end up with a IDR
- 396. That I can get cosmetics and higgins and food from commissary.
- 397. Non, there is no resources to improve quality life in here
- 398. It is a freedom on the religion o relationship with church.

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

- 1. Bigotry, indifference, incompetence
- 2. Being in this prison
- 3. nothing in my opinion
- 4. One individual in general doesn't want to transfer to a lower security and has too much access to confidential information through staff. His job assignment is in the [REDACTED] building but spends most of his time in shift office. Reading inmates emails with staff and making fun of inmates. Inmate name is [REDACTED]
- 5. Medical attention. They cancel sick call pass a lot in the evening and the way some of the way the officer's frisk a inmate. its ran by I.A. and counselors are the worst here
- 6. Nothing you do is right rather it be Good or bad
- 7. Not being around good people and lock in your cell almost all day.
- 8. Having the cooling system on when last night's temperature was 38 degrees with a Feel like of 28... 18 mph winds w/27 mph gusts; Living with younger prisoners who want it all; Administrative disregard of the Laws, Codes, and Rules.
- 9. Sitting in your cell for years not being able to participate in anything.
- 10. Being lock up for a crime I didn't commit and I am constantly keep showing the courts that I was wrongfully convicted and they are so corrupt and not doing shit about it.

11. Favoritism with inmates. No school classes. Locked in cell All day. Food here is terrible
12. There is not enough programs, staff treat inmates poorly, healthcare is poor, and it seems like this facility does not want to see inmates better themselves or they do not try to help inmates rehabilitate themselves. Also there are no African American officers. (There is a lot of racist treatment almost like modern day slavery).
13. everything
14. Getting a vote sheet.
15. This facility dont offer enough programs for this with alot of time remaining on there sentence.
16. There, to me, is no Positive Leadership... Prepping ALL for reentry!!!
17. I.A. shouldn't be involved in job placement. Counselors don't help us in anyway. Lack of programs
18. Administration, staff, programs, education, jobs
19. Staff Administration
20. Gangs, poor treatment, slow getting anything done
21. People's preference, discriminating, for not having Spanis program.
22. the food, they feed us a small amount, some of the staff they treat us like some of us is not human.
23. People's preference, discriminating, for not having Spanish programs. Or programs
24. Lack of training for staff, not taking programs seriously, lack of programs, time-in-cells, lack of commissary
25. We spend too much time in our cells. We don't get enough food at dietary. Everything is set up mainly for people with 2 years or less.
26. its hard to get into programs its over populated and under staffed
27. Everything they don't help you with shit it's all ways fuck you and lock up. No school no work
28. That you cant get a job without a vote sheet or because of your ticket history
29. Everything. They not giving good-time or nothing to inmates. That are eligible for it.
30. No programs to help you we getting back out.
31. Food, living in a Bathroom No Space, being around men All day, Dealing w/ disrespect from C/Os N cant do anything or say anything w/out going to seg or getting C grade
32. Job Net work, schooling and staff communication skills. Inmates have to be stoll pigs in order to get jobs, and keep them "destruction." This prison is all about breaking a person down. Not building peoples of for the world.
33. This state needs a parole board not the MSR crap. cut sentence in half. This state is what? 1st, 2nd, or 3rd most corrupt state in the USA?
34. Life
35. Inequities, no equal opportunity for employment, school or programs. Regularly ignored by staff, late response if any to emergency situations, for pest control, dirty and inhumane conditions
36. Stay in cells too long. No programs, commissary's bad Healthcare is horrible, food is also bad

37. Not enough time out side of the cell
38. 6 phones split up between 56 people who only have 1 ½ hours to contact our kids, wives, mom, siblings, lawyers. You have to wait 61 days to apply for jobs or any programs, school. If you catch ANY ticket, minor or major, such as talking to loud, you have to wait 6 months to be eligible for any job or program, school. They don't want us rehabilitated, nor do they want people eligible for good-time, meanwhile I'm stuck sitting here for years doing nothing but time. The C/Os are very uncaring, disrespectful and have racist stickers on the bubble (control room of 3 house) depicting people off color as ignorant, retarded beans and other shapes.
39. The staff picks and chooses who to help or who to write tickets on juts because they know one individual more than the others
40. There's no programs or classes available to inmates to better ourselves and educate us. The meals they serve in dietary is terrible, Job assignments are limited to inmates as well.
41. Your health
42. Healthcare not getting medication prescribed by the doctor.
43. Treatment by some staff, medical treatment or lack of, used to be good
44. Being away from loved ones
45. I'm qualified to go to a minimum level prison, have no security risks at all, scored good (above average) on my tabe test, yet can't get a job because of my case. NOT FAIR
46. not haveing any programs
47. If you still have time and you want to go to school, you can't go to school for your GED unless you are two years short of your outdate. Also it does not make any sense that we can only work a job for only six months.
48. No programing.
49. Having a disrespectful roommate. The individuals in custody. They are negative, immature and inconsiderate. It is an "all about me" culture. Individuals in custody are wasteful esp. with state supplied items. IIC do not make an effort to improve their surroundings "not my job attitude." Stealing is tolerated.
50. We don't get enough yard and time out our cell and they don't have any programs that will help us in a positive directions
51. They cater to snitches + homosexuals Limited school + programs. Grievance process against staff is designed to help them because the counselors use to bee C/Os and help them out.
52. The way people choose to do their time and the lack of interest on the prison's part to engage individuals in rehabilitation.
53. The staff talk to you like your nothing. That they do things to make you want to fight them. The staff do whatever they want just because they can
54. Cell time out of the cell, and staff treatment.
55. Everything
56. Understanding and respect
57. The healthcare is horrible in this prison Illinois River. One example is that a guy died in his cell from a medical issue.

58. Staff, dietary food, not enough time outside cell
59. The staff does not do their job 70% of the time – the staff does not follow IDOC rules when it comes to trans Id female inmates
60. The LACK of programs in opportunities to get jobs without being judge on your pass.
61. See Above
62. The criteria used to approve jobs on vote sheets is absurd. (5 years w/o a minor contraband to work a job like LTS). Lack of programming for long term offenders (opportunity). Lack of staff to provide both more school + programming opportunity.
63. The racism, inhumane treatment from C/Os, time away from family, many hours in the cell, infestation.
64. Don't get any help when you need it
65. 1. They write tickets for any reason. 2. Staff is disrespectful. 3. It's almost impossible to get approved for a transfer. 4. You have to score moderate or high in a risk assessment in order to get into most programming. 5. It takes at least a month to get incoming mail.
66. The disciplinary system here is not fair. There are only 6 phones to be shared between 96 individuals in custody.
67. Not enough job & they feed us like children (babies)
68. Poor treatment, not treated like human beings. Poor Programming, Schooling for inmates.
69. They way Dietary staff treats us when our trays come up short for example: some chicken qt. are big some are average... but some are so small its sad yet we are still turned away. Proteins are the least served for every daily tray for people like me with little support places like this are the worst. also healthcare is bad and mental healthcare struggle to do their Job here. Miss [REDACTED] quit because of the way the facility is being ran.
70. everything, no jobs, no school, no good-time.
71. food and treatment we get as being inmates
72. Medical attention, Medical attention!!
73. Being on lockdown
74. favoritism by staff to certain inmates in regards to work assignments, extra time out-of-cell, issuing punishments. Treatment by staff to individuals in regards to their case. Wait time for doctor, nurse, medical treatment, help
75. Correctional staff when provoked by another individual in custody tend to take it out on the next person. And having to be housed with individuals who aren't vaccinated.
76. They let the same people keep rotating different jobs so that the same group of people get to keep working as for the others cant even get a job.
77. not getting to call family at least 4 times a day and not getting any correct answers. And not getting commissary every week
78. The food could have greater variety. No explanation for rule changes.
79. They don't take your concerns serious, two man showers instead of one man showers (gay stuff happening) chow sucks, the food is not worth eating and No programs for people with a lot of time to do

80. Medical treatment is horrible, been waiting to see a **[SPECIALIST REDACTED]** for nine (9) months, No physically challenged, disabled recreation programs. No ADA accommodations!
81. No structure
82. Transgender inmates are separated, not living in the same building, not living on the same wing with each other. We are not allowed to support each other as others do.
83. The staff is disrespectful and racist = unfair!
84. Everything
85. How they let some inmates have special privileges and other not.
86. Everything they change the rules as they go they don't give orientations and only give programs, school and jobs to certain people.
87. Everything!!!
88. There is no programs for people.
89. No programs & work & school take too long to get in if you can even get in any.
90. Look for someone to rehabilitate you.
91. Too far from Chicago, thus, not being able to see love ones.
92. The officers treat us like shit!
93. Dietary is not healthy
94. being locked up from your loved one's
95. It seems like the more legislation, decisions pertaining to good-time credits, early release, work release, or any type of reentry is passed, the harder it is to get anything done in this prison. It feels like there's all out resistance to any type of early release reform that passes.
96. Officers hold your case against you, as if they knew you did the crime, And they listen to the workers to hire new guys – and the ice chest is filled up, put on the wing with No Lid (all day) (insects- flys or whatever gets inside , extremely Nasty)
97. Because of being classified as maximum we have the inability to partake in any type of classes by religious services and are unable to work. Being in a cell 22 ½ hrs per day is tough on my mental health.
98. The way healthcare is ran.
99. They don't have enough school and its not enough jobs and not enough phones for everyone
100. Not getting questions answered when you write to certain Departments
101. Placement and administration are more likely to employ inmates who work as informants and seek out information of rule violations, only a selected few are chosen to attend educational classes (mainly those who are MSRing). There is a 100% white/caucasian security staff and roughly 60-65% Black/African american inmate population. These state employess have there own prejudices and reservations when it comes to Blacks and Individuals incarcerated in general I've literally been called a "crackhead" and "gangbanger" before and those who they (staff) perceive to represent urban black america are less likely to get ahead and get employment at Illinois River C.C.
102. Family being so far away, and more than 4 ½ drive away and cant get no extra visiting room time. Limited visitation with family.

103. Don't have enough room to put all of them down.
104. Negative things is not enough food being served at chow time baby portions
105. Being locked up, and having to deal with a negative environment and a lot of negativity among many of the staff and inmates,
106. The way staff members talk to individuals in custody!
107. I told I got too much time to get a job not enough phones for all to use one dayroom or two dayrooms!
108. Everything
109. Everything
110. Lack of programs, inconsistency among staff
111. Everything is slow. I have been waiting for almost 2 years to get a risk assessment. Until that happens I can not get a job. School is determined by our date so if you have more time you do nothing. Sit in your cell and keep your mouth shut.
112. Having a bad cellmate, if your cellmate breaks a rule, such as having contraband in the cell or jamming the door lock, you both get into trouble for his actions. When you get in trouble you lose your privileges, and can't transfer or get a job for six months. Also if your cellmate is a bully and wants to fight, you have two options. 1. fight him and get in trouble or, 2. refuse housing so you can get moved to different cell. but you get in trouble for this too. If you get put in the cell with a rule-breaker or violent-type, your best and only option is to file a grievance or write placement and pray they move you before it's too late. Your wing officer could help you, but often (99% of the time) they do nothing.
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114. A lot of stress and lame ass people.
115. everything in this prison
116. The struggle to get into programs and lack of programing
117. It's hard to talk to my counselor in person
118. Being wrongfull convicted and not enough programs!
119. The lack of mental healthcare, the exclusion of some groups of incarcerated people, such as, members of the LGBTQIA community, people with sensitive cases and none gang members.
120. Sex offenders aren't treated right. There is no classes you can take. You can't be a mentor or lead peer groups. But murderers are apparently okay to lead others. Some staff lock sex offenders up and tell individuals in custody. you cannot get a job in ICI if you are a sex offender. The IIC goes over applications and then yours will get thrown out.

121. Locked down so much staff see you as lower beings. I treat my dog better than they treat us here
122. There are no jobs and you stay in the cell too long. It only makes you fat and lazy, that's why the older people have so many health issues, now think about that!
123. The officers and inmates and how it's run no chances for a transgender
124. Everything how this place is ran it needs to be shut down
125. Lack of privacy, lack of opportunity
126. There are many things that are negative about this prison and they all rank the same. A couple of them are how they do vote sheets & how they punish those that are doing good. With the vote sheet they go back years into your disciplinary history and deny you the chance to work & earn good-time. By doing that they punish those who are trying to do better for themselves.
127. the way C/Os treat you!
128. There are less than a handful of educational courses and programs and on any given day there are at least two teachers not showing up for work. The system and culture here is that offenders can be held responsible for their bad behavior but the staff do not receive any consequences for their actions.
129. Anything you can think about.
130. Time in the cell
131. You are not given a fair chance in this prison I.A. is not fair at any level and needs overseeing by someone on the outside. They punish those that feel like.
132. untrained staff, there are 5 or 6 staff members, Sgt. [REDACTED] & C/O [REDACTED] who openly admit to being members of some ex-military white supremacist group, and LT's on up see no problem w/ their hate talk!
133. Rampant racism, use of word "n*****" by white staff! Been here 5 years never seen a warden. Have to be a snitch to get a job or school assignment!
134. I was just transferred to IRCC just a few weeks ago, I have signed up for sick call at least 7 times & have only seen a nurse once.
135. Away from family
136. "Everything"
137. Everything
138. Too much time in the cell. Food servings are getting smaller and smaller as time goes by. Too hard to get a job.
139. no programs, jobs, benefits to being a long term offender. They scarcely provide for basic needs, you can't even get an extra roll of toilet tissue when needed, there is no rule against providing a roll of tissue when needed
140. There are not many programs to help people not to reoffend. There are not many treatment programs available.
141. That they don't really let you do anything productive with yourself for most of everyday.
142. constant rule changes, disorganized. The "STAFF"
143. We are in the cell most of the day and we have no programs. Oh yeah, they pick and choose who get jobs
144. Everything!

145. You'll never know what will happen the next day.
146. Everything this place is horrible I'd rather hang myself than come back here!!!
147. Again I have only been here a short period of time
148. Racist C/Os (staff in general!!) No diversity!
149. The way that my things are thrown around and mixed with my cellmates during shakedowns.
150. everything the food, staff telling you when you can sleep, eat, use the bathroom All Bad
151. We all need more here to better ourselves and reenter society
152. officers give some more privileges than others
153. Getting on the phone is the problem so we need a tablet that will let us call our family and people who will support us. We need better commissary.
154. Lazy counselors & bi-polar staff Horrible Food!!!
155. Low support from officers, and less movement, ect.
156. Staff neglect and misconduct. Racist staff too!
157. Stay out of the way
158. Being here
159. Longer term offenders are discriminated against and are unable to go to work, school, programs: :(
160. You have to work with I.A. in order to get a job even if you have not had I.D.R.'s.
161. The staff doesn't care
162. They make it to difficult to get into programs, classes. Its like you're being punished for having a short time. I came in with only a year to serve!
163. Dietary food, getting in school, getting a job.
164. Staff members making false accusations to target us inmates just to make our time harder and take out what happens to them on the outside on us here in prison because they have more power to do so. NOT FAIR!
165. Everything especially the staff making false accusations just to keep us locked up and they make money because of it.
166. gangs and hater's
167. It takes forever to get things done, hard to get good-time
168. Anger
169. Being locked in a room. Not being able to use the phone. Not being able to go to rec. Or choosing between yard or dayroom. Not being allowed to get into programs to earn good-time. The staff constantly saying they're too short staffed to do anything for you.
170. Everything: the staff are rude, they lie & put tickets on you, they don't listen, & treat inmates unfair, talk to us like we're nothing.
171. Female officers!
172. Staff that lie, just because they could.
173. Terrible communication from administration down. Understaffed. Staff are stressed, don't know what's going on. Programming is almost non-existent in general from clinical services. There is also a strong bias against sex-offenders even though S.O.'s make up 70% of the population.

174. Having to deal with staff that can not or will not give me the same respect as a man that they expect us to give to them No matter because what because they feel cause I am a inmate they are better then me and I do not matter.
175. I am a number not a person, cant win any grievances, I dont feel like a real person, no real friends
176. poor healthcare! roaches in kitchen everywhere! cells infested with ants! Sick call protocols are unconstitutional
177. Being out of contact with family this place blocks people from being able to visit for the littlest things and when you come up with the requirement they ask for they still don't approve either visits video and contact
178. Everything where do you want me to start from
179. not being able to contact my family - things are expinse and I have no source of incom - staff is very rude they have favoritism
180. On deck there are only 6 phones for 52 inmates to share during dayroom. There are no phones in gym and only 3 on yard and usually where the phones are there's at least one broke and its ALWAYS creating a issue.
181. Not being able to work or attend school. The way that the staff treat Black People. Not being able to talk to my family on the phone every day.
182. The way the staff talk to us, and treat us
183. More dayroom time, 85 percent get some good-time we don't have a 100% and more food because they throw it away every day and a lot of people need it. How it make sense common sense not common to some people
184. Phone`s, jobs. The way they do good-time if you dont know nobody you fucked
185. n/a
186. I can't talk to my family & friends like i would like to messages or on Phone. Staff try to make us feel lest of a man by talking down to us
187. Staff overall conduct, and lack of help, assistance. Program(s) and lack there of.
188. Everything
189. Treatment by staff, dietary, lack of programming, lack of out-of-cell time, excessive punishments
190. That 2-D wing! Inhumane completely, that its run by all white people and their are no other ethnics, "Blk," cop that work here
191. Not enough law library time; not enough yard, gym time; food could use improvement - clearly not enough vegetal matter being served - too much rice, pasta, potatoes, carbs for diabetic like me; law library woefully deficient in research materials needed by pro se litigants - electronic access way behind the times; digital life way behind the times.
192. food
193. THE STAFF C/O
194. Staff members who degrade all inmates.
195. STAFF - MEMBERS plot to target all inmates even with lies just to make us look bad.
196. I.A. runs this place and if they don`t like you you get messed with all the time can`t get a job... etc
197. Phone`s + food, commissary movement

198. Staff members and race
199. NO help at all!!!
200. The opportunities, there are very few and its a struggle to reach your full potential. More opportunities especially educational the less likely you are to come back
201. Being targeted by the chain of command for missteps that are not forgiven.
202. No programs, jobs being taken away, vote sheets, Healthcare, staff - corrections officers
203. No programs.
204. When ever you all come and see about the prison you never come to the units. Come ask the people who you send the questionnaire to and see the reactions of them, but that still don't mean you give a fuck!
205. Healthcare is so bad, I am not receiving my prescription anymore. Other inmates can attest to the same problem. Also we keep going on lockdown because they say they do not have enough staff.
206. The Staff treat all inmates with little to no respect but they will write you up if you show any disrespect towards them
207. Unprogrammable prisons with no control.
208. When you let the officers know that there's a problem between you and your cellmate they push it off and leave you in there until things takes a turn for the worst
209. I learn how to do bad things better.
210. Losing everything Freedom, Family, etc...
211. You liable to die here nobody cares about you in here no staff member you are on your on
212. No mental Health groups, no N/A or AA groups
213. The negative things are the fact that people wanna see your papers when you enter a cell and if you have any sex stuff they dont want you in there cell so its hard to find some where to go. And your I.D. # is everywhere all on your things so its not hard for a cellmate to get on the phone to run your name.
214. Poor over-all treatment.
215. D.O.C. means Department of Corrections which means correcting they don't even try to correct here.
216. most clinical service counselors and grievance officer NEVER APPROVE ANY MEDICAL RELATED GRIEVANCES!
217. Being at Illinois River CC
218. locked in the room. cant use the phone maintain supportive ties with family and friends. Mail takes 2 months. No programs, cant earn good-time due to placement in prison.
219. My Medications sometimes don't come. Elther they forget About it or They forget About Me.
220. The unit counselor does not help out at all and lies
221. Being around the same people everyday
222. No matter how much you have changed and have improved as a person no one cares and depending if your under Truth-in-Sentencing you can't earn good-time. Also how you are treated less than human.

223. WORK WE THE STAFF
224. All the negativity here no programs the way the staff treat you + the food Im starving
225. Just Help
226. Everything, no good programs no help no type of uplifting value at all.
227. Poor resources to help offenders, lack of educational classes, And sometimes the staff treat you worst than people in the street, And less of a human being in here is sometimes worse than on the outside.
228. everything
229. Everything. Staff
230. Schooling + programs are prioritized by MSR date. Since mine is in **[DATE REDACTED]** an inmate with a date of 2023 or 2024 will be placed ahead of me and due to me needing completion of programs to obtain vote sheet for a job I have to wait years for that.
231. X
232. staff attitude towards individuals in custody
233. Staff treat people by offenses and look down, say things like "I hate or don't care about inmates"
234. Not giving enough tools in Illinois River to prepare you for the outside world
235. there are no programs, jobs, nothing here!
236. Dietary, Phone availability
237. There is no weight room with exercise equipment. I would weight lift all day. We as a team, need more food and better food trays daily. Also, were not allowed to sleep at night.
238. Are mail is 1 month late, no matter when we send it out we get back 1 month or inna half late, Max inmates we don't have no programs or school to do to help us with are time, they treat all the other inmates better than the max inmates, sometimes staff do stuff on purpose to make us mad or get us in trouble so it look bad on are statue so we can't level down.
239. I only get to come out for 1 1/2 hours per day, I only get commissary twice a month.
240. Food
241. No Programs, or a chance to better oneself with good education.
242. No multiple contracts in order to receive good-time, you have to wait 1 year to see a eye doctor :(
243. all i am is a pay check to the D.O.C.
244. Not being able to see family regularly. The distance. Not being able to talk to them regularly because of the limited amount of phones on each wing. 6 phones for 50+ people.
245. Staff: officers, sgts, LT's and the warden. everything here is discouraging, from school to dietary. Im muslim we get treated like shit by staff and the chaplain
246. There are no programs. You are judged based on your offense. There is no staff accountability, oversight. There is no consistency
247. The lack of overall programs for rehabilitation
248. there are no options or programs or rehabilitation here at IRICC. We should be able to get are drivers license back and work on real life problems.

- 249. the young fellas that come in and dont follow the rules and we all get to pay for there fuck ups.
- 250. Healthcare is the wrose in the
- 251. It is not Ada accessable, and they are inconsistent with the rules (for instance I can not have a pen or pencil over 4 inches because of the weapon risk, but I can have a big glass screen, a 3 foot metal cane, a glass light bulb, or a big plastic lid for my legal + property boxes. If you have a certain case, they restrict where you can work, but offer no programming for it
- 252. Can't get a response from counselor or clinical services, My right to an agreement on detainers has not been honored.
- 253. The attitude by staff
- 254. The way the staff treat you like your not a human being.
- 255. Officers, some inmates, being away from family
- 256. Being here in general
- 257. Being stuck in the cell
- 258. Not enough legal assistance, computer, kiosk
- 259. Jobs are only given to 85% cases so people with 50% cant get good-time contracts. The officers make this decision based on the nature of your case and charges
- 260. Nobody truly cares about rehabilitation. And healthcare sucks. staff are rude, lazy, and very judgmental. Is just bad all around.
- 261. EVERYTHING!
- 262. The ratio of individuals in custody to telephones; a constant issue. Poor leadership of administration. Chemicals for cleaning are diluted. Some counselors not fully committed to their jobs. Grieving Procedures
- 263. Private of freedom is the most negative thing, but there are a bunch of side punishments: food has too much carbohydrates and not enough protein. Loud PA and C/O radios expecially at night, that impede to sleep uninterrupted. After the check up the C/Os lift our belongings scattered all over. A sense that I am wasting my time. Only 4(four) showers for 56 double occupancy cells. Share a cell with an individual who has bad habits e.g. burp, fart, snore, and have to listen and smell while he is using the bathroom is disgusting.
- 264. If you are not a snitch you will not get jobs, schooling, any chance to earn good-time credits. The same prisoners are rotated around on the jobs. No stand up con is given a job here. I.A. approves all job placement. This prison allows the step and fetch inmate run things, and dictate the way the prisoners are treated. Allowed to make decisions about the programs and privileges the prisoners get.
- 265. a non program prison. This one maybe has two...
- 266. Everything
- 267. The prison staff over exerting thier power and authority over prisoners. No respect at all
- 268. The way that they treat people who dont have any help on the outside world.
- 269. Being away from family and the way the visits are ran
- 270. I'm white, which is according to inmates, wrong color.. So I don't get to the phone daily..

271. The availability of certain items on commissary and the portions of good foods in chow hall.
272. Having a fucking celly!! Especially a bitch ass black celly who's nasty and disgusting, A lot of bullying
273. Individuals in custody: That's eligible to receive the "EDSC" can't get it being internal affairs commanding officer, **[NAME AND BADGE # REDACTED]** is putting people that can't receive the EDSC in assignment position to hinder those who can receive it and that's very negative in my view.....
274. Takes forever to have healthcare treatment, Med refills takes months, No good substance abuse programs
275. Not enough opportunities, The way staff talk to inmates
276. Too hard to get vocational, locked down all day, too long for answers, too long for transfers, too long for healthcare, Commissary items too high and never in stock.
277. You are not treated as a human you're only looked at as a number.
278. EVERYTHING!
279. Dietary, price gouging at commissary, reentry preparation, earned good-time, opportunity at education, opportunity at work, opportunity at programming, staff interaction, discouraging atmosphere.
280. Clothes, sheets are old and tattered, new clothes, sheets are rare. Staff seem to rely on the commissary purchases of inmates to ensure proper clothing. The clothing available on commissary is fine, but the facility provided clothes are old and gross. Also, the food is lower quality than before and phones are low in quantity. Also, the only janitorial services are those of the inmate workers, who are severely underpaid, and thus the quality of cleanliness is low.
281. not enough time out-of-cells it's a 18/6 prison 3 hr of dayroom+ 3 hr of chow time is how they count it, officers are totally bogus, I've witnessed sexual harassment of other female officers. their treatment of sex offenders is atrocious, they should receive the most help but they sadly do not because sex offenses are a money maker in Illinois
282. Staff conduct. Their overall energy towards general population takes a tone of, "They think they have this coming. Take it away. Their privileged, etc." They attempt to control and take as much as they could.
283. almost everything from the food to being locked up all day
284. no programs or school to help all the prisoners
285. The dietary carb's, carb's, carb's! For b'fast no meat of any kind except a slice of "mystery meat"! That and total of 4 hardboiled egg's for the week is all the protein we get. The rest every morning is hot cereal, grits or oatmeal, or cracked wheat or cold cereal. Bran flakes, puffed wheat, puffed rice, lunch, dinner, CARBS!
286. Work assignments.
287. No opportunity for programs
288. The hierarchy among staff and being fairly treated, and placed on job details, and school, if you're a person of color, or sometimes your case, stop you from getting good details or school.

289. It feel's like we're being warehoused, because there isnt enough program's slash schooling.
290. No job's or limited job's for lifers, phones issues most all fight are over phone, if one person does something all others are punished all security here are white, all prison is 65% black
291. The inability of people to want to change.
292. Video visits are in the dayroom while other inmates are in the dayroom. There is still separation glass on the visiting room tables in the visiting room but the glass from the staff has been taken down. This prison caters to inmates getting release sooner than other for jobs, education + programs
293. I needed some help so I ask for a crises and the Sgt gone send me to seg. They taking are phone and they not letting us text are family It's so many people hanging they self and quieting they job
294. Trying to get the basic things we have coming to us i.e. clothy in good repair new mattices medication on time.
295. How the staff treat us like we are not human
296. Most of the staff more so those in IA that do things or make up their own rules just because they can
297. 1. Chow hall food, 2. No programs for long term offenders
298. being around negative people
299. Have to do time without going to school for most people. Takes forever to get a vote sheet for jobs. Most of us can't do nothing, unless we know someone.
300. No communication with each other staff wise. No schooling, college courses. Theres nothing this prison offers that says, I want to go to ___ ___ for their programs
301. Systematic abuse
302. The staff are about there self and not the inmates
303. Inconsistancy, healthcare (medication lables when turned into be refilled take a long time especially with pain meds, highblood pressure meds), food trays have caked powder substance on lids & trays, food is cold, and taste like soap or chemicals
304. Having a lot of time. But honestly having rules that when wrote up (tickets) there is always going to come out guilty no matter wrong or right.
305. Everything in Illinois River C.C. is negative
306. Stuck in the cell
307. You only get jobs, school, etc., if you are African. This says it all and I HOPE YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THIS!
308. 21 hours in my cell with C/Os that don't give a shit about us.
309. Not enough phone time, Not enough time out, Not enough commissary, Not enough solving grievance's, Mail room not right we get our mail a month or 2 late!
310. 1. Lack of rehabilitation programs, 2. No mental health programs, 3. Very little college related programs, 4. Poor quality of vocational programs, 5. No-show instructors, teacher ABE, TABE, GED class cancellizations
311. See comment above.

- 312. Having to deal w/ SMI inmates as cellmates or loose cannons on the move. The relatively few yet, abusive staff, who to disparagingly w/out cause & abuse authority. Some departments refuse to respond when assistance be required.
- 313. Being locked up 20hrs of the day and for 4hrs, treatment by staff members, no conigal visits. I feel that's why people get raped.
- 314. Not enough programs, staff verbally abusive, Not enough workout equipment, poor healthcare, You get rewarded for negative behavior, You receive no penalties for any actions you do as long as you are a confidential informant for Internal Affairs or certain staff and they pay you. They write you tickets before they let you know the rules changed. There is a lot of racial disparity down here and enforced.
- 315. As written above
- 316. Being alone, unloved, & unimportant. Not able to actually help your family in hard times.
- 317. They do not let you transfer to another prison they hold you here
- 318. They do not want you to transfer to any other prison when your security level drops.
- 319. Forced to be housed in cells with people you may not get along with, with no consideration to your mental health in the matter, quality of food sucks. Staff treat inmates poorly.
- 320. Healthcare, commissary money
- 321. Can not go home
- 322. All the gay porn LTS staff promote
- 323. Being away from love ones
- 324. Prison.
- 325. There are no programs available to ALL to help me not come back to jail.
- 326. Some Inmates who have been in a long time bully others and act like they own the place. More dayroom and yard time who help mentally.
- 327. People
- 328. The staff weaponize giving us tickets to stop us from working, going to school and receiving good-time.
- 329. Not getting some things done, on time?
- 330. Not enough jobs for us
- 331. There are no programs Im wasting my time doing nothing and the staff are useless
- 332. Locked up too many hours + not enough rec time. Medical needs are ignored often.
- 333. Clothing is always out of clothes, school is hard to get into, A major ticket stops us from a job for a year!
- 334. If your low-risk you can't get any programs so you just sit in cell! Also can't get a job unless you know someone! Been here a year haven't got a job yet!
- 335. Poor healthcare
- 336. Mental health being unchecked and unhelped
- 337. Your past effects your present. it never forgiven even thoe you may have done your sentens. and on a new charge your old charge may still have an effect on your new one. when dose it end?
- 338. Commissary is expensive and always lacking products. Food in dietary wouldn't fill up a toddler. Nobody helps with serious issues and will lie about options available.

- "Counselors" are never available and refuse to help. They don't follow their own rules and don't honor state and federal regulations but love to write us up for stupid stuff. For example, we can't wear hats in dietary in the winter, but C/Os can.
339. All they do is write tickets and find you guilty when they don't even know the rules themselves. The Adjustment Committee is supposed to have a counseling staff and a minority on it, but it has two white people.
340. There aren't any programs of trade courses for anyone. Earned good-time is not able to be earned. Dietary is horrible. Mental health is an untrained joke. No rehabilitation classes or programs.
341. Everything but gym
342. Just being away from those you care about
343. Being separated from family, unnecessarily long sentences enforced by prison
344. Criteria for certain 'assignments' are not based solely on who you are now or the positive behavior you might have demonstrated for years. A past action can be used against you, seemingly no matter how old it was!
345. How they treat you. The lack of programs available to long term offenders, how your ability for jobs are revoked when you receive a disciplinary ticket. How you have to jump through hurdles just to receive a visit in person or video visit.
346. You get in trouble about anything and everything, and they never hear your side or give you a chance.
347. Everything I have a **[MEDICAL ISSUE REDACTED]** have been approved for surgery since **[DATE REDACTED]** I am in pain & suffer everyday I parole or MSR on **[DATE REDACTED]** My grandpa just passed away they have given me no access to a phone to put my financial stuff in order as stuff was left to me I am severely Depressed. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
348. The administration here caters to individuals who continuously break the rules, but individuals who have a consistent pattern of good conduct seem to get punished for it.
349. Favoritism!!
350. 1) They make up rules as they go. 2) They are too quick to punish instead of correcting.
351. Healthcare, mental health, unjust treatment, being outcast by the administration for filing grievances + lawsuits.
352. Educational programs are given to the ones with barely time left who can't, will not and don't care to accomplish anything because they have nothing if no time left to gain any benefits. When one tries to get correspondence courses is denied because it will have to be approved by institution. This has not been IDOC policy. Jobs are given if one agrees to be an informant.
353. Treatment of the counselors and the people in charge of helping out with any issues we have.
354. No programs or ways to rehabilitate
355. That the C/O are sometimes the ones who create the problems.
356. not having above programs or opportunity to get into them
357. The food plus some of the officers

- 358. Everything - That no one never knows the answer the question?
- 359. Dietary food more days than not we don't get all the food or measurements of food that were supposed to get. And it's never cooked right. Too much seasonings or none at all. It overcooked or under cooked. There is no programs here, I'm court ordered drug treatment. 2 1/2 years later I'm still waiting on a transfer. To do my ordered treatment.
- 360. They don't treat inmates with respect or dignity. There is no positive rehabilitation. Seems like IA runs this place. Mail delivery is a joke. Getting pictures takes months.
- 361. There is almost NO programs available, Not enough out-of-cell time, and security dictates work assignment for no reasons
- 362. the staff and administration, lack of respect. The racism from officers, not being professional
- 363. not enough phones on the wing, not enough programs, hard to get good-time.
- 364. you get treated wrong, no programs, bogus food, mistreatment by staff.
- 365. they stop us from getting a job or school if you get a ticket for a whole year, they have nothing to help better yourself, lack of programs, more people at 85% have jobs before people at 50% who get good-time
- 366. just the overall way people treated, ignored
- 367. That because I choose to not work for IA, I'm not allowed to get in any program like school or job things that can make this 2yrs peaceful
- 368. They are racist, 90% of the staff talk and treat inmates like animals or worse, there's nobody who you can address with a major problem or issue, that even when the staff do something wrong they are still right and everyone cover each other wrong doing up.
- 369. mental and physical health is dramatically lacking
- 370. It's super stressful with not knowing what's what as far as administration, it's hard to speak with counselors face to face
- 371. Keeping self control.
- 372. Every thing
- 373. not being with the people that I love.
- 374. Commissary, treatment unfairly by staff, lack of programs, ant infestations, not being able to have proper cleaning supplies, lockdown timer, healthcare, dietary, state clothing, more mental health programs
- 375. Helcare Unit
- 376. When do I start there not check and balance, officers have absolutely too much power and some use it just to make time hard, it's hard to stay in touch with my family there's only 6 phones for over 50 people, there's other things but these are the ones I'm expressing
- 377. The attitude of the staff
- 378. All the programs + classes get canceled all the time
- 379. Staff treatment towards inmates, healthcare system, 80% of staff talk to us like we're animals
- 380. Bad movies, bad food, commissary always runs out of food like noodles, chips, writing papers, shampoos, laundry detergent

381. You just sitting in cells not doing nothing. No programs its hard to get in school, a job etc.
382. Counselors need to understand their job better in order to help us personally instead of directing you to do your own actions.
383. Refer to question 12
384. the environment and people in it because of there way of thinking
385. None so far.
386. This prison is ran based off of punishment & they dont care about rehabilitation They are cruel klans men & treat us as modern day slaves. The C-grade wing where we are placed on a wing in population but is treated as animals, slaves. They starve us we cant contact our loved ones at all & we are "automatically" placed on audio/visual restriction even though it wasnt a consequence we received. The disciplinary system is unfair overall because even if you are innocent you are guilty.
387. the C/Os, inmates, food, Cgrade wing, treatment
388. Bullies. Cramped cells, roaches in the chow hall, ants in the cells
389. Commissary prices an the food
390. 1. How long it takes to get my mail. 2. Staff is rude. 3. Lacking programs to all levels. 4. not enough phones on each unit. 5. food that we get, 6. no transfer
391. Academia classes have not resumed. Can't acquire 13 more credits to get associates degree in liberal studies.
392. I have been raped by black cellies 3 times and the DOC keeps making me cell up with black people and higher security levels than me. And they want do anything to stop these rapes.
393. Doing most of our time (22 hours a day) in the cell daily. No opportunities for job assignments (this prison states the same inmates with different jobs)
394. They don't let you have some certain types of greeting cards and that is something that is stoping you for feeling love for your people and the worst is the counselor he don't care about no individuals interest his nickname is D.J. Spinner, He always kick you out of his office **[NAME REDACTED]**
395. The lack of overall programs for rehabilitation
396. Other people don't understand your case and they make fun of you and seclude you from things and bully you, that is staff and inmates, because staff can look you up and then tell inmates about your case.
397. The way jobs are attained, only if you are willing to be an informant will they give you a job. I came to this prison from a higher security and for many years I had a job, but here they don't want to give me one.
398. Needs more out-of-cell time for being a minimum security facility. Better/more access to phones, more officer diversity, not enough programs for development.
399. 1. There is no diversity within the C/Os workforce. 2. Not enough time for phone access each day. 3. Ineffective windows & low heat in the winter. 4. They wont let you see your immediate family (son) because of low level UYW conviction from over ten years ago.
400. Everything!
401. The staff treat you anyway talk to you anyway

402. The restrictive housing unit. The lack of communication with family.
403. the staff dont respect you mostly also the food is trash you are not treated equall
404. I.A. runs things and caters to "co-operative" inmates. Extremely poorly run HCU by Wexford leading to many medical issues. Sub-par and ill-treated nursing staff.
405. no programs, no help to better myself, in are cells 20 hours a day
406. Inmates, inmates, talking about gang stuff. No mental health classes.
407. The demeanor/attitudes the C/Os have around/towards us, as if we are a nuisance. They applied and recieved this job but act as if we are burdens. Anything we ask for is to much.
408. C/Os, lack of programs, not receiving any good-time, security concerns, can't get two contracts (work, school assignments)
409. Mailroom super slow or none at all.
410. Jobs + access to virtually everything else is controled by inmates or what you are locked up for. If they don't like your crime every thing is limited to bare minimum.
411. How long stuff takes to get to us or get done, C/Os decide [ILLEGIBLE] in custody
412. Staff here are so unqualified to preform basic instructions nor do they follow actual protocols, they are lazy, untrained, unfit, and mentally unstable. They make up rules as they see fit and there is no honesty nor trust between fellow staff or inmates and they create a horrible environment for inmates, and its filthy
413. Dealing with officers that bully people
414. This prison not giving us tools to improve ourselves only thing they care about is security here whatever about improvement of us inmates.
415. every thing inmates & staff
416. Lack of respect, care, and well being of Individuals in custody by the staff. No oversite of the administration here. They (staff) are allowed to operate with immunity.
417. That they dont have any kind of programs that I can participate even tho I am a SMI qualify.
418. Everything, starting from officers and healthcare. And all departments
419. no fair treat and the food too.

Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

1. New, professional staff + management
2. Stop Intel, Internal Affairs from calling ALL decisions
3. Open Hanna city work camp Back up. Give work release if Qualified
4. Of course more programs and resources. Most importantly more education opportunities.
5. Counselor should be helping us instead of lying to us New counselor who help us. I.A should do what there here for Security Not Running the facility
6. That they create some type of group for staff in the people who are locked up to talk with one another

7. Longer Dayrooms
8. Being able to get out your cell and having things to do.
9. 1. Housing of prisoners 55 and older, separate from younger prisoners. 2. Forcing compliance with "Department's" grievance procedures. 3. More than 1-hour and 15-minutes to 2 1/2-hours per week of time in law library.
10. Have more programs. School or job assignment. Give individuals in custody something to do so they can feel accomplished. Open up the bakery and put it to use. Get simulators so individuals can get training on.
11. look at each inmates case individually and see that they if wrongfully convicted do things to help people get out of this damn prison
12. Let us have more rec. Offer more jobs to inmates. Get better education system
13. More and better programs, officers need to learn how to verbally address inmates properly, Hire a few Black officers, more movement for inmates, overall this a medium security prison so it should be ran like a medium facility and not a max facility.
14. more free time + phone
15. More programs.
16. allow everybody to get in programs no matter their MSR date
17. More qualified clinical services staff, counselors... more job postings on social media, for volunteers as well to assist us.... Similar to Kewanee Life Skills Center. All prisons should be Transitional Re-Entry Facilities... Programs running, risk assessments + Mainly more Mental Health staff...
18. fix electricity, 2. new counselors, 3. more programs
19. Consider that Inmates are People.
20. Listen to the incarcerated.
21. Hire more staff. Offer more programs, give real cleaning supplies
22. programs for those who really want to change
23. more food, more yard time, an please fire staff please
24. programs for those who really want to change.
25. more programs, longer dayrooms, better training for staff
26. Be able to spend more time outside our cells. Give people more and Better food at dietary
27. Sick call I have been witcing to go to sick call I need up but no one come to help me.
28. More programs, lower tabe score for GED, & make the counselor respond back!
29. It's suppose to be 18 & 6 but it's 21 & 3. This a Medium but we are disciplined and treated like Max inmates. Were always in our cells.
30. Doing lesser time not a 100%
31. more programs, more Trades, more sport activities like Basketball tournaments or Football 7 on 7 tournament more things to help us Better ourselves as men, Husband, Fathers prepare us for the World the world change every Day.
32. More programs, More Jobs and better Education. People skills for offices.
33. Take it down or fire everyone + start over
34. Die

35. Thorough cleansing, pest control, upgrade heating and ventilation add A/C, improve staff conduct, eliminate Nepotism, create equal opportunity for all prisoners, separate people with different security levels and vax status.
36. Better conduct towards inmates, more programs, social skills classes are Needed for everyone Not just short timers
37. To get more transfers to Low prisons
38. Do a surprise inspection come in and speak with men who've been here for months, then speak with men who've been locked up here years. Take pictures stop into some cells and look at the conditions. Read the grievances we submit and their responses. Read the tickets they write for some of us and check the disparity in sentencing, punishment based on race and informant status. Bring in a new staff of counselors and hire outside workers to hear the tickets + grievances so they don't have any worries about retribution not riding w/ other C/Os.
39. Give everyone equal opportunities, not jus the people with short sentences or low risk
40. Restore Programs, classes, give inmates equal opportunities for work and school assignments, train staff on how to treat inmates with more respect.
41. More work, yard, and food for everybody.
42. Detail yard, give keys to cell back, more programs, Better food.
43. More schooling, programs for more people to help to integrate back into society. So many under truth n sentencing, no incentives to work. Better themselves
44. Staff needs social training, sensitivity training.
45. Don't judge others based on what it says when you look them up. If a murderer can be innocent, than why can't I. No one knows my whole case except loved ones.
46. more movement + program's
47. Get rid of the people in charge who has been in the system for the last 25-30 years. Who are stuck back in the day. We need new people younger and who has a up to date way of running a better prison system
48. We need more programs and sport activities such as tournaments. We need more programs to learn new stuff and to help us do better things and to find a good job when we get released. If their isn't any programs to teach us a better way to live our their, then it's a higher chance of us getting released and repeating an offense and coming back.
49. Programs.
50. Eliminate the coddling of malcontents. Run commissary every two weeks with more items. Once a week shopping is not needed (selection limited) - food desert. Single man cells. I.I.C. need to be honest with selves and staff.
51. More rec, out-of-cell time. Better food, more programs and Real HELP!!
52. Programs for everyone and not just specific people. Allow social workers to do classes again because it limits opportunities for everyone to grow. IDOC is suppose to better everyone. Why limits someones growth even if they are a low risk?
53. Engagement of individuals on rehabilitative efforts.
54. Give us more programs, more free time out of the cell, help people get into school and give others a chance to get a job.

55. They need to improve on programs and help people get back too the world too there familys.
56. Programs, school, rehabilitation, staff actually doing there jobs to help individuals succeed and become better men in society instead of just think that where are post to be punished day in day out
57. NONE
58. Better healthcare staff. More time out-of-cell, programs or job opportunities available to all. AND MENTAL HEALTH for those who seek it!!
59. I don't, cause the prisons will never adhere to anything the IDOC empliments.
60. Create a Environment were everybody can get the same treatment. Not cause you have time or you have less time it shouldn't matter "each one teach one"
61. Change things above. Make things first come first serve & have equality when it comes to jobs. (put intercoms in cells)
62. Take down the Plexiglass. Practically nobody both staff & individuals wear masks at all! Your able to embrace a visitor at the beginning & end of a visit but have Plexiglass... Its asinine. Offer trait programming such as but not limited to welding plumbing, electrician, roofing, etc. Offer more programming opportunity to long term offenders. This place currently ([DATE REDACTED]) only randomly selects 2 long-term offenders at a time.
63. Programs for everyone
64. They should make it easier for people to transfer. If you catch even a minor ticket, you have to wait a year to put in for transfer or even a job.
65. People on (B) or (C) grade should be able to get more phone calls with their families. Being on (C) grade you get no phone calls, or able to get video visits. The phones shouldn't be used as a privilege. We should be able to get double contracts.
66. More Jobs & being fed like grown men.
67. Better trained staffing who actually care about there jobs, and the well being o fother humans and not just here for a paycheck. We also should be allowed out of our cells more. 20 hours a day in a cell can really cause people issues mentally.
68. Undercover staff. Surprise visits in Healthcare when it busy so they can see the disorganization and madness. Undercover IIC that work for JHA to retrieve data. Start giving people jobs or something to do to make money and stay busy to want to stay out of trouble.
69. there's one part of this prison that is max, the rest is medium and they treat this hole prison as a max.
70. more time out-the-cell
71. Get a physician, Treat painful ailments, More specialize doctors, i.e. Seizure clinic, neurologist, ortho etc.
72. More mental health options. MRT, CBT, DBT Therapy
73. Fair, equal opportunities. More/better programs, commissary. Staff without biases
74. Career tech classes missed due to a rit, should be able to make up. Especially since the class is only 15 days
75. Fair treatment for all offenders and the same rules apply to all offenders.

76. Commissary every week, longer dayroom, increase state pay, increase on release money upon release, better commissary, better food in dietary.
77. Develop a sense of urgency among staff - they are simply too lax when it comes to follow through.
78. Jobs and programs for All individuals and not just give them to the short timers. Take all security threats serious, if I say I don't feel safe I shouldn't have to go to seg (RHU) for that and that happened to me.
79. Fire Wexford Health Solutions and hire fortune tellers to better treat medical problems. Physically challenged yard & gym. Prohibit Wexford Health from stopping transfers for Non-emergent referral
80. Stop making them daycare centers.
81. Transgender living arrangements, care, and commissary. The commissary for trans people is barely minimal, if at all or special orders take too long to get. Allow us to get jobs.
82. More commissary options, more dayroom, more phones. More programs, etc.
83. more humane treatment
84. The entire staff excluding only a few people needs to be replaced, they don't want to help us only hurt us.
85. a new staff is needed.
86. PROGRAMS
87. More programs, and Jobs & put phones on the tablets. More time out-of-cell
88. Programs.
89. Programs! (For All, not just for those who are going home soon).
90. Change the officers and the Wardens!
91. This prison need to follow the IDOC rules for the programs and EDSC time because they only give them to certain people
92. None
93. Make more programs available that will make people want to be rehabilitated and exhibit Good behaviour. Reward people for good behavior, and get rid of the attitudes of "that's what they should be doing anyway." Incentivize + reward good behaviour.
94. Change Job requirements - Allow committees to Appoint Assignments - Don't Allow the worker who has all the seniority to control the cell house - And give each laundry room a bottle of detergent daily to wash everyone clothes - then no one gets to control and sell it
95. Automation - for outgoing messages so that it does not take our loved ones days to receive a message; so that we do not have to choose between dayroom and yard when schedule overlaps. Something that can be solved setting a rule in excel; so that our scheduled visit does not compete with a healthcare appointment that takes months to be scheduled. Better access to healthcare, mental services. Most of the time we have to ask to be put on sick call 5-7 days in a row before we can be seen. There are also no religious services provided or any other classes in max wing.
96. Needs more schooling and some other kind of industry work. Also not take 16 months to do a vote sheet for someone.

97. Putting more phones or putting the phones on the tablets.
98. Make TVs available to All Inmate some can't afford the 250 to buy one
99. diversity in staff, sensitivity training for security and medical staff. A decrease in disciplinary measures used.
100. To have more certification program's for those especially without G.E.D./Highschool equivalent
101. Spring Field need to do secret inspections. Can't let them know your coming
102. Better food, Better commissary A good amount of time in dayroom and out-of-cells
103. Mixed.
104. Staff re-evaluation, more time out-of-cells, rehabilitating classes or programs.
105. Put phone on tablets soon. Let people work instead of rotting away go back to befor Covid in visit routines.
106. Some mor programs
107. Everything
108. More program access for people with more then 2 years
109. Hold C/Os accountable. Some let guys pop out and spend time in dayroom when they should be locked up. When a phone is broken it should get fixed quickly. we have had phones broken for weeks. This causes problems.
110. Single man cells, most problems in ANY prison are between cell mates. A lot of these individuals in custody are extremely ABUSIVE, having to live with one of them is horrible. Also, let people work for a real wage, at least five hundred a month.
111. Single man cells, most problems in ANY prison are between cell mates. A lot of these individuals in custody are extremely abusive, having to live with one of them is horrible. Also, let people work for a real wage, \$500 a month, at least.
112. Programs, fix the commissary, help with more good-time, do duouble contracts, there is a lot need to be done to fix this prison.
113. Schooling No Tabe test if have GED or Highschool Diploma vocational and college courses should be available drug treatment should be available
114. To talk to a counselor in person, for help
115. Allow everyone excess to program! short timers & long timer!
116. Focus more on our reentry rather than punishment.
117. Make this prison inclusive for all IIC. We should have more classes and opportunities to be a better person.
118. More time outside the cell better treatment by guards easier access to mental health & medical, help actcess to programs
119. Who is going to listen, the ILL. prison system is a joke that's why you'll is sending this dumb ass survey!
120. give transgender people a chance
121. Run this place better. We can use better staff and change the food. and my programs.
122. More programs - end truth in sentencing - give people hope to get home to families. Opportunities for single man cells - out-of-cell more, stop giving help to drug dealers & murderers & treating others like animals.

123. Allow those that haven't received a ticket within the last 2 years to show that they deserve a chance to work at all assignments.
124. more programs and time out of the cells - locked down too long
125. This place needs three new wardens that can follow IDOC's rules and guidelines set by the state. Instead of prioritizing hiring officers they need to hire teachers and more medical staff meaning mental health staff and doctors, nurses that can properly diagnose health concerns
126. Everything it would be better if this prison is shut down that would be better, just come down here and talk to us without anyone that works here.
127. More programs, and opportunities to do better
128. More willing staff to bridge the gap between staff & incarcerated people. And more staff of color as well.
129. make this "all white" staff prison more diverse, get an actual warden that isn't shared between several prisons.
130. New staff, train staff, hire minorities, train "so-called" counselors, get rid of lazy corrupt staff, stop the stealing by L.T.S. and commissary staff, overhaul adjustment, program committees, train staff that handle grievances, improve food quality.
131. Healthcare
132. More school programs
133. To treat people like there are human
134. For them not to pick and choose who works and or do programs and who does not work and or do programs.
135. More out-of-cell time, let everyone work if they want to, and feed us like grown men, not little children.
136. Do any suggestions really matter?
137. To let everyone get good-time no matter what % your case is. People serving 50% of their sentence get good-time and people with over 50% don't get good-time.
138. To give the inmates who want it a productive outlet.
139. More dayroom more yard, gym time more programs.
140. Get a new warden, add more jobs, don't get I.A. determine if a person can work. More time out-of-cell.
141. More programs for the people in prison
142. Interviewing all the staff members and having Springfield do interviews with inmates
143. Better food more dayroom more & better ways to talk to your families, less fake lying on tickets & better staff!!!
144. more dayroom time and programs
145. Better trained staff!
146. Better library, more jobs for those of us who do not have a lot of outside support.
147. If you did ten of your time let them out everybody is not a X, not rapiest, murders, child mulster. But other, drug, fighter, gun holder, class 4
148. it is supposed to be 18-6 here but we barely get out-the-cell 3 hours. Need programs, school, drug treatment + mental health time out-the-cell!
149. Education, Rehab.
150. To call people on a tablet so there won't be no fight over the phones in the dayroom.

151. Replace supervisors & wardens with trained & experienced staff!
152. More activities, more time out-the-cell, more school and programs, more commissary.
153. Remove and replace these ignorant and lazy counselors and change the way minor D.R.'s are heard before the program committees.
154. Heave every body a lone
155. better C/O officer's, food, commissary, and someone who care about us.
156. that we get help with everything, like, rehabilitation, programs, and mental, physical health! we need help!
157. Let us know what assignments we can have while we wait to get a job due to tickets that won't mean we are working just let me know
158. Stop hiring family members and mix the race theirs no Black C/Os work here
159. Everything doesn't have to have an element of punishment to it. We get it, we broke the law you don't have to keep us downtrodden. That kind of thinking + ways of doing things only creates a negative cycle.
160. More yard, more time out of the cell, more classes for people with longer time
161. New staff members that are not racist and make it possible to have cameras viewed because here in IL RIVER they write tickets filled with false information to make our time longer.
162. New staff members, more time out of our cells and more positive things, groups to get into.
163. Better food and jobs for people with better.
164. Get and give better chances for good-time, Stop serving so much fake beef
165. more chances for good-time
166. More dayroom, keys to your cell, more yard, gym, more focus on people getting into programs instead of it just being the short timers, when you yell for help someone is actually coming, stop putting nonviolent first time drug offenders in med max's with no programs so the person cant earn any good-time! Being able to use the phone!
167. Better healthcare, non-crooked C/Os
168. Putting body cams on officers so they can follow department rules properly & talk to us professionally because their conduct is poor.
169. make a positive population, this way negative have to go away.
170. more peer-led programming focused on growth, improvement, life skills, healing, etc. So many individuals in custody want programming and it's just not happening.
171. They need to do a better job at following the mission statement and department vision, goals put in place for the individuals in custody because this facility has not following it with this inmate ever.
172. Retrain the whole staff. 2. get some male Black officers who understand Black men.
173. Spray for bugs! better food, quality, and quantity. Hire a full time doctor. Change how sick call is ran. We never get seen or it takes months!
174. More programs. Treat everyone equally. Do the process of visitation and let our approved people visit us.

175. If they start giving people with 50% a chance to get the jobs and programs instead of those with 85% not knocking them but as of me having 50% Im trying to get back to my family and loved ones
176. let us get involved in programs + classes + work to improve as a individual
177. Create a committee like system where inmates gather complaints and/or suggestions from other offenders on deck and then meet with staff to discuss issues that they can relay to administrative staff maybe monthly if not weekly.
178. More Black and Brown. Staff and officer's
179. More Black and Mexican C/O, L.T., Sgt, Majors, and Staff
180. Same **[As response to prior Q]**
181. tranfere out
182. more job opportunity
183. Conjugal visit, conjugal visit, conjugal visit!!!
184. CONJUGAL VISIT. CONJUGAL VISIT. CONJUGAL VISIT CONJUGAL VISIT
185. A complete revamp
186. It is impossible to even list all of the things that need to be addressed here, this entire system needs to be looked at.
187. Fire this warden now!!! Get rid of this C-grade wing it is another form of seg all together and seg is ran better than 2-D - Almost like death row.
188. Get Securus tablets with law library access can expand law library and include computers with Westlaw access; tablets had phone capabilities; better array of TV programming, channels; more vegetables for those whose physiology needs them less wasted carbs; more exercise time; remove plexiglass dividers on visitation room tables
189. Getting people Good-time and work release
190. Better staffing and more programs
191. Better staff members
192. New staff - members.
193. Let the warden run the prison take I.A. out of the decision making process
194. close it get more staff, All white C/Os No Blacks or Latino`s
195. They need to retrain the staff members on how to talk to a person in prison. we all make mistakes in life even peoples who haven`t been to prison
196. more job skill programs, better yet, ALL programs!!!
197. Education, especially trades, more jobs, more programming, more respect with staff, and more resources for people being released
198. Allow more dayroom time Buy, bring back weights and benches that were taken off the yard. Make honor wings
199. Get programs, music programs, school, to be able for everyone to work.
200. More programs.
201. I live in a unit where I`ve been asking for 2 years for them to clean the shower the right way. There is Black Mole in there and not one of you ever came by and ask anyone what can we do to make this place well improve this prison. Well for one ask us in person, do you understand we can die from the Black mole in the shower. I`ve also work in the kitchen here and when I say it is the nasty place I`ve ever worked.

- So please if you are going to send me something, or better yet ask us the question in person because most of them are going to put this paper in the garbage can. Sorry for the language but I do get emotional when I write. Illinois River CC
- 202. Fire everyone & get people who will do the job that they are hired for.
 - 203. Staff treat everybody like grown ups not their kids
 - 204. Better schooling system, It took me a yr. to finally take my T.A.B.E. Test & I've been waiting 2 1/2 years for schooling (any kind at all) & I'm still waiting. In the mailroom needs to have control bc I've had 6 books come up missing & they denied my grievances also never reimbursed me either.
 - 205. I.A. should not be involved in the hiring of who gets what job and shouldn't be involved in the process of anyone getting there vote sheet to get jobs
 - 206. I have been in I.R.C.C. for over 5 year. I wish school, getting into school will be easier. inmate sick call
 - 207. Stop putting homosexuals in the cell with straight people. Stop putting rapists in the cell with non rapist inmates. They aren't allowed around anyone but their own kind. moreover they go through alot of violence do to their charges, etc...
 - 208. fire everyone here close it down for good or help people correct they wrong let everyone earn good-time let everyone work a job
 - 209. Adding more group classes, Daily yard time, gym, 40 and over time
 - 210. I feel that we should have more time out of the cell. everyone should have something to do weather it be school or work. C/Os need to slow down on writing tickets. The commissary can be better. And for people who dont have family or money how can I be able to get a TV, food, hot pot or anything with no money. Those things can be given to me by another inmate or someone going home. what do you do for people who need help.
 - 211. New STAFF
 - 212. Programs Jobs for all
 - 213. That JHA step up and really do something of the delays, denials of medical treatment or lack there of, your only question of anything medical is one question of mental health
 - 214. Give us more out time
 - 215. Better placement of people locked up. More programs, more phone time less strict ability to get people approved for phone and visits. More jobs as well
 - 216. Better people in Healthcare and more people in Healthcare, too! Better Trained, Professional, people in Healthcare, Too!!
 - 217. This prison needs staff that cares
 - 218. More creative opportunities and reentry
 - 219. Give everyone a chance to earn good-time also get rid of truth-in-sentencing. And for those of us with long terms to have programs and opportunities to better of situation.
 - 220. MORE LIBERTY TAKE OFF C-GRADE WIND
 - 221. Better Food Better Healthcare more programs, longer yard, my security level is minimum
 - 222. Just Help

- 223. More programs, Let us get more than one contract at a time. Open this prison up more.
- 224. They need a new system of staff & people who really care about us & they need more programs to help improve us so we can be better member's to society upon our release.
- 225. better healthcare for people like me who really need it, They don't care if we die in here. if we not dieing we not getting any help
- 226. More time out of the cell. Art classes better food
- 227. REPRIORITIZE schooling + programs. (waitlist) change the fact that you have to complete programs to have a vote sheet ran!!!!
- 228. More rehabilitation and real world skill programs need to be implemented. Have programs for mental health and self value for individuals. programs to reduce recidivism.
- 229. Staff sensitivity training
- 230. Before writing tickets that are often unfair, have "conflict resolution" with a mediator (Mental Health).
- 231. More opportunities, more mental health series, More freedom of movement
- 232. you should either be in school or work you do nothing here to improve yourself
- 233. maybe add a phone or two?? could Definitely use better amount of food we are grown adults getting 1 slice of Lunch meat (Just wow)
- 234. I would like \$50 of commissary money added to my account for the rest of my time here, every 2 weeks. twice a month. Also, please give me everything I order from commissary.
- 235. Treat everybody equal in give max inmates some privileges they give the other inmates, let the inmates out they cell more than a hour in a half.
- 236. PLEASE provide better mattresses!! The current mattresses are awful Back + hips hurt when trying to sleep from being so thin. Work on the quality of the TV reception.
- 237. The Food can be better
- 238. More school and college, and good-time.
- 239. Have the staff spend time in a cell to really know what its like.
- 240. A better job hiring system and programs that will actually help people. you cant get a job because of a VOTE SHEET and you dont get approved for hardly any jobs. The programs are not for every person.
- 241. Officials here need to treat everybody with respect and life and well being need to be a priority
- 242. A complete overhaul of staff, from top to bottom.
- 243. More programs, less time-in-cell's, more phones, better commissary, better pillows and mattresses, clothing, more interaction with people to help within and release from prisons, more opportunity for work & for job skills hand's on.
- 244. Provide substance abuse programs and have opportunity here!
- 245. more programs, more school courses, more visit hours, we only get 2 hours of visit here.
- 246. Do away with laws that bigotry & racism corrupt

- 247. Be consistent (like I can get certain magazines, but if I order the same pictures in the magazine, they are denied). Stop the oppressive behavior, such as compliance checks, they are only used for the staff to harass people. They claim safety and security but that is incorrect. At Menard they never did compliance check and they maintained security
- 248. Staff that reply to request slips. Staff that help get questions answered
- 249. Hire individuals who have taken classes on physical & mental development. (in an effort they'll better know how to view inmates individually and not all together)
- 250. Better staff training and better healthcare and mental healthcare
- 251. More programs to rehabilitate inmates, better healthcare treatment
- 252. Real Programs TRADES and adequate schooling
- 253. More programs and more time out your cell
- 254. Why not allow restaurants McDonlds, Kfc, Walmart to be sponser, and why don't we make minimum wage for jobs
- 255. more programs, and if you cant supply the programs need for specific individuals to be transfered somewhere that they are available or be given a waiver of program
- 256. Real programs to help us recieve the tools we need to succeed upon release. And people who actually give a shit and want to help instead of hurt. To teach us some skills and trades to get a career.
- 257. SHUT IT DOWN!
- 258. Stop filling staff positions with people who aren't committed to the work. From the date individual signs grievance, the individual is allotted 30 days to forward to Springfield. After the Warden's signature + date, three wks is allowed to pass before being returned to individual. This is unacceptable and should not continue. Also, All staff should be held accountable for misleading and or false allegations toward an individual.
- 259. A much better training of the whole personell including medical staff, counselors and social workers. The personell must know how to deal with incarcerated individuals who are under immense level of stress and a variety of mental and psychological conditions, and repressive tactics will increase the problem. All personell must understand that we deserve the same service as in the outside world. Just a few of the workers show professionalism, the rest are despotic, they look at us with disdain as they were giving us a great favor.
- 260. Stop running a prejudicial program where only a few prisoners get a chance to earn good-time credits. Return this prison back to the way it was ran as a Medium Facility. Before the illegal level system was imposed. Once the level system was dismantled under Admin. Directive 05.06.110, 11-0192011. Give the keys back to the cells. Let the prisoner get out of the cell more than 3 hours a day. Install more phones on the deck staircase. 8 more on each wing.
- 261. programs for learning, for the young guys!
- 262. Please give me my mail from my family. Please send my mail out to my family.
- 263. More educational programs, college, hiring people to teach courses. The clinical Services classes are to long and waitlists to enroll.

- 264. We all just need a little more time out of the cells. we need to to be 18 and 6 we are at 21 and 3.
- 265. Fire entire staff, and hire new.
- 266. Officers that actually follow through rather than "spinning" the inmates.
- 267. IDK
- 268. That the administration "relinquish" internal affairs from having anything to do with work assignments, for this unit is the very reason that guys can't receive "EDSC" that was implemented into law by the legislation for those eligible to received it. But can't due to the involement of I/A - at this facility.....
- 269. Do not really care anymore going back to Wisconsin and filling 3 lawsuits
- 270. Have opportunities, More time out cell, Better staff
- 271. Give everyone a chance to improve, not just certain group or at least help to get to next level.
- 272. More rehabilitations programs, accountability for poor staff conduct, and diversity in the staff because there are no people of color who are C/O's at Illinois River.
- 273. SHUT IT DOWN!
- 274. Adding educational opportunities. Creating rehabilitation, reentry, and life skill programming for long-term offenders.
- 275. The prices for music, movies, and other things that are available on electronic tablets are overpriced, as are many commissary items. The prison needs to re-negotiate thier contracts with the commissary company they use, because the prices are predatory. The inmate workers need to be paid more!
- 276. Sensitivity training, mental eval on all C/Os, fair & equal opportunity for all people to get jobs, its very political if the officers do not like your crime you are barred from being hired
- 277. Train the officers to understand this is not a disciplinary institution, & to return it to their former glory. It was such a relaxed & free-flowing environment. They are too quick to issue disciplinary reports in comparison to their prior years.
- 278. They need counselors who know what they are doing also the way staff treats people
- 279. More programs, school, life skills programs, more interaction with family.
- 280. Do a serious redo of menu. More real meat, less "filler", more healthy carb's. Serve a real b'fast. One more gym and yard per week
- 281. Making jobs available to those who earned it. **[NAME REDACTED]** here will not allow people without 3rd shift clearance work, you have sex offenders who will never work because of it. Should make at least a few spots available to those group without that requirement.
- 282. Opportunities for advancement in education
- 283. We truly need to break the hiring in this prison. We have not one officer in this prison that is a person of color. Most of the staff is either someone family member of wife or husband.
- 284. Creating more programs
- 285. Make job employment here equal
- 286. Ability to program faster. Ability to gain work faster. To offer BHT more regularly.

287. Give all inmates an fair chance to show their worth + maturity in the work field + programs with skills.
288. Everything!!! Everybody need to be fired or something these people losing they mind down here. I starting to feel like they think they working at Walmart or something. Somebody need to help us.
289. Stop letting I.A. run everything that goes on in this & all I.D.O.C facilities
290. More good-time and treat people equally
291. Get some staff that really want to help and not just get a paycheck
292. 1. Programs for long term offenders
293. more program to help u when u get out prison
294. Change the warden, overall seeker & aim more on rehabilitating us instead of disipline.
295. More out-of-cell time. yard, gym etc.
296. Abolish
297. More programs to offere and putting people in the programes
298. More activities for people with disabilities (mental, physical). More activities for people over 50 yoga, NIT, Gym, art, yard. More TV programming geared towards education DYI canal, HGTV etc. More programs for Spanish speaking including Spanish music channel.
299. having a fair chance at ticket hearings.
300. More dayroom, more programs, more recreation
301. Let everone out at once all day
302. Divide jobs, school, programming, etc., evenly amongst the demographics. Hire minority staff who are also in possession of credentials pertaining to prison settings.
303. More programs & chances for (EDSC) & good-time drug courses better food, com.
304. Try to get our mail on time, Try to better food and commissary, Try more phone's and phone time
305. Develop meaningful vocational programs, focus on rehabillitation
306. Implement educational programs meant to regenerate individuals in custody and develop strategies to help us reunite with our families in a shorter time, instead of releasing us when some loved ones have passed away.
307. Allow prisoners to sign 30 day notification on "unauthorized" mail before disposing of it. As many prisoners never receive notification that property be received. To conduct more genuine investigations into incidents before the committee renders a guilty decision.
308. Better equipped staff, congigal visits, more free time, being treated properly instead of like an animal or child.
309. Stop using the excuse of security reasons for not letting us out more when it's a safe environment, for not providing more jobs, more programs, more recreational time, more time out on the units. For just about any and everything they want to. This is used for tactical reasons to keep us dormant, emotionally unstable and in some cases emotionally detached. To stop them from using these tactics such as these to encourage recidivism rates instead of helping individuals of custody for positive change. Counselors need to do there jobs as well as clinical services impeading or

- standing in the way of individuals progress is not a job requirement I knew that they had to do.
- 310. Need more programs with incentives for people to work towards. Opportunities gives people hope and structure
 - 311. More work release, classes, earn "days away with family"
 - 312. Give us better commissary, they always taking items off and never putting anything on
 - 313. A better commissary and better food in dietary.
 - 314. Make it an ADA cause it isn't
 - 315. Better food.
 - 316. Put in a swimming pool
 - 317. More programs
 - 318. Reinstate the parole board.
 - 319. Get more programs for us and train staff to be culturally competent and emotionally intelligent as well as professional.
 - 320. An over 40 years old house or wings and over 40 gym or yard time. More programs for rehabilitation. More mental health support staff.
 - 321. That C/O and inmate's just one more thing healthcare
 - 322. Hier staff that cares about black people and the urban community. That understand us. And are way of life.
 - 323. to get some real officer, to do the job right.
 - 324. Condemment
 - 325. More programs more dayroom more respect more attention to valid needs in general
 - 326. Bring more school programs, And get rid of the Risk, needs assessment rule that if you score anything other than low you cant work. It stops people from working and earning good-time.
 - 327. let guys program up and work if on "A" grade.
 - 328. Better dietary
 - 329. More programs that actually aid a person when they get out
 - 330. Why the covid restrictions still Does not make sents
 - 331. Training, certification for working here should require spending time in these exact conditions, circumstances to create empathy and destroy bad attitudes. Many people working here have mental health issues, drug, alcohol problems, personal, behavioral issues, and prejudice beliefs that are not addressed. The people (warden, majors, etc.) should make themselves visible and available to make proper decisions and handle issues directly from us. It takes months to get simple mail sometimes. Only test unvaccinated people for Covid, without cause or symptoms.
 - 332. Get out of it like I am!!!
 - 333. Change everything in Q13
 - 334. More programs more open movement
 - 335. I dont know
 - 336. Abolishment

- 337. There must be a way for individualized attention as opposed to a one-size-fits-all type of situation. This could help myself and those similarly situated, it's not an easy process but it can be accomplished
- 338. Treat people on an individual bases in terms of need. Dont let 1 individual set the tone for the majority.
- 339. Let us get jobs, not just the one's that short, and give us a chance
- 340. move counselor **[REDACTED]** away from dealing with people, put more phones in, complete overhaul Wexford healthcare at this prison, remove problematic C/Os from dealing with people find a competent wardin. The security staff are all union workers and cannot be fired.
- 341. Incentivise individuals how actually follow the rules and conduct themselves accordingly, and not cater to those who constantly cause problems.
- 342. Give first time ofenders a chance to prove they ar not coming back!!
- 343. 1) The C/Os should be taught how to deal better with people. 2) They should give people time to learn + implement the new rules that they are constantly making, instead of just making them and punishing people for not knowing them.
- 344. Replace staff who really want to help individual do better in life, because the only thing that works correctly, or incorrectly is the punishment
- 345. To welcome more programs, correspondence courses, work a little more with prisoners and not to take into account informants so much by giving them and keeping them with jobs. Since this are the same that runs drugs into and throughout the prison.
- 346. Start holding staff accountable for their bad actions as well. Including counselors or the people assign to help us.
- 347. Get programs
- 348. More training for officer for them to understand prison life better.
- 349. Offer them, oppertunity to get into them
- 350. Better food, officers, cells, store and healthcare.
- 351. it wouldn't matter they wouldn't do it any way.
- 352. Get more goodtime classes and some kind of programs. When you do your risk assesment they recoment classes + programs to lower your chances of coming back! The things they offer dont exist here! So you cant lower your score. So then your not eligible for a job. So they rehire their pets + snitches. Over, + over, + over, + over again
- 353. Every one needs an attitude adjustment. They need to be educated on how to treat inmates other then to bully and threaten. Get commissary up to good standards.
- 354. More programs and equal opportunity for jobs.
- 355. Staff needs to go through 'sensitivity' training! More counselors who are unfegn about doing their job, Better and heathier food. More mental health staff
- 356. more programs, more education, more classes, less cell time
- 357. more programs, jobs, better food
- 358. more programs, more way to get good-time, people at 50% should be able to get double contracts for good-time, they need more programs to help us become better at life skills.

- 359. more programs. A way to report C/O and it wont be discarded. More diversity
- 360. for staff to treat us like human.
- 361. That the administration needs to be reconstructed from the warden down, also the staff especially officers should not be made up of 90% or more white
- 362. A full audit of healthcare
- 363. N/A
- 364. More too-do. And deep understanding
- 365. Programs + groups, real world training, more school
- 366. More program's
- 367. We need more phones in the wings? because 6 phones causes to many fights. 52 inmates for 6 phones. imagine how many fights we have and that only for the top deck
- 368. To treat everyone the same no matter there religion or color, more available programing, more available jobs, lower affordable commissary prices
- 369. Work we the staff
- 370. Allow the phones on the tabel like other states to improve communication with family, the warden or someone should inact check and balances to make sure those who break rule get tickets not just ignore and allow long termers to get programs as well even if theyre low for recidivism
- 371. More postive programs and schooling
- 372. More oversight by IDOC on top offices
- 373. Staff conduct, more programs.
- 374. Need better movies, more time out-of-cell, better jobs for people who has a sex charge against them. Better TV channels
- 375. More programs like Keewanee have. More classes for those seeking a higher education
- 376. Have auditors to inspect cells in order for maintaince to up keep sells.
- 377. Give people with time something to do besides yard + gym.
- 378. more positive programs because there are none or no where near enough for every one
- 379. Hire some people who are willing to help + care about us. Most of these people are just here for a pay check.
- 380. Staff that care about our mental & well being, more programs & school, more recreation time, more time out of the cell, better food from dietary, better commissary, better treatment & conditions overall. They have a C-grade wing where they took the phones, we cant us the kiosk we are not about to have any contact with general population & we are not in restrictive housing unit.
- 381. there is alot about Illinois River that needs improvement.
- 382. Dont take so long to get us our property. Example our tablets take a long time to get. Mines been over a month and I paid \$124.99 for it already
- 383. More time out cells
- 384. 1. staff need to be properly trained. 2. Mail room needs help. 3. More phones on wings and yards
- 385. Pre-covid operations, specifically school.

- 386. Close it down
- 387. Counselors and staff need to really start helping inmates get into programs that can help their current situation. Be fair and give everyone the same opportunities to work, enroll in school, programs and to receive good-time.
- 388. Get some different programs and more opportunities in school because they only have school for people close to msr. and is only for 50% timers and don't count or they don't put interest in 85% or 100% so I don't know what they correcting
- 389. More programs, less time-in-cells, more phones.
- 390. I believe having conjugal visit there are human that don't have kids and they doing time. More time with the family will help. More programs. Help us get closer to are family.
- 391. Put people in programs and get them to where they want to go in prison. Conjugal visits. Give good-time to those who deserve it and not those who just use it and come right back to prison.
- 392. Provide more programs, jobs, or give options for opportunities. The more things are available, the better chances an incarcerated person will have to succeed.
- 393. 1. Allow for phone use on the G.T.L Tablet or other system. 2. Allow us to get our teeth cleaned every six months or once a year. 3. Have the C/Os more reflect the diversity of the state of Illinois population
- 394. Let the F.B.I. take over... FEDS...
- 395. They should give more yard time more times out the week, add more phones it is 70 to 80 people come out at one time for 1:30 min with only 6 phones to use, It can also be better food, and most of all better staffing.
- 396. To stop loading people up with so much restrictive housing unit for every little infraction.
- 397. the staff need to respect us also the rules need to be told so it wont be a missunderstand
- 398. Closes supervision by top administration. Better communication by upper staff with inmates.
- 399. new staff
- 400. Write tickets for inmates not pulling pants up, Its sexual harassment.
- 401. More training for the C/Os, and possibly lessons on how to improve their communication skills because C/Os provoke alot of the altercations between inmates and C/Os knowing they'll always have the upperhand.
- 402. More programs, more mental health professionals, work programs in the city.
- 403. Take care of the bugs in cells and dietary. Roaches, ants
- 404. Generate a master job list that feeds all jobs based of behavior and discourage inmates and staff from looking up inmates at home or work.
- 405. Better food
- 406. More programs to improve the chances of staying free!
- 407. Schools should be possible for everyone no matter how much or how less time they have. Classes that will actually be useful in the outside world.
- 408. get some one that knows how to do math to do these calculation sheet's
- 409. To get more program, they all ways say the are short staff all the time.

- 410. My suggestion will never make any difference in this place.
- 411. have more programs and chances to go to school

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

- 1. Is the goal real, positive change, or cover up for staff, management and politicians?
- 2. it was very meaningful and helpful for my mental health.
- 3. In actuality inmates shouldn't have access to confidential information its very degrading that staff would allow this to happen.
- 4. Teachers are Never here for inmates to get good-time I don't get it the kitchen and eating area is infested with roaches this place should be close down and shouldnt hire family and friends. And most of the C/Os shouldn't have jobs here. Thank you.
- 5. Ban Handcuffs Every individual killed or injured by Police, Correctional Officer are in handcuffs
- 6. I would like to see more programs, phone time, visits, and time out your cell.
- 7. You need a separation of security staff members and program staff members. One hates the spoiled non-violent offender (gangbangers), and the other caters to them. The Grievance staff has repeatedly sabotaged my Grievances and/or has held one since **[DATE REDACTED]**... Today is **[DATE REDACTED, 6+ months later]**. So when you refer to staff you have to separate security from Admin. programs & procedural.
- 8. Illinois River has the potential to rehabilitate individual and get them ready for the real world. I believe we have 2 CAT simulators but they are not being offered to anyone. We could train people in any trade like welding, electrical, plumbing or HVAC something to learn for release so the time we spent here wasn't just wasted. I think that would really help us.
- 9. Get wrongfully convicted people out of this hell hole, whom shouldn't be here in the first place. Pass laws now to do that ASAP, and or have something in place at these prisons to help get wrongfully convicted people out ASAP. I don't suppose to be locked up for a crime I didn't committ.
- 10. We need better food + more food in dietary - too much waste. We need better selection at commissary. Need better equipment on yard - baseball field, no nets on volleyball - horse shoe pits are a joke!!!
- 11. There are a lot of inmates that want to make a change in life, with the right help, they can do better and Be Better.
- 12. This prison needs a drug, alcohol treatment program.
- 13. Thank you all for your support... P.S. There are a lot of transfers on hold due to staffing issues... regarding us going on medical writs... we need assistance in getting us medical (proper/with specialists...) Healthcare remains an issue... I believe at times it is intentional - to keep us here at I.R.C.C. instead of going

transferring to another facility... I have been waiting since **[DATE REDACTED]** - (I was approved to go out to speak/meet with a **[SPECIALIST TYPE AND MEDICAL ISSUE REDACTED]**. I have been approved thru Wexford... My **[MEDICAL]** issue has exacerbated (medical check up with Dr. **[NAME REDACTED]** (I.R.C.C.) I believe it is Urgent now. But I'm still waiting. I'm also on transfer - been approved (**[DATE REDACTED]**) on the Springfield Level for Graham C.C... but my medical hold is holding me up... **[SYMPTOMS REDACTED]**. Please assist me in having I.R.C.C. send me out on my medical writ. So I can then get "proper" treatment + then transfer. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Can you also contact the transfer Coordinator on my behalf... to have I.R.C.C. expedite my medical writ - then have me transferred to Graham. I believe I'll get better medical treatment there... + Better environment... Thank you. Please contact Wexford Health Sources on my behalf also. I have been schedule... "But when?"

14. Rehabilitation should be a main priority.
15. Rehabilitaton
16. This prison is outdated and its like pulling teeth to get anything done.
17. they don't let us take some food the wing, but they pad us down and throw the food away, has embarras. A lot of hungry out there. Some people don't have money and they living on state pay, which is not enough. their price is very high for purchasing food & hygiene. even shoes. 30.00 dollars the cheapest. we need some indigent care packages, and shoes, at list once a year.
18. thank for things about us cuz this survey shows someone cares.
19. they don't let us take some food to the dusk. rad. house but they throwing away. Has shame some people, we don't have incom, or no body who send us money. 13.00 dollar a month. don't work, and the prices are very high. some times we do what we have to do for survive. we need programs specially Spanish. we are a lot people, we no help.
20. Some one need to come in this prison and talk to us look around take note help the imates and wat going on not just sit back and ask come see for yourself thank you and God bless.
21. Please actually do something about this inhumane jail we are in!
22. In Illinois River Correctional Center. No hot pots to cook Food or heat-up what you buy off commissary. For max and the cell all Day. No classes to help!
23. This prison don't care about Nothing or No one. They only care about oppression the inmates. Rebuilding has been throw out of the window and replaced with punishment. They only care about messing over inmates. Destroying any chance of early release for inmates. They should have trades that people can use for when they get out of prison. So inmate want return back to prison. Tools help inmates lesson the chance of returning back to prison.
24. I have never seen an institution run so incompetent every Department is so incompetent. The rules change from one day to the next. 1st shift C/Os have different rules from the 2nd or 3rd. I guess the C/Os don't like following rules.
25. Kill me!

26. Please do something to improve our lives in this prison. They can start by transferring people with Min. security status to Min. security prisons due to the fact that this is a med-Max prison run like a disciplinary Prison. Its unfair.
27. People in prison Need to be educated concerning recidivism and a readiness to rejoin society
28. Thanks for the survey
29. I have yet to see one African American, Native American, or Indigenous Native to America employed as a C/O. We also spend our money to purchase electronics that aren't given to us for up to 2 months. I've waited 60 days in the blistering hot summer for my fan after I paid for it. I'm often threatened physically, w/ tickets, and shakedowns, and called N***** under their breath. I feel like I often have to walk on egg shells because of the constant harassment.
30. They need more programs. Everyone should have a chance to get a job or in school. They make school mandatory for people going home within a year. What about the guys who don't go home as soon? That makes them less of a priority?
31. Seems like they bend over backwards for those seeing the shrink, causing trouble, but no benefits for us who do rite + stay out of trouble
32. Just wish I could try and better myself with a job instead of just sitting here dying, try to fight off depression.
33. Those are some of my thoughts, one day I will write to you and give to you my prison history for the last past 30 years that I've been incarcerated. Thank you for your time
34. The stock of our work out equipment (benches + weights) needs to be increased. Rotations for "reps" run deep. Rules are more lenient than in the past. Prison is a punishment not a vacation. "Honor wings" for I.I.C. without tickets or incidents.
35. This is pointless cause yall aint gone never change shit Illinois is a corrupted state it's all about the money stop wasting yours and ours time!!!
36. These people blame everything on Springfield when they create their own rules. Job criterias are different from the ADA rules. They aren't focused on growth in the facility. They want us to stay the same and come back to jail to keep money flowing in their pocket. IRCC isn't designed for growth like Kewanee and the facilities thats geared towards helping people.
37. The prison staff does a lot of favoritism with certain inmates and Internal Affairs allows certain individuals more privileges or immunities than another person. We should all be treated the same, no matter who or what we did or if we are "cooperating" with I.A. to inform on other individuals.
38. That yall make a change to help people see it's more to life then the streets some people want to change they lives and need help with the programs
39. Thanks for Asking about my wellbeing in this prison.
40. NONE
41. Nothing comes to mind
42. Every reason for a person committing a crime is a mental health breakdown. I believe that staff and committed persons should have at least adequate Mental Healthcare available

43. Being transgender I have been getting treated as a second rate inmate. I mean they do not even ask my side of the story before giving me a ticket for something that I never did/said. & they are placing cellys in my cell, which they are not supposed to do! Cellys that threaten, ridicule, disrespect. Calling me "Bitch, gay, faggot." Then I tell the Guards they do nothing about it. Then he said I threatened him & I received a ticket!!! As I said second-rate inmate.
44. They can do Better they cheap we dont have channels that other jails got just basic cable, and the food are horrible. The Living Conditions here ants get in your food, clothes, shoes you can be sitting at the chow hall Ants crawling on your shirt. Crazy right
45. On **[DATE REDACTED]** a 24 year old man in **[HOUSING REDACTED]** at I.R.C.C. Died do to staff negligence. His cellmate screamed out he wasn't breathing at 9:52 p.m. The ENTIRE deck then started pressing our buttons and kicking doors. Finally at 10:09 pm. (17 mins later) C/O **[NAME REDACTED]** come in and by then it was too late. It took less time for the ambulance to get here than it took for the officer to come check the pod. I don't need to be anonymous about this either. My name is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** and I'm at I.R.C.C. in **[HOUSING REDACTED]** directly across from the cell where this all happened, so I seen everything. I'm willing to help & offer my assistance in any way you need me to.
46. Industry jobs should Allow those w/ over 15 years left on their sentence to work. The application states you can't have over 15 years. Guys whom have over 10 year sentences (meaning not eligible to go to a min. security facility) whom display positive behavior should have the opportunity to be awarded more time out-the-cell, extra rec activities, better opportunity to be apart of programs, school, industry, jobs etc. Being that this facility is a medium it should reach a point that not the majority of opportunities (positive) is only offered to guys w/ minimal status/clearance. Min. security inmates should be transferred to min. security facilities. Guys that are transferred for disciplinary reason from a minimum to a med. facility should come second. Through an extended amount of time showing positive behavior they should be made min once again + transferred to an appropriate facility. Mediums have too many guys when are minimum or should be minimum. Those guys are taking opportunities away from those whom aren't eligible to be min. status due to the amount of time left on their sentence. This to me is one of the Bigger Problems that I see now that I have finally arrived to on good medium facility.
47. I appreciate yall for looking into this kind of stuff. Seems like no one else cares.
48. Need real counselors the ones here don't want to help you
49. Illinois River needs an overhaul to function like other prisons like Danville. It takes a month to get incoming mail.
50. They should put more weights on the yard. They should offer more programs. They should take the Plexiglas off of the visiting room, for in-person visits. They should let us get a shower after having yard.
51. I really needed mental health when I first got down here. After 4 months I was finally seen. This is not Mental Healths fault. They were great. Its due to low staffing and

- prison over population. There needs to be a way to get low risk, first time offenders programs and options to get there time over with more quickly
52. Its a lot of things that need fixing around here or painting start building these places back up and running them with the hope of change instead of the Fear of chains. Also when ever our property is either pact up or gone through after being escorted to seg or crisis our stuff always get broken and or Lost not just brought down to the Limits we are allowed either Literally stolen or broken without relief after grievances they only get denied here and they always say we cant prove anything and they try their best to make it so by shoving paperwork in our face pointing out places to sign without reading things property slips that say we've received all of our belonging without having enough time to go through our stuff or read anything or inspect our electronics it may be time consuming but how else could we possibly be treated fairly.
53. this prison really need a lot of improvement.
54. I dont want to be here
55. Everything right or wrong about IDOC starts and stop in Springfield.
56. Rules contradict themselves. Grievance system is outdated, poor responses, Better handling of inmate concerns. IDOC needs a complete overhaul from top to bottom. This place is a Joke.
57. Stop letting IA and they're so called snitches run the joint.
58. Better crisis help, mental health help, healthcare help, and faster in getting into programs and school.
59. Thanks for providing this survey, keep up the good work.
60. When we are not able to be productive and apply ourselves to become better individuals we are more likely to get in trouble and keep the mind frame we had that got us here. I been gone **[20+]** yrs and have over 20 more to do and Im not allowed to get a job or in programs, I was told the short timers are first in line and compared to me that is 90% of this joint. All of us need help, equal opportunity for All
61. Although this is a moderate level institution us Minimum Level individuals are kept here. I have been approved for a transfer to a minimum level prison (Taylorville) but Wexford Health has a "transfer stop" due to a medical referral that they are never going to send me to, which prevents me from attending Sex Offender Treatment. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Illinois River Corr Cent
62. Some officers are helpful some do not care, most spin you like a top. Lying is a language!!!
63. I filled a PREA grievance on staff but because of that I was fired from my job, and because I had no proof, the staff member got away without retribution, and only I was punished. On my new vote sheet for jobs I am approved for (8) jobs. However, because I am transgender, it is 98% that I will not be able to obtain any job. I want people to know who I am, and that I have a voice. My name is **[REDACTED]**. But my legal name is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** I have been incarcerated continuously for **[20+]** years now. I am a *LWOP individual *Life without parole and/or MSR
64. I want to talk further about this so I will be contacting you all, so please remember that name "Mr. This is All Bad"

65. What else can I say but this prison is horrible and they refuse to transfer you even for hardship transfers.
66. Need more time out-of-cell & phones on tablet and more options for good-time.
67. Leaders or people in position take honest concern about populated prison.
68. Do you guys actually do anything with this data, or is this just a blanket to make your association look good? I'm just saying. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
69. All these Prisons care about is the money they get off the Inmate! Thank God for John Howard Association!
70. This prison needs to be investigated because its not allowing people to get in any classes that will help inmates with not coming back to prison and this prison does not help with rehabilitation at all
71. None
72. On some questions I answered agree + neutral because some staff + incarcerated individuals act differently, so its not one answer for everyone involved. Vet the people in charge of overseeing reforms, reentry programs, EDSCs, EPSCs, and any early release programs, because people that don't agree with any of those particular options shouldn't be in charge of them. Because no one will ever be considered eligible.
73. How can anyone lower their Security levels or get a job, let alone a good paying job if we're Judged from our past, which will Never change. Risk Assessment here is Not Necessary if my past controls the decision That's what Just happened to me from Ms. **[REDACTED]** - she said she has to make me a Moderate because I been to prison Multiple times - so why do the Assessment!
74. I believe that if staff would approach all their tasks, even the minute ones, as if they were the ones affected by the decisions made, many things would work better. The solution could be as simple as creating a liaison between the correctional center and the individuals in custody. Preferably an individual in custody who experiences first hand the decisions made by the administration who can provide feedback from other individuals in custody.
75. If you can do anything to make life better in prison please do!
76. Reduce commissary Prices!!!
77. none
78. There needs to be more incentive to get individuals into educational class and programs that should have a better reward system. Not just sentence credit, Because there is a lot of individuals inmates who do not qualify for good-time sentence credit for those individuals serving 85% percent & 100% percent sentence's. What about those people? I.D.O.C. Doesn't have a reward system for those who's sentence time is not effected by accomplishments or goals. Some dont have the motivation to start education.
79. This prison needs a warden how cares. Everything at IRCC has gone down hill in the past 4 years Dietary is bad. Commissary is bad. Mental health program is bad. And last but not least H.C.U. is Horrible!! It needs nurses & doctors that are caring to our needs. The healthcare unit is a a joke, & not a funny one at that.

80. There are on one **[ILLEGIBLE]** on a wing close to 50 some inmates. you got dayroom twice a day for 1 1/2 hours each, there is only 6 phones if all are working and each call 20 minutes long so 90 minute Dayroom 4 calls, 20 minutes such as all **[ILLEGIBLE]** phone for dayroom so 6x4 – 24 calls made by maybe 24 people affected **[ILLEGIBLE]** if lucky. No way can every one use the phones and when phones are broke no one cares to stand on it to get fix right away for us and if thier staff phone breaks, yes it is fix that same day! At least 90% of the population here is doing nothing No school No job just rotting away and for those like me who are not ever getting set free its worst! I need yours help yes I do. Yes I am **[NAME, ID AND HOUSING REDACTED]**
81. Nothing to say
82. We need fresh foods not so much processed food we need to be taught how to live healthy lives
83. I was told because of my case C/Os would not want me to be a porter. They don't even know me. I have no Tickets and I follow the rules but because of my case C/Os don't want me. I would like a job. My counselor does not communicate at all. I almost think he just throws our requests away. An honor wing with more privilege would be great. To get in no tickets or issues. If you cause problems move them out.
84. The system doesn't work. They have too many problems and too little resources to help us. Plus, a lot of the staff do not care or become apathetic after they realize they are fighting a losing battle. I feel this summary explains why the recidivism rate is so high.
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86. Why did you send me this?
87. Please help us down here they wont let anyone leave this prison they try to keep everything a secret down here in Illinois River they block your mail from leaving here if you talk bad about the warden or prison. I been trying to leave this prison since **[DATE REDACTED]** I have yet to leave they take years for people to get into programs or school and it takes years to get a vote sheet for a job and they just be denying people on the EDSC just because I got denied base off of my criminal history but at the time I haven't caught a ticket or been to seg for 3 years and this is my first time in trouble Please help
88. Cant speak with counselor about issues, there's no drug program and if you are a high risk for drug assessment it hinders your availability to work go to school or enter programs
89. At this prison there is no programs for me
90. We should have a facility that house the people incarcerated who are part of the vulnerable type, like gay, trans, bi, victims of abuse while inside, gang drop outs, and hospice workers/care.
91. As a sex offender I believe we are discriminated against for programs, jobs, groups, mentoring and you can't maximize your efforts to be a better version of you.

92. I really don't know you can only get jobs if I really don't know how they only hire the same people I can't get in any programs They don't help us at all we need access to programs they make it impossible to try to better ourselves.
93. This survey is a waste of time, because no matter what we may say, nothing is going to change and you know this as well, so please stop it with the Jokes!!!!!!
94. the survey was good my comment is I wish I was treated like a human being I've been sexually assaulted twice by inmate I can't get no type of help in my time of need Please help me and the transgender culture
95. N/A
96. Illinois River is full of corrupt officers they give special treatment to a select few & I know most of these people are dealing drugs & stealing in prison - yet they all get industry jobs \$ or the best jobs in the prison.
97. Illinois River correctional center is controlled by overbearing and overreaching C/Os in the investigative unit. IA controls everything. By doing that it hinders individuals in custody a chance to receive good-time thru different work assignments.
98. It's nothing here to look forward to not even commissary the prices always change - we don't have money like that
99. Illinois River C.C. has been governing themselves by their own rules since Covid-19 when there was a change in wardens here. All that IDOC is suppose to represent this place does the opposite. To fully understand the system and culture here, you would need to send in an undercover marshal to witness the severity of inhumane treatment this facility has on your mental.
100. Please actually put some effort on helping this prison this is like the worst prison someone could be in I would rather be in Menard than here so I let you think how bad it is down here
101. This prison is the only prison I been to and it has been a struggle to better myself.
102. The disciplinary system is not fair and needs more overseeing by people from outside this system. Because many incarcerated people are put in seg just on investigative status by I.A. in order to punish without any reason other than that they don't like what you say or that they can't get you for what they want. I.A. overall need overseeing
103. 1. Counselors, 2. Clinical services, 3. Food, 4. Adjustment committees (especially program committee), 5. Grievance procedures, 6. School (programs), 7. L.T.S., 8. Internal Affairs, 9. Jobs, 10. Mail room! All a joke here!
104. Per C/O [REDACTED] & Lt. [REDACTED]... They told us if we get caught on camera putting these surveys in the mail box... there will be consequences, so a lot of guys will not support your efforts and complete the survey!
105. New system for signing up for sick call.
106. "Help us" Please!
107. Q.4 – not on this charge. I was locked up in juvenile division off and on from [DATES REDACTED]
108. Still don't believe John Howard does anything but takes surveys of inmates once a year - I've been down for over [30+] years I've seen John Howard stop benefiting

- inmates - you do your yearly report and that's it, you even say in your form letter you have no control over prison rules and you can't help us at all!
109. They need to hire more staff and people to teach college classes so we can get an education so we don't reoffend when we are released. And start transferring people who are minimum (under 10 years) to minimum prisons where we can get the programs we need instead of just wasting our time away stuck in cells all day with no programs.
110. Illinois River supposed to be a medium security prison, but they run it like a max. I'm a minimum and been here for 2 years. This place is trash. And they need to spray to get rid of the ants!
111. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
112. you guys need to close this place down. and start over or get a whole new lineup of staff members
113. Would need more time at the prison in order to give honest feedback
114. 11 prisons, 2 decades in max... yet, this (IRCC) worst ran prison!
115. This prison is a lot better than others I have been to, but commissary and number of jobs and training could be improved.
116. Everybody need more help then you all will every know cause the people don't care about nothing but locking people up and enjoy getting paid for doing so, and making it hard for us when we do get out ?When do we really get the help we really need?
117. We all need help reentering society. I'm now being refused transfer because I accept mental health treatment so my only option was to quit all treatment + medication to be able to seek better programming why ever let your mental health be known or be truthful about anything.
118. Place follows no rules, sagging pants, target some not others
119. Need more time in dayroom and we need mental doctors that cares instead of lying in your face about what they written down on a paper.
120. Thank You!
121. I hope it gets better by each year!
122. Be The Charge!
123. Get programs for individuals with sex crimes so we can also try and get good-time! Since we need these programs to even be considered for good-time
124. Help us get our time credit, we not getting what we deserve please help please
125. Of fear, hatred, oppression, etc. that ultimately feeds upon itself and doesn't contribute to my own welfare as an individual or societies at large.
126. Overall, I think prison in Illinois has to change from the education they give to truly do what it is suppose to do which is to rehabilitate and to stop recidivism. Which is not what the Illinois court nor prison system has done the capitalistic nature of those Two body is disheartening and a radical changes of laws needs to be implement Thank you
127. IL River's LT, SRG, + C/Os all lie are treat even us good behaving inmates like wild animals and gives us no way to speak up for ourselves. Investigation needs to be done here soon!

128. Here in IL River staff members take serious matters into their hands when/If us inmates make false accusations but feels it is ok for them to do so they do it everyday all the time. Just BAD for US.
129. Just better food and cheaper commissary
130. Give more good-time
131. I hope you actually help people in here with this. But I'm sure they'll just smoke show you like they do us.
132. Hopefully you take this/these surveys seriously.
133. #3 this survey is anonymous. But, I want y'all to know my name & number this way I will be known as a person, and some of my true thoughts! **[NAME, ID, AND DATES REDACTED]** Plus, I did two of these. The other one I didn't fill out because I really didn't understand and I still don't. But why all these question nothing going to be better until they make improvement on programs in prison and teach staff how to communicate with peoples of all walks of life.
134. The past years of Covid have been terribly difficult. At the beginning there was a lot of attention paid to the extra stress. Until the recent change of warden, who chose to return us to pre-Covid activity level as of 4/1/23, we were feeling ignored, warehoused, and many guys are still struggling with the after-effects of that trauma. Many decisions by IDOC, just don't make much sense. I've had a job for **[3+]** years, no disciplinary reports, minimum security level, no escape risk, and I am, for no reason explained, no longer cleared (on "vote sheet") for this job. (**[JOB REDACTED]**) I can understand moving people around (for "security" they say) and putting limits on time under the assignments, but it seems like punishment for doing everything right. I understand that my case is disliked, understandably, but that is the only discernable reason they could give for not clearing me for this position. So, no, you cannot earn trust by good behavior, hard work or by proving yourself. The administration (and clinical services for that matter) will only see me as my case.
135. The only other thing I want to say is that this is the 3rd time I've came to prison and no facility I have been to other then this one now has denied me the opportunity to further my education or gain work experience being here feels like a punishment I would rather finish my time at a max facility then to be here for another **[6+]** months.
136. It would be nice if change really happens
137. I have been in this prison for 1 yr, I've seen 1 major and "0" wardens the entire time. There is zero accountability here with staff. The grievance procedure is the worst I've seen, ever! They dismiss all grievances - and state "their job is to deny grievances"
138. Whites are more privileged here. Whites are likely to get more dayroom time. Blacks are more likely to get a disciplinary ticket for the same things whites do on a regular.
139. We write or you guys do studies and surveys but in the end dont nothing really happens or change that I can see or tell cause Ive been in this facility over **[3+]** years and its the same B.S. in **[3+]** years. So it like they trying to keep us hostage in this facility. You guys might not even get half of these letters back because this facility is hiding a lot from Springfield that they dont want them to find out!
140. Staff in IL River have a favoritism for certain inmates and take care of them

141. I 100% believe having more access to ways to communicate with our family will benefit everyone staff and offenders. Things that our tablet allow but it is not activated like phones, video messages. Also more family activities like fathers day picnic. Ordering commissary from designated outside vendors.
142. We really need phone on our tablet because it will help people in here for fighting over the phone and some people will stay in the room. Because some people just want to use the phone all day. I really don't need it but it will stop a really lot of fighting in jail have a bless day
143. Please help me tranfere out of here I have [3+] year left on a [50+] years sentences so i could go some place that care
144. n/a
145. Conjugal visit, conjugal visit!!!
146. CONJUGAL VISIT. CONJUGAL VISIT. The fact that you all aren't considering conjugal visit as an option to the/or correct circumstance in this environment yet you all will in fact distribute women undergarment to men in a male govern facility is counter productive to the development and prisoner psychy
147. Help!!!!!!
148. Most of the prisoners see your organization in a semi-negative way because we receive these surveys periodically or other questionnaires, however we never experience any positive change resulting from them. How can you possibly expect prisoners to respond when we feel this is just another waste of our time?
149. The average person who pays taxes to help fund these prison are not fully aware of the real treatment inmates are treated like. The lies that these people who run the prisons tell the tax payers and make them believe their doing the right thing. They are not its all lies. The food is nasty and not enough When we stand before the judge and are sentenced to our time that's our punishment we except our outcome. We didn't except being punished on a every day basic like we are.
150. I think I somewhat agreed with some of the statements, or somewhat disagreed, yet checked neutral because there are no 'somewhat' options. 'Agree' and 'disagree' seem to leave no space for anomalies or rogue incidents, etc.
151. The C/Os need to do a better job with respect and communication. And stop using tickets to keep inmates down and in a bad position
152. Due to staff - members WE NEED to have undercover lookout and investigation!
153. The lieutenants, sergeants and correctional officers are ALL planning to give each inmate a bad record while incarcerated. NOT fair.
154. the staff don`t like anyone who isn`t prostaff. They don't care what issues you have. the counselors don't help you and the head counselor **[NAME REDACTED]** makes rules that punish people for minor tickets for years at a time 5 yrs for minor tickets. and the rule started on Aug 25 22 and tickets were before now they are going back and taking your job and taking clearance just because they are trying to stop people from getting good-time here at Illinois River. They make up rules that go against what Springfield says. They hate letting guys get good-time here.
155. None, no good here?

156. We never get things that we need here. They need more phones on wings or put them on the tablet. it will be less problems with each other. Need more dayroom time, we come out once a day for a hour 1/2
157. I hate this place.
158. Retaliation among staff is at an all time high. You can't even write a grievance without being retaliated against. Especially if you have a serious issue things get manipulated. Especially when there are certain inmates that have worked in major office for years in which staff allow this individual to read emails or staff shares information about certain individuals. But this is acceptable. They get too familiar with staff.
159. This prison has a group of individuals in custody that never stops working. They move from one job to another and good jobs. Everybody else gets the shaft. Why have a list of people to work on jobs if only the same persons get them. Doors are always open in cells wings. People out bogus all the time but no C/O will write tickets. Everybody else will get a ticket in a heart beat. Too much favoritism on this group of individuals in custody. They do what they want because they know they will get away with it. The same group that always work, jobs. Healthcare is slow for treatments you need.
160. There is no rehabilitation in prison anymore. It's all about breaking your spirit & oppression for people like me. They literally Tell you if you obey the rules, you still get in trouble and treated like a bad person. When I say people like me, I mean trans – ID - Female Here At I.R.I. We get put on lockdown for someone else's bad behavior.
161. We should be able to get into more programs to help us when we get out
162. During winter the heater never seems to work. To be able to speak to our family & friends on the phone on the tablets not just texts. Commissary is never stocked. The shoes that are sold here are not water resistant. feet are wet every time it rains or snows. Socks or no got for the cold
163. The cells are to small for two men to occupy at the same time. Turn all cells into one man cells. Also need more telephones in the cell houses and yard, gym. We only talk to our families once a week. we need more than that.
164. Please help me Im losing my mind I don't want to be at this facility I.R.C.C. the racisis here
165. People serving 85% should be allowed to earn good-time or the feeling of hoplessness sets in resulting in more mental health issues
166. We can use more time out-the-cells. the commissary can be better. Officers can be slow to writing tickets. the programs and good-time should be faster and not exclude S.O. Also for people who are indigent and dont have family or support out there need more help than others. it should be a way to help them get a fan in the summer time, or help them get a TV to keep them from doing other things out of boredom. or some music device to help them cope with their mental help. or a hot pot to warm up cold food we get from the chow hall. Sex cases are bad but people can change but its bad if you have someone with one in your cell so they should be careful where they place you because someone with alot of time will try to hurt you because of the

- nature of your case. So thats something they need to do better on. Also with the LGBTQ community too. where we are placed can be even worse. Thank you for your concern's.
167. This Facility is truly a waste of tax dollar's.
168. I just sit in a cell all day with no options. Give me something to do please. Never have been locked up before And got **[20+]** years when I'm in my mid 40's with health issues and at 85 percent will never have a chance to prove that I have been rehabilitated. Please at least give me a job
169. I personally believe when it comes to JHA, you people Are Fakes, Frauds, and Fonies - Doing surveys that trully amount to nothing of complaints of Wexford Health Sources Inc. & I.D.O.C. contract. The people who are left to suffer, die. Told they have a right to unimpeded access to adequate healthcare, only to be hindered by many obstacles of practices by Wexford & I.D.O.C. to delay and deny. Outside access to **[SPECIALIST & MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]**!!! Grievances are usually denied, due to the practice of counselors and grievance officers reviewing and responding after something may have been done, or they simply deny grievances so I have to appeal to P.R.B. That`s a joke in it self! Only to be denied my medical grievance **[ILLEGIBLE]** have been withheld at H.C.U. pending thier response, though grievance is approved by C.A.O. As "emergent in nature" and to be "EPIDITED" but takes going to I-A, and complaining of sever plus month wait for review and response, only to be informed "they are still within the required time frame to respond" - But no one, even in response to written requests and grievances will provide me with (the required time for H.C.U. review response to grievances! **[ILLEGIBLE]** send it to me? **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** (IRCC)
170. This survey was irrelevant
171. I'm happy someone actually gives a fuck.
172. Just that we need Better professionals in Healthcare. Also some officers need to be screened better. Because some officers either don't except inmates as they are, or they just don't like inmates, and some officers START trouble between inmates that could wind up being a Major problem with/between inmates and officers. Of which inmates get segregation or ticket's.
173. We have no classes or programs for men with long term sentences. When we have problems there are no real was to have our complaints heard. And when officers treat us wrong there are no punishments for those officers and more often than not we as inmates get in trouble instead
174. more treatment for people to much time work right we the incarcerated
175. I Im a minimum **[ILLEGIBLE]** inmate and Im treated like a max inmate I cant use all the good-time I accumulated even tho my case **[ILLEGIBLE]** 50% Im a sex offender **[ILLEGIBLE]** there is no sex offenders treatment at this facility I've been approved for Taylorville for 9 months but Im still sitting here. Explain me that.
176. Just Help
177. N/A
178. Alot of people look at us & judge us for being incarcerated & not for who we are not to mention the reason why people tend to come back once they leave is because

- they didn't get the proper resources they needed while here to survive once they made it out & on top of that they treat us like dog's in a cage.
179. This place really need a lot of help, we don't get no help here, They dont care about us here, some of us dieing slow in here, when we tell them they dont do nothing to help you
 180. Too much negative to list.
 181. X
 182. End staff favoritism
 183. This prison is terrible when it comes to discipline. People are treated different based on offense and staff have favoritism. Illinois River
 184. This prison dont treat us Black people with equal rights, Jobs are only giving to certain individuals
 185. there is no way to rehabilitate a person I've been locked up for **[6+]**yrs have never had job or any schooling and I have signed up for both. the only thing I've learned from my time in prison is it sucks to be here and how to make meth thats your tax dollars at work I hope you like what there using your money on. every 10 people who leave here 9 will be back. I've seen at least a hundred people leave and come back since I've been locked up there's nothing in prison for us to learn a different life hell most people here have never had a job in here or in the world. I myself was a **[JOB REDACTED]** for **[20+]** years but I'm here falsely accused yeah some of us are really not guilty but thats another story to tell about are busted Justice System
 186. Its really just a dietary problem the most. Food isn't bad but we get a poor amount of it. (unless its Golash and spegetti) and there is alot of people who cant get good-time because this place lacks programs that are required for some of us to pass before we can get school good-time or other career programs.
 187. I would do anything possible to have a beautiful wife, my 2 kids back and a home all 4 of us. This would make me so happy for the rest of my life. It's the only thing I think about. Please let me go home from jail someday. Please help me with those 3 things. Thank you
 188. I feel as being a inmate when you're right you're wrong, If staff take the time to listen in help more jails around the world will be better. thanks for sending me this survey I had fun filling it out.
 189. We need more time for dayroom, we have just 1 hour 30 minutes a day (Maxima house)
 190. There are 28 prisons in Illinois WHY are there only two V.T.S.O.T.P. available voluntary sex offender treatment program
 191. I believe this is a good survey but the actions to this survey needs to be applied because once the people that care are gone they go right back to their old ways of doing things.
 192. An investigation needs to be done at this facility, with the way of the world and ALL of the movements thats going on you would think they would get their act together! This facility is horrible staff here dont care. Black and Brown life is a after thought, our safety and wellbeing is not a priority, our mental health is not a priority

193. I think the survey should be expanded, because experience in here differs amongst individuals in custody. People who have a 50% sentence have a different experience than someone who has a 85% sentence. For example, if a person has a 50% sentence, they're eligible for good-time and programs, so they'd have a different outlook than a person like me who isn't eligible for anything because my sentence is at 85%.
194. You cant get anything accomplished here at Illinois River C.C. everything is a lie or a dead end.
195. Can you help us with the visits hours? we only get 2 hours, my family drives 3 hours just to see me for Two hours! and we still got glass barriers!
196. Bias, Prejudice & complete narrow-mindednes extremists! They let me die. Two Time.
197. Alot of the "rules" here are just to oppress, such as staff sending people back to their cells while walking to yard if they have a earbud in, instead of stopping them, talking to them, and letting them continue to yard.
198. The staff here show no intrest in their jobs when it comes to replying to request slips or helping find answers
199. I have tried to understand how the staff here can disrespect you but expect you to respect them. I can't understand that at all
200. You literally have to keep signing up for healthcare to be seen they don't know whats wrong with you someone actually died because they think everyone isn't serious. If your not a sex offender or cant get good-time that's the only how you can get a job, or if your under 2 years is the only way you can go to school, and even if you have a high school diploma or GED they still make you go to school when you should be doing other stuff to prepare you for your release
201. Commissary is high too high, phone access isnt great at all, both need to change
202. They mental health sucks down here
203. I belive if major franchise`s like McDonold's were sponsors the could help with dietary as well as computer's and the modernlization of these primal prison's.
204. from the Warden
205. Thank you for this survey and I hope it helps bring any type of positive change.
206. Yall know what goes on in these prisons, wont you stop by and ask prisoner's questions
207. I had an incident where a C/O accused me of assault after accidentally bumping her with a door. C/O was not struck down or injured by the door. And a lieutenant was present when it happened, And though rare, He spoke on my behalf. The Adjustment Committee felt the need to find me guilty of something just to appease the C/O. A Lieutenant's word wasn't enough to save me from irreparable harm of this C/O allegations. They work with each other, rather than what's right. The majority of them do. Had C/O known she'd be held accountable for such allegations I would have never gone through the wrath of it all.
208. Even though I am completing this survey, I have serious doubts that something is going to change. I am inclined to believe that you are doing it just to comply with you policies. A considerable percentage of individuals in custody are apathetic and

suspicious of surveys like this one because very seldom our opinions or grievances are considered. The people who take the time to do the surveys is because we still have some hope that this time maybe... maybe will be different. The following are things that don't make sense with no specific order of importance: - commissary sells pencils but no sharpeners and there is no one available in the wing. - envelopes. - It's very degrading stamping on our outgoing mail this!! "This correspondence is from an individual in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections" is another way to humiliate not only us but our relatives and friends. - Request slips and grievance forms don't have a copy so we can't prove that we sent the paper. - We should be provided with a tablet to avoid the time consuming bureaucracy when requesting a medical appointment, financial statement, or any procedure that at this moment we have to do with a request slip. - The commissary (store) don't warranty electric or electronic items, why?! can change prices of every item without notice, why?! - "At orientation" over a year ago, they promised a booklet or a manual with the rules and regulations. No information about when or if they ever are going to give us one. - It's a common practice for the C/Os and some nurses to disrespect us by cursing or using vulgar language among them and or in front of us. -Because is extremely difficult to prove that a member of the personnel has been unprofessional e.g. bullying, disrespectful, aggressive (verbally or physically), etc. there is a perception among us that the personnel can do whatever they want to do because is difficult to accuse them knowing that they have control of the investigation and for fear of retaliation. The key to change this culture of aggressiveness, represiveness and bully behavior toward the inmates is training. The training should not only be in how to handle physical altercations, riots, etc. using "tools" (arms) to reduce the violent. Every employee who is in contact with the inmates must have a strong fundamentals of psychology, sociology, and love. Just a few weeks of training to be a C/O will not be near sufficient to change the culture already mentioned.

209. Here the Administration makes it clear the rules will be enforced upon the prisoner. But the staff and security are not going to be made to follow the rules, or law, at any time. Hire the correct amount of staff. Stop the false practice of mandatory overtime. This due to lack of staff daily. This prison operates each day 100 people short of running in a safe and secure manner. Hire more minorities. Make the Wing Officer remain on the wing doing their job post requirement. Not sitting in the control booth with their backs to the wing they are to be supervising. Require the staff, the Wing Officer, to respond to the emergency Cell Button being pushed. Apply equal treatment of the Medium Security Rated and Housed Prisoner across the State. Stop the illegal Level System still being applied to the Medium Security prisoner.
210. I need medical and dental care. PLEASE HELP me.
211. Improvement is a must for all facilities. especially when earning good-time and enrollment of any course to receive it. Supplemental and any good should be given to all who's serving time.
212. We need to do something about the people who do not have family outside. I have no money so there no way I can get a TV that costs \$260.00 or a tablet that costs

- \$150.00 + \$30.00 to keep it on every month. I love music But how do I fit in to all this with no help. Thank you.
213. My grievances are more a collection of minor issues than any major issue. But grievances in general don't seem to do any good so it breaks one's will in writing them.
214. This facility is family orientated. Everyone here is related to each other in some form or fashion. many are in positions that they have no idea how to run it. But there here to receive a check that they should not be getting it's free money. This facility is the most unprofessionally ran facility that I have ever been in. There is a "Band" on tobacco products on state ran facilities but here you have the "staff" smoking cigaretes out front and within the facility, and chewing tobacco. thes products are "Band" so you tell me who is breaking the law.....
215. Please take these responses to the survey in strong consideration.
216. Yall just need to come see and ask questions face to face. Yall know whats going on in prisons. Dog's live better then us!
217. People with long-term sentences are forced to sit idle, with no opportunity to grow, we are suffer the greatest mental, and physical health crisis.
218. The staff have bad attitudes, and are way over-paid. One C/O bragged that he would draw a 90K yearly pension when he retires, yet commissary is expensive for inmates and the inmate workers are paid almost nothing. Inmates receive the bare minimum quantity of goods and quality is questionable, inmates must pay for their mailing goods, and quality is questionable, inmates must pay for their mailing costs/stamps, books must be mailed in, yet C/Os can draw a 90k yearly pension?!?! Rediculus!
219. Staff have also become extremely indolent. Covid had it to where they were doing minimal & we stayed locked in the cell. They have an energy of it needs to persist!
220. This is by far the worst prison I've been in every grievance I've wrote is always denied, no change can happen here until it's completely redone from staff to everything eles
221. More out-the-cell time the phones are crowded. More phones on deck!
222. The restrictions in postal for incoming sent items is outrageos!! Basically, practically we can't have anything! My family and friends have sent mainly food items and there is always some reason l/we can't have them. And they're not outrageous items or contraband. Which means my family and friends who are not rich have spent money that is hard to recover. So the choices are 1. throw it away, 2. send it back. Sending it back so hopefully they can get their money back is expensive. We aren't allowed items which duplicate items in commissary, so what business is it of them if it's duplicate? The reason that I see they want to make it to where we HAVE TO GO through commissary ONLY. And they hide behind COVID 19 or "it might be a security risk"! REALLY?? A can of peanuts a "security risk"?!?!
223. Prison is the punishment in itself staff shouldn't be taught to degrade prisoners!
224. Bring the programs back. And start the classes back up. Also stop filling selfhelp programs by MSR dates. Cause no matter my outdate, I still should have a chance to rehabuilitate myself, and have some of the better details.
225. We simply need more programs slash schooling

226. Will it help
227. Man we need some help down here, I heard this one C/O tell this incarcerated person that he would kill him. And the Sgt was standing right there then he gone say "I didn't here nothing" so I told them well "I did and I'm tellin" All I'm saying is get everybody down here we need help. We get a ticket from the daddy and the son gone hear it so you kno what's gone happen after that 7 months C-grade this prison crazy.
228. The healthcare here is very poor
229. N/A Glad I'm going home soon!
230. Identify for us the legislators to contact, to expose the prison's culture of corruption and retaliation **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** I also wish to expose the culture of IRCC and IDOC in general; as I've been in several prisons since my incarceration in **[DATE REDACTED]** and know their intracacies. I'd also, more importantly like to advocate for the voiceless "here" and "nationally" when released (possibly sooner than **[DATE REDACTED]**) - Hope to hear back **[ILLEGIBLE]**
231. I aint been in school yet or no programes I get good-time and cant get none, its not far at all.
232. A person shouldn't have to quallify for the drug program every prison male/female should have a drug program unit or wing. It should be voluntary and good-time given when the program is completed according to agreed terms by individual. Honor dorm should be reinstituted with privlages that stimulate good behavior to be allowed in honor to dorm (longer dayroom, 24 hour HBO channel, extra yard, longer phone time, microwave in dayroom). These things would promote good behavior.
233. None.
234. They don't help us, they don't want to help us. And they let Internal Affairs organize this facility. They treat us like animals instead of human beings.
235. If you are African, or a creep; sex offender, or stool pigeon you will get everything. IroniC! I know! There are 2-4 minorities that work here. I hope a tornado blows this place off the map!!! You people used to be on business... until your org was infiltrated by ex-cops, correctional employees, etc.
236. They barey give us jobs or programs, mental health sucks ass. No one respects us. Down here the phones are always going out, they keep raising prices on commissary an steal are money. We demand better treatment from (IDOC).
237. I hate this joint, this the worst one I've been to!!! This place needs help!
238. The **[STAFF TITLE REDACTED]** needs to be fired. The **[STAFF TITLE REDACTED]** hates inmates and avoids personal contact with inmates. The **[STAFF TITLE REDACTED]** has done little to reestablish Christian programs & services. This desparately needs drug, alcohol, sex offender programs. Mental health programs are non-existant. Very few counselors do their job here. Stop turning, employing former C/Os into, as counselors. New warden seems to be making some positive changes.
239. The US prison and judicial systems needs restructuring from the ground up. Stop comparing first time offenders with the habitual and recurring tenants of the prison system. We all make mistakes but after a few years of incarceration we repent of our

- actions and feel deeply sorry for hurting others. We deserve an honest second chance.
240. If 5 to 10 people were to infiltrate the prisons in any state for 1yrs time, them would - as a under inmate or staff member - uncover enough gross routine constitutional violations to cause an overhaul of prisons in this nation. Perhaps strong consideration would be given or at least more widely called for, the abolition of incarceration on its current form.
241. Jobs are rarely available, we don't receive mental health unless we go to extremes, even when we're on the mental health case loads, the staff treat us poorly and argue with us about everything.
242. I thank you for the survey and whatever else that you do which throughout the years I still don't know, I've answered this in hope for a change. What I don't understand is John Howard receives this information and most of us send them in but no change. Do you actually know that the staff here have well most of them have pre- civil rights movement mentality and if we were to say something or speak up there is retaliation towards us. There words are "you are to seen not heard" and that speaks volumes to how they were raised to carry out such tactics on us. My question is who will help us? What does this survey do for us? Who actually listens or care for our words on what's going on in here? I hope this will help in some way
243. We need opportunities! incarceration is not the answer. opportunities and responsibility gives people a sense of structure and motive to sustain positive holistic living
244. We're numbers and ultimately a product to be dealt with until the staff leaves. No long term plans are thought about and considerations for us is always last. The staff that treats us like humans are forced out of end up quitting. Honestly, I even doubt this survey will be of any help, but I tried.
245. They need to care about people Poor healthcare
246. Healthcare is so bad, the worst
247. Its really not so much about the prison I put myself here for driving drunk but I really didnt think I would be around killers and murderers for this! (DUI)
248. The falicy they give that upon release your life is reinstated. Not at all.
249. I'm thankful I was sent to IRCC from the NRC because the staff here is respectful and encouraging. I feel for the most part safe. Praying the state passes "good-time" for 85% and 100% sentences.
250. That healthcare is not doing their job they just like to give you meds instead of listening to you.
251. I love these surveys. I think the John Howard Association should do a walk through here @ Illinois River and do a survey of all the inmates here face to face personal. Because most inmates think the staff throw these surveys away. So they dont fill them out.
252. You say in this survey, not to put your name or number down but I'm **[60+]** years old, and only have 6 months left, on 20., years? and I'll be **[AGE REDACTED]**, on **[DATE REDACTED]**
253. Probably pointless the staff will more than likely destroy surveys

254. I doubt this survey will make any change at all
255. I have Hep C and they refuse to treat me. Its a common problem here.
256. Need better commissary, Hard to get a transferd, Hard to get a vote sheet
257. There should be an honor dorm for guys who have good behavior.
258. it good you ask the right questions.
259. This place is horrible. NRC is worse. But this place is bad. If you are here in Illinois River and can't afford to buy commissary, you will be hungry, dirty, musty, lonely, hot in summer, and freezing in the winter. They do not give us anything we need to survive. They rush us at commissary windows, sell us expired food, then refuse to exchange it when we notice it. Keep in mind that in dietary, they feed us BS and small portions. It is now **[DATE REDACTED]** and I am currently eating a salami summer sausage that expired **[DATE REDACTED, 1.5 months prior]**. It was sold to me **[DATE REDACTED, 3 weeks ago]**. John Howard Association should form active partnerships with incarcerated individuals from each IDOC facility to keep active environmental conditions and statistics accurate in your data. I would love to do that, no matter where I am. I would also do that upon my release, travel through facilities and gather data from the people living the "statistics". **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
260. Help!!
261. Officers are untrained and belligerent. Medical is getting better, but the untrained facility keeps running off the positive, well-trained, caring nurses and physicians. Mental health doesnt properly evaluate individuals or genuinely care. Good-time, should be given, but its considered earned discretionary, but the prison doesnt offer any way to earn good-time.
262. Questions about prison about prison arent black + white each staff, each officer & every day is different, There is IDOC rules, officer rules & inmate rules, combined they create a upside down reality comparable 2 being burned alive in a coffin watching your life unstopably pass you by angustly waiting 4 death of release date which ever comes 1st.
263. For 3 of the survey questions I checked the box 3 times (intentionally). 1) I can't improve my situation through good behavior. **[20+]** years ago as a teenager I caught a staff-assault. Since that time my disciplinary record had been at best impeccable, however because of that incident I'm only able to work 2 types of job assignments janitor & dietary nothing else. 2) Decisions are dominated by concerns about security, even if by their own measures they deem you not to be a security issue that is their justification. 3) This demonstrates to me that they don't care about the person I've become (and have shown for decades) only who in my youth I was. Those 3 survey questions affects me and it's discouraging because I've demonstrated my commitment towards rehabilitation not 5,10,15 but for well over **[20+]** years. So this says to me no matter how hard I work and continue to better myself this particular prison will never allow me to excel in work assignments, responsibilities, no matter my abilities to perform such assignments.
264. It was a good survey at least my voice gets herd
265. I am suffering with my **[MEDICAL ISSUE]**, I am depressed I lost my grandfather, I MSR **[DATE REDACTED]** so I will be in contact with you as I can show you all of the

- evidence to back up what I say, I speak with **[NAME REDACTED]** from Equip for Equality. "I need help" I am in pain **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]**, I am scarred for my life as I MSR **[DATE REDACTED]**.
266. IDOC has no REAL interest in changing for the better. Any recommendation that come from this survey WILL be disregarded. It always is!
267. 54 people came out for 1 1/2 hours 2x day and prison only have 6 phone for 54 people. And when phones breake, prison takes their sweet time to fix. Some officers even say "I love it" when ofenders fight for phones!!! I would rather have my family visit me on a grave than in this places!! **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Not afraid
268. Thank yall for caring! I hope yall can do something about the problems here!
269. Make I.A stop choosing who get jobs if they cooperate to help them with their duties.
270. I've been in a few IDOC prisons and this is the worst one. Not saying it's super bad, but its the worst. Compared to DCC, LCC, SCC & JCC.
271. I would just like the facility to be more consistent.
272. Healthcare sucks they give you the run around untill you except your problem or just give up all together could use alot of improvement
273. officers retaliate to some of prisonors paper work that we prisonors put in on them.
274. Why do you guys waist your time. with this survey. this means nothing to these white people!
275. Commissary charges more than the 25% I got the commissary contract + wholesale price list through a foia request to springfield. IRCC denies it has items above the 25% limit. Calculators dont lie! Sex offenders can only get good-time if they take (vstop) program in Taylorville or Big Muddy CC. They aint transferred 1 person to either prison since Covid started. My mom calls springfield 2-3 times per week. All they do is lie + spin her. They wont send a bus to Taylorville but have sent 12 +/- to Jacksonville, Vienna + Southwestern in the last month.
276. The medical here is not worth anything. I have many medical issues, even one where they took me out of my cell on a gurney, and have not seen a doctor in 9 months. Have to go to sick call to get medicines updated.
277. The criteria to get a job down here is rediculous. You have to be a saint and if you had a discipline history 10 years ago, you not allow to work the good paying jobs. There is little to no programs for individuals to better themselves
278. Mental health needs to have more of a say so and imput! Mental health are the "only" ones who are genuinely understanding of our status, and what we need! Staff (officers) are 'not' sensitive or understanding enough. All they want to do is either "hurt" individuals in custody, by ganging up with excessive force, spray mase, or put hands on inmates, we need individuals around us who look like us, as far as race! Illinois River has "no" Black or Hispanic Staff! All whites who are either racist, or who has "never" been around black/brown people, so they have a negative perspective or pre-conceived notion.
279. Im glad someone cares to see how we are being treated. Thank you
280. Only people with 85% get jobs at this prison, they have 1 to 4 programs, the counselor don't work with you here, they block people visits for no reasons this prison is bogus all in all.

281. Hopefully this help make a change
282. Look into this prison! Alot of what they do very illegal!
283. Please do something about this place **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
284. I **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** had a seizure in my cell on **[DATE REDACTED]** my cell mate called for help nobody came when **[NAME REDACTED]** came to he and his cell mate told the Sgt. **[NAME REDACTED]** needed help Sgt. **[REDACTED]** told **[NAME REDACTED]** he look fine to him and closed the food port in **[NAME REDACTED]** face when **[NAME REDACTED]** wrote a grievance on Sgt. **[REDACTED]** his actions were covered up and supported dispite the doctor stated **[NAME REDACTED]** was not playing games. What **[NAME REDACTED]** had to do in order to get medical treatment was inhumane. On **[DATE REDACTED]** a nurse tried to snatch some meds out of **[NAME REDACTED]** hand and slapped **[NAME REDACTED]** hand down, nobody cared that the nurse assaulted **[NAME REDACTED]**, it was covered up and story twisted they charged **[NAME REDACTED]** with an attempted staff assault, **[NAME REDACTED]** demanded that the camera footage show that he never swung on the nurse, but rather the nurse came charging at him swing and slapped the back of **[NAME REDACTED]** hand, but as i said it got covered up and none of the inmate witnesses were interviewed, and the nurse never state or wrote that **[NAME REDACTED]** swung on her. Yet I was punished and no matter who I complaint to about this racial injustice the warden and nobody else care. They claim that the video was "obscured" how convenient and took the officer word who repeatedly lied. And they claim the nurse don't work here nomore since that night. So they can't ask her what took place. But yet I was still found guilty of an attempt staff assault and punished with no victim making such a claim, the video camera suddenly couldn't see and theres several camera's
285. If you are a sex offender and or a Y# staff treat you like shit
286. N/A
287. You'al need to start doing your job like you use too back in the 80's Thank you
288. I hope by doing this survey that it will contribute to change.
289. More program for rehabilitation
290. Thanks for the survey I hope this lead to some changes also they just started this progressive discipline thing so if you check youll see theres people who for years haven't gotten tickets are now getting them which stops you from getting a job or transferring or anything for 6 months to a year depending on minor or major
291. Medical treatment is a big problem went out for surgery yesterday back at 12 PM and only got checked on once by NP and I was givin **[MEDICATIONS REDACTED]** after surgery. They need to stop giving these guys all the drugs they do thats a major issue in IDOC mental health will give them, then more people take them that done need them just to get high than people who do.
292. I work in dietary and have been for a year now and it is disgusting! Cockroaches are literally everywhere! The place is in horrible condition. If the health dept. were to visit a place like this in the "outside" world it would be shut down right away.

- 293. People who was charge or have a sex offense should be treated with respect and should have a chance to get jobs like commissary jobs. work in bakery, wearhouse jobs.
- 294. Thank you for helping us. Ive been lock up 20 yr: The last 3 yrs was the hardest cause of covid and no programs and schooling
- 295. Refer to question 12 and make visits go back to normal also put phones on the tablets
- 296. No transparency from healthcare the counselors lie to you plus there quick to let you out your cells late but then rush you to lock up 5 minutes early and a lack of communication between staff and inmate
- 297. I feel like for the survey you guys should take away Q1 about age because its like you guys are trying to see what age groups say what & see if that particular group will all say the same thing. Everytime these surveys come around I do them but I feel you guys dont seem to care to bring change to this facility & if anything this facility dont got worst over the years because no one on the outside is bringing attention to these type of facilities.
- 298. I hate the river C/Os are disrespectful, u cant get a job or program, u cant contact your family on Cgrade or use the kiosk there is also multiple other things
- 299. Do things in uniform and by S.O.P. to much of this C/O does it this way and this C/O does it another way or is just an all around asshole for no good reason
- 300. Staff is rude and dont help at all. They make time harder and longer. Please help
- 301. Stop people from raping me please!!
- 302. This prison has so many inmates housed with mentally ill inmates and those inmates are forced to deal with the behaviors of those incompatent inmates - instead of the mental health staff evaluating the mental health inmates and properly housing them alone or with someone compatible.
- 303. Is ok of you to get some time asking of our well being and to try to do life better for us because the way they doing things to us is more like, vengance against us, or a punishment in the form of retaliation and not of correction like its supposed to be.
- 304. They need to have an all sex offender wing program unit because majority of prisons have a lot of sex offenders and trust me we all get bullied and get into fights because someone always has something to say and prove. Have appropriate staff who are indifferent to these cases because they make it hard for us if they do.
- 305. Have the opportunity to have access to one's support system, ex. provide more phones or give the chance to call via GTL tablet. Have more diversity in regards to staff. Too much discrimination, officers are not held accountable for actions that are contrary to their rules +. regulations. They often lie in order to administer disiplinary actions towards inmates
- 306. State doing a poor job, let the feds take over!
- 307. They need to do better with helping inmate even if we go through offical channels things don't get done. When Springfield come around we can't even talk to the people to let them know what can be done to make it better cause they shut down all movement

- 308. You should be able to receive video visits from family in restrictive housing. (C-grade wing)
- 309. The food need to get better also we need to be treated equally the staff need to do their jobs without being told they have after so many times!
- 310. please do something about this inhumane prison
- 311. The more you mess up, the more you get your way. It's backwards! Needs better health unit! [ID REDACTED]
- 312. When your on B grade you get 2 calls a month that's not right who's gone be able to know I'm ok when I have no contact to the outside world
- 313. This does not really ask what needs to be asked.
- 314. Summertime so hot. No air flow or A/C. We have windows that open but if there's no wind outside we swelter inside. As soon as it gets hot the inmates become more hostile and angry. They also monitor the control of Ice we get and officers stop coming on wing due to how hot it is. They will run in to sign the book and get back in the bubble where there's A/C. It's rare to see officers in the summer. Which becomes a free for all inmates.
- 315. Thank you for the opportunity to get to the root issues.
- 316. I hate how IDOC is so quick to enforce rules but don't have that same energy when it comes to actually helping us improve. Everything IDOC do is to keep us unhealthy mentally, physically and emotionally. There is no real help in this place
- 317. they talk to any kind of way & treat you like shit they fuck up your calculation shit then blame Springfield instead of fixing the problem it takes forever to get mail in here
- 318. I would like for them to get more jobs to inmates and have some support groups or some kind of therapy for people with problems of PTSD. Thank you.
- 319. My suggestions or ideas don't matter. This envelope will never get to you.
- 320. they need more personnel that way they run more efficiently on everything

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

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

- 1. [White & Black] Bi racial
- 2. [Other] Indigenous American
- 3. [Other] African American
- 4. [Other] Transgender
- 5. [Blank] African American
- 6. [Other] White/Nat Amer mix
- 7. [Blank] African American

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

1. [Yes] 6-months
2. [Yes & No] Clemency?
3. [No] 3yrs

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

1. [Blank] This is my first time
2. [No] 26

Q5. What housing status are you on?

1. [Other] I'm on a normal wing, but quarantined because my cellmate who've they moved caught Covid. So now I'm being punished w/ less dayroom than everyone else and I'm double vaccinated, and Covid free.
2. [General Population] Just got out today from RH
3. [Blank] I have no idea

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

1. [No] Lockdown 4/5th/23
2. [Yes] 3 hrs
3. [Yes] barely though
4. [Yes] for the moment
5. [Yes] finally
6. [No] Only 1 1/2 in the morning and 1 1/2 at night
7. [Yes] SOMETIMES
8. [Yes] 1 1/2 hour of 2 dayrooms a day
9. [Yes] I work in the kitchen
10. [No] This is something that needs to be addressed!

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

1. [Neither] Major ticket stop job assignment for one year from the date
2. [Neither] I'm not allow to work here
3. [School Assignment] Soon Automotive Vocational Class
4. [Neither] Yet!
5. [Neither] say I have too much time

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. [A] most staff

I receive support from staff when I need it.

1. [A] 1/2
2. [SD] very poor
3. [A] most time
4. [SA] Some!

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

1. [D] I am treated fairly but I have seen others not be
2. [Blank] Some of them
3. [Blank] Some of them
4. [SD] Hold your case against you
5. [A] most times
6. [SD] Most

I trust the officers

1. [D] Trust is earned never had to find out
2. [A] most
3. [SA] No
4. [SD] Only a few

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

1. [N] Some
2. [D] not always
3. [D] Only a few

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

1. [D] and then you have to constantly do it over + over - sometimes not results or "proper"
2. [N] need to tell many times
3. [N] need to tell many times
4. [A] Some times
5. [SD] Straight to the Warden
6. [SA] no matter what it's hard to get anything done
7. [A] most time

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

1. [SD] No my grandfather was on hospice & passed they would not give me access to a phone to make a collect call I ask counselor [REDACTED] at Illinois River CC [NAME, ID, AND HOUSING REDACTED]
2. [A] A couple of officers

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.

1. [A & N] Not Always
2. [Blank] not medically

I am treated as a person of value

1. [SD] Most staff Believe I'm Guilty

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

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading

1. [A] so so

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

1. [A] Inmates
2. [A] so so
3. [N] At the moment
4. [D] Not me, in general
5. [N] it varies

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations

1. [N] so so
2. [Blank] not really

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.

1. [A] They have experience but don't utilize the value of it.
2. [A] so so
3. [N] They suppose to but they don't care
4. [SD] Dont even put lid on ice chest
5. [Blank] not always applied

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

1. [SD] Punishment First here.
2. [N] not sure about this
3. [A] Some times
4. [D] sometimes

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people

1. [A] They are human and react to how we treat them
2. [D] not really
3. [D] Some times
4. [N] sometimes
5. [Blank] some
6. [Blank] some are

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

1. [SA] Actually you have to ask the right person but won't send you to them though
2. [D] most of the time no
3. [SA] and ask
4. [Blank] in some instances

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.

1. [D] They do their best they can with that

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

1. [D] I do it in spite
2. [SA] Yes - even if I'm not eligible for a particular program, risk assessment etc. due to MSR date
3. [A] after 24 years so-so
4. [SD] For me no school no programs
5. [SA] because I dont **[ILLEGIBLE]** be back
6. [SA] only cause I want to
7. [SA] Jail in of itself does regardless of treatment

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.

1. [N] some times
2. [A] short timers and workers

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [Blank] Anything is possible... despite unjust + unfair situations
2. [SA] my past can't change
3. [A] supposed to be reward for good behavior and are not

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

1. [A] At times
2. [A] Should have stayed in max instead of med

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

1. [SA] Incentive based model programming doesn't exist – although its suppose to...
2. [D] Not really

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

1. [N] I do things on my own
2. [D] I make the best out of any situation
3. [SA] You can't work or go to school Even then its for 60 days hard to get hired unless you're white, latino, or telling on somebody.
4. [D] working is the best thing to do
5. [SA] Exactly
6. [A & D] Waited 3 years for automotive to restart after covid shutdown!
7. [SA] No Programs

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

1. [A] inmates are friends with staff
2. [A] inmates are friends with staff
3. [D] not these days
4. [SD] Racist C/Os
5. [SD] Officers
6. [A] snitches!
7. [SD] except for rats
8. [SA] workers get others workers Jobs

This prison is well organized.

1. [N & D] yes and no
2. [N] No

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

1. [D] Some
2. [A] most of the time
3. [A] some
4. [D] some do
5. [SA] ME, yes

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms

1. [A] yes
2. [D] when push the button they won't come in time
3. [SD] some one died

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

1. [N] Only if it is the right person They don't send you to them
2. [A] best way to do it
3. [SD] I have to have family call.
4. [A] Only if It's the new Warden
5. [D] Sometimes I can
6. [Blank] hit or miss

You never know the rules

1. [A] Rules change without warning
2. [A] Staff memos are secretive - so Yes...
3. [SA] Their behind
4. [SA] changing
5. [A] poor notification

My experience in this prison is painful.

1. [D] just have to take one day at a time
2. [SA] Stayed at Lawrence
3. [Blank] overall no at times yes

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.

1. [SA] snitches workers inmates
2. [SA] Only by guards we don't care.
3. [N] some times
4. [A] Yes, if you're a snitch

The disciplinary system is fair

1. [N] To inconsistent
2. [N] seems to be
3. [SD] Hell no
4. [SD] NO!

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

1. [SA] One who is the guards teachers pet does what he wants
2. [D] not really
3. [SA & D] Some people do
4. [N] Sometimes structure with inmates is best!
5. [SA] Selling laundry soap, fact should be used equally
6. [D] only if they telling
7. [SA] Informers

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

1. [N & D] some times

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.

1. [A] It is used mostly as an excuse to prevent beginning Educational, Mental Health Programs. "Staff shortage" - but it isn't a shortage.
2. [SA] especially medical

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

1. [SA] No matter what!!!
2. [A] If allowed the programs school
3. [SD] This place hold your past Against you Unless I.A. say other wise!
4. [N] No - Programs here
5. [SD] not given opportunity cause of my time
6. [SD] Illinois River is "not" giving individuals in custody positive thing or outlets to do we are confined too much!

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. [A] It's impossible to humanize warehousing to employees who earn a livelihood
2. [A & D] I'm out the way mostly

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

1. [D] I've done it for **[20+]** years just fine
2. [SA] Once one get a Job He gets the Next hired
3. [N] Some do
4. [SD] Never

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.

1. [SD] The phone
2. [N] Medication can
3. [SA] psych meds
4. [N] don't know
5. [SA & SD] Yes [Drugs cause a lot of problems] No [between incarcerated people]
6. [D] There non

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.

1. [A] so so
2. [SD] One guy threaten celly and got right out of seg. He was a worker **[HOUSING REDACTED]** Kept his Job
3. [D] can't regulate it

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.

1. [SA] We're slaves
2. [SA] YES!
3. [N & D] 1/2 and 1/2
4. [A] Not all
5. [SA] !!!

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

1. [D] You have to jump through hoops to get approved for visits. I have to sign out a visitor list and then they also do.
2. [SD] Too many bogus tickets
3. [A] Twice a week
4. [A] somewhat
5. [SD] The Phones
6. [SD] No phones for "so called" restricted housing months at a time!!!
7. [SD] I havent been able to call anyone in a month

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

1. [N & D] 1/2 and 1/2

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.

1. [SD] Hell no
2. [SD] My Uncle died and couldn't use phone
3. [SD] Piss poor

This is a humane prison.

1. [SD] Hell no
2. [SD] Hell n'all
3. [A] guess so
4. [SD] spiders, roaches, mold, vent-dust
5. [SD] Incompetent prison
6. [SD] inhumane

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

1. [SA] 21+ hours a day locked in.
2. [SA] Need more yard time!! Two hours a week don't cut it!
3. [SA] No Programs
4. [SA] Yes Yes Yes
5. [SA] 21 hours a day

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

1. [A] Unless you need medical to start drugs takes to long
2. [A] seems to be
3. [A] for the most
4. [SD] staff will hurt you

Mental health treatment is available.

1. [N] Need more staff every year same excuse.
2. [A] Not treatment, just communication and drugs
3. [N] Don't know
4. [SD] If you can get it
5. [SD] Dont come Around
6. [SD] Can not get seen
7. [D] Not really
8. [A] But its not affective
9. [SD] My grandpa passed I asked for help with contact with family to make phone calls.
10. [SD] Absolutely not

This prison is better now than it was last year.

1. [SA] Covid restrictions are being lifted
2. [D] worse every year on #8
3. [SA] Thanks to New warden
4. [A] Covid though
5. [N] after Covid protocols anything is better
6. [SD] Worse

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

1. [SD] !!!
2. [SD] They don't care
3. [SD] No programs

I am satisfied with food from dietary.

1. [D] little portions and often cooked terribly
2. [SD] Sucks short trays
3. [SD] !!!
4. [SD] Yuck
5. [D] uncooked meats
6. [SD] Absolutely not

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

1. [SD] Only starting in April was once every 5 days
2. [A] Yes but two hours is not enough, max given you a lot more, why is that?
3. [D] Work
4. [SD] Nope not at all
5. [N] recently
6. [D] Maybe now
7. [A] Cause they haff to give it!

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. [7] Is going up as Covid is going away
2. [Blank] it is my first so I dont know
3. [Blank] it is my first so I don't know
4. [7 + 8] ?
5. [1] Everyone is here for a paycheck not the care of individuals in custody! They treat us like animals, feed us like animals, an belittle us by tone! There is no rehabilitation, no skills program, individuals are released an haven't been helped just giving time. Everyone is not on drugs! More programs need better training for officers!
6. [1] Incompetent prison Backwards "see" Lippert vs Baldwin & Rasho
7. [5] About 50% fair
8. [Blank] 0
9. [1] Most staff are extreme Racists! My counselor told me the last Warden said I can not work here - An old Staff Assault ([DATE REDACTED, 10+ yrs prior]) A simple Janitorial Job in the living unit So I am Just doing time here - (Warden now) I requested to be sent back to Lawrence CC
10. [3] Illinois River
11. [3] I am a lifer there are no programs for lifer's or schooling job are limited
12. [1] -10
13. [Blank] 666
14. [6] Best of the 12 facilities me been in
15. [1] It's really a negative please help us

Miscellaneous Comments

1. Illinois River Correctional Center
2. Industry workers = Privileged Gets everything! Sex offenders = no programs. Need more out-of-cell time! More programs - college classes - voc classes. Hands on training ect. ect. Equal opportunity for "everyone," not just the chosen few!
3. [NAME, ID, AND HOUSING REDACTED]
4. [NAME AND ID REDACTED]
5. Mr. This is all Bad (Remember that name) We'll be speaking further, so keep this!
6. [NAME AND ID REDACTED] P.O. Box 999, Canton, IL 61520
7. [Re Quality of Prison Life] No such thing in here.

8. John Howard is a joke you don't help us at all!
9. **[NAME REDACTED]** of (I.R.C.C.)
10. Sincerely, **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** of Illinois River
11. Thank you for your time and consideration on All of these things. Have A Wonderful Day.
12. I want to know if you received this **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**. Illinois River C.C.
13. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
14. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
15. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Illinois River C.C.
16. Seen People in here to see. because if you want the truth yourself? come and look.
17. There is no positive life in prison or negative it's just being locked up, That's Not Good.
18. My thought on this survey, is make improvement by getting programs, and work assignment, and build better relationships with staff and incarcerated people. Respect go along way. And not hold the rules over someone head.
19. Hlep
20. I'm filling this out but what are you going to do, Nothing!!!! Yep
21. Illinois River C.C.
22. There are no programs here, no substance abuse, no rehabilitation, we get no response from request slips, it feels like a dead end situation here! Been approved for transfer for 1 year and am still waiting!
23. I was awarded, by a jury, in damages trial on **[DATE REDACTED]**, **[\$[REDACTED]**. This for the State Warden **[REDACTED]**, and I.A. Lt. **[REDACTED]**. placing me in segregation, retaliatory transfer. See **[CASE INFO REDACTED]** in the U.S. Central District, Peoria County. I won the precedence setting the First Amendment case allowing the Illinois Department of Corrections Prison to talk with his family about conditions of confinement. The prisoner's right to run a website page. To expose their treatment to the public instantly. Then check out the **[CASE AND COURT INFO REDACTED]**. See me at the **[REDACTED]** websites and podcast.
24. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
25. HELP US PLEASE GOD HELP US.
26. MAGA, TRUMP 24, STOP THE STEAL, BUILD THAT WALL, Q, WITCH HUNT, ACQUIT MR TRUMP, MAGA, TRUMP 24
27. Staff hurting people
28. STOP THE STEAL, TRUMP 24, WITCHHUNT, TRUMP 24, FOX News, Q, TRUMP 24, China virus was man made released on Americans, WIKILEAKS, TRUMP 24
29. Please help us at Illinois River C.C.
30. If you are on C-grade for 3, 4, 5 months they will not give you a C-grade or B-grade reduction from your good behavior. In my **[5+]** years of being at this place I believed this prison need to be shut down for, the way their culture are. Which is excessive punishment, cruelty, modern day slavery, disrespect, racist, they feel superior, they treat us like we are not human, the rules change everyday, they is not fair, they do things because there are not consequences or penalties for them, I.A retaliate when we write a grievance by holding our mail, shaking our cells down, blocking numbers & contacts on the kiosk for no reason. This prison need to be thoroughly investigated &

shut down because this prison is not about rehabilitation to reduce the rate of recidivism. They run this prison like a plantation modern day slavery all about excessive punishment & cruelty. HELP! PLEASE!

31. It's not how I feel about a person. Or, this prison. It's about is they the officer doing they jobs right?
32. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
33. From: **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
34. My name is **[REDACTED, ID REDACTED]** Just wan to make sure that you get this mail. If you have any questions let me know **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** PO Box 999, Canton, IL 61520. Thank you



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