
**Survey Comment
Report**



Shawnee Correctional Center 2023 MQPL Survey Comments

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Introduction

Shawnee Correctional Center is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed approximately 1,533 people on January 3, 2023. The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short [Measuring the Quality of Prison Life](#) (MQPL) survey by providing enough survey packets (consisting of the [MQPL survey](#), an informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and a privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person incarcerated at Shawnee had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 525 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Shawnee through May 24, 2023, representing approximately 34% 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. I'm alive but I'm living
2. I'm alive, but not living
3. Commissary if they have laundry soap or deoderant that actually works.
4. being here in this hell makes us think about all the thing you didnt value when being free
5. Nothing much honestly. I hold on to alot of hope of what my life will be after leaving Shawnee. But my stay here has been grossly unproductive. I transferred from another prison and things have gotten worse since I've been here.
6. there aint anything positive about Shawnee at all
7. None
8. Nothing in Shawnee, besides my outdate!

9. free GED classes, library books, access to mental health counselors but need more of that.
10. Staying to yourself and staying the fuck out the way
11. There is really anything positive, because of the friendships + family units within this prison, which cause alot of trun eye to a lot of things!! (If you see something, say something) or you are just as wrong as the individual.
12. None so far... Going to church when called over
13. The environment and maintenance of prison is so poor it makes time harder than it should be. Makes men not want to come back.
14. Shawnee have nothing positive about it. I been here a year with any tickets still have gotting a job or school, programs.
15. The inmates are pretty laid back, not a lot of fighting going on.
16. I have been here for 2 years and I have experienced positive things from the chapel and no place else.
17. My TV, my outdate, contact with my family
18. you can stay to your self and not be bothered by people, we see the nurse when we need it, having a TV to see the outside world helps a lot.
19. Chapel, library, mental healthcare, and for the most part, healthcare. Good counselors who through.
20. Nothing at all. They treat it like a level 5 prison
21. Outdate
22. access to cleaning supplies weekly to clean cells.
23. we get cable most of the time.
24. Nothing
25. This is a fair prison and staff are equally fair.
26. The movie channel.
27. Nothing at all unless you get high. And when you get an opportunity to shower.
28. Chaplain is the only thing positive. Our chaplain lady is the only one who encourages us.
29. Nothing
30. Officers don't care about people staying out of the cell even when is treated as a scape, so people open the doors to be out all the time.
31. Don't have to worry about being harmed or hurt in any way.
32. Right now, I am single celled... stay tuned!!!
33. Quality care provided by staff. Pushing inmates to succeed. Phone time and units with family! Leisure time activities!
34. The most positive thing is me maturing, and keeping myself sane anything negative I turn it to a positive.
35. There aren't any. Things change daily and from person to person, nothing is consistent and it's obvious they don't care about you and don't want to help you in any way. This place is hell.
36. The other inmates and I have a good celly.
37. That I have finaly after 3 years got in to school.
38. Life and the opportunity to rehabilitate myself
39. Nothing at all!
40. The phones are cheap for calls. They don't shake you down too much. They have a lot of sport channels.
41. they create no positive things for us to learn from, look forward to or do period here at Shawnee.
42. There is no positive things at Shawnee.

43. It's shit!!!
44. They offer nothing
45. The most positive things about life in here are learning more of how to have respect for myself more and others.
46. I get to call my family twice a week, if there is a phone available!
47. To change be better with my life.
48. There is nothing positive about this place
49. We can talk in line. That's it
50. Since I'm not generally a troublemaker, the C/Os don't really pick on me or have any need to pay any attention to me
51. Self reflecting time. Time to think about on what wrong.
52. The guards aren't abusive? There aren't many things positive.
53. Nothing man this prison is bogus as fuck
54. The lack of opportunity and poor treatment makes the conscious individual never want to return to such environments.
55. Nothing!
56. Outdate
57. Nothing
58. Staying in contact with the outside is pretty easy.
59. The prisoners get along well.
60. There aren't any. Seriously!!!
61. If you leave people alone, you will be left alone. (can be positive and negative)
62. Nothing, you are in prison! Nothing is positive about be in prison!
63. That everyone here has an outdate.
64. Understanding your freedom
65. None
66. Every day that I see a new day, I'm one step closer to leaving this prison and the IDOC as a whole.
67. Nothing
68. One day it will end.
69. Going home to my family
70. You still breathing.
71. Nothing we are treated like animals
72. N/A
73. Communication with family
74. There is no positive things besides waiting on my outdate. Not enough programs, school, jobs.
75. nothing
76. Time to reflect, and plan – moving forward
77. none
78. The ample time you have to evaluate your life, and all the things in it!
79. That it save me from the street crime
80. Nothing
81. Nothing literally
82. early phones
83. My personal studies and my job here. The nurses are friendly and talk to me like a person. The mental health staff treat us well. I took a class on anxiety which I used to take medication and enjoyed the class.
84. None
85. Mental health!

- 86. nothing
- 87. You can get yourself together
- 88. Nothing. I tried to think of one positive thing about this place but couldn't come up with anything. This place is hell.
- 89. There is nothing positive about life in this prison. Seriously. It's hot water and is able to take a shower once a day. The lighting works. The toilet flushes. Laundry is done 2 times a week.
- 90. Slim - NONE
- 91. none
- 92. nothing at all
- 93. Get to rehab yourself. Clean system. Focus on yourself. Clear mind
- 94. Being here at Shawnee there is nothing positive about this. Prison, can't get into programs or school can't get into anything. It's nothing positive about this prison.
- 95. nothing
- 96. nothing
- 97. N/A
- 98. Time to think.
- 99. It teaches me to be very creative in finding opportunities while living in an environment of extreme want, just to survive.
- 100. The emails are received pretty fast.
- 101. NONE
- 102. Nothing
- 103. Positive?? I'm in prison!!!
- 104. Staff member try's to help you, all their able too!
- 105. The ability to get outside education from non-prison sources. **[PERSONAL INFORMATION REDACTED]**
- 106. Nonetng
- 107. The potential of bringing forth civil litigation
- 108. I have had time to get sober and really think about my life.
- 109. the guards don't enforce any rules & basically let you do whatever. Fighting, sex, drugs, drinking, you name it
- 110. not to come back!
- 111. you get food and a place to sleep
- 112. Privacy in cell.
- 113. The day you get transfered or released from here
- 114. This prison has a few vocational classes available. This prison has an industry (metal fabrication) that is vital to all IDOC prisons plus it is considered a program for vocational training and good-time credits.
- 115. 1) How I had been missing God in my life. 2) How quickly you realize that you made a bad choice and how your life has changed forever.
- 116. It offers some programs. **[NAME REDACTED]** school teacher.
- 117. I'm not starving to death.
- 118. There are none for the majority of us. Bad food, no yard. No school college. No higher education (Pell grants). No job opportunities.
- 119. Nothing!!!!
- 120. Nothing
- 121. With food portions being a third of what they should be, I don't have to be concerned with getting fat.
- 122. The cable provider
- 123. Nothing

- 124. NONE
- 125. There are some staff who actually seem to care. There are actually some inmates who are actually kind. The Chaplin is also helpful though her hands are tied. The mental health dept is helpful
- 126. Getting the chance to realize the things you've done & strategize ways to change your behavior.
- 127. They do have some programs that can help upon release
- 128. N/A
- 129. You're joking, right?
- 130. Health cares
- 131. You get time away from all the distractions of everyday life to actually think about whats your purpose in life and to build your relationship with God.
- 132. They have cable T.V.
- 133. Hard to find something honestly.
- 134. nothing in this prison only get commissary 1 time a month and take forever to get job or into programs
- 135. Being able to sit back and reflecte on life.
- 136. I believe that the ONLY positive thing about this prison is that the people in custody here is relatively safe from serious bodily harm. Most incidents are one-on-one fist-fights, and even that is kind of rare here.
- 137. NONE. This place didnt help me with drug edjucation. I couldn't see a dentist in the year and a half Ive been here they screwed me on my good-time for school.
- 138. The cruel conditions here in this prison motivates me to do more positive things when I am release
- 139. This prison no meaningfully positive aspects it's simply a prison—do time get out—hope you don't come back
- 140. There are little or no lifers here so most have an outdate
- 141. Just doing your time getting back home
- 142. There Nothing positive, I'm 50% and no tickets, and can't even get a job. most people here that has job is 100% or 85% the can't even get good-time
- 143. The lights work. The grass is green. The mold doesnt kill you... Instantly
- 144. I will be lieing If I told you its something positive about this prison
- 145. Can do art work
- 146. For me personally the nursing staff take good care of me and help me as much as possible.
- 147. Nothing
- 148. That this Medium prison will teach some people not to come back just because of the conditions of the prison.
- 149. If you look hard enough there are inmates who are trying to be better men. Inmates that care about getting out and staying out.
- 150. N/A
- 151. I have an outdate.
- 152. I am alive
- 153. For me, it has helped me open my eyes and realize I don't need to drink all the time, and to think first before I react to things.
- 154. Zero! Nothing! Can't get job because Inmates serving 85% or 100% get all the jobs, and programs. Which take the places of ppl that can use immediately.
- 155. Nothing!
- 156. If you are able to get into a college class it is very positive.

157. There honestly isn't anything positive about life in this prison, besides using the phone on your phone day.
158. I'm still alive, well! thanks the lord for continue to let me be in my children lives.
159. None
160. The morale is so low with the officers due to the vaccine mandate that they are against the Admin more than they are against us. At least for now.
161. Nothing. All you have to look forward to is phone calls n commissary. But phones are hard to get on cuz they r always broke n commissary has really nothing they give us stuff the state is pose to give us but instead we have to pay for it
162. Don't really have a specific answer for this particular question! (that means it's bad here.)
163. That I'm alive
164. Time to reflect and make decisions about your future as a civilian when your time comes
165. None
166. HAHAAHA nothing
167. I have realized how much my family means to me
168. The chance to think about what I want in life. The sober-mind I now have. The few yards/gym. The shitty food. The maybe once a month commissary.
169. None. Transferring
170. Honestly IDK, probally just the fact I run into friends and I have a tablet.
171. There is NONE!
172. I can't say anything positive about life in Shawnee correctional center.
173. Absolutely Nothing!
174. Nothing
175. The journey you take will make you or break you. You either fall or stand. You have time to think and do better and you see which by your ride.
176. Only thing positive is getting out of this prison.
177. Being a cell all day gives you time to think about your future
178. Nothing is positive, we are denied access to programs such as school.
179. every once in a while staff is nice.
180. Nothing in this prison is positive, they don't help you with anything.
181. There is none in this prison, the only time you might get close to it is when your going home.
182. The guards pretty much leave us to our own devices.
183. None
184. There honestly are no positive things here none.
185. Nothing...
186. There is no positive things in this prison there no program's and it hard to get a job
187. Staff doesn't single me out
188. Nothing, Staff treat you like crap. They don't feed you hardly at all and at Shawnee C.C. They price gouge your commissary only get yard and gym 3 or less of time pur month They have no programs even tho they say they do and only work certin inmates ect
189. For the most part security is laid back. They dont sweat the small stuff and let me do my time. They can be strict when its called for but most of the time things seem to run smooth and efficient.
190. The yard is big
191. NONE
192. ???

193. They do keep the fights to a minimum.
194. nothing is positive about this. no help, nothing. I only have 12 months left and they doing nothing to help me be a better person for the world
195. The cable when it works! Paid for, by the inmate trust fund.
196. 1) you go home one day 2) you talk to your family 3) you work out
197. Not much; however, the current state of prison life provides a strong incentive not only to gain one's freedom (legally), but also to work on rehabilitation of self to stay out of prison for good
198. Nothing at all.
199. I am fed enough calories to not lose weight (without exercise).
200. Nothing
201. Nothing because its paletcal
202. Nothing at all is positive here in Shawnee C.C. The food is beyond terrible. It is impossible to get into any schooling, Voc classes are to obtain a job because the staff just keeps rotating the same inmates
203. God wakes me up. If I really thought something would be done to correct the problems I would speak. I been all over since [DATE REDACTED, 20+ YEARS]. This place Shawnee is the worst.
204. Being on a personal spiritual journey
205. None
206. There is nothing positive about being in prison. In general, it sows distrust and paranoia of those in power and teaches how to better get away with actions undetected.
207. Nothing
208. One day I will be released
209. None
210. Sucking dick
211. i dont think of one
212. Nothing at all!! Shawnee is a Hell on Earth!
213. Nothing. Just the days go by for me anyway.
214. Nothing, you can't get a job, ya can't go to school, No self help groups. They've won't answer your questions or complaints
215. Individual showers, with curtains
216. There none here and Shawnee Correctional Cent it hard for Individual whit 50% to get in school job programming it more put whit 85% whit jobs school programming they can't even get good-time.
217. Really there is none, I guess at least you get fed 3 times a day with a roof over yo head
218. I get the change to attend Church once in a while.
219. To be honest their isnt any positive things here In Shawnee Corr Center. You cant get no help to better your situation school or nothing saying you have to much time.
220. There isn't really nothing positive about this prison.
221. I'm one of the few lucky ones who has a job and goes to school. However, I can't get good-time since I am 85%.
222. Having an outdate of release
223. The staff are more concerned about slacking off than doing their jobs, so people can break rules constently. Gambling constantly.
224. Plenty of tight virgin asses to forcibly penetrate. Its okay and normal to use racial slurs. I can stab people and not get in trouble. Can always suck or fuck your way to a job

- 225. Having my family in my corner.
- 226. Looking forward to liveing life when you get out
- 227. Nothing at all
- 228. I have an outdate. Im still alive.
- 229. Realizing how bad i didnt want to be here or any other prison!
- 230. The phones to call family and loved ones. The ability to have a TV.
- 231. We all have a out day
- 232. Nothing, maybe healthcare for homeless people
- 233. The Chapel
- 234. Support system
- 235. None. The guard beat me up an got away with it. i have a head injury. i am hand cap
- 236. Nothing is positive about this prison
- 237. Cleaning my body of Drugs
- 238. NONE.
- 239. in my opinion it is the mental & health programs
- 240. The friendlyness of the staff
- 241. They play good movies on the prison channel
- 242. There is nothing positive about this prison no programs bad food and locked in our cell most of the day.
- 243. That god allowed me to wake up this morning.
- 244. There none, because we are not giving the opportunity.
- 245. The staff is generally lenient. Because of this they rarely want to discipline. This makes the general population less tense which allows for a more peaceful time here.
- 246. I can't think of one.
- 247. cant think of one
- 248. We get gym and yard more than 5 time's a month.
- 249. Nothing other than Chapal is being ran good.
- 250. Dayroom.
- 251. They have programs to help you, but they find reasons not to give you an oppertunity to better yourself
- 252. Nothing really besides im able to read
- 253. For those who actually get into a program, the prison follows through.
- 254. That I'm able to talk to my mother everyday
- 255. There is nothing positive about this place!!!!
- 256. getting out twice a day to make calls and shower
- 257. Don't come back at all
- 258. Nothing
- 259. Having an outdate
- 260. The staff does not shakedown.
- 261. Heat in the winter, Keeps rain off head, there is food
- 262. Treatment, alone time!
- 263. Truth be told it's all about how and what you make of it
- 264. Nothing
- 265. Very peaceful between guards. They have the best industry but its impossible to get in.
- 266. Makes you think about not comeing back
- 267. Nothing because I don't have an opportunity to work or go to school.
- 268. None
- 269. If you get a job then you can stay busy.

270. The cell house mental health professional — **[NAME REDACTED]** — is about the only thing here at Shawnee Corr. Cent. that I can call "positive"
271. I'm still alive & I have an outdate.
272. I am receiving help with most of my problems. Ptsd, grief, depression
273. Nothing positive at all
274. For the most part I feel safe. As bad as it is I know that as long as I don't kill some one, I WILL get out eventually.
275. I am treated so bad I would never come back!
276. You have the time to clear your head, get your mind right, think about how you gon become a better man when you go back home.
277. They have a process in place to ensure every offender has an opportunity to use the phone. Not allowing any one to monopolize.
278. It gives you time to think about what you did and how too not do it again. And to plan for your future.
279. The most positive things at this prison is waiting on your release date and getting out of Shawnee C.C.
280. Nothing at all
281. I havent seen any yet.
282. The most positive things about this prison are the massive amounts of time were locked down in our cells because although negative it allows for some privacy and time to think and plan for our futures.
283. Barely anything.
284. School & Working
285. You have time to fully evaluate yourself.
286. That God wake's me up every morning
287. Hustle (buying, and selling) to get by.
288. To focus on my life to what is right and spend more time in the Word of God and speak with anyone and get alone with cellmate.
289. Family coming to visit you.
290. Sadly and truthfully there are none.
291. Theres oxygen and thats infested with mold and rust but Im grateful for it still.
292. I don't like this places
293. That I'll leave here someday
294. Nothing, food is the same everyday, lack of programs, no opportunity to earn good-time, no mental health, and healthcare here at Shawnee is horrible and unhelpful.
295. Having a TV and knowing Im getting out one day, And exersizeing
296. Connecting with my family
297. There is known
298. talking with my family
299. I don't know
300. There is nothing positive about life here at Shawnee.
301. Nothing At All
302. Nothing
303. Nothing
304. Speaking for myself, I am an Industry worker so I get to work and get my mind off of the negative aspects of being incarcerated.
305. They help you rehabilitate and getting ready for society through programs & mental health.
306. Nothing
307. literally nothing

308. Nothing. Well that's not true. I have been lucky enough to get a good cell so far. Knock on wood.
309. Chance to think and reflect about what you have done wrong in life and as a human being.
310. The friends I've made.
311. I got good celly's, so far
312. 1. I wake up healthy everyday. 2. Sometimes I can call family (if I don't have to argue over the phone). 3. AA and church services
313. I have a job. I know I'm going home.
314. Cable (A lot of channels), mental health, great counselors
315. I'm able to take a shower, and if I don't have enough food in my box I can eat the nasty chow hall food.
316. Nothing at all!
317. There really isn't, we hardly get any yards, they get canceled all the time
318. You can take a shower everyday, most of the time cold but you get one
319. nothing
320. I'm alive. 3 meals a day
321. I get to wake up and try again.
322. Nothing
323. There is nothing positive about life in this prison.
324. The channels on TV is a large variety
325. I do not come back
326. I know it will be over soon and I'm happy to not be one of the many that has to deal with the way they treat people here!
327. ?
328. Being able to use video visits, call home to family and commissary.
329. Nothing at all
330. We can buy our own tv and tablets and the occasional gym and yard time.
331. NOTHING!!!!!!
332. Nothing is positive about this prison. They keep us from yard, programming, schooling, and transferring to reentry prison that will help leave with positive mindsets.
333. You can get the things you need in help.
334. There is nothing positive about this system besides how they run the phone
335. Shit
336. The most positive thing about prison life in Shawnee CC was this Questionair
337. None
338. None.
339. nothing, being treated and feed like shit
340. That is a very good question. Everything positive in here can be manipulated into a negative and often does. Any programs are done 1/2 ass. Activities are cancelled all the time. Cable channels go out constantly. Healthcare is making some improvements but still falling way short of any decent medical facility, ect...
341. There isn't really anything positive
342. I don't like it
343. None
344. "Nothing"
345. having a TV in the cell
346. I can't think of one for the life of me
347. Since I have a CPAP having my own cell

- 348. Chapel services
- 349. That I am alive
- 350. I have used my time to develop a close relationship w/ God that will help me throughout life.
- 351. Nothing is positive about this prison
- 352. nothing.
- 353. Its nothing positive about life in this prison, this is a very stressful prison.
- 354. You can awake and give thanks to the Lord
- 355. that everyday is one closer to leaving this hellhole
- 356. I know not to do it no more.
- 357. You can change if you want to change
- 358. Nothing is positive here
- 359. NONE
- 360. There is literally Nothing positive about this prison. I've been incarcerated for **[15+]** yrs. I've been to 2 maximum security prisons and I was treated better and the conditions were better. This prison is ran by spiteful, hateful staff who retaliates for the slightest inconvenience or infraction.
- 361. Getting to know God. Working out exersize. Talking to the counselor and staff. Talking on the phone. Taking a shower personal hygienes, keeping the cells clean and wearing the mask.
- 362. That you will be able to go home, one day
- 363. there's nothing really positive to say about this joint but having a contract job. And then they dont even want give us our whole 45 days good-time they wanna only give us 33 days
- 364. Just time to work on self awareness and how to be better than first coming in prison!
- 365. I got sober, and didn't die from drug O.D.
- 366. Time to reflect on ones self and correct its defects
- 367. Once in a while you find some good in hear...
- 368. Nothing, except chapel service if lucky once a month
- 369. This prison does allow incarcerated people to shower twice a day and there is also a good call pass system here at this prison.
- 370. The only good thing that comes to mind is that I don't feel endangered as other prisons.
- 371. nothing
- 372. The staff is good to people who can fallow rules. Staff makes sure everyone get a phone every week. Staff is good at answering questions and/or pointing me in the right direction. Most are friendly and care about people. They are fair. People have good insentives to be good.
- 373. Nothing
- 374. There arent really to many positive things except dayroom and gym and we get gym once every other week.
- 375. Nothing, they have no programs, no drug help, they keep you in a cell. This suppose to be a medium prison. they treat it as a maximum prison. No jobs or opportunity
- 376. Nothing
- 377. None
- 378. 1. The officers are decent & do not antagonize or target 9 out of 10 times. 2. We get to the phone, kiosk at least once a day (most of the times) 3. Mail is on time
- 379. I honestly can not think of 1 single thing. Shawnee Correctional Center needs updated BADLY! No A/C, windows broken and don't close properly or open properly-

- screens ripped, TV channels always out, upper staff has attitude and talk down on you! Nothing good at all!
380. Nothing
381. Nothing at all, we dont do nothing here. We stuck in a cell all day and always on lockdown
382. We go to commissary (once a month)
383. theres really nothing positive one of the worst prisons
384. The day you get out, so you can get them all back.
385. Nothing
386. I get to go to church.
387. Communication to love ones
388. Nothing is positive but what is expected from programs, school.
389. This is my 1st time ever experiencing incarceration in prison. I'm just takin 1 day at a time, stayin in my lane. Hopefully this is the last time. Its ok lesson learned
390. I am here in this prison trying to better myself so I dont reoffend. I have a drug recommendation from court. They do not offer drug program and i am not getting no help to get to a drug program and they wait until you are almost out to put you in school you cant get a degree (aggravating)
391. Nothing much, only the people who they put in the cell with you age wise and case wise some match but very few
392. I am close enough to get visits (when they aren't shut down)
393. Individual showers, no bugs, you have a window. Man, that's it! Nothing else!
394. Change, schooling, missing loved ones, learning how to be patient
395. I a person who has been in IDOC unnecessary at times, took this incarceration more serious, because a lot of things that was organized back then, seems to have its inconvenience. From experience I take this as motivation not to come BACK!!!
396. I am on a wing with several inmates my age.
397. Nothing
398. NA
399. Education, phone calls to loved ones, commissary
400. There is staff whom I call diamonds in the rough who are good people and have given me an opportunity to participate in rehabilitative opportunities in spite of others who would rather I not, due to my offense.
401. "I can not think of any!!!"
402. Nothing really but school and learning and to not come back.
403. Nothing at all
404. I have a out date
405. No automatic count lights.
406. I really can't think of anything positive at this prison.
407. Mental health is ok.
408. Nothing
409. There isn't any positive things about this prison.
410. Shit at all
411. nothing
412. Availability of many TV channels via direct TV
413. The most positive things about life in Shawnee prison is the C/Os leave me alone and thank God my outdated is **[DATE REDACTED]**
414. There's nothing positive about this prison or any prison. They hold up hostage when try to transfer. There not giving us jobs. Their constantly hiring the same individuals.

- 415. There's nothing positive about this prison in Shawnee Correctional Center! The C/Os treat you like shit and talk to you anyway they want to! And the inmates try to start fights with you!
- 416. Able to make friends if you are friendly and not hostile or disrespectful
- 417. NOT ONE THING.
- 418. Going on call passes and walking wiout an escort gives me a sense of freedom.
- 419. Me having a outdate
- 420. Nothing
- 421. None
- 422. Security is not overly taxing, dont shakedown regularly and not to strict on line movements
- 423. Nothing in Shawnee C.C. They provide no help and treat the individuals in custody like crap
- 424. I got a outdate
- 425. Being able to call my family. The issue is, we just dont have enough time out of our rooms so EVERYone has time to talk to their love ones.
- 426. it gives you time to sit down and think about all the stupid things I did and how I can change it
- 427. Their are no positive things. They put who they want into school or work
- 428. As long you keep your head down and your mouth closed, 9 times out of 10 the staff and other inmates will leave you alone.
- 429. School, library
- 430. When I'm able to call my family! The counselors dont help you. I got a call pass to see the counselors and he asked me if it was the first time I've been to prison. I have a **[ID FIRST LETTER REDACTED]**# I ask him are you serious. I have a medical issue that these people nor the Warden will address.
- 431. There mental health programs & staff are good
- 432. Nothing!!!
- 433. NONE
- 434. No distractions from reading & self improvement.
- 435. living
- 436. nothing the staff make reasons for everything to be canceled and they are just here for a paycheck they dont really do work for and if they do something it cause they dont like you cause of your case
- 437. The most positive thing here was when a guard committed suicide here in the parking lot back a few years ago.
- 438. to be honest nothing really. Its not to many positive things in prison just keeping it real people who are running the prison are trying to make it as bad as they can.
- 439. There are none at all except for the chosen select few. A man who's good-time eligable can't get a job cuz the staffs pets have them all and most of the pets have 3, 4, & 5 jobs at one time so none are ever available to the rest, & they let the chosen few stay out and hog the phones!!!
- 440. The most positive thing about this prison is most staff leave you alone.
- 441. There are no positive things about life in this prison
- 442. The MOST positive thing they have here to me is their chapel service, the Chaplin here has provided spiritual food for us in abundance. Especially when we have a chance to watch sermon on the internet. It's very encouraging.
- 443. Most meals are edible
- 444. I'm alive
- 445. That being here, Ive learned lessons, not lessons by staff but family.

- 446. Single man showers
- 447. Lax on our box under bed rule. Room must be orderly and neat and clean. Inmates TV (limited direct TV, limited local stations). They take \$2.00 from state pay a month (1600 inmates at \$2). If you have \$240 for a TV and for cabling + headphones.
- 448. Getting transfered to another prison
- 449. None
- 450. I really cant say because you never see to much good news or things happen
- 451. Honestly not one thing is positive about Shawnee Correctional Facility, its the worst prison Ive (ever been in) Ive been to (4 prisons) and one of them was Pinckneyville
- 452. Knowing you have an outdate.
- 453. I havent found any
- 454. Wouldn't no, I've hadnt hav one.
- 455. There are some people trying to change instead of just doing time or at least they want change
- 456. Being locked up, well it makes you think about all the thing in life you could have done differant. As well as what put me here
- 457. Nothing at all
- 458. Make it more interesting for us. Give us a class that will prepair us for getting back in our community. Some guy have been gone so long that they aint even know how to adjust to the world. Need classes so that we can go out and reablate ourself so we do reafend and come back to prison would like for us to get a reabilated class.

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

- 1. No help
- 2. HOPELESSNESS
- 3. Not having proper hygiene products to stay clean can't ever get on phones to call family C/Os treat you worse then a rabid dog.
- 4. everything, but to see how the officers prefer black people, they get better treatment and jobs because they use their gang to control everything
- 5. The fact that there are really good programs here and I will not be choosen to participate because I have **[15+]** years left of my sentence, and only the officer's personal favorite individuals in custody are choosen to participate.
- 6. they wont let you get the thing to get home, they don't want to give you good to to get home there is no help here
- 7. This place radicalizes you and makes you want to hurt people in a bad way
- 8. Being treated like I do not matter.
- 9. Not enough food. No heat in receiving, seg, or housing units. Unfair treatment by staff. Loosing inmates ID and making us pay for it which happens a lot I was told that by staff. No upkeep of cells when empty. Not giving us our sweatsuit when in seg and making us wear short sleeve thin jumpsuits. Not giving us our coffee to drink or our food to eat since they dont give us much food when in seg. Taking our TVs when in C grade and making us suffer. I need mine, I have mental health problems and it keeps me occupied instead of depressed. Check with mental health patients more often and hire mental health staff. Quit taking so long to get a person into school.

10. To many real n***** and not enough Thoroughbreds
11. The staff here is very up + down about the rules + who gets punished, for what or when. No consistency about anything here in this prison (It's do as I say) No real guidance, or situational understanding...
12. Cant get a job or in school. Been here a year.
13. Maintenance on prison, sub zero temps with no heat, water quality, trays cant meet standard calories expectations. No makeup yards for day workers, shower sanitation, no cleaning supplies gieven to clean cells, windows don't work.
14. The most negative things are: they put people that got less than a year in programs school jobs I have a case thats at 50% and still not gotten any good-time this is my first time in IDOC.
15. Commissary once a month, yard 4 times a month or less, food in chow hall.
16. Guards are negative and disrespectful, there are no programs to teach us to stay out of prison, and transfers are never completed once an individual is approved by Springfield.
17. Food, conditions, and a law passed saying if you have a high school diploma or GED you can go into schooling without the TABE test but the prison said that doesnt apply to us. They stopped giving out laundry soap for 2 months and most of the time commissary has almost nothing.
18. it is hard to get a job, they dont have class for everyone of the problems that people need to get help with there issues, or for reasons their locked up for. They do not give you a good amount of food on trays to hold you off till the next meal, the cost of commissary is very high for people that get no money from outside. Better curtains in showers no new one just rigged to stay up by strings is not so good.
19. physical conditions, administration not providing some things they are required to on a regular basis. Some days (many days), the food portions are inadequate and the commissary is very inadequate. I've averaged receiving only 56% of items ordered, since I kept track starting **[DATE REDACTED]**. Also, the wait between visits has been 12, but usually 15 to 20 days!
20. Hard to get in school, programs or a job, disrespectful C/O, commissary always have a shortage and high prices, hard to earn good-time. Not enough time out-the-cell.
21. The food & staff
22. Summers are very hot and humid; our new inmate fans barely move any air. Louder phones for hearing impaired individual
23. The water smells and taste like it comes straight from the pond. and the lead paint gives me headaches.
24. Everything
25. Not enough yard, gym time, not enough jobs or school programs
26. Not being able to receive my good-time due to my offense, or that I am not informed how I can receive my earned good-time credit.
27. Everything send a undercover boss or request the Shawnee CC camera footage
28. Every damn thing in this bitch ass prison.
29. Not much time out-of-cell & 4 yards & 4 gyms a month. Food isn't fully cooked. Overall 90% of things in this prison is negative.
30. Counselors are unhelpful. Unable to transfer to proper prisons for proper treatment, class, you never get proper, helpful answers to anything you ask. Locked up in cells too much not able to go to yard, gym enough. Only way to get a job, school is to get lucky or know someone to get you in. Racist officers, lieu's. Porters during certain shifts holding phones for others time and C/O's allowing it.
31. Everything

32. They use any excuse to keep us lock up in the cell.
33. Food, no gym, yard time 4 a month all together if it don't get canceled. Hygiene tissues. Powder deodorant.
34. Windows are screwed shut in winter. "Zero" fresh air. Screens are tornout of windows. it's dirty. We have "zero" heat. Showers are cold.
35. Food! Being made to stand in the rain for extensive amounts of time! Length of time-in-cells. (Out of possible 10 gyms, yards, maybe get 6-7) (22hrs in, 2 out typically)
36. Time you can never get back
37. Everything, they treat you like animals in a cage and want you to do cruel hard times with no releaf or help.
38. Commissary, lack of yard and gym, dietary, staff, cleanliness. Also lack of visits and duration of in contact visits is shorter.
39. We spend 22 hr in a box with no outlet to do anything positive. It should be mandatory we have to do some type of program.
40. Being locked in the cell all day.
41. Racism throught staff & inmates! Horrible food, Mice in kitchen, no job program unless you snitch and become informants for C/Os and Internal Affairs.
42. No dental care! We are in cells way too much, we have no yard or gym. It's too far for my family to visit. There are no jobs. Shawnee drain you of hopes. Can't transfer.
43. We spend more time locked down in our cells than we suppose to. Commissary force us to buy whatever they have, we don't get 50% of our list. Nothing in this prison is organized or promised, due to lazy staff members.
44. Everything, worst of it is when you try to transfer they just don't let you go even when you have been waiting for over 3 years.
45. I'm going to kill myself!
46. Not clean, the feeding, the clothes, the kitchen is nasty, the officers are [ILLEGIBLE] hard to talk to. Better commissary.
47. Missing out on the only once in life events, celebrations, etc.
48. The way we are treated by staff, the food we are served in dietary, the commissary never has any food, we barely get time out of our cell. If you don't have money you can't get a TV or any type of activity to do while in the cell.
49. The way they tried us as prison, we need help.
50. The staff the food the buildings are old and outdated with mice and bugs no programs.
51. Yard maybe twice a month, gym maybe every 10 days. Every other IDOC prison get those once a day. Guards constantly put us on lockdown and use COVID as an excuse so they can sleep on shift. Food sucks. Prison food at other places is 5 stars compared to here. Guards try to get a response out of us to take us to seg. Ex. call you names in hopes you call them one back or do something to let them take you to seg. Commissary is horrible. Maybe go three a month. Nothing here.
52. TV channels are always going out, we are in our cells majority of the time I feel like I get out of the cell more in a max security. For 2 straight months, all we had for chow was "cold cuts" and "hotdogs", which are disgusting, No real cleaning supplies are given to the workers, and general population don't get cleaning supplies for our cells, their COVID procedure is lacking when people are sick, staff and the workers wear no protective gear when moving infected individual, commissary has no noodles, +
53. On the mental health side. You have to act out to get real help.
54. They hardly feed us, commissary is every 3 weeks and they limit our purchases, we go to yard 4 times a month!
55. They don't give you a job unless you tell or snitch on somebody.

56. 22hrs + 2 hrs out. COVID testing days 23 + 1, gym + yard 3 times a month. You have to give Internal Affairs info just to get a job. They write false tickets to prevent transfers. Verbal abuse from C/Os on the walk to meals, or call passes.
57. Everything
58. Water, food, healthcare, staff misconduct
59. 2 people locked up in a small one man cell. Not enough yard + gym. The food is horrible most of the time. No phone app on tablets. Not knowing whats on commissary. Everyone should be in school or work or both. Not enough programs to prepare people for the outside world. No machine weights for prisoners. No one on one private visits with someone you love. Stripping naked before + after a visit.
60. The commissary, the food at chow, not getting yard and gym but 3-4 times a month.
61. Inmates are being treated inhumane.
62. The most negative things about Shawnee is staff conduct. The staff is very vulgar, and disrespectful, It can take up to a week to get to healthcare after you put in a request. The counselor doesn't help you get anything done. You rarely can get to the law library. You rarely get to clean your cell, and when you do there aren't any chemicals or disinfectants.
63. The inmates control it, you can't do anything without fear of retaliation by C/Os and inmates.
64. loss of power anytime it storms, only 4 hrs a month for yard & gym, only 2-3 hrs out-of-cell a day, no good-time available, no jobs, denial of transfer, lack of commissary
65. Not being free, being locked up all the time!
66. Staff, school, job opportunity, programs.
67. Very little time out-of-cells, not enuf work
68. they treat u like a dog but treat the dogs better than us
69. Deliberate indifference by the administration, and correctional staff. Failure to receive any form of adequate medical healthcare.
70. This prison
71. It hasnt ended yet.
72. everything
73. Its like nobody cares, No chance at life
74. They are very homophobic here
75. Everything in general
76. No productive programs outside these cell.
77. Not enough programs education, jobs, not enough activitys, yard, staff dont answer request slips. Cant rehabilitate here at Shawnee
78. everything
79. All the snitches who are being rewarded with jobs It's all a "good ole boy" system.
80. everything
81. Confinement, dealing with mixed emotions, and being unable to tend to your worldly affairs
82. Can't get a job without tell on someone.
83. the head warden is a bitch and his staff like to bully people
84. Everything
85. Inmates who run things
86. There is a lack of programs and groups for everyone. The officers and some staff treat you as less than a person. The food is not anything a person should have to eat and the portions are small. The vents in our rooms do not get cleaned and makes me worry about black mold or any other toxins. The vents have not been cleaned seen I got here almost 2 yrs ago.

87. Commissary, not enough programs like Sheridan, Kewanee, and/or Taylorville, not enough opportunities to earn good-time.
88. There's no help here do to no staff. No classes, no jobs, no programs.
89. everything
90. Come to jail. Move people from unit to unit you may move ten time in a month
91. Not enough time out-of-cell, no activities, staff treat us poorly, the whole prison is falling apart, the "food" is awful, no opportunities to improve my life.
92. Staff conduct. It takes 7 to 10 days to answer request slips. Staff is very disrespectful. Commissary is only once a month. It takes much to long to get healthcare. Locked up in cell much to long. No activities. No jobs. No rewards for good behavior. Prison counselor's doesn't help us out at all. Takes a month to get to the law library. Rarely get to clean cells. No cleaning supplies. Not enough phone time to call your family. Its takes entirely too long to receive or going out mail.
93. Rules are made up as they go. We get maybe 3-4 yards or gyms a month. There is no such thing as beating a ticket, you are ALWAYS guilty. Commissary is always out of everything. There are no punishments to staff misconduct. Snitches are the only people with jobs. I could go on and on.
94. Cold showers all year around, black mold and flooding showers, 95% of food is really bad. If you got time to do, there is no chance of getting into school until you are almost out. We get gym or yard 2 or 3 time a month at the most.
95. Hard to get in school or job. A lot of good-time award are being denied.
96. Being away from family. Less resources. Kind of live off your own
97. The staff. No programs
98. Staff, no yard or gyms, snitches run prison, unfair treatment and unfair ticket process
99. Treatment of inmates. Food
100. EVERYTHING
101. No yard, the C grade deck, poor chow, commissary is always empty, disciplinary is too tough.
102. Commissary is terrible. Food is awful. Nothing works. Everything is dirty, moldy, paint peeling, tiles popped, etc. Windows do not work and they screw windows shut in winter. Heaters do not work properly. Healthcare sucks. Requests are never answered. All staff are lazy.
103. They don't allow people into programs. They don't allow people into school. It's very hard to get a job.
104. If you are a person who is positive and trying to strive to be a better person, then being around negativity all day every day makes you become your environment.
105. The food. No movement
106. The food is not what it should be. The C/Os get better meals. We keep having to do without milk and bread, but the C/Os have bread and milk... Also the workers in the chow hall need to wear hair nets properly... A hairnet is not a hat!!!
107. The prison food from the kitchen, also commissary.
108. The ability of staff to enforce existing rules and to make up rules on the fly to fit the situation
109. To stay a live
110. Lack of yard, outside recreation
111. We dont get the amount of time out of the cell for yard that we are by law required to get. And the officers get the food that we are supposed to get
112. Dietary food is horrible. Commissary too high, noodles shouldn't be \$11 for 24. No programs or jobs available unless you give C/Os valuable information. No yard or

- gyms every week 3 times a month. In cell majority of day, treat us like animals. No respect for inmates by C/Os
113. No resources, jobs are taken by people that go home in 20 years or so and can't use the good-time due to their sentence. Favoritism is in full effect from the staff.
 114. People run thing but they are just like me
 115. Your treated like your less than human.
 116. Minimal yard, gym time. Placed on waiting list for all programming and never placed in programming to actual attend. Always locked in cell. Commissary for inmates 1 time monthly. If eligible for the year good-time, hardly no one in Shawnee gets it. **[NAME REDACTED]** constantly cancels visits. No drug counseling to attend.
 117. Everything about Shawnee corretional center is poor to the treatment of the inmate down to the living conditions
 118. Compared to other IDOC prisons I have been in, this prison does not know how to utilize available yard time.
 119. 1) How you can get stuck with a bad cellie, and how you can be treated for doing something right and then be labeled for it.
 120. Programs only come to people who are less than 2 years. The staff act like they are better. They tend to forget we are still men, its kinda like they say provoking comments to try and either degrade an inmate or try to make an inmate catch a staff assault.
 121. The awesome food at chow, the total lack of food safety and food sanitation, only 3 hours a day of dayroom, even for minimum security, there is no merit for good/excellent behavior, even though this is my first offense and Ive been waiting and approved for almost 3 years for a transfer to Dixon.
 122. No school (college). Jobs unless you tell on someone. Some have multiple jobs while others have none.
 123. not enough space on this paper to list them all. The food, the staff, the living conditions, the mice, the spiders, the phone is impossible to get on.
 124. Living
 125. 1) Hatred by staff is palatable 2) Inmates don't even get half of what they have coming 3) Commissary is a JOKE! No selection, lots of price gouging, constant missing items 4) Maintenance is non-existent 5) Healthcare requests are seldom acknowledged.
 126. Everything as far as being treated fairly
 127. everything
 128. Food quality in dietary, time out-of-cell (dayroom, etc), very limited yard, gym schedules, cell windows don't work in 1 & 2 house, too hot or too cold.
 129. Leaky windows, no heat in cell, lack of constant hot water showers, not enough time for everyone to get on a phone, poor fitting and torn clothing, lack of opportunity for jobs while others may have multiple jobs.
 130. 90% of teachers and counselors do not care if your learning any thing. The counselors have 4 answers they give. (1.) I don't know (2.) They don't tell us that. (3.) I'll have to check on that. (4.) I'll get back to ya and they never do.
 131. Sometimes violance jumps off
 132. The food and commissary availabilities
 133. Dietary food is scarce, I mean come on 4 meatballs? The only people who can get state loans are those who are snitching, you are denied a job if the staff doesn't know you or like you, it takes months to be allowed to go to the library, commissary never have anything to eat unless the housing unit of the workers are going

- shopping, commissary workers hold items for their housing unit so others can't buy certain items, like noodles & peanut butter.
134. Adage of sex offender
 135. Being around so many unbelievers that are stuck in a material world.
 136. Lack of movement and opportunity an overall miserable place
 137. We are not treated like humans. From the Warden down to officers, there is a level of avoidance and dismissal. Please don't get sick because you'll die if theres anything seriously wrong as healthcare is known to drag their feet.
 138. Limited yard, gym. No access to fair good-time policies. Broken windows and broken screens in cells. Ants crawling on me @ night while sleep. Leaking shower pipes (rusted; corrosion). Paint chipping off the walls. No way to climb in the top bunk. Mice everywhere. Water from dishwashing on my food.
 139. It's hard to get jobs & school. You have to keep putting in slips on top of slips & get no responce going months & months doing nothing
 140. takes forever to get jobs and get into programs and most staff is disrespectful
 141. Being away from family and being treated as someone less than you are.
 142. This prison presents minimum to no stimulation. This is essentially a warehouse.
 143. I was in school for 8 months never got a chance to take my test or get good-time but I had [30+] days in school.
 144. The food amount given to the inmates is a very very small amount
 145. Admin & staff allow inmates too much say & control ie jobs who works/who don't, school placement, yard 1 time a week If we are lucky
 146. Staff and Individual In Custody Relations. Food from Dietary. Lack of Exercise and Activity Time. Lack of Education and Programming. Racist Environment. Lack of Time Outside of Cell. Commissary. Cleaness of Facility. Organization of Facility. Lack of Good-Time Opportunities. No Cleaning Supplies.
 147. That you have to deal with crazy people
 148. In cell all day! Food = slop! Nothing to look forward too! No real programs! This prison is making bitter, aggressive, I now hate anyone who wear a badge! They run this like a MAX
 149. Not enough gym, yard. No good-time. No work. No programs. Long waiting list for school.
 150. these people treat us like really bad here and for the most part we never get the things we need help with.
 151. To much time in a cell cant work on being better
 152. 20 hours in cell a day. Lack of yard, gym. Dietary food sucks! Staff are completely disrespectful, unprofessional, and abuse their authority.
 153. Cant recieve sex offender treatment to recieve Good-Time. Not enough Yard or Gym. The food is Horrible
 154. No job opportunity they pick and choose who they want to give jobs to. And also the food here is terrible.
 155. At Shawnee its almost impossable to get into any programs. Ive been on a waiting list for NA, AA for almost a year. They act like there is programs here. But I dont know of any inmate who even made one meeting
 156. Almost Everything
 157. It takes 6 month to a year to get a job, while favorites have 2 or 3 jobs. Only 3 hrs a day out-of-cell. Yard and gym only about every other day. Food sucks. Hard to earn good-time because of lack of jobs, and long school wait list.
 158. The ventilation is making me and other more sick each day we very seldom gets rec.

159. For me, they never let me take classes or have classes that could help me. The Staff also doesn't care about us, they just see us as a pay check.
160. No jobs, No programs, No yard, No gym. Commissary 1 time a month. Holes in window (1 house + 2 house). C/O are Disrespectful. No access to (Inmate Benefit fund) that allegedly belongs for Inmates.
161. I have been trying to get people approved for visits and phone calls for almost 4 months. This Prison is very unorganized. They just keep giving me the run around on contact with outside people. The healthcare is also poor.
162. not enough teachers for the classes, Not enough yard, gym, Very hard to get a job or get in school or treatment
163. There are no programs to help better yourself and its impossible to get a job or into schooling.
164. surrounded by negative people, with no sense of change or direction.
165. The C/O's conduct, lack of recreational time, no access to education, programming until 9 months short, living conditions, horrible medical processing & treatment.
166. Visits! Our family has to schedule 7 days in advance but they won't notify our family that the visit is cancelled until they get here. My parents drove 7 hours to see me on Christmas but was turned around at the door. Also, there are still dividers on the tables.
167. EVERYTHING. Including the C/Os no respect always talkin shit. But if we say anything its an automatic seg walk.
168. The way the (whole) Administration here runs the facility on a daily basis.
169. Staff Conduct. Conditions of confinement. No yards or gyms. Staff recieve the good food in dietary (fries, chicken, etc.) while we eat dog food. Staff encourage violence. No programs. Some inmates have 4 or 5 job assignments.
170. Lack of communication from staff and not being able to get a job. I have been to culinary school and have 8 years of experience in real world kitchens, yet the prison still wont put me in the kitchen, I told them this in more detail more than 15 times.
171. being bullied, assaulted and discriminated for having a sex case by staff and other inmates
172. Inmates dictate what he will do when and how he wants. Not enough outside time. Shower curtains torn moldy. Commissary TV channels always out. Drugs in the prison. Cock N Socks. No Ice.
173. Being away from loved ones not enough phone time
174. I cannot get a job to earn good-time. I cannot get in class to earn good-time or better my mental health. I cannot workout as I should be able to.
175. Only a few ppl get jobs + keep them.
176. Their Grievance Procedure. We dont know if they throw them away or somtimes we dont get a responce till months later so we have to write Springfield (for those who know better)
177. Stuck in cell. Commissary. They make you wait till you short to put you in school or programs. Food.
178. The most negative is the fact that we are locked in a cell almost all day. The food is horrible in dietary. I have to survive off commissary and it is not available as often as it should be and when commissary is available, the items we need are not! We get yard or gym, if we are lucky, once a week so we have to use the small amount of time we have out of our cell to get on the phone, work out, and shower.
179. Everything is negative about Shawnee C.C. This is a complete dead end.
180. The food, commissary, yard

181. The food in dietary, the C/Os, and the way the C/Os talk down to you, like your less of a person. and the phone timing out. Also missing time with family. The commissary is also negative here.
182. The food! The commissary! No jobs or school
183. Being in a cell all day will drives you crazy
184. The food is poorly prepared, we do not get enough recreation time. the units are not clean.
185. inmates are treated like commodities on a shelf. You are Judged by the manner of your charges.
186. Its black mold in the cells, my sink been running water for 2 months and we put in to get it fix every week by officers, LT. The food. Our windows nailed in so we can't get no air. Its very hard to get into school or get a job. I've been here for 6 months nothing have been done and I put in request slip so many time. They took our good-time always call EDSC and everyone thats incarcerated suppose to get the good-time due to Rob Jeffreys, I got the form.
187. Staff is disrespectful, and half of them don't do their job.
188. The healthcare is non-existent. [NAME REDACTED] is not fit to be a veterinarian. The food is horrid. and we only go to yard 3 times a month. only a hand full of people have jobs or school assignments (if were lucky)
189. Constant lies and deceitful advice
190. It's so hard to get a job or to get in school here. You have to practically beg them
191. This prisons make it hard on people to find help for mental health, find jobs in facility & eat
192. No jobs. no programs. hard to get jobs and they show favoritism. we dont go to yard or gym but once a week. Commissary is very bad they never got anything, Christmas I shopped for \$70.
193. Punishments seem to much for 1st 2nd offences
194. Nothing, hardly get yard, store they charge 35% increase. No food worth a damn, no programs, They only work certain inmates they like. Been here 18 month No job no program no work, maybe yard gym 3 or 4 Times a month, and want transfer out of here.
195. Under IDOC policy people with certain crimes, ie. sex offenders aren't allowed most jobs. I find this discriminatory, especially if the offender has completed treatment programs and kept a clean record over the years. A murderer can work school, chapel, library etc but not a sex offender.
196. They don't care about every inmate
197. All of them
198. This is the farthest prison on the map from Chicago, yet visitation hours are limited 4 hours under normal situations—now only 2 hours under covid Regulations. 7 visits Normally—only 3 due to covid... Which covid is not going anywhere. Only 2 video visits a week—For 20 minutes—even when not fully scheduled—its NEVER fully scheduled... Its always open spots. The visiting room itself, is hardly ever full!
199. Food, recreation time, jobs, school
200. Waiting 21 to 30 days to see a nurse for first of three visits before seeing Dr. (so up to 90 days to see Dr. for issue). No job or school, program if you have more than 18 months. No response from staff when requests written.
201. The staff treat you like nothing. Barely get time talk to family. They do what they want with you. Staff leave you in the cell lockdown for nothing
202. Commissary: always out of items such as certain food & hygiene items. Not enough yard & gym, recreation.

203. 1) Nothing gets done, 2) You have to ask ask ask/hard for you to get a job, 3) If you are eligible for good-time its hard for you to get it
204. Many different aspects, but in general, it depends on one's outlook on life.
205. Its unjust the way its ran.
206. Grievances are rejected if not written in "ink," yet no "ink" is available for purchase nor issued. Lowest legal calorie count provided. No set routine (23 hr lockdown one week & 21 hr the next). Healthcare refuses to do anything but provide OTC meds. I have had a **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]** for 3+ weeks without any treatment other than OTC Ibuprophen. I've been waiting 3 months for prescription glasses. I've been disciplined for requesting a **[ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL TEST]** (religious preferences). Guards incite violence against me from STG's. There is no HEAT in cells; I've had standing snow in my cell for days at a time, with only a single blanket and 2 total pairs of clothes and a jacket (forced to wear ALL to stay reasonably uncomfortable rather than painful). Also waiting 3+ months for a filling in front teeth. I was given OTC Ibuprophen.
207. The vast amounts of rejects of society
208. The staff play favortisem
209. The staff, officers here in Shawnee C.C. Go out of there way to only look out for thoughts who snitch or kiss there asses. If you ask for a job you asked "sure what can you tell me!" Plus when your written a bogus ticket you have no chance of beating it, even if it is your first in years.
210. Commissary. Yard, gym. Grievances disappearing. Staff sleeping. Inmates running jobs + phones. Dietary Food, staff eats good but we don't. Counselors see you 1 time per 90 days. If you write any staff about a problem nothings done. Healthcare takes 3 times to complain to see a doctor.
211. All the negative influence's
212. Denial of medical treatment by staff. I am diabetic and on **[DATE REDACTED]** in recieving I was found unconscious in my cell after I was denied medical treatment by security
213. The refusal of dietary staff to follow Therapeutic Diet Orders based on allergies and the infrequency and brevity of visits to the law library are the most negative. The next most negative is the fear of being bullied, having a roommate that makes life miserable.
214. everything
215. Everything
216. Evry thing
217. Not getting enoug dick
218. all of it
219. Everything from the Healthcare to the counselors that are employed by the state to assist us!
220. the annoyingness of people who dont need to be.
221. No self help groups, no jobs, no group helping you enter society, so many inmates they ignor ya.
222. Horrible food, skimpy portions. A little salt would go a long way.
223. the good-time it hard to get good-time down here
224. The Food is Horrible, there no heat or air, go to commissary 1 time a month and they don't have anything. You also aren't treated as a human being, and no yard or gym
225. Staffs doe'nt put much effort in helping Inmate get a job here. I been here about two years and havint been able to get a job yet some Inmate here has two job; when others don't have one.

- 226. Staff is always negative to you, no cleaning cells, cant get an answer on my transferr thats been approve sence May of last yr. 2022.
- 227. The food is horrible, we're locked in a cell majority of the day, not enough time to shower when returning from gym, yard, there are no classes on rehabilitation, work, school, etc.
- 228. Commissary, yard, healthcare suck. It's nasty, dirty, falling apart, and needs to be shut down. Staff don't want to do their job & are only there for a paycheck.
- 229. Good-time, Schooling and jobs.
- 230. They provide no methods to substantiate problems, an make no effort to actually resolve grievances. Small cell sizes, over crowding, refusal of rehabilitation to those who are adhering to rules.
- 231. Lots of n*****s and f*****s. Loud n*****s and f*****s (usually when being raped). No pussy! WTF!
- 232. Being away from my love ones and family.
- 233. Everything!!
- 234. not enough recreational yards and gyms and they're stealing money
- 235. The shower curtains have black mold on them and the water is cold. Most of the phones don't work. Everyone gets denied transfers and it's almost impossible to get an assignment unless you have 85% so they know you cant get good-time for it. Dietary. Commissary. Healthcare. No heat in winter. ie pretty much this is a concentration camp. They had molded bread and they told me it won't kill me to eat it.
- 236. Outlets to keep your Sanity. Minimal class or programs. No incentive to go home and stay home. Seems to be just a time box.
- 237. Some staff treat us like dogs, making us stand out in the rain for no reason, windows that dont close which causes a problem in the winter & summer months, commissary is always out of product, the fans sold here are 6" little things that wont blow paper off a desk and quit working after 4 months, only 3 yard per month, horrible quality AND quantity of food, the video visit kiosk never works, only a handful of staff will help, most of them just dont know the rules or policy on important matters, very hard to get into a job or school.
- 238. I always feel like my life is in Danger
- 239. No Freedom
- 240. everything not getting yard or gym. Being locked for to long each day. The living condition's are poor and so is the food.
- 241. Staff, food, inhumane conditions
- 242. No Heat since **[DATE AND LOCATION REDACTED]** Guard leave me + have sezuers No medical help **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
- 243. Being treated less than a human and being fed uncooked meals!
- 244. Living conditions
- 245. EVERYTHING.
- 246. The Food
- 247. The quality & quantity of the food served at chow. Without commissary it gets ruff and I go hungry most of the time.
- 248. The staff are very aggressive and disrespectful. The Majority of the windows don't close properly and gets very cold in the winter. The education opportunities are extremely inadequate for the amount of inmates here.
- 249. Food in cell most of the day, not enough phones for the little time we are in the dayroom
- 250. Everything!!!!

- 251. The lack of respect and the opportunity to grow mentally
- 252. Lack of action on ALL levels! Horrible maintenance. We are at the mercy of Springfield usually so that leads to a lack of care & urgency by staff. The staff is not about "right or wrong" but they ride with each other regardless of the situation.
- 253. Delay in transfers!!!
- 254. Lack of rehabilitation, not enough jobs or programs so we are forced to be in our cells instead of learning to practice positive or productive behavior. Which leads to fights and ultimately people return to prison after release
- 255. Safety, staff attitude toward inmates
- 256. It is very hard to get in school or get a job.
- 257. Everything. Plumbing sucks, sinks clog up all the time, cable sucks channels out all the time, they screw the windows shut because they don't work right. Food is terrible
- 258. The small fan's they sell.
- 259. Not able to get enough exercise, always cancelling it for lie's of a reason & the food is so bad & you are guilty no matter what your accused of through a ticket
- 260. Both dryers on the wing are broken, and have been broken a week. Cable often goes out, has weak satellite signal, no audio. Stays off for extend amounts of time. Commissary only orders enough for one or two housing units and runs out. Institutional channel is off, been off a couple of months.
- 261. The food quality, the store meaning I wear a size [REDACTED] shoe. I should be able to buy my size w/o any problems or at least able to order them. Not bein able to work or school after being here 9 months is ridiculous.
- 262. Lack of response from staff in almost all depts. Lack of programs. Making up rules w/ no supporting policy. Poor Law Library access. Must grieve anything signifigant. No activities or classes even peer led + those there are are cancelled. No support in improving oneself thru correspondence courses.
- 263. Poor circulation in the cells
- 264. The food, the programs, pretty much everything. This is my first time in the joint and they put me down here in this shitty joint.
- 265. The food, commissary, the yard and gym schedule.
- 266. The C/Os not respecting us. Hard to get a job or to get into school, & the food they feed us. & they make it hard for us to transfer
- 267. Dont come here
- 268. Everything
- 269. You don't have a voice even when they say you are right. You get no help. No school or good-time opportunities, a lot of guards use their status to intimidate prisoners. Unstable commissary, the dilapidated condition of the buildings
- 270. The lack of yard or gym and Law Library. Also the lack of cleaning supplies for the cells.
- 271. Fans are tiny. I been here a year and have written assignments every week and still have not been given a Job. I been told I wont get into programs or schooling anytime soon cause my MSR date is 10+ years away. They dont have clothing that fits me. Commissary bare, only go once a month. I am furthist from home as I can be and visits are only 2 1/2 hours even though there is plenty of room. Can only try to be transferred 1 time every 3 years.
- 272. I'm in a cell 23 hours a day
- 273. everything the way we are treated how they talk to us how they can just do what they want to do and not care about anything this place is hell on earth
- 274. Not Knowing

275. Very hard to get into programs, you need to "know people" to get into the best programs.
276. Cant get help. The officers act like we are shit on a shoe. Cant get job's.
277. The food served in dietary, lack of structure, order, responses to grievances and commissary.
278. Mental Health medications, the meds I received 4 yrs. ago were better than the crap I get now for the same treatment. Commissary is too expensive and have a crappy selection. No Halal food in dietary as well as commissary for Muslims, no help here w/ inheritance. it's been [3+] years I've been trying to receive monies left to me by my mother when she passed away.
279. Hard to get a job.
280. They only schedule 4 yards per month here at Shawnee, each yard is only one (1) hour long, claiming "quarantine sched." 2 of them will be taken for COVID testing—or if the guards dont want to run it. They feed us the same meals over + over while the guards eat all the "good" food and donated food stuffs. There are no jobs or programs open for guys like me with "LWOP" sentences.
281. The food is poor. They deny your transfer's, they're always out of neccessities at commissary. We have Gym or yard once a week MAYBE every 10 days.
282. Not enough dayroom time. This prison does not offer alternative foods for people with allergies.
283. Being in jail away from family.
284. Inability to get into school. Unfair TABE testing. Some people have 3 jobs and I cannot get a chance at one job. Staff WILL NOT reply to correspondance. Food is Atrocious!
285. I am in prison far from my family also I have very little time to rehabilitate myself because Shawnee offer nothing.
286. this place treats you like you not a person. I hate that
287. They price guage all commissary items! Dietary utinsels are filthy unsanitary, rodents (rats), dietary meals are disgusting.
288. The way the C/Os treat us. It's hard too get into any programs that would benefits us. The living conditions.
289. The most negative things about this prison is the food from dietary, commissary, programming and schooling, and Covid Quarantine we went through. The cells is to small.
290. You can't get jobs or schooling unless your black or well conected
291. Constant moving by placement. The food. Lack of programming. Treatment by staff.
292. Were starved, beaten, tortured and disregarded and humiliated by staff everyday.
293. Majority of the staff abuse their authority, we barely get any physical exersise
294. Continously locked in cell even though pandemic is over. We go to yard 1 or 2 Times a month. Commissary is almost always understocked. Medical requests take to long to get responded to (been waiting 3 or 4 months To see audiologist)
295. Been in your cell all day not doing nothing
296. Shawnee is a joke all the way around, no type of help is really given. We're e not treated equally — especially when it comes to commissary.
297. How they keep us lockdown like animal's and they think it ok. Plus I know I'm here for doing wrong but we are not all should be here. The court's don't help try to keep you from coming here.
298. Structure, cable, staff, healthcare, windows not able to open, rust, torn tiles, chow, one movie channel instead of 2 or more, Law Library, mail (Not getting to you)

- 299. No programs for some crimes in order to get good-time for Early Release. And Counselors don't know there job no exp.
- 300. All cells need fixed on windows, cell doors, food needs to be properly cooked, not enough men items on commissary, the clothen wear are for women not for men.
- 301. The nasty food they serve at lunch and at dinner. They have poor commissary. High prices on commissary.
- 302. The way you are treated, the living environment, no options to grow or to leave from down here, no help as for becoming a better person.
- 303. Washer, dryer dirty your clothes. C/Os disrespectful and racist. They don't give out cleaning supply. Cant get a job or go to school unless you a CI. The showers molded just as well as the cells. The joint is just condemned. Theres ALWAYS short of staff and I was told there should never be short of staff as long as its a thing called MANDATE.
- 304. I don't like this places
- 305. Can't get answers to anything, ever. Food is TRASH. It's like a black hole here... Stuck.
- 306. Lack of programs and help from staff.
- 307. Trying to get a job or in a program is impossible
- 308. Staff, Harassment.
- 309. It dosen't offer rehabilitation opportunity
- 310. Being Here is Negative.
- 311. inmates
- 312. When things happen.
- 313. Shawnee doesn't provide programs or opportunities for incarcerated people. The food is bad, commissary is was too expensive, It is extremely difficult to get good-time. We are treated like cattle. Shawnee makes a lot of money off of us but there is little money being put into the prison for programs and stuff.
- 314. everything
- 315. Staff, education, food, yard and gym and focusing on things to help release
- 316. it has taken 6 months to get 40 days in school.
- 317. The visiting arrangements as a whole. Video visitation is ran poorly and deter family to want to participate as well as in person visits.
- 318. no yard or gym every week, shitty food, homosexual activity, some guard treat you like scum like shit, no deoderant that dont breaks you out, all the paint is pilling from walls.
- 319. The staff, correctional officers
- 320. Treated warse than an animal, taken away from family unjustly, ruined my life, it's hard to get anything done in here, the staff don't care about our well being their policy is if we have any questions or concerns then, fuck you
- 321. Food, no yard or movement, no commissary. Healthcare, unfair treatment
- 322. Solitude and lonliness.
- 323. If you have more than 9 years it's practically impossible to get into school or programs.
- 324. The commissary sucks. Were locked down to much. The phone, cause porters are always on them.
- 325. Can't get a job because of low TABE scores. Then have to be within 6 months of release to attend ABE class. During this time, all we can do is sit around the cell house and do nothing

- 326. If you do the "wrong" thing police retaliate. Our commissary isn't right. I've been stuck here when I got approved for a transfer a year ago. Police have favorites. I am NOT safe.
- 327. Not enough time for dayroom, yard, gym. Poor Food! Very discriminating against sex crimes. Those people receive no jobs!
- 328. Staff conduct, no A/C, dietary food, cant go to yard, gym everyday (once a week), flat mattress, hard to get a job, in person visit only see your family 3 times a month for 2 hrs a session, "In the cell mostly 21-20 hrs a day." Cant get good magazines of women but they let men have sex with each other they just switch them housing units. If we cant see good women only bikini pictures people become weird and look at men.
- 329. The food is always cold... u do not get enough time to eat in Dietary... commissary prices are always changing above the standard rate. The cells are nasty! Got tell on others to be able to work a Job. Officer's eat better than the inmates out the same dietary.
- 330. Being locked down 23 hours of the day
- 331. All they care about is keeping you locked up all day. Anything else is a problem.
- 332. The staff and not getting our time out our cells and going to the yard
- 333. Staff conduct, no A/C, food, dietary, racist staff members, not out our cell enough 2 1/2 hours every other day sometimes 3 1/2. Give us yard, gym everyday or every other day.
- 334. I think its the individuals in custody, the officers, staff, and the dietary.
- 335. Everything
- 336. The most negative things about life in this prison are not being able to learn anything, I was denied multiple time to join programs. I have just been rotting away in my cell for over a year doing nothing. And the food sucks.
- 337. not enough dayroom, yard, they wont let you transfer.
- 338. people talk about guy
- 339. They treat you like dogs and the racistam here is still alive. Shawnee is a prison on its own terms and do as they feel.
- 340. Its hard to get jobs
- 341. ONLY coming out twice a day for dayroom for 1 hr & 15 minutes. The video visit service always messing up, and lack of programs, school for inmates. Lack of teacher. This prison is turning into a max prison but take in first timers & parole violators.
- 342. Dietary, commissary, phone issue's, staff conduct, education, jobs, maintenance.
- 343. To much time-in-cells, lack of physical activity, and lack of programs.
- 344. They don't have nothing to help us getting better. All we do is set in the cells all day makes me think about killing people!!
- 345. That the staff here talk to us any kind of way. They focus on keeping us locked up and down as much as possible
- 346. When it's a proble the staff this send us off in look us a number.
- 347. Can't get into programs or school. Can't see counselor. Commissary
- 348. Deal with yall ever day
- 349. The most negative thing about prison life in Shawnee is the staff, the food, spending so much time in the cell, poor commissary, they never have nothing, we barely get yard and gym only like 4 to 5 times a month. Everything is bad in Shawnee and it's impossible to get good-time
- 350. Everything

- 351. How people have to chase & fight for their phones on their phone days. Some people can sweet talk officers to be out all day. Officers & sergeants are quick to write everyone tickets w/ no explanation. Officers get to cancel gym & yards because of how they feel. We are locked up way too long w/ way too many people with not enough phones.
- 352. Organization
- 353. staff treat inmates inhumane
- 354. I can write books on this question and the next one. How they pervert anything good for us in here. It's like there is a cloud of dread over this place, not just for us, but also the staff. Most of the staff here are here just for a paycheck and don't really want to do their jobs (there are a few exceptions). Healthcare messed up. Our food is getting smaller portions. Longer stretch between commissary shops and always running out of stuff. Cancelling gym & yard alot. Shutting down the institution for 1/2 a day for Covid testing when they are done in a couple of hours.
- 355. We're locked in a cell majority of the day, not enough dayroom or gym, no rehabilitation, no school for church because I don't speak English, and the food is terrible. They don't keep, maintain commissary, store stocked up for all housing units to buy same amount as everyone else
- 356. Need to have a better broke plan.
- 357. Prison life
- 358. "Everybody and Everything"
- 359. Being in cell all day and commissary not having food
- 360. they dont try to help you get better. No classes are given to the ones who need it. This place dont help the ones trying to get help
- 361. The ratio of race its like 2 to 1 black
- 362. 85% offenders do not recieve good-time
- 363. The time we get for gym + yard + jobs, and schooling
- 364. Rarely ever get yard, dietary food is poor, commissary choices are poor.
- 365. There are no yard, class, programs, and we are locked down 22 hours a day.
- 366. everything no support and no help to get anything done.
- 367. You are in the cells all day and even if you put in for a job you will not get one impossible to work or better yourself in any way.
- 368. I am forced to be warehoused with no job, schooling treatment etc. There should be a couple units with no gang members.
- 369. Constant lockdowns, barely any time out-of-cells, no good-time available or given out, no jobs, no programs, black mold everywhere, denial of transfers, only 4hrs. a month of yard, gym, power outages, short staff lockdowns, lack of commissary available, in stock, staff constantly sleeping, playing cards, counselors don't help dietary food usually bad, moldy
- 370. Missing your family and the jail takes forever to approve them for something as simple as a GTL video visit.
- 371. Officers are abusive, officers lock us down for days for no reason. People who are entitled to good-time don't get it. You have to snitch in order to get a job. We don't get good food in chow. All the cells have mold in it. They drill out windows shut. If a fire occurs, we have no oxygen
- 372. EVERYTHING
- 373. Lack of education programs + jobs
- 374. Not getting fresh air... lack of educational programs. Windows being bolted shut by maintenance. Staff treatment. Living conditions. Grievance process.
- 375. Doing the time, not going to school and not all programs are available here!

376. The food, the officers, school system, healthcare and visiting room.
377. that I been trying to get in school since I been here [DATE REDACTED, 5+ yrs] that is, and they keep saying Im on the list. But Im goin stay on the list because everybody who's short on time gon always be first
378. Dealing with many different peoples mental state! Constantly changing roommates for no reason...
379. Not enough programs to get good-time
380. Being treated as cattle stuck in cages and known as our number, crime accused of then working our asses off watching people whom lie, steal, and do harm to others get good jobs and good-time when they dont deserve it.
381. Staff brings out side life to prison. All staff pass the buck! No one whants to do there job!! It takes months after working to be put on assiment list to get paid or get good-time! But they still work you.
382. everything except chapel service
383. Most staff members are here for the pay only.
384. Kitchen isn't that good. Only out-of-cell 2 hours a day. Can't get into school or other programs that would help me better myself because they say I have too much time even though I'm considered a short timer.
385. to hard to get a job, not enough yard, commissary is nothing, C/Os talk to us like we are no one
386. They have a hard time keeping things in stock. Commissary runs out of a lot of things needed before all the houses go. We only go once a month. The food is enough to survive on but the portions are small and they do run out of things like bread. Sharing a cell with someone in a cell built for one. Stress levels can get high with anyone like this. Not everyone can get a job it seems. (Just not enough jobs or slots for them.)
387. Everything
388. The most negative things are the dayrooms times and how the officers look at us like animals.
389. they hold you hostage. They wont even transfer in timely matter. By the time it's granted, your time is served. No jobs. No type of education!!!
390. its hard to get a job, its hard to get in programs. They hold people who are suposed to be transferred.
391. Everything
392. 1. Not enough yard time (outside) 2. Food is horrible 3. Commissary is bad 4. No programming 5. No dentist 6. Long time wait for healthcare 7. Not enough schooling, job.
393. When you send request no one responds. They have kept religious items for over a month. You dont get enough time to eat
394. 1. No air conditioning, animals (dogs) are treated better, have A/C. 2. The quality of the food is horrid. No meals for special diets I.e. diabetics 80% rice and potatoes. 3. Locked in a cell over 20 hrs a day 7 days a week, and this is MEDIUM security not maximum! 4. No consistency. 5. Healthcare horrible, I am disabled, and they do not follow my doctors guidelines I am on upper deck, with knee + hip problems, also I have congestive heart failure. I need to be on floor level cell, but they say I don't meet criteria
395. Nothing
396. The way the staff treat you and the food never done
397. Staff misconduct, staff rule breaking, staff will piss you off on purpose. They will piss off other more than some

- 398. Food yard gym favoritism
- 399. The way they talk to black people, they treat all of us like animals.
- 400. Food & commissary
- 401. Being locked up most of the day. Not enough dayroom or yard or gym. Commissary is not stable. Nasty in here.
- 402. Being locked in a cell
- 403. No help during adjustment committee hearings. Bias disciplinary and grievance process.
- 404. Not being able to seek medical attention as soon as u need it. It takes too long to me.
- 405. no movement in cell 20 hours a day out for 4, no programs and if there is they wait list is entirely too long you can't just get what you need to keep from reoffending
- 406. Well, I have witness and been in most housing unit they tell me the same things about the mold on the floor and wall in the shower area and the kitchen is a mess no warmer for hot food
- 407. Health related issues due to poor dietary standards and lack of access to gym and yard. THEY ARE HURTING US! WE HAVE BEEN LOCKED DOWN FOR 3 YEARS WITH NO END IN SIGHT! HELP US!
- 408. Portions are ext. small + quality? They give us stuff my dog wouldn't eat! The food - by far, is the worst I've ever seen - and I've been to eleven different prisons! The commissary, the medical and dental treatment, is the worst I've ever seen, No dentist + no M.D. at all!
- 409. away from loved ones, living in a 8 by 10 cell with toilet
- 410. For one, the system lacks staff to help inmates work on their thinking and inmates don't want to educate or work on some skills to change themselves.
- 411. Total lack of respect by officers. Staff lies to inmates - we are hurried through meal times. No contact with Warden or Asst Wardens
- 412. No help
- 413. NA
- 414. Locked up all day. Having to fight over the phones just to call home. Horrible wifi. No phone app on tablet. No gym, yard. Always running out of commissary items. Price gouging us.
- 415. Even if administrators or staff were perfect and cared to treat us all human beings, there is not enough jobs, programs, recreational space, or school classes to accommodate everyone, so there is prisoners who will still suffer.
- 416. Mental and psychological mind games
- 417. We don't get treated fairly, we don't get enough time out-the-cell, it's hard to get a job & to get in any type of program, the food is horrible
- 418. everything
- 419. Small food portions, no yard maybe once per month, locked up 23 hours a day, you have to fight to get on a phone, can't get in school or a job unless you're a rat or suck dick, very poor healthcare, no way to earn good-time
- 420. Quite lengthy, but here are a few: cable channels black out and are left unrepaired for a long time, not enough yard and gym (even worse it's cancelled), commissary is inconsistent and lacks men's hygiene products (such as effective dandruff shampoo, men's powder deodorant, etc.), chow hall is inconsistent in its portions of food and it is doubtful that the minimum required for calories in a grown man's diet is being met. Vents are extremely filthy and plague the air with irritants.
- 421. Staff members are lazy. No one wants to do their job. Requests go unanswered. Medical treatment is a joke. When you try to go through the proper chain or

- procedure for getting something accomplished, most times you are ignored or your requests, grievance, or appeal form gets "lost."
422. They have no classes for you to take. No good communication phone list. No good-time contracts. No church. No good food. No good transfer system.
423. Everything
424. The prison of Shawnee C.C. never restored the grand total of 20 combined yards and gyms after the COVID-19 pandemic was over, were lucky to have 9-10, compare to the last two prisons I was in. Our food and commissary is horrible. The clothes they sell in commissary isn't even wearable, doesn't even fit. Can't get a job or in any programs because they keep the same people in them and refuses to switch them out.
425. These racist ass staff that relate to each other and family friends. They been helped family and friends get jobs here. and these n***** gay they fucking
426. everything
427. 1. Food quality, 2. Lack of time outside i.e. yard every 10 days, 3. Physical conditions of cells & cell house; paint peeling, windows don't seal, not given cleaning supplies for cell
428. Wow! It's filthy, run down, my treatment here is degrading. I identify as a straight man, but yet the prison gives me pants that have no zipper. I don't know what they gave me to wear pullups or something. I have to pull them down to piss not to mention the kitchen has no pride at all
429. The lack of schooling and programming also yard and gym that they cancel every chance they get. Plus they like to refuse medical treatment for their on reasoning and they also lock us down for weeks and hold weekend without showers or any contact too our loved ones because they to party. And stop staff and warden from steal the money please.
430. Not getting the right help you need! C/Os talking crap to you and inmates giving you crap and the warden only cares about herself/himself!
431. Porters and workers on the phone or hold the phone for others when it is others time to get phones. C/Os are allowing this to happen which leads to fights. Unable to earn good-time when they do not offer the courses or classes. When trying to get a transfer you do not get much help or transferred in a timely manner. Windows are broken and during summer it is unbearable in cells and dayroom, while the C/Os are sitting in their A/C bubble.
432. They modify your good-time to their own liking. Every prison in Illinois that I know of gives you 45 days for every 90. Here they started at that and modified it to 33 days in addition to this, their whole mentality is "we do what we want" if you don't like it don't come to prison. If you file a grievance, you are singled out by staff, ridiculed and you essentially put a target on your back. If you hold them accountable by taking action like that they nitpick and disrespect you.
433. The administration and running of this prison sucks! Snitching is not only encouraged but rewarded. Mental health and healthcare are lack in resources and will to help.
434. No work, school, programs, to lessen time.
435. Denial of transfer. Racist officers. Racist people
436. The staff are very rude. The kitchen is horrendous! Cold food, poorly cleaned, food left caked on floor etc.
437. The C/O

438. Contact with family, visitation, yards, gyms cause we don't get enough, food over in dietary is very little and limited, can barely get jobs or programs because some workers hold 2 or 3 jobs, programs.
439. the staff
440. Also for my case it is hard to be in prison due to lack of programs for sex cases. I just want to be a normal human being.
441. Not having good supert from the outside, being alone always thinking witch makes you go crazy
442. They feed us hotdog everyday... We dont get no freedom to think or move around. They actually treat the dogs better than us.
443. Staff treatment of the inmates, inconsistency of commissary, and the slop we get fed.
444. Officers writing bogus tickets and sending people to seg on lies. The food sucks. Your in your cells locked up to much. You only get yard once a month if your lucky.
445. The staff will not help you. I filled a grievance because during a **[MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]** while in Graham **[DATE REDACTED]**. I was sent here, filed a grievance **[DATE REDACTED, more than a month prior]** make emergency and still have not heard anything.
446. Staff are disrespectful, not enuff yard, commissary is never restocked, not enuff programs & dietary food is terrible
447. Everything!!!!
448. Everything is negative here, nothing changes for better anyway.
449. Lack of recreation (gym and yard!)
450. inmates
451. The staff is very descriminative and bias towards certain inmates and then treat others like best friends and the staff also get on this kick where they treat us with homosexual remarks even if were no a fag
452. Where do I start? Food, guards, health uncare, what chapel, no programs, school, rotting in cell, TV keeps going out, video visit breakdown, commissary sucks...
453. Being treated like Im nothing. We dont matter in here. Its many time I been told to my face that I deserve to suffer by staff here, we are not being help, so its all negative then. Some inmates have died by the hands of officer in all prison, Aint no positive.
454. Theres absolutely no fairness in the running of this place. You're in your cell all day unless you're part of the chosen few. You can't get counselor to do anything all they do is spin you.
455. The most negative thing about this prison is it take so long to get in school, groups & get a job
456. The constant being told false statements to shut you up. Lack of information. Extreme length of time to complete requests. Lack of transfers
457. They have no programs to help you rehabilitate yourself
458. What I consider negative is something they can do nothing about. When the kiosk goes down it takes awhile to fix. (I'm talking about the kiosk in the law library). But what can you do?
459. There are only 6 scheduled gym times and 3 scheduled yard times each month, and almost half are cancelled with no reason given. Out-of-cell time daily for those who follow the rules and don't pop out is just barley over two hours.
460. The entire justice system
461. Dietary, commissary is never stocked. Windows are broken, cant close them and are screwed shut during the winter months with no fresh air. Healthcare is slow. No follow ups for serious health issues
462. That staff doesn't give a shit period, for me others.

- 463. living conditions, things always breaking, being dirty, windows not working. Phone situation, I've been at Shawnee **[6+]** years 80% of fights are about the phone. You can't get help when you need.
- 464. Constant lockdowns excuse COVID short staff. Fight in A 1/4 wing. Too cold. No activities. Weather. Too hot. Too cold. Lack of yard or gym. Staff excuses for everything, our house C/O cancels our church. But other houses went. Several times. The C/O in point will make own house stand outside 20 min and to be late for services. more.
- 465. They do not go by protocol
- 466. That a few the rules don't apply to them
- 467. They don't help encourage people for work release to prepare themselves for reentry into society.
- 468. The staff doesn't care, we go on lockdown so much, I've been in school since Nov. It's **[DATE REDACTED, Months later]** and I only have (12) days in schools, it's really hard to get a job in here they only pick people they know to work, they show favoritism to (porters) then run out of (noodles) hygiene products and other important things all the time on commissary.
- 469. How the staff let other inmates run the cell houses.
- 470. Opportunity to get jobs
- 471. Everything
- 472. There are very little good-time options and they hold minimums here with little time around people with life and 40+ years
- 473. The feeling of being left without anyone keeping tabs on the people in charge here. They can be as immoral as they want if no one catches them.
- 474. All day in a cell
- 475. The way we are being TREATED it is inhuman. They treat animals better than us. Having a C Grade wing where we can't even call our people to know if everything is ok with them

Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

- 1. More out-of-cell time
- 2. More out-of-cell time
- 3. Phone app on tablets will stop 96% of the fights in prison! To have commissary items stocked! To go to gym & yard everyday. More programs, school, drug rehabilitation were just sitting in cages here learning nothing besides hate for being in a cage all day!
- 4. Close it, and make it already a max, so people like me get shipped to a medium or minimum prison, this prison is already a max.
- 5. Allow more individuals to participate in the programs & jobs rather than a chosen few. More gym & recreation. And staff should respect & speak to individuals in custody just as they do their co-workers.
- 6. More things to do for us to get good-time and they let us get into things and not say we have to wait.

7. Have someone from Springfield come here and force them to run this place like it supposed to be.
8. Sensitivity training for C/Os to remind them we are humans!
9. Give us more food to eat instead of 2 small portions & a fruit because we are adults and require more food cause we can't always afford to buy food from commissary. cause I only get 13 dollars a month and can't afford to buy food. Turn on the heat in the units, seg, receiving. Quit giving unfair judgement on first time offenders when hearing our tickets and making us serve more time in seg. Start listening to inmates when they are trying to talk to you instead of walking off or keep walking. Have sex offender wing & housing unit for sex offenders & have group therapy to help those sex offenders stop offending & get the help they need.
10. Put people in here who still see us as people and as just a case numbers
11. For the staff, start being more accountable and to start treating incarcerated people like human-beings instead of a paycheck or a number. More mental health training for staff in dealing with the incarcerated. Take some of the power from all (I-A) ran prison, because they have (personal) indictments against the incar.
12. Let people have a job or schooling no matter how much time you got left
13. Maintenance cleaning + sanitation supplies need given out. Heat needs fixed on certain wings + cells, water quality needs tested, windows need fixed, process to get assigned a job, vote sheet takes months to approve.
14. give people more chances to get job, programs, school and gym and yard.
15. Drug programs and more work for people with 50% of there time.
16. There need to be Warden's placed here that will not be afraid to punish the staff and implement the law inside of the prison.
17. Better food, give us laundry soap once a week, and more commissary in stock
18. getting more programs to help people with their problems for being locked up more job to help people stay busy and productive while locked up. Need better shower curtains in shower been here 3 years never changed once all broken and neglected. Better food for prisoners not just officers food only (better cell maintenance)
19. 1. Improved kitchen facilities. 2. Housing facilities need renovating. 3. Improve the commissary. 4. Consider an inmate council who can provide meaningful feedback to the administration, more time outside the housing units.
20. Put me on the next transfer, need more school teachers, respectable C/O, more commissary, more gym, yard time, TV channels, hygiene, more time out-of-cell. GTL links is to high, more programs, give out good-time
21. Staffing
22. bring back old fans.
23. actual opportunitys implemented to help us curve reoffending in the world.
24. Better commissary - More time out
25. More school, job programs needed.
26. To actually allow an individual in custody to receive his earned credit (good-time) if he has earned it. (No tickets, A grade, jobs, school)
27. What I stated in question #13 along with putting the phones on the tablet.
28. Staff, food, rec time, Dayroom, cell phones time
29. I dont think there is a way to improve this prison.
30. Better training to officers for the jobs they hold. Commissary needs steady supply of items instead of hit and miss of items. Help offenders get the class or programs they need to earn good-time. If unavailable here get them to the facility that offers it. Transfers need to speed up instead of taking months or yrs. Stop COVID testing
31. Shut it down

32. Close it, or make it a max so they can ship out people that we are not at high level lock up all day
33. More gym, yard time. Better food dietary. More programs and actually run programs for everyone not just high risk people. Actually come to work.
34. Condemn it... shut it down
35. Food. Out-of-cell time! More call time, and opening up for more visits.
36. I think this prison need to have more programming and schooling to help rehabilitate people.
37. Shut it down. Make the employees spend 6 months locked up here treated the way we are treated so they can see what its like because they treat us like trash not like people.
38. Put visits back to 6 hours long and have it where you can get 6 to 8 visits a month. Better items at commissary, better food in dietary, and get better healthcare and dental!
39. More movement to work or do programs to help better our mind set
40. more programs and opportunities for incarcerated individuals.
41. Tear it down! This prison should be condemned! Its filthy & outdated!
42. More time out-of-cells. More jobs for inmate to be able to transfer. Better food! To be treated humane. To be treated fairly.
43. Give us what we are supposed to be given as an individual in custody at least follow the basic guidelines of what we are supposed to have and what options of activities, that really have real classes. Stop locking us down for everything we go on lockdown at least twice a week for things we dont know why or dont have anything to do with.
44. Only have 3 porters in day and night and keep all other locked up till dayroom time. Make the officers do their jobs. Make sure the inmates cant bribe officers or tell them how to do their job like one inmate does on this wing.
45. give us some pussy!!!
46. an overhaul of remodeling & the kitchen, friendly officers, new clothes, better commissary
47. Better food, more yard activity, better education, less of wait list for school enrollment.
48. Better commissary, more time out of the cell, state-loans for those who have no money. Better mental health care and people who actually care about us.
49. Nothing
50. Close this place down send us to a better place
51. Yard or gym everyday like all the other prisons. Commissary ran every other week like every where else. Get rid of COVID protocol, guards use it to put us on lockdown. Feed us food that is good and enough to feed us. Have guards do a week in a cell during training so they know what its like.
52. New channel provider, put sirus XM on the TV for all to listen too. Better cleaning supplies for ALL + I feel that will help stopping the spread of the virus, + they can run top + bottom deck at the same time for yards + gyms. And get better orders on food + quit feeding the C/Os all the good food, order enough commissary for the month, C/Os should wear masks at work for individuals in custodys protection
53. New managment. (I think I might have spelled it wrong). This place should be a place for people who has a history of constant getting in trouble and violent offenders. Not for people who is not violent!
54. More food! More rec time! Once a week is ridiculous
55. Quit moving people from cell house change consistently for no reason.

56. Equal treatment & opportunities. Recidivism prevention programs. Gym & yard weekly. Commissary for everybody, not just commissary employees.
57. More **[ILLEGIBLE]** More free time outside more gym, yards
58. Let all inmates with 50% earn good-time and put them in line for programing before people with 85% and 100%
59. Make the cells wider + longer, or build more cells so that prisoners who wants to be in a cell by themselves they can. Serve better food. Have programs for everyone to better themselves. Give prisoners a chance to get a degree.
60. More yard and gym. Better dietary and no limit on the commissary
61. They need to hire guards who have compassion. Make programming available. Kitchen needs to be supervised properly. Need more time out-of-cells.
62. I most definately suggest more extensive training for the staff in people skills, and social skills on how to deal with adult men. I also believe that more school and behavior modification classes will be a major improvement and more jobs; anything other than sitting in a jail cell for 23hrs a day thinking of ways to be a better criminal.
63. More rec time, more attention on recidivism, less lockdowns
64. For someone to come in and actually help improve the situation.
65. The only thing that I can say about that is just stay out of prison!
66. provide more gym and yard, and programs. Also good behavior should be rewarded.
67. Better work detales
68. You do jail time down here just 90 day? Then you can understand what need to be improve
69. Mental health, better commissary, better healthcare
70. For both administrative staff and correctional staff to be held more accountable for their actions or lack thereof overall. (standing by while another prison official violates a constitutional right, is wrong)
71. Nothing
72. Complete overhaul
73. everything
74. Send someone who cares about inmates who you can talk, without being push away!
75. Blow it up or tear it down.
76. Positive treatment by staff; incarcerated individuals' civil constitutional rights are honored as a priority by staff.
77. All inmates should have a job or be in school
78. More programing, school yards, out-of-cell more, jobs, more help with staff, and mental health.
79. This prison needs a total clean up from top to bottum everyone that I met at this prison says they would rather be in a max.
80. I need to be structure from the top on down, and to have the staff stop stealing our food
81. More gyms and yards access to school
82. Get cells up to state ordinance, get some type of check and balance with C/Os.
83. More yard day. More good-time programs, more phones or phone on the tablet. Allow porter all to work their job.
84. Bring in all new staff from the warden on down
85. This whole prison on every level need improvement from the food they feed us to the programs to yard and gym everything
86. Shut it down
87. For the staff and officers to look at us like people and to help us get better. We need more groups and programs so everyone has the opportunity to grow in a positive

- way. We need a dentist onsite so people can get proper dental treatment. We need more time out of our cell to maintain better mental health.
88. Implement more programs for all incarcerated individuals, implement more opportunities for good-time to be earned for all incarcerated individuals.
 89. Keep commissary full, more yard and gym, better food. More time out-of-cell.
 90. Down here you cannot get in school unless you are one year from going home.
 91. Funding for teachers, vocational programs, building improvements, setting a standard for quality of life.
 92. More time out-of-cell. To shop more than once a month at commissary. Better trained officers to understand needs and issues for men in custody. Programs for us. we need activities for men in custody. A better food menu. Reward men in custody for good behavior. Better mail service. A better healthcare service. Better time sensitive to receive personal property. Order enough items so we all get what we need from commissary. For officers not cover their name tags.
 93. Removal of staff and wardens to be replaced by better suited candidates. A full fledged investigation into this prisons corruption.
 94. More gym and yard time. Way better food, more chances for school and jobs for people that are doing there time at 85% and have a lot of time to do. Train staff to deescalate situations. Better living conditions
 95. Grant inmates there EDSC award good-time. More school more jobs.
 96. Faster transfers.
 97. More yards and gyms we only get 1 a week and they get canceled a lot due to staff shortages. Staff get in trouble when they are wrong or do wrong. More programs for good-time and or to get you ready to go home
 98. More movement
 99. Being out-the-cell more, more job opportunities, more yards, gym, more sports and activities, more transfer to different penitentiary.
 100. More yard, more dayroom, no C grade deck.
 101. Burn it to the ground and start over. I have doubts the building or staff can be fixed. There is no oversight, and the grievance procedures are a joke. And those who work in the Law Library have no knowledge of the law to be of any help. From top to bottom, this prison is broken.
 102. They should have more programs to offer inmates, and they shouldn't discriminate against so many of us when it comes to allow us into these programs.
 103. This prison does not work. It is broken and need a lot of repairs. Heating and air is broken, the food is cold and the kitchen is unsanitary. The cable system is always out and spiders and bugs, ants are always in our cells biting us.
 104. Better food. More movement. More time out of our kennel
 105. This place needs a food service director that really knows how to do his/her job... Maybe then or meals would change for the better
 106. Keep supply of stock in the commissary! Hire more employee's!
 107. Food is number 1 in both portion size and quality. Most school children get fed better at their school then we are here.
 108. get better
 109. More than 1-hour of yard, outside recreation per week equal for all inmates.
 110. More yards and the state gets food for inmates but the staff gets the food. They are supposed to eat what we eat. But then again what other job have you had where your work place buys you lunch?
 111. Need more teachers. Need more respectable C/Os. Need more time out-of-cell. Need yard & gym at least 2 times a week. Need better food at dietary. Need more

- information on offender channel. Need to ship offenders out that are approved for transfer already.
112. Better treatment by staff. Better food. More yard + gym. Reward good behavior regardless of having a job or program.
 113. for the staff to do there job
 114. Have better help and programs for the inmate with 85% cases
 115. give inmates what we are eligible for. Open yard, gym weekly. Upgrade hygiene items in commissary. Investigate why inmates are not being approved for the year good-time as myself. Im minimum security – A grade – no restrictions and am housed in Shawnee and not be approved for said good-time.
 116. Just close it down
 117. This prison has a big enough yard that they could divide it into two yards and give more I.I.C. more yard time at one time.
 118. 1) It would be nice to take a hot shower instead of cold ones. 2) Better quality control on who makes the food for chow. 3) Better relationships with the C/Os, but I know they are trained to be stern.
 119. Better training to officers on how to interact with a person in custody. More yard and gym time. Feed us better or even easier feed me out of the officers kitchen. Commissary always runs out of food and hygiene.
 120. At least a merit system for the well-behaved – counselors that can actually answer/follow-up our questions, instead of "I Don't Know". For a full list of improvements, you just need to really look around.
 121. Create peer driven programs, feed staff the same as us. They use all the dietary money for staff. Create re-entry programs.
 122. Level this place and start over again. Fire all the higher ups and hire people that want to be here and not here just for the pay check. The person in charge of transfers need to be fired!!!
 123. Tare it down
 124. 1) Have uninterested third-party oversight & enforcement 2) All facilities and appliances repaired/replaced to meet all codes. 3) Staff receive compassionate/mentorship corrective training.
 125. More positive reinforcement and programming
 126. None
 127. Replace broken windows in 1, 2 & 3 house, they don't open/close, improve menu in dietary – change it up more. More yard/gym. Longer dayrooms.
 128. Greater oversight and accountability toward staff and leadership
 129. Fire the people who don't care. Pay employees more and give them enough time off. Make ethics class mandatory for all employees to get the jobs in the 1st place. Bigger portions of food on the trays from dietary.
 130. Find a way to get more people in the helpful programs
 131. Everything
 132. Cure health
 133. Put like minded people together.
 134. More movement and opportunity
 135. Better healthcare. The healthcare staff are rude and very dismissive. People go month to years dealing with health problems that could be addressed very quickly.
 136. Close it!
 137. Improve everything theres alot wrong with this prison. Staff, Dietary, Bugs & Rats, The phone, Housing this list can go on. Fix it all

138. My suggestion would be for the prison to act in accordance with reality, that this prison has very few physical altercations, and relax many of the movement restrictions. Then begin offering more classes and other opportunities for us to do something meaningful with our time.
139. Single man cells and more drug classes.
140. More staff involvement, oversight
141. Staff treat Individuals like people rather than animals. Make good food for everyone not just staff. Give Individuals more time out of the cell. Offer more education programming and constructive ways to do time. Offer more gym and yard time. Offer better commissary items.
142. Not to do the same thing again
143. First start running this prison like it's A MAX! I've been to Pinckneyville, and it's better there than here. this is my fuck-up Experince I ever been through. I Hate it here. being in cells All day make me want to die! Kill myself.
144. Close it.
145. Somebody need to make sure we been treated like humans and we need more programs that can help us when we about to get out.
146. get better help here people who care
147. Make yard, gym more available and make this an 18 and 6 prison instead of 20 and 4
148. VSOTP Program. Better food. More Rec
149. Better food more programs for some cut time (Drug programs). And like tournaments, as in football, Basketball, Soccer, Etc.
150. Have a Springfield worker come down here at least bi-monthly.
151. N/A
152. Spread jobs out. No one should have more than one job if there is a job shortage. Hire more teachers. More yard and gym.
153. Clean the vent and give more rec and answer our medical concern in a timely manner
154. To be out-of-cell more (so longer dayroom), Better food, to let people who ask to do a class into them.
155. Actually have someone to audit, or oversight committee to look into this prison.
156. Close it!
157. I would provide more oppertunites to get into college programs & Drug treatments
158. To open up more with jobs and programs, and to either expand the dayroom times or expand the commissary unit or how many times we go to store.
159. more programs
160. Correct all the above. Also give individuals opportunities that can actually help once released, real resources & programs on the outside that are willing to help us.
161. Accountability. We never see anyone held accountable for their actions. There are officers that I see abuse individuals on a weekly basis but nothing ever happens to them.
162. Shut Shawnee Correctional Center down. Or have this prison under investigation Something please
163. I don't think that a place can ever want to "fix" their issues after running their facility "poorly/unjust" for a long time.
164. To improve this prison would take daily oversight from an outside source and time/money the state won't utilize. I would be amazed if Shawnee ever improved.
165. Give jobs more openly, not based on favoritism and whether someone works with I.A.

166. Change the whole system and bring in more staff that is bilingual
167. Get cell [# REDACTED] outta the prison to make living here better. An assortment of food from dietary Instead of Cock N Socks every 3 days. More yard time. More coffee.
168. too many to list—not enough dayroom or recreation time. Food sucks. Commissary is once every 30 days.
169. Give us all at least 1 good-time contract. More yards, gym. Everyone should be able to go to class.
170. The way the staff talks to us when tryna show their authority. They threat us, disrespect us, and abuse thier authority tryna bait us in to react.
171. Give everybody a chance to go to school or program. Start fixing things. let us out are cell more.
172. I suggest Shawnee would make it easier for incarcerated people to get into school, get jobs, and into programs or let individuals transfer to a different facility where we can get those things we need to prepare for a better life upon release.
173. Total revamp the administration.
174. better food, commissary stocked and yard at least 2 times a week
175. More yard and gym time and better and edible food in dietary and commissary and a better water source for drinking. Better health and dental and longer visits.
176. This prison need new staff and more programs, jobs
177. more dayroom better food
178. that the dietary staff make sure our meals are properly cooked. That our food trays are cleen and that a better food suply be provided. That our commissary be ran weekly.
179. more programs to increase opportunities to aquire good-time credits. I'm currently serving an extended sentence and am not qualified to receive good-time credit.
180. None.
181. Give everybody a chance to get an education regradless of time.
182. Rather than given serton inmates 2 and 3 jobs and a school assignment spread that out between all the inmates, and once all the inmates have an assignment then start debbling up. more yard, and gyms.
183. Close it down its old mold on cell walls and showers. Horrible food
184. We need more time on the yard and gym, better food and more oppurtunity to work and go to school
185. Treat people equal. Listen to what they have to say. Things would run alot smoother
186. everybody able to get a job prior to coming to the prison. get more programs for this prison. get more yard and gym time. Better commissary for us
187. Better Commissary, more diligence with Phone calls some leway for 1st offenses
188. more yard, jym, more time out-of-cell, better verity of food Transfer sex offenders to a camp they can do programs at more jobs to people, programs to all people, Staff that help, healthcare that sees you more then once In 18 months
189. Medical has a problem finding Dentists and getting us dental treatment. I would also like to see some kind of sign language classes made available for the deaf and hard of hearing.
190. Pay attention to everyone.
191. Everything
192. At least 8 visits a month—At most 12 visits... No time limitations—like some of the other prisons—Big Muddy for example. More phones added—or phones put on tablets. More dayroom time. Longer phone time. More work, school opportunities.

- More programs available for ALL. Hot showers! Some heat in the winter. Fix the Broken windows!
193. Give everyone 1 job instead of giving 1 person 5 jobs
 194. Hire capable staff, counselors that respond when asked questions about what is going on with inmates situation—information is not top secret. Treat inmate fairly, not allowing some to have special treatment, jobs, programs above others. One inmate—one job, program at a time. Allow other inmates the opportunity to work, programs. Get rid of the rats living in the serving line in dietary.
 195. there only helping people they want to no jobs, programs, school. Mostly locked in a cell. How is that help making people crazy we need more jobs, programs, school
 196. Keep commissary + dietary stocked + supplied. Stop overcharging us for certain commissary items: we pay \$10.32 for a case of ramen noodles. Those same noodles cost less than \$5 in the free world.
 197. Make it equal to where as all the 85% dont have all the jobs so the 50% can get jobs so they can go home. We go on lockdown for no reason
 198. Make the staff follow their own rules and directives, and discipline prisoners who demonstrate an unwillingness to follow institutional rules, not those who do. Make the staff eat the same meals that inmates eat.
 199. A new changed formal format.
 200. Bi-Annual psychological evaluation of staff, with action taken towards those members exhibiting apathy, animosity, or sadism toward inmates. Increase Calorie Count for meals by 35% per meal (minimum). Fix the climate control in the facility to keep ambient temperatures above 50 degrees, when we complain we are told it's the same in Statesville (Chicago). Allow extra blankets if the heat isn't getting fixed. Healthcare is a right not a privilege, actually provide healthcare (just yesterday a Diabetic was wheeled out on a stretcher due to being unresponsive after begging guards for 2 hours for help—he was told he wasn't being polite enough). SCC [DATE REDACTED]—Receiving—3 PM.
 201. Better food healthy + pot smokeing.
 202. They need to treat every inmate the same no matter what they are charged with.
 203. Rotate the assignments/job every 6 months-1 year and dont rotate the jobs by having the inmate go back and forth to a certain assignment over and over again. Give every inmate a chanch to work and go to Voc. School, not just inmates who have little time left to serve.
 204. Someone in charge thats gonna listen. And not believe all lies told by staff. And some I/M. A 50 and over wing.
 205. More self help opportunities
 206. More dayroom time, more groups and to transfer people who do not meet criteria to be here, more access to face to face with Wardens
 207. Have all staff spend a year incarcerated and treated just as inmates are. Perhaps that will open some eyes to compassion and empathy. Respond to ALL requests instead of ignoring them. Honor all Therapeutic Diet Orders. Extend frequency and duration of law library access. Install air conditioning for us during the summer. Maintain signal integrity for all TV channels.
 208. Throw the whole staff away
 209. give jobs and schooling
 210. Getting dick
 211. Start over
 212. Shut it Down completely!

213. Well for me get me a job and work release ASAP. Bogus me being 10 months here and nothing.
214. Get a Warden who hasn't been in Corrections and is biased against inmates. Everybody makes mistakes.
215. Greater access to phones.
216. Let us whit 50% trying to get good-time, job, school, programming. Like I said it more 85% who can't get good-time that in school, job, programming
217. Better food, more yard and gym, go to commissary more, treated better, hire more people for jobs & school
218. For staffs member to give eevrybodys A change to help them selfs. I been in three others places before I came here to Shawnee and each one I were working.
219. for staff to treat guys as humum being and give them a chance to be a better person and change their life for there love one ones and others
220. Better our commissary, living arrangements, more dayroom, get us to our transferred destinations, better school and work programs and better food to eat in the chow hall.
221. Create incentives for staff & inmates to do what they should. Have an outside group inforce & verify.
222. Different management
223. Grievance process needs removed from I.D.O.C. because they are refusing to honour it. They refuse to recognize food allergies, an have repeatedly denied showers as part of Lockdown due to hygiene, an often deny chow to others. Appoint people who believe in change, rather than the status quo.
224. On my dead goldfish can we have clan meetings? Allowed to wear bedsheets while burning a cross on the yard. Biweekly lynching
225. More programs.
226. More yard, Gym time... more time out-the-cell... better Food, commissary... better programs.
227. Consistancy on responding to request slips and helping to get parole sites setup and work release approved instead of denieying people who qualify
228. Shut it down.
229. More staff that a **[ILLEGILBLE]**. Aimed at the return to society, and behavior while here. Providing skill to everyone here if willing.
230. Fix the windows in 1 and 2 house, feed us food (not just bread, potatoes) and make the portions a little bigger. If A/C isn't available, purhaps a blower system? Or sell a fan that works. Sell more art supplies. Increase the yard amounts per month. If you enjoy making us stand out in a rainstorm, at least sell umbrellas or rain coats.
231. You need to come see how we live here
232. Training people for jobs when release like pipefitters, carpenters, labors, boilermakers, iron workers, ect
233. Close this poorly ran unorganized curropt prison down
234. fair treatment, support, opportunity
235. everything guard are polling cold air in the housing unit
236. This prison needs to be cleaned & the staff need to be monitored on how poor they treat prisoners & what we have coming
237. More programs and education courses
238. A lot of them. Too many to list here.
239. Better more nutritiouse food
240. larger portions on the tray in chow and an opertunity for 85%ers to get a job and good-time

- 241. more classes, teachers, and resources for the education department. Better food in dietary. More accountability for staff to treat us with respect and to not degrade us.
- 242. Better food more programs and more time out of our cell
- 243. Help us!!!
- 244. Remove the COVID restitution
- 245. And outside entity should keep them to task. If we had more access to our loved ones, phone app on tablet, then we wouldn't have any tension amongst inmates. Allow for individuals to volunteer to help with upkeep of facility.
- 246. Make more jobs, start more programs with outside facilitators, also more rec, dayrooms, the more we are caged like animals the more we act like animals
- 247. new staff
- 248. Some days I don't get to talk to my family due to short dayroom time. If we could get an extra 30 or 45 minutes it would make a big difference.
- 249. Shut it down & set people with low security level free
- 250. Fixing the leak's in the shower's
- 251. Stop lying about canceling recreation & giving Jobs to people that cant earn good-time & extra jobs out were there not giving an oppertunity to the ones can earn good-time with it
- 252. Replace worn out dryers. upgrade cable system. Improve healthcare system — should not have to file grievances for care. Improve commissary ordering system — Business office should not cut orders. Improve communication of non-security related issues with persons in custody.
- 253. They pay more attention to call passes, request slips. Some people actually want to work or schooling. Staff should, can do their jobs better
- 254. I can list a page of things with little to no cost to prison, IDOC + No security issues that cant easily be addressed. Whats the point? I'm going to have to sue just to get a lawsuit.
- 255. Clean out the vent every month
- 256. The commissary, the school program, the yard time, the dietary food.
- 257. They need to open up more and try to get us to commissary and yard more often.
- 258. Better treatment from C/Os. Better food. Better protection. More programs & jobs. They never have sizes in clothing in commissary. They give us tore up blues in clothing.
- 259. Dont go to prison
- 260. Fire them all
- 261. Better overview from outside sources. Informing prisoners of who they can contact outside of the prison to report unfair treatment and harrasment by staff
- 262. They fix the tv channels so that it wont be static.
- 263. Better fans. Extend visits to 4 hours. Move people closer to home. Open programs to all not just short timers. Open schooling to the same. More dayroom time. Allow care packages. Allow video game systems. Have actual counseling and real mental health help. Allow us who can earn good-time to actually be given the chance to work and school.
- 264. Add barcode to ID's with person in custody accounts on it. Vending machines that you can swipe/scan Id to make purchases. Allow more time out-of-cells
- 265. Get rid of Truth in Sentencing and just give people a chance to make something out of them self. It's not right I do [10+] yrs but on my last 6 months I get in school. That not right at all, at least let me leave here with something I already don't get good-time
- 266. Help people Tord There Release Date.

267. Convicts do not run the prison. Gang relations is very low. Improvements would be getting better programs in the prison that offer good-time that would be great.
268. Treat all of us the same. Stop letting people working here who hate inmates and who care's about our case
269. None because they won't be applied.
270. O.M.G. Come take a look at this crap hole. Look at every cell, dayroom, try running the shower in each wing, go look through the dietary, check everything! flush toilets, even in the kitchen area, try every faucet for hot + cold water, condition of floors in each bathroom, open every laundry room door (wide open) then let go of the handle! etc...
271. accountability and consistency.
272. Everything about Shawnee Corr. Center is broken. Administration doesn't care to fix any problems because the officer's union force will pull support. Most of the staff here needs to be replaced — medical care is horrible and ineffective — dietary is ran for the officers — commissary is a joke — the cell, living unit conditions are deplorable — broken mechanicals — peeling paint — missing floor tiles and window screens — they screw windows shut in winter
273. To allow Federal Jurisdiction to take over!
274. The commissary store needs to be kept stocked better.
275. More programs and jobs for good-time release.
276. Equal employment and programming opportunities for everyone. More opportunities to go outside! Better Food! Healthier commissary choices.
277. Shawnee offer a very few programs different from other prisons in Illinois. I feel this is the worst prison in Illinois because how staff treat detainees.
278. Transfer people
279. Just because we in prison don't mean we not human and just cuz we not workers dont mean we need to stay in our cells all day.
280. For Outside parties to investigate the facility without notifying them first! Therefore to get a true glimpse of the stressful conditions and inhumane treatment of incarcerated offenders.
281. Everything!! Make it easier for programs + better training for C/Os to treat us with respect + dignity.
282. Close it down would only improve this prison
283. Get staff that isn't here for themselves
284. Better pairing of cellmates by placement. Better food. More understanding staff. More programming.
285. Shut Shawnee down permanently or hire a new staff thats qualified to run and operate a prison properly, humanely and ethically.
286. Better contact with family, better food, more opportunities to do physical activities.
287. Better management
288. A stable commissary unit, more organization for we all can go get educational.
289. Help people not to come back, like me. I Just want to get a job and go to school to get good-time and go home and never come back. But it seem's like only people that get a job and schooling is one's that dont get good-time
290. Working windows, 2 movie channels, more yards, more time out for dayroom, new games on the GTL tablets, better access to Library, better chow, and commissary
291. Paroll site's for S.O. offenders staying another year is Just Hell on a person
292. Change the men clothen back to men clothes. Help those who can not help themselves. Everyone cannot help themselves, if we could... why ask.
293. They should add on a PC unit and a mental unit for inmates with mental problems.

294. More schooling for all, opportunities to better yourself. Better commissary, we have no good hygiene and this is going on month 8 or better, letting us transfer if we are a minimum security. Better treatment from staff.
295. Different training for staff to improve people skills. Give us supplies to clean our unit, detergent for clothes. Need to also give us better food that hot and stop giving all the food for us to the officers only.
296. I don't like this places
297. Burn it down.
298. More programs where people can earn good-time, better food, better healthcare, better mental health services.
299. Make it easier for people to get a job or in school
300. Fair treatment and rules being followed by staff.
301. More programs to help inmates. Better meals
302. NONE
303. get someone in here who can run it better an safer
304. Shawnee needs more programs. Most incarcerated people have been here years without doing or learning anything. There is no rehabilitation going on here at Shawnee. And counselor here are useless they don't care about us our request are always denied or ignored.
305. We need help in Shawnee C.C.
306. More programs and movement, programs to help to help people transition back into the world again and more education.
307. make the teachers show up every day
308. Visits are important for both incarcerated and citizens alike. Prioritize them better and treat peoples families with respect, for they didn't commit any crimes.
309. Better food better hygiene and cosmetics on commissary, more discipline for correctional officers. Remove the homosexuals from GP to stop the spread of STDs and HIV and remodel the jail.
310. being honest with the inmates
311. Hire staff that don't play God just because they can and serve better meals. Also, if someone needs a slow eaters or soft diet they need to be given it but here they don't care so they just say no
312. Start over... Actually let the people who qualify for good-time have jobs instead of filling all spots w/ people who cant. Etc...
313. Focus on the people who have more time, who can actually benifit from school + programs rather than just getting people out fastest.
314. Keep porters off phones, when its dayroom would be excellent.
315. 1. Get rid of the administrative directive that stops inmates from work because of TABE scores. 2. Allow us more time out of our cells. 3. Give us A/C in summer and heat in winter.
316. Shut it down.
317. Better food, treat every individual the same. No matter the offense.
318. Yard, gym more, more black officers. A/C units installed. JHA come more often to put these people in line. Give more dayroom it wont be as hostile. more in person visits longer too, take that big glass down so we can actually talk to them w/o talking to the side. let the magazines come back in we're men thats all we have or these people will keep changing they're sexuality
319. Need hot water, heat, better food and hot food. Need more movement... need to treat all inmates the same. The warden need to make sure everybody do their job. They do whatever they want, no rules, for officers!

- 320. Make the staff do their job, not whatever they want or see fit
- 321. Stop only giving Jobs to informants, give everyone in opportunity
- 322. more time out-the-cell
- 323. More Black staff members, treat us equal not a number, A/C, cook better food not just for the staff, come out our cell way more it'll make the tention lower
- 324. Fix window and walls
- 325. Change everything
- 326. You cant improve this prison! The conditions are inhumane. From the living conditions, the food, the staff, you have people working in the law library that dont know anything about law.
- 327. I suggest that you invest in more program to help us learn something positive and helpful that we can use and implement when we go home. Otherwise we will be leaving jail the same person we came in.
- 328. more dayroom + yard, more movement, more programs.
- 329. get out this year going back work
- 330. Have better people in position to make sure the people here get what they have coming to them things might be better if they had more people with power watching!
- 331. Working windows in the cells
- 332. Better programs and school classes. More teachers. More dayroom hours. Properly place the correct inmates in the correct level prison.
- 333. Just to close it down
- 334. More job! school! & physical activity! gyms & yards
- 335. Close it down
- 336. Start giving gym and yard all year around, more programs that offer good-time, more schooling, also the option to filling the gap to giving more dayroom with the time that is left wasted away by the guards and stop giving snitches and kiss asses all the jobs.
- 337. they need more program's also more stuff for people like us that's doing time.
- 338. Provide more programs and schooling
- 339. The food, the way yall talk to us, guys with sex case can get all the jobs Commissary
- 340. firer staff, make better food, make it easier to get a job and get into school or a transfer
- 341. Reclassify people and send people to a minimum security prison
- 342. Have our gym, yard at least 4 times a week. 2 hour dayrooms in morning & night. More phones or phones on tablets. Allow inmates to be heard
- 343. Don't have any also they need to get off their ass and do the job.
- 344. get rid of the officers who treat and talk to inmates poorly. Run yard, dayroom, more programs, schooling
- 345. A bulldozer! For the staff to have the willingness to do their jobs and do them properly. That right there would fix most problems here, most not all. We need better Healthcare, nutritional food in the chow hall and on commissary. Our windows are still messed up for most of the institution. Some parts of wings in units dont get enough heat in winter. Cable channels go out all the time and we have to wait a month or more to get them fixed. We need an anntenna system so we can at least get local channels. Etc.
- 346. Having a better mutual friendship within one incarcerated and one's cell mate, also that there be no discrimination; having respect to the people incapacitated.
- 347. don't come back.
- 348. treated us like a human

349. for them to stop letting incarcerated people run the prison and making decisions for others who are incarcerated and for the C/Os to step up and do there jobs and be fair.
350. Listen to the inmates on what we need.
351. help people who ask for classes that need help. help people get better not worse
352. Offer good-time to all offenders
353. Release low offense offenders
354. More rec. Better choices of commissary. School options should be better.
355. Stop all the Covid-19 lockdowns. Fix the Kosher diets, allow more then 40 minutes per week of yard. Bring back 6 hour a week of yard.
356. It need to be shut down, its mold everywhere, paint polling inside of cells
357. More recreation per week to release tensions. More chapel services to enhance spiritual growth and inmate maturity.
358. Monitor what's happening better, jobs available, programs, good-time availability, transfers, better commissary, more yard, gyms, more time out cells, guards treatment, clean and get rid of mold, retrain staff, don't make us live in ways you wouldn't want treated yourselves
359. Stay to yourself and build on you as a person and not as an individual in custody
360. Close this prison down and arrest the staff for cruel and unusual punishment.
361. Close it down or get staff who really wants to help people do better
362. More opptons for food and exercise
363. Terminate some of the officers, staff; immediately!
364. Better food, better commissary, and more good-time and all programs available. Also everyone should be able to get a job and work.
365. More program, and more teachers and officers that not racist!!!
366. that petition need to be did for the molded showers that we have to shower in. Its unsanitized.
367. More one on one sessions on how we can come together and learn to listen to each other. Staff & individuals in custody. You get what you put out in character...
368. More time out-of-cell, and more programs for good-time
369. Equil opportunity makes sure everyone gets jobs and everyone gets good-time no matter there crime. We all broke the laws, we all deserve good-time or a chance to earn good-time (double punishments)
370. We only get 10 or 12 hours a month reck, yard. They cancel half of it for short staff! Also they never want to help you with anything! It's like night and day compaired to other prison's in IL!!
371. Fire lazy, rude, disrespectful, and unproffessional staff. Closer monitoring of staff!
372. The rules should be made clear and one job assignment should be held by an incarcerated person. Not two and three jobs held by one person.
373. Give people an oppurtunity to better themselves no matter the time or percentage. They should consider someones mental health when they say they need help and that they feel like they need medication.
374. More yard and gym, more time out-of-cells, more job oppertunities, more schooling, C/Os need to treat us like humans
375. logistics keep things in stock. More jobs, classes with good-time for people here. More gym, yard. (We only go once or twice a month.) We get locked down a lot due to covid or lack of staff. They need to figure that out.
376. Better food, better bed's, better commissary, non freezing stool's in the cells
377. They need to really come and watch, people in power need to understand and see how we really live day to day.

378. More teachers, more job opportunity, quit being so aggressive for no reason, faster mail, more time out-of-cells, better food, more yard and gym, try respecting people. I hope I don't get punished for this
379. transfers
380. 1. More yards & gyms (they use covid as an excuse - yet pack us in the chow hall all mixed up). 2. More school & jobs. 3. We need better healthcare & food.
381. More yard time, more jobs. One person should not be able to have more than one job
382. 1. A/C (air conditioning) - There is only 1 small window in our cells and it reaches 100 degrees F + in them in the summer. 2. Upgrade the quality of the food! More time out of our cells! Improve healthcare! ADA guidelines need updated. Guards need to remember we are NOT a maximum security prison - AND give us more than 4 minutes to EAT our meals! We are "popped" out at 4:30pm to eat takes 5 min to walk over we are allowed 5 min to eat, and are back in our cells by 4:45pm! It's a choking hazard and not good for digestion to EAT that damn fast!
383. Nothing
384. Staff need people skills and more ways to communicate with your family
385. New paint job, new water heater, new radiator, new beds, new commissary, C/O. new windows. Tear this place down
386. Get staff that works not sit around play cards and treat us like there better than you
387. Firer, [NAME REDACTED]! [NAME REDACTED] is a proud boy and he only want more proud boy's working in Shawnee Correctional
388. Better food & more gym, yard time.
389. Better items on commissary and stability. More free time at least an hour more. Better response to our requests slips.
390. More time outside of cell
391. To be heard at least individually by the Warden or other higher authority.
392. More day time outside the cells, better food, better medical attention.
393. Give us the tools to stop offending quit treating us like we are scum not all of us are bad people just made bad choices
394. For all work or job assignment to have work boots for kitchen assignments, garbage details, and the clothing room give you three pair of pants instead two to wear. And the kitchen got work uniform instead of everyday blues you wear everyday to work in and wear. It's terrible.
395. More yard + gym, better access to programs and schooling, better food (we eat almost all carbs), better access to phones, more out-of-cell time. Allow everyone the opportunity for all jobs. Fully open the visits up allowing full visits without plastic barriers, get rid of GTL
396. Staff is stealing \$ slated for food. They are giving contracts to relatives. Staff needs to treat individuals as PEOPLE – not convicted felons. Stop blaming everything bad on COVID!!
397. Cells need painting, get rid of rusted out beds. Fix windows freezing in the winter. Get air conditioning
398. Come up with a system that will evaluate those who want to change and think different, so they can grow and educate others, while incarcerated.
399. More yard time, better food consistently, improved commissary. Officers need to manage dayrooms - unauthorized people out - phones are taken over by gangs
400. NA
401. Put phone app on tablet so we may develop a relationship with our family! Keep people from fighting over phones. Keep commissary items in stock. Stop price

- gouging. Better programs, drug treatments. More gym, yards. Bigger portions in dietary, better food. Train staff better.
402. Equal opportunity for every prisoner, no waiting list. Everyone should receive an assignment upon entering IDOC. And cell doors should be opened after 1st shift morning count. Prisoners should lock up for beginning 2nd shift count and let back out until lockdown beginning 3rd shift.
403. Condemn and close this prison
404. Better cleaning, better food, better staff members, more time out-the-cell, good programs, better treatment, more respect by inmates and staff.
405. Get people that will help more than just do nothing at all.
406. go to store once a week instead of once a month, make it easy to earn good-time and get into programs, get out-of-cell more, get more phones
407. An unannounced, even undercover, audit of Shawnee C.C and its process when it hasn't been doctored to look good for Springfield.
408. better training for staff members on how to perform their duties. Make staff members perform the required duties of their positions or fire them and replace them with people who will perform the duties of their job.
409. Prisoners with no job only get 2-3 yard, gyms a month. So, if you work or go to school you get none and if you go to yard, gym there is no allotted time for a shower. I suggest more for yards, gyms and a worker for yard, gym and or school.
410. Better communication, less lockdowns
411. Fire em all.
412. Replace the clothing vendors - only allow inmates to hold the same job for no longer than 6-12 months and don't let them go back and forth from two different jobs every 6-12 months. Make officers be sure that inmates that aren't supposed to be out aren't because everytime it's my phone day first I still can't use it. And force all staff and officers to perform their tasks or hold them accountable. Also fix all broken phones A.S.A.P.
413. Fire every staff hire new ones and tell them to chill.
414. Shut it down, seriously this place is horrible as far as improvements give us cleaning supplies to clean our cell properly and give us working windows in 1 and 2 house... give us supplies to clean the vents they're dirty, like very dirty
415. 1. Adopt a better menu & larger portions - kitchen workers tell of massive quantities of food thrown away each meal, 2. offer yard at all hours during 1st and 2nd shift instead of just during dayroom time, 3. Fix the living quarters, 4. Increase meaningful programs
416. Don't let inmates work two jobs when they can't even earn good-time. Feed use They don't even fill the trays up the small squares on the trays are empty most of the time.
417. Give more schooling and programming. Allow our transfer too be approved both ways. Better food through the prison. Hire better people. Get us out of here on our transfers within a few weeks. 2-3 new medical staff and cable phones on tablets to stop the conflicts between individuals because the staff C/O do not care they want us to fight and go to seg. Because their response is fight or fuck so what does that tell you about the system that is in place
418. They need to tear down this shit hole/hell hole (as this shithole needs to be condemned!)
419. Offer classes or courses for individuals here or get them to the facility that can help them get good-time and help them become better people. Get A/C in the buildings or better air flow in the buildings. C/Os are rude, disrespectful towards inmates. They

- will cuss us out, hold us in line for their pleasure during bad weather, and make or use sexual gestures towards inmates
420. Fire everyone in charge and put new administration in place. Get people who would treat us fairly and not pick favorites.
421. More jobs, school, programs
422. To get the right programs.
423. More time on dayroom. More time on yard
424. More opportunities for yard. Other comparable prisons have yard everyday or close.
425. New administration, a whole new clinical service, B. of I. waudden officers. I been to Lawrence, Pinkneyville, **[ADDITIONAL MAX AND MIN PRISONS REDACTED]** and Shawnee, is hell
426. Give more yards, gyms, approve visits faster than 3-4 months, put more phones in housing units, improve the amount of food and the amount of things we get, open up jobs and programs for other people rather than let people hold 2-3 jobs, programs.
427. Stay to yourself
428. It is personal growth. Rather in spiritual self improvements. For me, I was able to get through the last **[10+]**yrs in a spiritual mind set. But this does me no good because no one but other inmates see who I am today.
429. I would have to say get better food let us out more and the store here is very bad they are always out of things that we need
430. Letting us get a job, or work release, more yard or gym. Letting us reflect on our actions of being in here. Not making it stressful. To lay down and sleep about our actions. It hurt the mental brain.
431. Offer more self improvement programs, hire staff that won't treat us like dogs, serve food that doesn't look like dog food and only discipline those that deserve it.
432. let the feds take it over
433. Close it down. They brake the law constantly here, and deny u your basic constitutional rights.
434. More recreation, more program & being treated fairly
435. Everything about this prison is bad. The officers, food, treatment sucks. No help at all
436. Just bring back the college program, commissary problem, more school programs so we can use our time here instead of just rotten in our cells.
437. More programs for learning, taking up trades, & getting time outside of cell.
438. get rid of the young prisoners
439. Fire them all and have new hired. Also this prison needs shut down for all the things wrong with it code wise. Train all staff at a outside source and have random checks without them knowing and also our mail going out being searched should be done with outside source cause I've had mail not make it to legal places cause this prison intercepted it and not send it cause it would've made a lawsuit towards staff
440. Close it down, condemn it, find less hateful people, start over.
441. get people in here who actually care about us and care about helping to rehabilitate us, not tear us down
442. Make it possible for even poor people to get a TV or tablet so you have something to do in your room and be able to make calls off the tablet in your room to keep phone conflict down and tell them to actually put some food on the trays! I go to bed hungry every night!! No one can make it on \$13 a month.
443. Offer more jobs, put more people in school
444. Hire people who actually care about improving our lives. Don't incentivize snitching, it only leads to violence. Treat all inmates the same, period.
445. To allow the proper programs to be available to assist inmates in avoiding recidivism.

446. The further we get from pandemic lockdown the better things are getting. I'm not asking for a transfer.
447. A lot more time outside, tighter security on guys popping out and taking up phones, better attitudes from staff and stop making us smell good officer's kitchen food when we get nasty mystery meat hotdogs and half-cooked potatoes. We are criminals, but we're still human beings!
448. Tear them all down
449. Test the drinking water, fix the windows, fully stock commissary + dietary, upgrade the healthcare, more yard + dayroom, fix the roofs on the housing units (living areas)
450. Having more resources, and just treating people equal unlike violating them with certain cases, because of no where else to go, just like they did to me today.
451. Stop putting short timers ahead of people with time. I got **[10+]** at 85% when I was 19, I'm 27. They will not put me in VOC school because I have "too much time." School is all about outdates. So I have to sit arounds for years b/c someone that just got here has less time so they put them ahead of me for school.
452. Do not screw windows shut **[DATE REDACTED]** AVG weather is 60 daytime and 30's at nite. Yes this has been 2weeks of mixed below 0-10f. Plus heat kicked up over 90f. upstairs back wall air temp is 103f. Warden trying to cook us in our cells with no fresh air + no exhaust vents on. So 1) 100 inmates AVG wing all breathing same air. 2) COVID is still inside the cell houses (as new inmates from Chicago are influxed in). 3) A group dayroom + showers **[ILLEGIBLE]** for over 50 of us inmates for 8-9:15am + 4-5:15 pm Cook. B group dayroom 12-2p and 820-920pm really roast as sun cooks roof + walls into cells. We are currently on a 20 day roast fest.
453. go by rule of law
454. Treat all inmates the same
455. Better food in the dietary because we eat the same food. Improve the items at the commissary because they never stay stock but we spend a lot of money with them never have items you need
456. More staff, more yard, gym, (more classes and programs) more jobs and more access to get jobs, more commissary, item or budget. Better dietary food, stop going on lockdown for irrelevant reasons, (more school) metal health classes, and more staff
457. Shut this place down.
458. More yard, quit feeding staff better food than inmates get
459. Where should I start, however housing, dietary (food) schooling, programs, jobs and commissary should all be overhauled. Plus the grievance procedure(s) - stop the self examination/or self regulate its grievance response!
460. Stop housing minimums in Shawnee it is very dangerous.
461. We need someone in house to make sure they aren't doing or not doing things out of pure laziness
462. If this is a reg med = why is it 22 and 2 time here? This is like a max prison. The food is bullshit & I feel like dying!
463. Less lockdown and less shakdowns and less abusive behavior from staff like a noral human being not some animel. Being Able to Be treated Being Feed Better Too.

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

1. Help me!
2. Help me!
3. I hope & pray you can help us so we can be rehabilitated!
4. Officers here don't do their jobs properly, they are too lazy and easy going, they let people to easy out of the cell, gangs control the officers whom don't give a fuck as long they are alone playing cards in the bubble.
5. Just to touch on Q14, the staff here operate more like a "gang." They antagonize us, and anticipate physical altercation. I even overheard someone say "I need time off, one of you fuckers take a swing." I hope this survey makes a difference. Truly believe if this prison, along with others operated like Kewanee, it could positively change people's life for the better. Although there are individuals here who don't want to change, but an overwhelming majority who do. But there is no valid means for us to be noticed here.
6. Shawnee need the right help to get us home, the way this prison set up for you not to leave and there is no help for us that got time, plz help us
7. This place and all the staff does nothing but play mental warfare, and try to make you miserable. They are cruel
8. I hope this helps. Thanks for listening.
9. Do this again - every year.
10. Food in dietary is poor they don't give you enough to keep a grade school kid full let alone a grown person. Plus in unit [REDACTED] they won't turn on the heat we have to wear sweat clothes plus our blues just to try and stay warm and some of us have to stay covered up so something needs to be done we are tired of being cold all the time and I'm tired of hurting because of arthritis in coldness and staff won't do nothing to get the heat on. Not everybody wears boxers so clothing needs to give out briefs instead of making us pay for them cause people like me can't afford them. Replace broken and missing tiles and paint doors so the units don't look trashy. Something need to be done about the phone situation because inmates hog the phone they use other peoples pin so they can stay on the phone longer. They need mental health classes and they need sex offender classes and groups instead of having to transfer to max prison to go to one cause they need help to, AA and NA classes. Pass out mental health pamphlets, paperwork that will help us. Serve something other than oatmeal for breakfast like grits or something. let us have more gym. Give people on C grade more dayroom time than just 30 minutes when other people get a hour and Graham gets 2 hours of dayroom so why can't we. The barbershop needs to be open more often + more barbers hires so they can get to people more often cause I've been trying for 2 months to get my haircut. Give us porcelain toilets instead of stainless steel like they have at Graham so it don't freeze your butt when sitting down. A easier way to contact a lieutenant or sergeant especially in seg because the C/O won't call them like they are suppose to when you need one. Porters need to clean the showers especially in seg. Seg to to fix bottom showers so it will stop leaking plus they need to have a slide button on the showers so it will stay on while taking a shower because its hard to hold the button on while

- taking a shower or washing your hair and hard to rinse off while holding the button. They need to fix intercom so when we are locked down in our cells they can hear us holler especially if its a emergency & the C/Os need to check on inmates more often than just once every 3 or 4hrs especially when everyone is locked down. officers in seg need to stay at there desk instead of walking off and staying gone & ignoring the inmates when they are hollering for you & you at your desk talking ignoring them. They need to pass out deodorant like they do toilet paper, shampoo, + bars of soap.
11. To really know this life style, you have to witness it yourself. Stop sending shit like this, like we are lab rat and actually do something about this shit. Like get J.B. Pritzker bitch ass out of office. Or shall I say as Governor. To many lock up for petty crimes. Want to know my name [REDACTED]
 12. For the past 10yrs. IDOC need to stop changing (wardens) in these institutions because that creates a lot of uncertainty within a lot of these prison. And it affect the quality of life in all prisons for all individuals in custody. Officers, working in prison's, ther turning into counselor's once again this another example of, how they don't care it's a clear conflict of interest, because who would want to ask for help from a staff member who you have had a altercation with, there is no real understanding or guidance!!
 13. Need more jobs and schooling or drug program that last more than six weeks.
 14. there is no make up yard day for workers, everything is slow due to security checks + process, cant get into school takes years to get in, experienced subzero temps with no heat and my window stuck open on the verge of hypothermia, water was brown and smelled of sulfur a couple weeks ago, since then the hot water is chalk white with a horrible smell. There is only chapel 2 times a month here. Any other prison has one a week if not multiple a week. LTS does not run sports events or competitions like most prisons. There are no classes to better yourself til the last few months of sentence. No chance to help yourself. Just sit in a cell all day, if you have health issues it takes 2 weeks to get seen. Anything you want in this prison takes weeks to get a response or action.
 15. Shawnee is a trap it hard to leave here once you get here it's like they do what they want too.
 16. Anyone with 50% can't find jobs because they give them to 85% 'ers so you can't earn good-time. Prices in commissary always changing to a higher price but state pay stays the same.
 17. I have been assaulted by another inmate and I did not receive punishment but the charge of assault was dropped by the Adjustment Committee. The other individual was placed in school within 2 weeks of the assault and given good-time. I feel as though the man who assaulted me was rewarded. The staff here do not take religious diets seriously. I am vegan and I receive the same meals everyday. It is not enough calories to survive. Grievances on this issue have been made emergencies but have never been reviewed. PREA cases are also ignored. Staff do not take PREA reports serious. I am minimum security and am being housed with maximum securty individuals when I have been approved to be transferred to Lincoln.
 18. When Christmas comes we got put on lock down for multiple days with no time out of the cell to shower.
 19. Windows need fixing most don't close at all or just barely close. More activities for prisoner to do to keep people busy with something to do positively. Better mattress for prisoner bunks these go flat within 6 to 10 weeks and then we are stuck sleeping on steal slabs very bad for backs and sides. more affordable shoes for inmates not everyone has money to buy \$70 shoes to wear. thank you for your time!!!

20. Thank you for your work. For the most part, our C/Os are decent folks. Currently, we have a lot of new young & inexperienced officers. Like everywhere, there are those 6% of staff who try to make life miserable, but there are 15% who try their best to make life better for we inmates. The commissary is so lacking that many wings have a black market – one or two fellas who charge usury prices for hard to get items.
21. This is the worst joint (medium) and we are treated unfair and people been waiting on there transfer for years.
22. Add the phone to the tablet so more people can contact love and support systems to at least feel free from the madness that takes place here until there release...
23. Fuck Shawnee
24. I've been having health issues for 2 yrs & still cant get anything done. There answer to it is we don't know what it is write us if it get worse.
25. I think this prison should not be open
26. The officers give a lot preference to black people from black gangs. Those people run the unit, the people the gang wants to have a job they get it. I work in the kitchen and is the same, black gang runs who get the job and the better the job. For some reason the officer give preference to black people.
27. Everyone here is someone brother sister wife friend etc so its there own little union.
28. I'm aware that nothing will change... This prison system is corrupt.. The state of Illinois is corrupt. Thanks for letting me vent...
29. Most of the staff use care and compassion while enforcing rules. COVID restrictions are ridiculous. Why are vaccinated people affected by unvaccinated people? (Loss of dayroom or school days.) Food is very poor and not very nutritional. No way they reach caloric intake for a man.
30. This survey is good if the prisons listen to the answers and take them into consideration.
31. This is the worst prison in the whole state. They act like it's a super max and treat everyone like worthless trash. They make it so you feel hopeless and helpless and you get treated like you are a burden and it's a chore to do anything for. The employees just want to sit around keep you locked up and collect a free check. This place makes you want to kill yourself just to escape the horrible conditions.
32. I hope this actually helps us here and we are not just wasting ink!
33. This food is not portioned correctly if you don't have money for commissary you always feel starved. The prison needs to make programs mandatory it's inhumain to have a person in a box for 22hr a day for multiple years.
34. Life here at Shawnee is a terrible experience. They treat older inmates like trash. I have a [REDACTED]-number. They treat inmates with older I.D. numbers wrongly. No jobs or nothing. You only get privileges if you are a confidential informant, a snitch! It doesn't matter if you are a model inmate or stay out of trouble. If you are not telling they don't care nothing about us. Especially older inmates.
35. I was sent to segregation and wrote a disciplinary report because of the actions of another individual in custody that I shared a cell with, and he let staff know that I had nothing to with it and I was still disciplined. This should be changed. It is not lawful or fair.
36. Shawnee is a diplorable facility the commissary that is meant for inmates goes to the officers. The dietary food is shit and we get very little. The inmates that are privileged are friends with the officers and bribe them with commissary food and if you don't you are screwed. We get gym or yard once every 2 to 3 weeks. When we send in request slips they get ignored. When you put in a grievance the officers find out and

- retaliate against the person who turned it in. Shawnee is the most corrupt and horrible facility. They won't let you transfer to be able to improve yourself.
37. I'm going to kill my cellmate!!!!
38. This place is Hell, no mental health groups no jobs unless you know somebody, I been on transfer for 2 years, I'm in A grade during all my time here. The kitchen food sucks feeding us like dogs while they eat (police) chicken, [ILLEGIBLE], cakes. the clothes are smelly nasty, the cells need new paint, its barely hot water in the winter. the drinking water tastes like the river outside. I've been here since 2020, I can't go to school they won't call me! You have to go threw A.I. and be a snitch to work! You have to beg to clean your cell. The showers are musty. Your treated like a dog here! P.S. They do what they want!
39. I thank John Howard Association for bringing attention and concerns to public knowledge as well as private about the Illinois prison system.
40. We just need any help. This is my second time in this facility and its worse now than it has ever been.
41. I feel even prison should tried better school, program an better food.
42. This place sucks and the state is unaware of how bad things really are here or the state just doesnt care
43. I get prison is supposed to be hard and not fun, but sometimes this stuff (rules, guards, treatment, etc.) is way too much. Shawnee CC is not a good prison. People here WANT to go to maximums. Thanks for doing this hopefully it'll help.
44. Theres absolutely no useful art supplies to purchase.
45. I have only been down here 7 months and this place will go on lockdown for no aparent reason. Then when you ask why they just reply "cause we can." We never met or seen the warden. I have problems the need to be addressed by him. This is a place that need to a boot camp. The way this place is ran you'll think it okay to treat people the way they treat people. Staff have no respect for inmates. This has to end. Even though we are inmates we still want to be treated with some respect and equality.
46. Please change this place!
47. They don't transfer you, your held hostage. The healthcare is bullshit. This is a redneck facility.
48. Thank you
49. It does not make any sense for prisoners not to have a chance to better themselves when they when they really want to. A lot of prisoners are misjudged. We are the same as your father, brother, son, uncle, grandson, etc... There are good in people. Also, there's a lot of people that's not locked up but it does not mean that they are innocent. Even judges, lawyers.
50. The 0360 system automatically denies inmates for things they're eligible for.
51. I would like to say thank you for this survey, but please don't let this be all that you do. Because I've been to prison before, but never have I seen a place so negative as this one, and not from the aspect of other inmates, but because the staff here are mean, beligerant, and severely undertrained; they wear shirts over their name tags in an attempt to impede the grievance process, you can't ask a question without vehemently being lured into a verbal confrontation. ILCS 5/3-6-3 earned discretionary sentence credit the good-time law has been signed into effect in June of 2022 and no one here in Shawnee Corr. Cntr is getting good-time, they're allowing only a few people to earn good conduct credit through work, but even thats rigged because there aren't but a few jobs avaiable here, but no one of whom I'm aware of has gotten the 6 months or the 1 year that an individual in custody is supposed to get

- after the institution submit the individual post 61 days within the institution. Please look into why the director of Shawnee Corr. Cntr isn't giving anyone here any earned discretionary sentence credit. I believe hes doing this with extreme prejudice, and bias, and should be removed from his position, because he's obviously directing with racist undertones.
52. I've been approved for a transfer to a minimum for 7 months. I'm a minimum security around max inmates and mediums. I've had no tickets or disciplinary issues. I have a job, but they never work me.
 53. I don't know why the survey, nothing is ever going to change, things will always be the way they are now!
 54. this survey is bullshit we know ya'll don't care nothing going to change I've been in here 10 years only thing change that it get worst for us, for 10 years I tried to get in school about to go home with no G.E.D cuz the time you get I had to wait on a list cuz I had to much time go they put me at the bottom of the list, about to go home fuck this prison and fuck u and do something
 55. This is a waste of time because nothing will be done at this facility they do what they want here there are no standardizations of Illinois prisons this place is run like its own entity.
 56. This survey has not addressed the specific nature concerning the COVID-19 policies and responses. (Tools, improperly, utilized by prison officials to implement harsher conditions of confinement, spread the virus, and placement of individuals in custody). Informational identification for orange crush prison officials (assigned numbers, in bold type, to uniforms for identification purposes). #example the numbered security force in the movie "suicide squad."
 57. What good can it do?
 58. This prison needs more help and people to get stuff done I have to keep asking for things and the guards dont do nothing just be lazy and be rude to us
 59. I think the wardens of all joint need to be surveyed and coach of how to try to help before hurting and stand on it
 60. The healthcare here is extremely poor and you have to be damn near dead to go to the hospital
 61. Shawnee Correctional Center is the worstest prison in Illinois.
 62. Beening in these cells do not ready people for return to their community
 63. Shawnee needs more programs, yards, school, commissary needs to be better, more religious services
 64. I'm currently in RH been here for five days the officer lied on the ticket I haven't seen J.C (justis commity) but what Ive heard is there not even doing any investigations they just finding people guilty please help us!!!
 65. There needs to be an "offender liason" who actually has the authority to get some vital things accomplished. Not some figurehead type of "yes man."
 66. I believe people in this penitentiary should be allowed more time to work out, and not only that be able to take advantage of all oppertunities prison offers. From jobs to planning upon release Shawnee C.C. needs more time out-the-cell.
 67. Thanks for hearing us out but thing just go get worse. Then, go mistreat us for speak up. Thanks.
 68. Why have a survey if you dont know the people who doing it. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** I dont care about being anonymous
 69. The ordering for commissary here has been poor for around 1.5 years. We go to the store once maybe twice a month for \$150/shop but most of the time they are out of basic things like powder deodorant, noodles, laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc. A

- lot of guys here are allergic to gel deodorant and 95% of the time that's the only kind available. In healthcare, it is very difficult to get basic things like muscle rub or an elbow sleeve. I was told I was too young to have **[MEDICAL CONDITIONS REDACTED]** problems. There is very little to no communication from the officers in regard to announcements or why certain things happen for example, a lockdown. The cells, wings, and showers in 1, 2, 3 house are filthy and falling apart. Most of the windows do not shut, paint is peeling in 2-4 different colors, the heat registers are rusted out, holes in the windows, bugs everywhere, tiles coming up in the cells and dayroom, etc. The dogs for the dog program have air conditioning in the summer and we get a 6-8 inch fan. I have been approved and waiting on a transfer since **[DATED REDACTED]** and many others have been waiting 6-24 months. The mailroom here cuts out ribbons from Bibles that are sent from Amazon. The property (personal) room does not reply to request slips that ask to send books home. I have been trying to send books home for 7 months. Officers have been seen throwing our mail in the garbage. Some staff do not hold their workers accountable which creates a toxic environment. I had a staff member, officer cuss me out and make fun of my Christian faith because I took a different job here. I just want to see the prison get better and have humane standards.
70. None.
 71. I wish you stand on what you do
 72. Their using good-time credit to hold men here as an instrument than to release us. Everyone here is being denied their good-time credit. No one here is receiving job readiness skills. Men in custody is not receiving work release. It's not enough time outside the cell. It takes 3 weeks to receive incoming or outgoing mail. This prison needs more teachers so that we can start class. We need more time out-the-cell to contact our friends and families using the telephone. More it time sensitive to better accomodant us on getting in the law library. It needs to be major changes in this prison. No resources for us prior to release back into society. Their sending lots of minimum security to this prison. Officers need better communication skills with us. This place need to get organized. We are still on COVID protocol. I feel as if you don't have mental health issues than you should not be put in with a man mentally ill, its unsafe. So thankful for your association for the survey. So sad most men will not fill this survey out to help make a change. We have to start somewhere. Thank you...
 73. I AM AT SHAWNEE CC IN VIENNA IL
 74. There should be cable TV in intake. They are there because most of them dont feel safe in general population. So why punish them for it? If you go P.C. it feels like you got punished for it. There should be single man cells. That would solve most of the problems in prison and put the phone on the tablet, 90% of the fights are over the phones. Or put more of them in a wing a lot more. Shawnee is the worst prison in Illinois.
 75. I hope these surveys shed light on whats going on and changes can be made in the prison system.
 76. If you do not tell or snitch in this prison you will not better yourself in any way. The C/Os, staff are never wrong only inmates
 77. N/A
 78. Help.
 79. Enclosed is a copy of Shawnee's January 2023 Yard Schedule in order to prove that we do not get yard at least twice a week. It is closer to 2-3 times per month. Plus the yard is a joke. Equipment is not maintained, and not enough inmates go to be social. I've been approved for a transfer, but I have been waiting over two years to go.

- Others seem to have a difficult time getting closer to friends and family. My parents can't see me because they don't have COVID vaccines (which don't work to prevent transmission), and the video visit system doesn't work most of the time.
80. I fear that even with this survey the conditions of this facility will never increase because the staff here are so blatantly racist toward us. And unless they like you or you are an informant they won't get you a job or in school.
81. The worst food I have EVER eaten in my life. More time out of our kennel. More yard. Better food
82. Workers that work on the serving line need to be clean shaven or instructed on how to properly wear a hair net to cover their hair and beards... It's like the supervisors don't care about anything the workers do!!! I've worked in food service before so I know how procedure is when serving or preparing food!!! These dumbies don't do anything properly!!! I mean damn!!!
83. I've been in all state of Missouri prison's, and they keep fix a variety of food for inmate's! Also they keep track, on what's not in stock in commissary, as well as the kitchen.
84. I've been attacked by other inmates 3 times in my 4 years here. Each time I was moved with nothing done to the other person and one was in the presence of an officer. I was even moved back in with the same inmate after a few weeks apart. Class X felons are not given the same school, programs, or work assignments of other inmates, which needs to change. This survey was well put together.
85. get a better prison
86. I question JHA ability to change or even forward transparent solutions regarding the secret society of prison policies... especially with the constant "Holiday lockdowns" due to alleged Covid outbreaks. Covid lockdowns have replaced Disciplinary lockdowns that were deemed unreasonable in 2012, 2013, 2014 Era.
87. I know this survey will not help me but maybe hopefully it will help the next guy. Get more yard time that we or they are supposed to get and get better food. When I am released I am going to Springfield and who ever else I have to to get something done about this matter and more.
88. This prison is horrible the treatment from C/Os, there is a lot of disrespect from staff
89. I hope this doesn't fall on deaf ears. But something needs to change before violence breaks out.
90. This please is painful help us we need it
91. Shawnee gives minimal inmates the year good-time when eligible. No movement outside of unit. If inmates are minimum security, we should be transferred to a minimum facility. As myself, no tickets in 10 yrs. I'm housed in a prison that is only out-of-cell twice a day for 3 hours dayroom time, total. Not including chow line. I should be housed in a facility which is for my security status of 3AN, 3 = MINIMUM, A = A grade, N=no restrictions. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
92. Living in this prison has been Hell.
93. The healthcare here under Wexford is subpar. Illinois state law says that they are supposed to provide adequate healthcare. They do not! I am a diabetic and the amount of care I get for my disease is very inadequate. I only test my blood sugar twice a day; once in the morning, and once before supper. The amount of insulin I receive is never enough to bring my glucose levels to normal. The dietary refuses to provide diabetics with a diet that is conducive to diabetics. They say they have a diabetic tray but it still has excessive carbohydrates in the form of bread, pasta, rice, potatoes of all varieties and never enough vegetables like lettuce.

94. 1) How is it that the commissary has such a hard time keeping the main groceries and body lgen stuff on hand, and the times it takes to go from one shopping wk to the next. 2 to 3 wk to shopping seems rather lengthy.
95. The cells look ran down, walls need painted, tiles missing, floor could use a fresh coat of wax. The trays from kitchen never have enough food. Always hungry. Hot water always run out. Its a very depressing environment, they (the prison) give more authority to C/Os who are known for excessiveness; anger, punishment, smart ass comments, our 2nd shift Sgt. wont let more than 1 porter out so laundry is never on time!
96. This is from Shawnee C.C. There is no "reform" here. Any "classes" I need/have to take to gain the priveledge of "Good-time" is not available here, so I will never have the opportunity to receive any good-time, even though I am a model prisoner for over 4 years!!!
97. HELP!
98. Please get me out of this place!!!!....
99. Shawnee needs to be closed for Good!!..
100. 1) Been approved for a transfer to Taylorville CC since **[DATE REDACTED]**. On **[DATE REDACTED]**, they packed me out, then turned around. To date (**[DATE REDACTED, nearly a year after approved]**), I have yet to be transferred, 2) When I lived on "**[HOUSING INFO REDACTED]**" there was over 10 active lawsuits against Shawnee on just that one wing! I've heard staff say things like: "If it were up to me, I would NEVER feed them." – "It's not like they're human, they're just inmates." & "If a fight breaks out in the yard, I'm going to shoot some chomos!"
101. This place does nothing to help rehabilitate us a individuals
102. Go back to having options on items at Commissary. Example: Coffee-cakes, etc. Not just one being available.
103. When someone important comes by to inspect there is obviously plenty of warning so we are locked up or isolated and at times they even bring out potted plants to make it look like something it is not. This survey might be the better way to get the other side of the truth. Thank you
104. thanks for the survey
105. This prison does NOT offer prompt medical assistance
106. They don't use accurate covid tests, inmates are punished for the smallest things, grievances are ignored, there are no programs for sex offenders and they are denied good-time because of it, you normally have to ask the same question repeatedly in order to get a result, some of the staff are complete A-holes, resources are provided to certain inmates, staff more concerned about sleeping together than their actual jobs, a person's "offense" is sometimes used to deny inmates jobs and privileges. The rules change, depending on who the inmate is, for anything to get done depends on whether or not the staff likes you or not, there's a lot of favoritism, most workers are those who don't receive good-time because they have 85%, without snitching it is impossible for an inmate to have anything, or get anything, same goes for if you don't know anybody or if you're not gang affiliated. Even the lady who handed these surveys out was rude.
107. Stay positive me myself and I!
108. May God be with you.
109. restructure by people that want to do their job instead of show up drunk to collect a paycheck!

110. When anyone from the outside comes, they will always present this prison in the best light. They make us clean, cook decent food, and stand by to ensure nothing negative is reported. Behind closed doors, this is a human warehouse and a shithole.
111. This prison is inhumane. most of the staff are immature and unprofessional. They unlock my cell door when I'm not present in the cell. (This happens when they unlock all doors on wing). Staff slam doors @ 5:00 am. The sheets and clothing and mattress I received are old, torn, and with holes and stained. The commissary always runs out of things I need. Not want. Need!
112. Needs for this prison: more opportunities for schooling needed for the long timers NOW not after 30+ yrs of Incarceration when they are 60+ yrs old
113. Offer jobs to Individuals who actually get good-time first. Only allow people to have 1 job at a time. Offer cleaning supplies (such as bleach) to everyone and allow people to clean more often. Clean the facility better there are rats, roaches, and mold here. Actually clean the dishes in the kitchen. Put more apps including the phone app on the tablet (this would be one less things to fight over). Be a more race inclusive, friendly, and accepting environment. Stop hanging ID's from trees on the walk symbolizing someone being hung. Stop rewarding snitching, ass kissing, and tattletelling.
114. None
115. They don't have no good hygiene here at the commissary (store) alway's don't have. The food, How they feed us sucks! Cock in a sock twice a week or slick meet three times a week. The officer's are eating up the food that post to be for us you might get a bake chicken once a month. bottom line this prison is Dirty! Shower mold everywhere In 3-House shower area. mold water leaks Paint peeling inside cell's. mold. Spiders everywhere! They make you responsible for your cellmate. I saw a Inmate pop out cell, the take both to seg and C-Grade Instead of Individual you can't control a person or make an Inmates do anything. He is his own Person. This is The Worst prison I ever been too! I hate is here!
116. Their is no room for Improvement in real world. Shawnee is not adding hope to prisoners. This Is a Hell Hole.
117. I wash just wondering why do Places like Kewanee get all the programs and help but people In these othere prison that need the same help Is looked ovre like their lifes dont mean anything.
118. To get treat like a person not a #
119. The discipline action they take are to the extreme here no matter if you never been in trouble while here or not. The staff use excessive force all the time.
120. This Prison is Deteriating/Falling Apart. Staff is Different Towards Sex Offenders
121. This prison is not a good prison. These people do what they want. They also dont have any experience in the jobs that they do. I Seen a C/O become a counselor. And the Job opportunity and food needs to get better here.
122. Let us see our unvaccinated family. If our family isnt vaccinated they cant come visit us. Thats not fair they can take a rapid Covid test and still visit us.
123. Serve better food stop feeding the officer better than we are being served
124. I really liked this. I hope this will help out. Thank you for doing this.
125. Please do something + Don't stand by Idlely. Thank you
126. please help people get good-time and help them to be able to contact loved ones. Run yard and gym when it supposed to be run instead of looking for reasons to shut it down.

127. The staff here treat you more like gum stuck to the bottom of their shoe than a person. They hate to deal with prisoners & Let people who come forward with information have a lot of power. Hope this survey can help bring about change.
128. Im a medium security and my time is at 50%, ive been down here for a rough 9 months and still have yet to receive a job or schooling or any good-time in general. Im just looking to be productive and to better rehabilitate myself and it seems impossible to do at Shawnee Correctional.
129. Thanks for careing to write.
130. Thank you for your concern & actually asking for my opinion.
131. 1) We need Phone Accessability. 2) We need better food. Why are the officers eating so much better food than we are? They never have the garbage that we do and I see the trays every day.
132. When correctional staff were handing out these surveys this morning they were deliberately not wanting guys to do these surveys. Sgt. **[NAME AND POST REDACTED]** was the main one. It also seemed that they were in a "bad" mood of these surveys. They know what's going on, is no secret.
133. Any time you write a staff conduct grievance you recieve the run around. I've been waiting for responses to my grievances for several months. I'm glad my issues aren't life threatening otherwise I'd be dead. I know this is supposed to be annonomous but please feel free to contact me. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Shawnee Correctional Center.
134. They need to keep better hygeine and clothing available on commissary. I have been here 10 months and they have only had everything they should one time. We need more gyms & yards, once a week, if your lucky isn't enough.
135. The law library is real-poor, the notary, notarize only the documents that she wanted and not if we needed, even if they provided the documents that should be notarized, sometimes she refuse to do it.
136. I have less than a year left and my 3 years will be up. And I dont feel as I did anything to change. All I have been doing is asking for jobs, class's. Working out when there is gym, yard on the wing. And thats it.
137. I had a job in 2020 in the kitchen. It was taken away from me for no reason. The supervisors told me assignment just kicked me off the job. I did nothing to deserve it and was never given an explanation. I tried multiple times to get another job and I never recieved anything or another reason. There are some inmates here who have had multiple jobs and either stolen or caused their firing and got another job immediately. Totally unfair!!
138. I just hope changes trully get made.
139. Help us! This prison is falling apart! the commissary, and food they give us sucks! We want more programs, and for anybody to go to them not just people that are short!
140. I hope this survey really does make a positive impact toward the life of people incarcerated, here and anywhere else because I have been incarcerated before in 2016-2018. The treatment I recieved here was unimaginable. I came to prison because of my drug and alcohol problem, and these condition only enhances my want for drugs or alcohol to cope with, not just the time I have to serve but the harsh conditions I have to deal with while doing my time! Im proud of myself because these harsh conditions Im forced to deal with every day only made me stronger mentally. If I can survive in here, I can survive upon release.
141. Please, pay attention to what inmates say as their truth.

142. When the State comes they feed us well with big portions and when they leave we end up getting overly salty food that create unneeded high blood pressure and really not [ILLEGIBLE] to be edible. Then we get put in our cells. This is an inhumane warehouse filled of neglect and carelessness.
143. You have to snitch on somebody to get a job in this prison and they feed you cock in a sock often.
144. We need jobs here or school programs
145. this prison is in poor condiction the heat does not work in half the cells our windows do not work. The sinks have no water preasure. The Director should demand this prison be upgraded with a better housing condiction
146. improve the meals at chow, we currently receive food that pigs wouldnt eat. Receive ways to earn good-time credits. Receive incentive programs for good behavior. Better food options from commissary
147. This help a lot and we as people in this prison inmates need every help we can get because we is getting treated wrong here. Thanks.
148. All prisons should stop telling our loved ones they can't come see us or visit us unless they get vacinated. That is a stressful situation, and it creates depression. All prisons still go's on lockdown for covid anyway from staff, but you tal our loved ones you can't unless you take the shot. I feel that is wrong and should be change. It does not matter if your vacinated or not people are still catching covid. Their is no cure for it so why are we being penalized. Stop forcing people to take a shot to come see us. It's wrong. plus staff is not wearing mask plus inmates are not wearing because of staff because it's pointless. This is a main reason why inmates hurt others and themselves.
149. We should have either a yard or gym every day like all other prisons in the State of Illinois, with at least 5 yards 1 hrs long per week. The body can not prosses vitamin D without sun light. Which brings me to another suggestion, they should offer items on the inmate commissary that are healthy and nutrituses, or at least some that are. As it is they offer absolutely none that are! It is all junk food or salt filled fat loaded junk meat packs, that are both altra prossessed. No one should eat either!
150. This prison needs to be closed down and fixed there are so many issues poor living conditions
151. The phones are terrible in here. Only way you would use the phone if you get cool with a person besides your strict phone day so a Reg person will use the phone once a week while someone else does 4-7 day out the week. It's not fair need to put the phone on our tablets.
152. Please get a Drug Program down here. More yard and gym time and job's prior to entering the prison. Commissary need's new management
153. More in depth medical, dental treatment would be nice. It is currently far less than adaquit
154. At Shawnee C.C. They are Lying about having programs for all people Ive been here 18 month now and because of me being a sex offender they will not put me in a program until I complete sex offender classes witch they do not have here and will not let me ship out of this place. They charge more then 35% tax on commissary food to us There yard and gym they only let us go maybe 2 yards 3 gyms a month If even that If you sex offender they will tell other inmates what you In for so they can extort you. Some inmates get specil privilages like 3 jobs and go to gym any time they want to and even give them chew tabacco. Ive been here I have not got any sheets for my bedding my blues are rip and no boots or shoes I had to buy mine off the deck from another Inmate half the time they don't got laundry soap or even give

- us stuff to clean our cell. The warden is aware of all this and does not care at all. They say covid is doing this but there no more then 3 to 5 on Quarantine deck and half the time it's been empty. we are hardly out yet there are 10 Staff member In the core either asleep or gambling waste of money to have that many staff not doing Shit, healthcare Ive not seen a Dr since Ive been here at Shawnee C.C. for almost 2 years Ive requested to nothing. Ive hung my self in the cell they had to bring me back to life and because I am a sex offender I don't get any help but people like porters can sit in there and flirt with femel staff and when I talk to them they just say ok and don't help they just try to get me out of there or they just write seen by my Name and dont even see me Shawnee Needs To be looked into very hard human right and constitutional Rights are being broken every day here at Shawnee C.C. plz help us That need It
155. Shawnee is about to be made into a maximum security institution. It is doubtful this survey will be applicable in the near future.
 156. I've been wrongfully convicted!! If you can't help me that issue... please leave me alone!!
 157. Sell better hygiene products—Toothbrush, hair products, soaps, Etc...we NEED powder deoderants—The only thing they sell burns the armpits. Need more shelves in the cells, not enough space. Need bigger fans to purchase, the present ones are WAY too small. Need blue uniforms to purchase from commissary. At least, our clothing are beyond used & worn, with armpit stains and worn out elastics. Commissary price cost keep going up, yet the \$150 limit hasn't changed so we pay more & get less. Its never enough products for purchase—not enough in stock. The Music subscription is overly costly! streaming cost 30 days—\$7.19 for music \$12.80 basic service charge. Total \$19.99. 90 days—\$21.58 for music \$32.42 basic service charge. Total \$54.00. 180 days—\$43.15 for music \$52.81 basic service charge. Total \$95.96. The service charges cost more than the music? Prison informants get all the jobs—sometimes 2 or 3 jobs all at once. Jobs need better pay. Need larger dietary proportions.
 158. This prison is run on favoritism. If the C/O likes you, you can get jobs, programs, school regardless of the amount of time you have. But if you're not buddies with a C/O or one doesn't like your offense, you will be sitting in your room on a "waiting list." I have been at my prison for [5+] years and just 2 months ago had my intake evaluation done. I have a mattress that has mold in it, that they and Springfield are aware of but refuse to do anything about it. Our sinks back up with rotten black water and are left for week at a time. Our toilets back up with others feces and are left for weeks at a time. The C/Os, Sgts, Lts are more concerned with our property boxes being under our beds then putting in work orders. I have a sex offense case and am constantly subjected to degrading remarks from C/Os and Sgts, but nothing can be proven because its my word against theirs. When oversight is done here, they are told they are coming so they straighten up for the few days they are here and then go right back to the way it was when they leave. So nothing changes.
 159. This was a great survey the truth really comes out. Hopefully things get better more programs jobs help by staff
 160. Noodles are not the only item that we are over charged for and the commissary is NEVER fully stocked. Dietary is never fully stocked. Healthcare: Faster responses to sick call and follow up interviews for serious medical problems. General Maintenance: quality of the drinking water should be tested. Windows need to be repaired. Cannot close. Screens in the windows need to be repaired. Stop screwing the windows Shut in the winter months. Can not get fresh air in the cells during the

- winter months because the windows are screwed shut. Stop showing favoritism to inmates just for informing on other inmates. Such as giving 2 job assignments to these inmates.
161. It speaks for itself. As a litigator I always sign anything submitted by me to everyone or anyone **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 162. This place is horrible and unfair.
 163. I am an innocent man convicted of a heinous crime. While that's indeed unfortunate, I am forced to remain in custody of ILDOC while I exhaust the appellate process. During my custody of nearly 90 days, I have noticed all of these things listed above. With a numeric equivalent of "Life" on my shoulders every morning when I face the day, THESE things should not be so readily observable; for example, I requested 9 times, in writing, to be separated from a cell mate (due to inability to get along). When things finally came to a head, I orderly packed his things and pushed them out of the cell, explaining to staff I wish not to resort to violence. I was disciplined for 14 days in Seg (RHU) and 30 days C-grade (followed by 30 days B-grade). Then TOLD by Adjustment committee that "Had I fought my cellie, I would have gotten LESS discipline." This place PROMOTES violence among offenders for whatever inexplicable reason. Average population is 1750 where around 800 are registered Sex Offenders, yet White Supremacist Groups (tattoos identifiable on staff & offenders alike) use violence against Sex Offenders as a Ritual Initiation to their STG, which is facilitated by staff regularly. Inmates involved in violence against S.O.'s are treated better, congratulated, and praised by staff (literally just happened again last week).
 164. Fuck prison
 165. The whole I.D.O.C. prison system needs to be overhald because the people that are at the top are turning a blind eye to what's really going on in the prison's in IL.
 166. The dietary here not only needs to be improved but this prison isn't feeding us the full amount. Example yesterday **[DATE REDACTED]** was burrito night and we were supposed to get two little bean burrito's but only got one! Also, change the admittance for voc. school & school to go by a first come waiting list. Ive been on the welding class wait list for two plus years but if someone finishes the carpentry class their allowed to go straight to welding without the wait. Also, before Covid started us inmates had a total of combined yard & gym movements of 20 a month. Now were lucky to have 10 and the staff say where back to the normal schedule.
 167. People I/M will talk and be truthful if given the chance. Were all affraid of being punished or locked in your cell all day. The wardens don't care nor do they Bosses Regional Directors. I could go on and on. You would be shocked.
 168. Thanks for Your Help!!
 169. John Howard Association is owned by the State which means this survey does nothing for us like so many before this one we fill them out and nothing changes you guys sell us out when we are in fact in need of help and positive change oppression is still around. All JHA is a go between us inmates and IDOC higher ups you guys ask for our problems and issues, and fix them to prevent lawsuits from being filed against IDOC. You guys are Prison Public Defender, You get paid by the same person that hurts us, When you went from a Non-Profit to State Owned the Trust was broken Stay woke God Bless.
 170. See my comments above in Q6 through Q10.
 171. Please help us the treatment is bad the water is contaminated the food is horrible as well as the living conditions
 172. The need more job and programs

173. Nothin
174. Release me, transfer me, or kill me!
175. Come here more often to see it for yourself.
176. I wish I was free to support myself and loved ones. Stupid they dont let me get in any programs
177. They more help adjusting to the outside. They only give us yard and gym 4 or 5 times a month. We have to work out in the dayroom. The food here is terrible. They don't even eat it. All the good food goes to the officers kitchen. As far as brocoli we get the stems, the officers get the heads. The officers get fried chicken three times a week. Were lucky to get it 1 time a month. I've been in prisons in three other states, because of a drug and alcohol problem. Here they say my sentence is to short to get drug treatment. I've been in 13 prisons throughout the US. This is the worst.
178. I really know this will not help but I still did this survey but this right here and Shawnee Correctional Cent whit this good-time is they need to fix it because individual whit 85% geting in all the Job & 2 Job's School program and they can't get no good-time then Individual whit 50% can't get a job or school or program because all the 85% got the assigement
179. Please help. This prison is doing so much inhumane and unhealthy things to us and getting away with it
180. The cell I am in has no heat and whenever I let the staffs know about it, nother is done about it. The house unit need upgrade badly. Sometime it goes on forever; before something is done about getting things fix.
181. Thank you for being concern about us here In Shawnee Corr Center. They are bringing inmates here but not transferring us that has been approved sence last year May to Taylorville Corr Center.
182. You know you were sent to hell when the address begins with "666." Of all the prisons I've been to, Shawnee is the worst!
183. You could ask same question to 5 or more officers and get 5 or more different answers. With proper management that would be unacceptable instead of embarrassment. The problem here starts at the top.
184. The staff disregard mental health. An If you Inform them of problems with cellies, or staff they ignore It, an claim It's unsubstantiated. **[NAME REDACTED]** the Director of I.D.O.C. has created an environment where staff steal from Inmates, an despite cameras refuses to use them to Investigate staff misconduct. **[NAME REDACTED]** blames abused Inmates rather then admit his own faults. The greatest change needed, is the grievance process, because they follow the ideology that they cover for each other no matter what. It's doing nothing but fostering abuse an dehumanizing Inmates. They're also denying good-time to people without cause. One person was punished for NOT choosing to fight another inmate with 15 Days In Seg. But given no charge or Adjustment Committee Hearing. They frequently deny inmates crisis teams, an refuse to call medical. Sexual harassment happens frequently the staff do nothing an punish the person being harassed If they try to report It. They charge for legal printouts, so we cant do legal research. This prison, this system Is far beyond cruel.
185. Im the leader of the Aryan Brotherhood of Illinois. I make everyone who wants to join, stab someone or fuck someone. We hang n*****s by bedsheets on the walk. Guards fear us. We currently have 27 guards on payroll bringing in money, women, drugs, food. Yes, women! Crazy shit huh! Not a movie!
186. I hope this survey brings more professionalism and consistancy to more available activities and also staff

187. Thanks for at least being interested in our concerns even if nothing comes of it
Thanks for listening.
188. Treat incarcerated one as a person that needs help, with a multitude of problems.
Not as just a number or an annual paycheck. Invest in our progress!
189. I understand that prison should NOT be a vacation, but the food is so poor. And the broken windows are a huge problem for 1 and 2 house. We might as well live in tents outside, with the heat, the bugs, the rain, the snow, the -25 degree windchill last month ([DATE REDACTED]). It all comes into the cells. I personally get along with the staff, but I have witnessed unfair treatment. Opportunities for classes for EVERYONE, not just guys with 1 or 2 years left.
190. Try to get more schooling and more yard & gym and more jobs period page one case closed. period
191. The guards get are commissary food and shoe's among other things. and talk down to us. and make fun of us going to church and other thing's
192. We should be treated like humans instead of slaves. Food should be better. Staff should be trained to handle all situations instead of acting out of impulse. Prison conditions should meet department codes and higher ups should do more investigations on prisons.
193. The guard would not even call a Code 3 when i had a sevuere
194. I use to be a kitchen worker, I was fired by a tier officer name [REDACTED] because I ask for a shower, only because I had Muslim service at 1:00 noon but I had to be at work at 12:00 noon. He called the kitchen and had me fired. As a Muslim you must be fully clean. I have grieved this no response. Injustice. I never recieved a ticket. I'm always in A grade an I keep good "behavior" Total Mistreatment here at Shawnee
195. I've been here for 6 months on a class 4 felony at 50% without being placed in school or in a job to earn good-time (EDSC) contracts. Most the people here that are 85% and can't get EDSC hold all the job positions. When I go home in October I will have been here 9 months with no tickets and no chance at earning EDSC contracts to shave time off my sentence. They say I can't go in a job until 90 days of being here but people that know people get jobs before their 90 days here. Favoritism.
196. They should have much more female employes here!
197. I have been waiting to be transfered over a year now after I have been approved. Still waiting! and I have been waiting to have my tooth pulled over 6 to 8 months now.
198. I hope these surveys will actually be read and something will change at Shawnee CC and not just disregarded.
199. Believe this prison need a visit to witness or to speak with individuals in custody
200. Nothing I wrote really matters. I am @ 85% and have time left to personally correct things. I get no "good-time" even though I am a model inmate. I feel as if it doesn't mean anything to do this survey since legislature has me handcuffed. Until the powers that be start to see us as humans, we will remain stifled and destitute in this situation.
201. I have been to a few prisons here in Illinois but Shawnee is by far the worst facility I have ever been to, and I been to Menard. With that being said our prison system would benefit if they focused less on punishing individuals and more on rehabilitating our recidivism rate would plummet drastically. I wish I knew a way to help change this. I know this survey is supposed to be anonymous but if there is anything I could do please write me at [NAME AND ID REDACTED] Shawnee Correctional Center
146 East State Route Vienna, IL 62995-1685
202. Shawnee need's more programs and jobs.

203. This place doesn't help people at all unless you are a snitch for them. And if you have a sex case they do even less for you and offer no protection when being picked on because of a sex case or disability.
204. People who are a sex offender is not allowed to work or earn good-time.
205. Stop giving out left overs & hot dogs & lunch meat 3x per week! They also screw shut the windows crank the heat up & sometimes turn off heat & make it cold where the windows are broken & bugs coming & going & ant problems around in cells & cable is never working correctly & when its on its snowy & always running out of commissary were you can't buy anything & there trying to always only shop us 1x a month when it was 1x per week, 4x a month
206. "Neutural" answers mean not experienced, not seen, average. Thank you! You perform an excellant service to persons in custody.
207. I hope this actually open eyes to who matters and we can actually recieve some results instead of bein a waste of time.
208. Serve better food & my programs
209. They do not listen to Springfield, they do what they want here.
210. no??
211. Fire them all
212. The window be replaced so that you don't have to put your hand and arm outside to open and close windows. Painting the cells and replacing the plug outlets on the lights in order to hold extension cords.
213. C/Os call sex offenders out on the walk. C/Os Refuse to higher sex offenders if they can prevent it. Mail is delayed. Assignments doesn't do its job. Dietary serves freezer burnt food. No art supplies. There is a general feeling of hoplessness here at Shawnee C.C. Like nothing good comes of here. Like no hope to better your life here at the Bottom of Illinois and forgotten about.
214. Things, questions I marked neutral is because I haven't had personal experience with or witnessed
215. the hygiene is so bad down here. It's either they don't have it, or it's cheap and breaks your skin out I say at least allow us to get care packages from our family once a month.
216. Were Human as well.
217. We need healthier food, more out time the cell, convicts don't run the prison but inmates can find ways to help each other get into programs. We need more programs. The guards are respectful, overall the convicts are obedient, its not a bad prison, just very dirty and hard to get into programs. My time is at 100%. Overall its the best prison I've been at, and I was at Menard, Lawrence.
218. Take time out to help us fixs this down here
219. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
220. I've been awaiting a transfer approved almost 2 yrs ago. I can't get good-time because, they don't offer the class here that I need to complete to get good-time. I've been awaiting to get hired in the industry for 3 or 4 years to make some real monies. This place is ruining all my plans to prepair for when I am released. This place should be shut down or condemed till everything is repaired including the water that is too keep food warm on the line whilst food is served, etc...
221. Thank you for caring for us in these prison walls.
222. I have been locked up for **[30+]** years, continuously. I have spent 30 years in every maximum security in this state (open or closed). Shawnee is the absolute worst prison I have done time in... in every area... at every level. If you have an issue nobody responds to your kite or request, until they force us to either refuse housing

- or go to segregation. Most of the staff here come from Tamms when it was shut down — or Menard because they harmed prisoners — they are training the new staff coming in. Each generation of C/O gets worse, and more lazy. The staff here will instigate an argument just to get us to seg. I have been at Shawnee just over a year. I still haven't seen the actual doctor. Nurses + nurse practitioners do all the work + appointments. I have been approved for transfer to Dixon for about a year — but Shawnee has individuals who have been waiting for over 3 years for transfer. Most of the cells — in 1 + 2 houses have peeling paint w/chips falling into our beds regularly — the floors in many cells no longer have tile on them — leaving the hazardous mastic/adhesive exposed which gets everywhere and into our noses. The ventilation ducts are absolutely filthy. Guys like me who have life sentences or large amounts of time can't get into any schooling — vocational training or job assignments — short-term guys take priority. We are always on the bottom of "the list" for these things. With Shawnee not running yard but 2 times a month — or gym 3 times a month — there's nothing for lifers to do here except sit in our cells or deal with the screaming noise of the dayroom — and these cells are depressing!!!
223. Please come help!!!
224. No Comment.
225. It's so discouraging to see people work 3 jobs and participating in the dog program and stay on the phone all day yet I can't get a job. People get fired from jobs and rehired before I get a chance. I'm not a sex offender or child molester yet I get no chance. People come here on disciplinary transfers and get put to work, but I can't.
226. everybody should get good-time, go to school have a job, better programs to help us get a chance to really better our self. Stop just having us in a cell all day like we nothing.
227. The only way to establish change within the privitized prisons is class action civil suits. Thats the only language they understand and adhere to. John Howard Assoc. can spear head such a change by connecting Civil Law Firms with incarcerated individuals with legit civil violations as a whole! Class Action!
228. If you guys come here + do something about our facility.
229. I know this is Anonymous but we here in IDOC was put on a 30 min time out of the cell and locked in for 23 hrs and 30 min during Quarantine from 2020 to the middle of 2022. We are getting state toothpaste and deodorant sold to us at commissary
230. This place is the worst I've ever had to be in and deal with
231. This place needs to be monitored more closely. Thanks for trying to help.
232. This is the first time and opportunity I've had to really tell anybody about Shawnee CC and what occurs here on a regular basis. This prison is evil, staff torture us every chance they get and beat us when we go thru the grievance process. Something needs to be done about this corrupt institution, they pick and choose who they feed, who they give jobs to and who gets into schooling. They let inmates control the units beat other inmates and dont punish them for breaking the rules such as fighting other inmates, smoking, gambling, doing and possessing drugs etc etc.
233. None
234. Shawnee needs all the help it can get. ASAP!
235. Well This Place is Bad, the place is falling apart. The food is horbaly. The C/O eat Like king's and we eat like dog's, plus we are luckey to go to the store once a month and they are out of all most everything.
236. The Inmates, that are approved for transfering to other prisons, should be allowed to transfer, (without waiting extremely long to go).

237. Our Justice system is so screwed up. Easy to convict a person insted of trying to help them. Some can't handle life when they leave family dont want them there monsters!
238. Thank you for your support and help if your mission is to help and support of those who can not help themselves by finding place to stay and live. You wants to help and support—help us help you. Thank you, may the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you all Amen.
239. To be honest I think this prison should be shut down because of it being old like pipes breaking, blackouts, and no heat.
240. I haven't been in any trouble for over 2 yrs +, I am a minimum, and they wont let me transfer I have 40 months left I'm 50%. The Counselors here don't help you or even really know how to do there jobs. Its sad cause we are getting no help from anyone. We don't have deodorant other than this clear stuff that breaks are armpits out. The staff coming in isn't properly trained so talking to them is useless. Nobody cares, but we are still humans and I know I wanna better myself so I don't come back. Jail isn't suppose to be easy but this is beyond sad, cruel and hard! I hope this help you and helps us... God Bless!
241. Just close this place down and lets start up another prison because this ones a failure.
242. I don't like this places bad
243. Quarantine is crazy horrible. This place seems like it runs by its own rules.
244. Shawnee C.C. is horrible, theres no programs really and the jobs and programs are always full or you have to wait years to get into programs or school.
245. Shawnee is run by C/Os that don't follow the rules. The C/Os are racist. They don't care about inmates at all if they are not telling on other inmates about negative things.
246. Shawnee is not helping better inmates
247. I don't know
248. The culture here at Shawnee is depressing. Shawnee wants us to do 100% of our time without any programs to better our selves. These prisons are all about money and could less about us incarcerated people. I've been incarcerated for four years and I will be leaving prison the same person I came in. I've learned nothing evvertime I ask to be placed in some kind of program they tell me I don't have a case plan. Shawnee is just wasting my time. I'd rather be at a prison with programs.
249. Help. ASAP. We dieing in Here.
250. I'll be home in a couple days and since ive been here, records office has miscalculated my outdate sheet, screwed me over on 86 days county time, screwed me on school cause im white and pretty well said "fuck me" cause im an inmate. This is the way it is in here. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
251. Staff needs to realize the signifigance of visitation and not just treat it like a tedious part of their job, or as if they are being bothered by being asked to do their jobs. Our families shouldn't be demeaned if they are in need of assistance to setup visits or for any other concerns.
252. Shut Shawnee Down!!!
253. The staff treat us like animals, it's horrible and they make it impossible to do anything like school or work or even visits my last 2 visits they wouldn't let me out my cell.
254. Theres so much K-2 in here that is being smoked + they C/Os don't even care. Not to mention all the Hooch being made.
255. Make it easier for ALL offenders to possibly get jobs instead of going through "who you know".

256. Thats it. It's hard to get a job and in school.
257. I understand that the well being of myself and other inmates is a priority to your organization. We are being treated inhumanely in Shawnee. There is no air conditioning (except where the C/O work) in the summer and no heat in our cells during the winter. If an inmate writes a grievance it is disregarded and denied.
258. Save us
259. Thank You J.H.A.!!!
260. I hope if you visit come to every unit not just the workers deck. They'll notify each other your here and try to be on there best behavior cook us good food, smile etc... And the good food we supposed to eat the soups feed it to the C/Os and we eat slop (fried chicken, pizza, baked chicken, baked potatoes)
261. These issue's need to be looked into!
262. They should let you work if your on paper. Here they only let people that tell or they like. A lot of guys here have two or three jobs. You can be on paper and it doesn't matter you'll still be locked up all day.
263. The food sucks and the staff is rude and we dont get enough time out on the yard
264. I/we feel like we're dying not treated fairly and taken they're attitude out on us and the warden approves it. I had multiply conversation about it he just said dont come to jail. Please help us!!
265. Springfield really need to step in.
266. If you want to make a change throughout these prisons in Illinois, we have to really help rehabilitate, and not just warehouse people in custody. Ive been incarcerated over two decades, and ive learned that if you want to be a better person you have to take the steps to make that happen for yourself. No matter how small your steps may be. These prisons dont help people better themselves as a whole. And everyone is not bless enough to have family and friends help them educate themselves.
267. We are not reciving the EDSC good-time down here.
268. I don't have to much say GOD. you
269. I think this survey wont make a difference. it might end up in the trash or better it might be used against me but at least I spoke up and said the truth. Shawnee is a place that does nothing to help. There is nothing for people thats trying to change all they know here is racism!
270. N/A
271. These people dont clean nor do they past out anything to keep the covid from rising. We are treat unhumane animals get better treatment than Shawnee prisoners.
272. There is rehabilitation going on, we need things to give us a purpose and self worthy. Instead of being stuck without a purpose and all the wasted time we spend reminded of our faults, give us opportunity or skills for the future. All I have learned is to hate more and be lazy and unproductive!
273. I know noone really cares this is just going to get looked over like everything else here!!! We need help in here!!!
274. I feel much better because I know yall would work on the thing's that we have proble's with also help us get home to love ones. I got 10 at 50 I have **[30+]** month's left, I still don't have a job they only give people with 6 month's left in 85% job they need to work on them thing's.
275. Shawnee shold not be open because it condemned
276. this is my first time in prison. All they care about is locking us in the cell nothing more. It's hard to get anything done and you cannot get a job unless you become an informant. Shawnee is in need of transformation please help us!!!
277. It is almost impossible to earn any good-time here. You cant get a job or anything.

278. None
279. Staff should not be allowed to hear tickets if you catch a ticket. Because they are not fair and no matter what just find you guilty. They treat inmates like shit talk too them like shit.
280. There are exceptions on every question asked, but in general I chose the correct box. I want you to know my name & number **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**. I have been in Shawnee Corr. Cnt. for almost **[15+]** years now; answered your surveys, talked to your people, written to you, and trufully can't think of one improvement your organization or any other has done here. The last time you all came down here, I talked to a lady for 25 minutes, while being stared at by the staff here, explaining everything thats wrong here. Nothing is ever done, because we are so far away from Springfield & Chicago. If I am wrong, then I would like to know what about. P.S. Prove me wrong! **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** 6665 State Rte. 146 E., Vienna, IL. 62995
281. More opportunities, no discriminations, allowing the inmates to go to commissary, store on a weekly basis.
282. I don't have any. I Just want to go home.
283. We need help but no one what's to stand up
284. I would like to be interviewed. I have a lot to say, there is alot wrongful things going on here please help me by interviewing me. It's not right here the C/Os or the incarcerated people. Please interview me **[NAME and ID REDACTED]** I need you like a fish need water to survive so will you please help me.
285. I have asked for programs and classes that will help me get better an was told 7 times now I dont quallify. I'm very troubled and need help but can't get the help I need.
286. Do something meaningful with the information for/on behalf of the incarcerated people here
287. This prison only gives out good behavior good-time to white people. Any kind of of burglary on an offender's background is considered forcible therefore denying most black men that good-time which could be 6 months or a year
288. The education choices are poor here. The criteria for EDSC needs to be revised so that all individuals can be resubmitted for increments of EDSC if showing commitment to rehabilitation.
289. Your survey should ask, how many yards per week are you given (1,2) (2,4) (4,6), how many are canceled? What diet are you being given. Are you ADA? Are ADA inmates treated fairly? You need to address the endless lockdowns.
290. This prison is inhumane, and staff don't help get anything accomplish, cause counselor don't no nothing or help you, no schooling or job; no good healthcare
291. ☺ Everyday and shower relaxation.
292. Sad when people want to transfer to max prisons cause they are ran better, it took 7 months to speak to a counselor, been here 10 months trying to get a job and can't, won't put in school or programs, they deny everyone for good-time and transfers, we lose power once a week, staff shortage lockdowns, they physically say they run how they want, threaten seg when ask anything or people here asking questions or evaluating prison, constantly out of items in commissary, give out good-time, let people have jobs and in programs, some type or rehabilitation to this place, someone to actually listen to how we are forced to live in here! Time out cells and clean this place, staff treatment is horrible
293. Can you all assist in helping people get closer to home were people can see their familys?

294. There are minimum low risk people that came here as minimum low risk and have been denied good-time. Everything thats being done in this prison is illegal. Officers will beat you half to death here for no apparent reason this is an issue that need to be addressed. The cells are molded and so is the showers. Please help us
295. I hope its for a purpose!!!
296. The grievance process is a joke!!! Staff here purposely delay process so grievance can be voided. When Sgt. **[NAME REDACTED]** came with these surveys. He tried to persuade individuals not to do them. He wouldn't tell us what the surveys were about.
297. We need more good-time, more programs and every body should be able to work and have a job, manditory. Also inmates who want to be transferred to another location.
298. The living is horrible, the cleaning chemicals is watered down. Ive been approved to go to Graham since 2020 and still havent left. Im even trying to get approved for another facility just to leave this horrible stay here at Shawnee. And they feed us like crap, while the officers eat all the reasonable food that supposed to be for us
299. Why they try to keep people so far away from family when people are getting up in age and want to see family before they are no more on this earth... (Doing 100% of my sentence) **[20+]** yrs in to date.
300. Thank you for this, I hope this actually does some good.
301. Medical treatment is very poor. ADA is not followed in Shawnee very well. People whom are labled here as an S/O (sex offender) or a person with disabilitys have a hard time receiving help or jobs. Make sure everyone has job before certain people get double jobs. People whom get in trouble as in getting caught stealing from dietary get their jobs back before others get their first job. I've been here 10 1/2 months still cant get a job. I've put in for dietary, porter, laundry, every job possible and nothing because I am a sex offender and I have **[DISABILITY REDACTED]**, but i can still do the job, but this place Shawnee that is wont give me a chance. They just put you in a cell no exercise and we gain weight and pushed around by staff I cant do a few things like dishes and make my bed so they gave me a helper but wont let him help me very often because then they have to watch him. Thanks for your time.
302. They cancel half your yards and gyms! It take's month's to get a visit approval. It take's months of working for free for any job, but dietary, to get paid or good-time! Because warden's wont sign vote sheets! Only like a few guards hear do there jobs!! You better hope you find the right guy, guard to help you... or your screwed. I think there is a good chance alot of these will get lost in mail... Just like they went to best unit to hand them out!!! I been to a few prisons in IL! This place is bad!! Bogus!!
303. Correctional (some) staff are rude, disrespectful, discriminative, harassing, threatening, lazy. Medical staff are rude (some) disrespectful, discriminative harassing, threatening, lazy. Dietary meals are poorly made, uncooked meat, food is also cold, hard, meal portions are extremely small most meals. Inmates are give less than 5 minutes to eat, usually told to get up and leave within 2-3 minutes after sitting down. Poor medical care, treatment if any at all, serious medical conditions that are considered life threatening are ignored or takes several months from 3-6 or more months to see any kind of help if lucky. No institutional remedies are available even in grievance process, some inmates are in the civil courts and still have yet to receive any kind of remedies! Call passes stay being cancelled regularly, medical, school, chapel, etc. People have high scores like 5.5 or higher or lower, but not allowed to use time to be in mandatory ABE classes to prepare for test to better educate themselves, instead sit on a wait list waiting to be enrolled closer to their

- outdate like 2043 one gentlemen will be a year from release 2043 then can be eligible to take ABE classes which means he will have wasted 21 years doing nothing productive when he could have studied in mandatory ABE classes, taken his test then enrolled in with Lake Land College, learning a language, got a few diplomas, same is with jobs. Some people are discriminated against getting a job because of their charges or don't want to tell on others, so these people get ignored, denied, or overlooked.
304. This prison is a very dark place.
305. That's all folks.
306. This prison is the worst prison ever for it being a medium. The max prisons are ran better than this
307. I understand this is prison. However I still feel the food could be much better with more options to give us a week/month. Over all I'm very comfortable and doing well. The staff are good people.
308. Smoking cig would be great or ecigs would be helpful, something to be cheaper on commissary. Good-time for school no matter what the tabe score is and what case a person may have also day for day
309. I hope this will be useful and actually get looked in to because this prison and everything around it is extremely depressing and degrading and we are still human beings at the end of the day and deserve to be treated like one.
310. I hope this survey MEANS something and get something done!!!
311. For the most part things are ok. I understand I'm in prison & shouldn't expect to be super comfy, but a lil better food & faster healthcare. We don't even have a dentist here. (a permanent one) It took me filing 2 emergency grievances to be seen, only to be put on waiting list... as I sit in pain. It's ridiculous. Thank you.
312. I honestly feel this was a waste of time and money! Nothing will be done. A pencil pusher in Springfield, that has no idea how it is in here is making decisions. I hurt daily, and only get minimal treatment (have to see a nurse 4 times, before you can see the Dr. + they cancel ALOT of appointments. Grievances are pointless, and ALWAYS denied, takes months to get them back when filed. No "good" incentives in Shawnee Correctional Center. Even though they say there is!
313. Nothing
314. Stop punishing everyone for another man's mistake
315. You can't do shit in this prison unless you snitch or you know someone who can help you get a job. They extort us on commissary. Toilet either don't work or flood, there are no mirrors. Everything in this cell is falling apart. We have plastic over our windows to stop wind from getting in. They never turn on the A/C.
316. Why do the officer eat all the good food and leave us with soy soybeans every day?
317. This prison doesn't give good-time like they suppose to. They feed us the same food every week, nothing nutritious or healthy. There's education list that are very long how can you better yourself in this place? We need help. There seems like we have nobody to defend us.
318. I wish to be transferred, this prison shall be closed
319. Speak to individuals one on one to better understand one's situation. Some people may be speaking fraud, but also true victims that cannot speak to staff and be placed in the same category of the extreme negative individuals. To say clearly; here and maybe other places than Shawnee staff treat everyone the same or worse, because one or a few bad apples would impact another person from being acknowledged performing good behavior or the staff would have a bad day at home. Some

- programs or industries are not entirely decided by staff, also the good-time is so manipulative by the director. I've not seen anyone have one year, six months, or portions of 45 days deducted from the incarcerated time, even when in good behavior or without 100 series disciplinary (myself) ever.
320. This survey is great, its cool that yall care about whats going on in this place + need to no how to approve things. Thx u.
321. Help with programs or transfers to when we can get programs
322. And yard and gym we go once a week for each one. The schedule is ridiculous here. And the kitchen is a hazard zone floor/washrooms/and the old pizza oven for cooking. Need more ovens instead of one. And too many people have more than one assignment. And all showers area in all building need to be power wash at least once a week on third shift when no one is using them with mold and mildew cleaner to get all the mold up. And they do not give you chemical to clean you cell. Or go around spray the cell with bleach never done here.
323. There are both clearly established state and federal laws broken here everyday. They retaleate to grievances here. They open our privileged and legal mail (specifically mail directly from the circuit clerk.) Healthcare is almost non-existant. Inmates have died. One inmate was taken off mental health status due to COVID, while on the COVID wing he jumped from the upper gallery trying to kill himself. There is no concern for the health or well-being of the inmates here.
324. Many staff are on "power trips," they abuse their authority. Many staff are extremely PETTY. They need to respond better to inmate issues. The warden is non-existent! He has no responsibilities, and refers ANY issue to staff. "Passes the buck" and "spins" inmates!
325. I would like to thank John Howard for checking on us. You guy do an amazing job.
326. If the system can provide solid education to change along with coping skills, now the truth is, when an individual come back it is evident that they didn't want sucess in the first place. I'm speaking from my experience **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** To God be the glory!!! You'll be blessed!
327. I have mobility issues, I feel I would be better off with ADA inmates rather than gen. pop. not young active gang members. They dominate phone times and bully white inmates. It is still prison - but we are treated inhumanely. COVID pandemic is used as an excuse for being treated poorly by staff. Medical issues are not taken seriously by staff and the healthcare unit. Wexford withholds treatment to save money, it's impossible to talk to a doctor. Nurses and NP are used to shield the doctors.
328. This prison is bad Please help us
329. NA
330. To train staff better. I've personally seen C/Os push inmates, assault inmates, destroy thier property, not feed inmates, degrade inmates. C/Os should be trained to defuse situation no instigate them. C/Os here some are mentally ill and high on meth, percocets, drugs! Come to work drunk! They bring tobacco in. It's messed up down here. We need help. Rehabilitation help not this shit. Thanks I hope you can help we really do need it.
331. This is the worst prison I've ever been to, the staff are complicit in a conspiracy to truly enslave the population through many underhanded tactics (for instance: I was removed from one housing unit due to a security issues w/ another inmate. I was placed in another house, during chowline/dinner, my new house & the one I was removed from were in the chow hall together and I was face to face w/ the others I'd had a potential lethal issue with... (this was done deliberately) 1+3 houses dont go to

- chowhall together, but they did that specific day - these are some of the type of games they play here) This is saying do what I tell you or you will be dealt with.
332. I really hope you guys really take this survey serious. This facility is horrible it needs remodeled. Better dietary, supervisors and cook menu. This place should never run out of commissary, noodles or hygiene. This facility needs to be checked out and really have a undercover live here for a few days.
333. Get me out of this prison and to a place that will help me with my mental health and help me after I had my stroke.
334. everything is bad here. C/Os have friended inmates. Most of the jobs are given to people who can't get good-time, 85%ers, so no jobs for people who can benefit from them. I don't care if you know who I am **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**. I'm leaving Shawnee a broken man. I came in a caring person, now I just want to screw over Illinois in any way I can. They put bad people in min security and I have no violent crimes. First time in prison, class 4 felony, and Im in this hell hole. Farthest prison from my home, no way for my mom in bad health, my wife of **[20+]** years, and 2 boys to visit. I'm leaving here a worse person than I ever was. I have drug charges and I received no help at all. This is a joke
335. I have never heard so many inmates complain about a single prison before and all its dysfunctionality than Shawnee C.C. I am due to transfer to Robinson C.C. and couldn't be happier, anywhere but here are greener pastures.
336. the younger gang banger n***** run this prison. If you're white you don't have anything coming. they get all the jobs, schooling, etc. They stay out of their cells all day long, bogus, getting on the phones and in the way of the inmates that are suppose to be out on their dayroom at that time and nothing is done about it.
337. None of the staff and officers here are held responsible for their actions for failing to perform their duties and allow a lot of the inmates to run all over them. The prison puts out memos saying that their gonna give 6-12 months accross the board for popping out of their cells but never do so most of the of 50% are always cheated from using the phones. This warden needs to not only crack the whip on us inmates but also his own officers. The staff & officers are way too lazy...
338. We need those sex visits because everyone is turning gay.
339. This place needs to be evaluated and inspected thoroughly like seriously the conditions are horrible. The vents are heavy coated with dust and a wash cloth cant even fix it. The windows are broke and need to be fixed asap. The staff are rude and cruel to us individuals in custody. The judge you off your crime and treat you like dirt. The internal affairs staff single out and stereotype the individuals: They have made racist remarks, they are very hurtful and go to the extreme to get results like hold our mail hostage. Please I repeat please take a look into our complaints.
340. I've had a transfer approved for over 25 months to a facility that provides a specific program. Without this program I cannot earn good-time sentence credit. I meet with my unit counselor every month and he never has any updates or information regarding transfers.
341. There's no way to earn good-time here. Thay keep us hungry. There's no yard or gym most of the time. Thay degrade us or me with pull ups for paints. It's dirty run down here I can tell even the staff hates working here. I've ben here 63 days and I haven't had a sitt down with my counselor yet. I was in receiving with no heat from **[DATES REDACTED, 2 months]**. There's no regular scedule here at all. We don't get a napkin with meals. I **[NAME REDACTED]** realise I'm in prison. But truly! This Shawnee Prison SUCKS.

342. To hell with us we're no human. Rightttttt. this is what staff and the system thinks of us when some of us are better people and human being then them. Thank you very much. We're treated like shit but to you all it might be hard to believe
343. This isn't a good prison/facility (as I've been to better prisons/facilities than Shawnee Correctional Center!) This prison is a shithole/hell hole!
344. Supply to commissary is a fool. You never know what will be in or if you will get what you put on your list. When able to go to yard or gym, you have to either go to them or your dayroom time.
345. I appreciate this survey if it does in fact bring about some type of change. This prison LEGITIMATELY is one of the most DEGRADING places ever. These correctional officers play gay jokes OFTEN. They disrespect you daily. They put us on lockdown for no other reason than THEY FEEL LIKE IT. If you write a logical, well put grievance on an officer, they take your job if you have one, they will move you from one cell to another to knitpick. They will TRASH your cell. They will literally tell you "AREN'T YOU THE ONE THAT WROTE THIS?" These officers are like a real gang. Springfield does not hold them ACCOUNTABLE. It seems as though no one does. When Springfield does their annual inspections, Shawnee makes us clean what is otherwise dirty the other 364 days out of the year. More than likely you will be reading an abundance of similar stories or accounts, so you can come to your own conclusions. There is no logical way I can conceive that this prison is able to do what they do without consequence. I FULLY believe that nothing will be done and they will continue running this prison as is because it seems as though they answer to NO ONE. This prison even had the AUDACITY to try to make us sign these "ANONYMOUS" surveys so they can have names and ID #s for those who choose to participate (that would defeat the purpose of the anonymity, would it not?) but those are the lengths they go to. I wouldn't be surprised one bit if this doesn't make it to the John Howard Association and this prison is literally throws out every single envelope with "privileged mail" on it.
346. What is the point? It feels like we do this every so often but nothing ever changes.
347. Shut this condemned place down!
348. Thanks Have a good day
349. More oportunities school and jobs. Aproved transfers to diferent prisons to take advantage of diferent programs
350. not enough educational programs, not enough chaplin services or programs such as "celebrate recovery" etc. Commissary is subpar and we dont get to go regularly
351. D.O.J, Springfield they need to reinspect this place and interview us incarcerated and shut Shawnee C.C. down
352. Commissary is trash so I have to buy and trade with other people incarcerated just so I don't go to sleep hungry. For this to be a medium level prison we spend more time locked away then we do out of the cell. Maybe give us a yard a day and two dayrooms so people aren't cooped up like captured animals day and night.
353. More time out of our rooms would be helpful so EVERY one has a fair amount of time on the phone. Family helps us through our time. Other than that, not all prison offer programs for EVERY case. We all want to do better, but how? Also we all (All Cases) want to gain some kind of good-time so we can be closer to going HOME. Thank you for your time. God bless you all!
354. Thanks for the survey. I hope yall make a difference here.
355. Prison breeds racism, aggression and division. The justice system is flawed. I don't have the solution to criminal behavior reformation, but if anyone thinks throwing

- people in cages and treating them like shit is the answer then we should just accept the fact that incarcerated people will never experience rehabilitation.
356. The guards need to stop lying on tickets to send people to seg. Food needs to improve. More yard and gym. More time out-of-cells. Shawnee C.C. is this prison
 357. This prison needs to be closed they do nothing to help u better yourself. They give people jobs that they know can't get good-time contracts because they have sex offenses, and not able to earn good-time. I have a drug charge and they will not put me in any classes nor will they help try to place me in any programs to earn work good-time. This place promotes torture and VIII Amendment cruel + unusual punishment.
 358. This place need real help & better opportunity for inmates!
 359. You guys do nothing to fix anything. Here in Shawnee there is a lot of favoritism, so nobody can do nothing.
 360. Most folks exaggerate the how "bad" this prison is but I feel very much at ease here than I did at BMRCC. I am treated much more like an individual than a tattooed number. I have not been harassed or treated unfairly. However, not nearly enough recreation or programs here at Shawnee Corr Cen
 361. I want to go home
 362. There are a lot of incidents that get covered up or disregarded cause the staff make sure they dont get in trouble or fired - seud by the inmates and this happens a lot and it happens in other prisons too. You need to send in undercover inmates to see all that happens and that doesn't
 363. What about learning real job, trade skills and making some real money to save for starting over for release? More mentor training for guards to utilize teachable moments and change lives for the better - instead of the hatred for inmates that is now taught.
 364. Just wish that even thoe we are locked up doesnt mean that we should be living like we are thrash. Im not saying we are innocent but if you are getting beat down on a daily basis the environment is always going to be hostile there no peace in all prison we need help
 365. State pay is a joke, getting a job is a joke, I personally have an outdate of **[DATE REDACTED]**, I'm good-time eligible, wasn't given a single day this whole bit, and cant get a job to earn any good-time! Finally, just now got in a aim higher class that gives only 24 days & to no fault of mine I can only get as of now 22 or 23 of those days because staff wont open any door so I can go! **[20+]** years ago I was here and was trusted with a 3rd shift floor crew job, now I cant even get a kitchen job even though I was #1 cook at **[PRISON NAME REDACTED]** and have plenty of experience and am a hard ass worker. That would give me 33 days every 90. I could be getting out in **[MONTHS REDACTED]** but they don't want that cause I'm not the chosen few. if you're not Black or some type of child molester or Mexican here you basically can't get anything but a bare minimal no matter how hard you try!!!
 366. This facility (Shawnee Correctional Center) is trash. There are inmates here who have been waiting on transfer out of here for 2+ years. I myself have court ordered programs I have to complete that this joint does not even provide, yet I am still stuck here even though my transfer was approved nearly a year ago.
 367. This place doesn't allow you the chance to better yourself at all. The risk assessments are not being met at all so therefore youre not working on anything so they need to improve on getting the assessment done in a timely fashion. It shouldn't take 6 year to finish a assessment that supposed to be finished in a year.
 368. If I could I would serve my time in that law library, (smile). Just joking.

369. It is beyond me why programs are available to and 'good-time' given to short-timers who will most likely be back and nothing for those with longer sentences who are staying out of trouble and actually want to improve themselves. This needs to change!
370. Food, commissary, any type of help, recreation and living conditions is very bad at Shawnee Correctional Center.
371. Stop giving individuals 2 job assignments because they inform on others. Stop allowing internal affairs to dictate who gets job assignments. Offer more programs to earn good-time. Investigate the commissary for price gauging. Example. \$10.32 for a case of ramen noodles. Test the drinking water, Please! Please fix the windows!
372. I have a class 2 felony for a sex case **[20+]** years ago. I received **[30+]** yrs back then. She was 16 I was 21, consensual relationship. Now although I have a place to go they deny it and violate me before I even make it out and the door on mandatory supervised release. Hence the word mandatory but due to discriminations they violated me today on my release date. This isnt fair at all Im not playing with kids. My name is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** my address is 6665 St. Rt. 146 E, Vienna, IL 62995, IL. if you know anyone to help give more info out
373. They reward bad inmates. When you try to get something done they only responds to "bugging up." If you go about things correctly they brush you off. They do not review camera footage if it is not beneficial to the C/Os. If we grievance a issue or argue at a adjustment committe, they will not review footage to prove we're telling the truth and C/Os are wrong. We are assumed guilty or wrong.
374. Since **[DATE REDATED, Months prior]** to after this survey got issued. At least 2 showers ran 24h/7 days a week. Wasting Thousands gallons of heated water X 16 houses = millions of dollars wasted. PREA took our dayroom toilets by showers. Since they lock cell doors at dayroom C/O's wont unlock doors so inmates urinate and poop in our showers. Several were taken to seg cause the C/Os would not unlock cells to go to bathroom. Even elderly + medical issues.
375. This prison needs to start helping more people get work release to be prepared for society reentry. This prison needs to start giving out good-time to people for being good while here at this prison. This prison need to make sure that those under the fifty percent law recieve good-time
376. Honestly everything has to change here, you're just doing (hard slow time) once your in here, its really hard to get a job, in school, commissary is once a month and 80 percent of the time the don't have noodles, rice, chips basically things to make a meal with, the staff here doesnt care enough - example Ive asked fer a new cable cord for 3 weeks now every staff just says ok nothing has happened yet. The porters on the unit get to do everything they're not like regular inmates. The staff is short here and have attitudes (everyday) the hang the phone up in the middle of a conversation with family. They threaten you with violence as well. Its really bad here at Shawnee.
377. The cell windows in most of the camp do not work (you cannot open or close the windows in your cell/they are screwed shot during the winter months) Showers are moldie, have mildew not cleaned, power washed. Have not been sold deorderant in a year and half. People who can get good-time only get 33 days every 90 days where other corr. ctrs give you 45 days for every 90 days, you can transfer every 3 years even when you get denied. Cannot go to school, no rehab, AAA/NA or drug program. Locked in a cell most of the day. Not enough yard or dayroom. People who can't earn good-time (85%-100%) are people who have all the jobs, and those who earn good-time can't even get 1 job at all. The grievance process is not fair at all.

- I.D.O.C policies its self. They never respond with the P.L.R.A and or I.D.O.C own time limits, theres a campaign of harassment, retaliation, official misconduct. If you work in dietary, say a 4-8 hour shift, when you come back from work you are told to lock-up without showering and you cant make a phone call if you missed you dayroom time. But the wing porters stay out all day and make phone calls.
378. Please help they wont let me go to court so I can transfer. They wont let me get my EDSC, good-time. its been a year and they just now got me into a class that only earns 1 month out of three that I have to participat and I am a level 3 psychic. I know people make mistakes but to put me in here with people who have 30+ years and lifers when I am a minimum is irresponsible and irrational as well as cruel and inhumane. I've been extorted, beaten up, sexually grabbed, and harassed, and I can't speak up or I risk losing "good-time" or they will put me in seg. I would like to reach out to you guys so I can tell my story in person and everytime I wrote a grievance it got sent back so I can't speak out against what is happening. Please help.
379. There is a lady **[NAME REDACTED]**, she is in charge of drug joint transfers. I have evidence she may be perposly losing paperwork if an inmate send her to many requests regarding the status of their drug prison transfers. She has very thin skin and has no pataints for that job anymore. There are people here that have been on the drug prison screening list for almost a year. Never giving them any information about things. She doesnt even answer request anymore. Maybe she needs help to be more attentive. I really believe she get so angry, she keeps putting certain people on the bottom of the huge list. I seen her angry, she get mean!!!
380. I hope yall can help because yall never really help. All talk no action. ?Why?
381. Would like for this astablishment to stop making us wait 3 years after we got denied a transfer after already waiting six month to put in. Some guys in here dont have 3 years to give and the way they are treated at Shawnee CC is very unconstantial and very inhumane. They dont even give us a price list on commissary to even know what we have in stock so we know what to order. This place has black mold in the showers. Theres pain chip all over the place in our cells. Our beds have rust all over the bar's which already got rust all over my pillow and sheets. The place is falling apart it is not liveable. It is very unsanitary. This place should be condemned. If you would come here you could see for yourself. When you do, make sure you see every house here at Shawnee Correctional Center and inspect everything here.

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

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

1. [Other] African American
2. [Other] Jewish
3. [Black] African American
4. [Other] Jewish
5. [Other] Native American

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

1. [No] But very close.
2. [Yes] 13 months
3. [No] Life without

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

1. [Yes] 24
2. [Yes] Since 1998.
3. [Yes] I was 25.
4. [Yes] 24 – been locked up since [30+] years.

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

1. [Other] C-grade, S.I.P.
2. [Other] C-Grade Deck
3. [Other] PC

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

1. [Yes] Most of the time.
2. [Yes] Barely.
3. [Yes] Barely
4. [Yes] Sometimes
5. [Yes] Until they find a reason to cancel it.
6. [No] 2/3 days Yes the rest is up to how the C/Os feel. There always late.
7. [Blank] Some days they cancel “dayroom”, often for reasons they do not share.
8. [Yes] 2 hour dayroom – day, 1 hour dayroom night. 3 gyms a month. 2-3 yards a month.
9. [Blank] Sometimes
10. [Blank] Sometimes.
11. [Yes] Only 2 hours.
12. [Blank] Some time's
13. [Yes] most days COVID testing once a week and COVID lockdowns will cut into that.
14. [Yes] But there are many times we don't.
15. [No] 2 hours every other day
16. [Blank] Sometimes
17. [Yes] Only in general population [No] not in receiving
18. [Yes] Barely
19. [Yes] Kind of but not always and the make sure its right at 2hrs only
20. [Yes] Sometimes, need more time out

21. [Blank] Sometimes

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

1. [Neither] Because I'm not there fav.
2. [Neither] HandyCap.
3. [Neither] Lifers can't work here
4. [Neither] Been trying to get both but no luck.
5. [Neither] Only give jobs to people that tells (witness to wrong doing)
6. [Neither] But I want a job but they won't give me one until I tell on someone.
7. [Neither] Shawnee has refused to work with me since I entered in [DATE REDACTED, 10+ yrs].

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. [Blank] It depends on the staff member and the individual in custody.
2. [A] Some good, some not as good.
3. [SD] They hate us!
4. [SD] Only if we are telling.

I receive support from staff when I need it.

1. [D] I don't ask.
2. [A] Not medical.
3. [D] [NAME REDACTED], the counselor, is almost never helpful.
4. [N] some

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

1. [SD] Rules don't apply here.
2. [D] Many rules seem arbitrary or spiteful. Can spiteful or arbitrary rules be applied fairly?
3. [SD] Snitches get better treatment
4. [Blank] What rules!

I trust the officers.

1. [SD] 20% yes 80% no.
2. [N] To do what? The minimum? Whatever they want?
3. [N] some
4. [N] I trust no one but my mom . . .
5. [N] depends

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

1. [SD] No consistency.
2. [N] It depends on how the officer is behaving.
3. [N] some
4. [N] Some yeah, some no.

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

1. [SD] No one responds
2. [SD] official channels disappear
3. [D] The vast majority of requests are ignored. Grievances are never granted relief.
4. [SD] Wont let me

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

1. [SD] Never
5. [A] Just one.
6. [N] some
2. [A] Mental health only. Nobody else cares!
3. [A] Nurse
4. [A] Once

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.

1. [SD] below
2. [N] some
3. [D] Most C/Os lack compassion. Some get annoyed or upset when you ask them for simple things. Food supervisors won't honor Therapeutic Diet orders from the Healthcare Unit.

I am treated like a person of value.

1. [SD] Hilarious.
2. [N] By whom? I am a person of value.
3. [N] some
4. [SD] Hell naw

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. [Blank] Don't apply.
2. [A] Only the female nurses are on staff to witness genital examinations by the doctor during physicals.
3. [A and N] Some I hear not receive.

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

1. [SD] Sex offenders are bullies' victim of choice, by C/Os too. I was attacked by my first roommate. The IA agent said he wouldn't press charges.

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.

1. [A] The only way to improve my situation would be to exonerate myself in court, but there's a surprising amount of bias and whim among those in power.
2. [Blank] Kiss ass just to get medical help!

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

1. [A] But they don't always use it.
2. [D] There is a lot of turn-over, fresh C/O faces often. An 18-year-old kid started work here not long ago as a C/O.

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

1. [SD] They do nothing
2. [D] It depends on the staff and the infractor. If they're buddy-buddy, some C/Os will let certain individuals in custody break rules, like picking their lock to get more dayroom time.
3. [N] Not really for sure.
4. [SD] Magic mental subtle threat.

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.

1. [SA] Not everyone.
2. [A] More like apathetic or uncaring.
3. [Blank] Some of them.
4. [SA] some

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

1. [SA] And then it still won't
2. [SA] For some things, with some staff.
3. [SA] They still don't
4. [A] Sometimes
5. [SA] Definitely

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.

1. [SA] All they do is sleep all shifts
2. [SD] We have camras

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

1. [SD] Makes me want to do a mass shooting.
2. [A] Only in a negative way.
3. [D] Programs are available to few. Information about how release works is not provided to anyone until the release date nears.
4. [SA] Get out of Illinois.
5. [SA] not a good environment
6. [Blank] N/A

Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.

1. [SA] Yes!
2. [SA] Snitches.
3. [A] Snitches.

4. [SA] Industries + sex offenders
5. [SA] Snitches
6. [SA] Snitches & ass kiss
7. [A] If you have money or connections
8. [SA] People that tells.
9. [SA] Snitches.
10. [SA] Not 4 whites

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [SA] Constantly I try.
2. [SD] It's frown upon
3. [SA] Yes!
4. [SA] I've tried
5. [SA] I am will behaved
6. [SA] Racism.

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

1. [SA] Because of IA, staff (top-bottom)
2. [SA] Thay miss treat me
3. [SA] Shawnee C.C. IL
4. [SA] Shawnee

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

1. [SA] Grievance procedures.
2. [A] Not that I do things that can or should be used against me.
3. [SA] They have a blackball list

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

1. [SA] No help for guys with 100% sentence's
2. [SA] beyond
3. [D] It's my goal to learn a foreign language. I've filed a postconviction petition.
4. [D] Trying to get school and job but hard here
5. [SA] Definitely
6. [A] Because of my case.

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

1. [SA] Porters.
2. [A] People that tell.
3. [N] Yes and no
4. [SA] Definitely

This prison is well organized.

1. [A] By inmates.
2. [N] Define "well organized".
3. [SA] It bad.
4. [SD] Shawnee
5. [N] For certain purposes.

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

1. [SD] I've had many staff scream loudly and repeatedly in my face in the dining hall when attempting to have my Therapeutic Diet Order honored/followed. Others ignore me. Once I was thrown out for not being able to eat what was served.
2. [A] Most of them
3. [SD] mistreated

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms.

1. [SA] Most of the time.
2. [SA] They come running when there's a fight.
3. [D] Never do
4. [A] Sometimes
5. [N] It only depends

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

1. [SD] If you are one of the fav.
2. [SD] Never
3. [D] The people who you'd need to speak with in person work in other buildings, inaccessible. C/Os will often spin you, i.e., lie that they'll help but then don't.
4. [SD] Counselor don't do anything.
5. [SD] No power in cell as we speak!
6. [SD] Nothing ever gets done/very lazy staff
7. [D] You always have to say crisis team member

You never know the rules.

1. [SA] They vary from indiv.
2. [SD] Never? No. They're quoted when someone infacts. All the DRs and bulletins are kept in the law library but they won't allow you to make a copy for your own.
3. [SA] They have no rules.
4. [A] They change.
5. [SA] They change so much for their on good.
6. [SA] Or prices

My experience in this prison is painful.

1. [SA] Emotionally and mentally.
2. [SA] VERY!
3. [SA] Shawnee C.C. IL.

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.

1. [SD] ?
2. [Blank] ?
3. [SA] Yes!
4. [SA] Snitches.
5. [A] Sex offenders are at the bottom. Trans people and the mentally ill come next. Bullies are at the top.
6. [Blank] In this joint yes the snitches.

The disciplinary system is fair.

1. [SD] No.
2. [N] I have no experience with that.
3. [SA] All ways guilty.

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

1. [Blank] N/A
2. [SA] Yes!
3. [SA] Porters.
4. [A] Favoritism.
5. [D] Although the porters do influence several day-to-day things.
6. [A] The phones

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

1. [SD] Only if you want.
2. [A] Because they won't honor my Therapeutic Diet Order. Even a food supervisor told me I'm being encouraged to "traffick and trade."

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.

1. [SA] In every situation.
2. [SA] Yes!
3. [SA] COVID.
4. [SA] No college or academic classes.
5. [SA] Or so it seems.
6. [SA] Mental health has no say on any matter
7. [Blank] they blame security but it for self beneficial purposes.
8. [SA] This prison is a mess Shawnee CC dose nothing for you

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

1. [D] No tools or programs for me.
2. [SD] No
3. [SD] Only thing I have is negative thoughts + plans.
4. [SD] Strongly disagree.
5. [SD] given no schooling or tools
6. [D] There's little opportunity for that, especially if you have no one on the outside willing and able to help.
7. [Blank] I wish.
8. [SD] Only because the staff does not to help us change positivly we have to find a way on our own.
9. [D] Waste
10. [Blank] Run away a.s.p.
11. [SD] Strongly disagree
12. [SD] Hell no

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] The need to eat is basic to survival. Refusing to follow my Therapeutic Diet Order is inhumane. The customer may always be right, but the inmate is always wrong.
2. [SA] by officers
3. [SA] Less than an animal
4. [SA] Nope

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

1. [D] Snitch
2. [D] Define "get by." Do you mean "not get stabbed or attacked?"
3. [A] Group – snitch (CI)

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

1. [SD] Ur treated as a number not an individual
2. [SD] Only what I'm incarcerated for..
3. [SD] Compassion is lacking every staff in general.
4. [SD] Not human

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.

1. [A] Paper laced with drugs all over institution
2. [N] I have no idea, never touch the stuff nor seek it out. But I imagine it could. I'd be naïve to believe otherwise.
3. [Blank] Wait, There's drugs?!
4. [SA] lot of K2

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.

1. [D] I was told "this is prison. Toughen up" by a sergeant. Bullies bully when C/Os aren't around. The worst is when your roommate is the bully. If you complain, the C/Os may tell the bully!
2. [N] Depends on who?
3. [SD] Fight or fuck

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

1. [D] They don't care at all.
2. [SD] Don't care at all.
3. [SA] 100
4. [SD] Only an S.O.

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

1. [N] Possibly? I have no experience with this.
2. [Blank] Sometimes its true.
3. [SA] Yes, yes
4. [N] Don't know.
5. [Blank] I don't know someone elses feelings

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

1. [SD] Video visits not working for 6mo.
2. [N] Meaningful how? Legal? Economic? Information? Camaraderie?
3. [A] Need more time out.
4. [SD] 20 min calls 3 days

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

1. [SA] Yes!
2. [Blank] This statement seems vague or ambiguous.
3. [SA] Shawnee
4. [SA] bad
5. [SA] Zero incentive Sabotage good-time/no programs

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.

1. [D] Some people get their mail intercepted for whatever reason they want to make up.
2. [SD] They cut off phones while you are on it.
3. [SD] Can't be bothered

This is a humane prison.

1. [D] See above comments on diet circumstances.
2. [SD] bad treatment
3. [SD] Need real officer.

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

1. [SA] We only get 9 50 minute recs a month.
2. [SA] Yes!
3. [SA] Hell yeah.
4. [SA] 22 + 2
5. [SA] 20 hours a day!
6. [A] It'd be nice to be out longer.
7. [SA] 20 hrs/day
8. [SA] 22/2
9. [SA] For sure!!!

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

1. [N] So-so
2. [D] For some, but not all.

Mental health treatment is available.

1. [SD] That's a joke, right?
2. [SD] It's available but they don't wanna give it to you.
3. [Blank] They may not believe you or may dismiss your concerns, as they have with me. Otherwise, they'll administer drugs as the only option you can't refuse without infracting.
4. [SD] bad thay treat you
5. [N] Not effective
6. [N] It sucks here.
7. [D] Only when she doing her rounds but when you call for crisis they put you in the hole

This prison is better now than it was last year.

1. [SD] The C/Os get our good food.
2. [D] TV signals go out or degrade for weeks at a time. Availability of commissary items is fickle.
3. [Blank] Don't know was not here last year
4. [SD] Way worse
5. [N] Only because COVID let up thats all but same ole racist anti-inmate thinking.

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

1. [SD] That's a joke right?
2. [SD] !!!
3. [N] How would I know that? What options do they have? Are they using them all? Are they actually helpful?
4. [SD] Thay lie on people.
5. [SA] Not enuff program
6. [Blank] Unknown?
7. [SD] Ha that was a good one!
8. [N] Depends on who and case.

I am satisfied with food from dietary.

1. [SD] No way.
2. [SD] No!
3. [SD] They starve us!
4. [SD] C/Os get our good food
5. [SD] only staff eats good
6. [SD] They don't follow menu.
7. [SD] The officers get our food we get junk
8. [SD] Very, very poor. Staff eats very good, 2 different kinds of food
9. [SD] See above comments on diet circumstances.
10. [SD] No
11. [A] Most meals anyway
12. [SD] Same meals over and over

13. [SD] Kosher diet unhealth
14. [SD] They steal the good food or they eat it.
15. [SD] Low portions
16. [SD] Bad food, sm. portions.
17. [SA] No way!!!
18. [SD] Hell naw

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

1. [SD] We only get 9 50 minute yards a month.
2. [SD] 3 times a month.
3. [SD] Only about 2-3 times per MONTH!
4. [D] Very rarely if ever.
5. [SD] 4x's each month unless inmate has a job. Which in turn inmates gets no movement to gym or yard.
6. [SD] never happened yet
7. [D] Sometimes
8. [SD] Does "yard" include "gym" or not? Yard? No.
9. [SD] Neave
10. [SD] Twice a MONTH
11. [SD] More like once a week – Shawnee
12. [SD] 3 times a month
13. [SD] There are no yards!
14. [SD] Once a month.
15. [SD] Every 10 days
16. [SA] Absolutely not!!!

Q11. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of the quality of life/general treatment of the people incarcerated here. (1 (Lowest), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (Highest))

1. [Blank] -2
2. [Blank] -2
3. [Blank] -1
4. [Blank] 0
5. [6] Would be higher but for poor condition of housing units and terrible commissary.
6. [1] -10
7. [1] This place sucks dick in no way what so ever is there any help for us!
8. [1] This place is a dump so I pick zero 0!
9. [Blank] 0
10. [Blank] Zero
11. [Blank] 0 Super Low Bad

12. [1] We only go to yard 3 times a month for about 30-45 mins each. The food is nothing but starchy cabs that are barely edible! In the 2.5 yrs that I've been here I've lost 90 lbs.
13. [1] Actually a zero
14. [3] Only because of lack of gym and yard and hard to get jobs and school!!!
15. [1] in the nagiteve.
16. [10] Treatment of people 10. Hygiene, terrible, zero cleaning supplies for porters
17. [1] In all honesty this prison deserves -10 or lower!
18. [Blank] Suck/fuck up because of a lots of you'll people.
19. [3] Needs dependable yard, gym with time to shower after
20. [1] -
21. [1] -
22. [Blank] -1
23. [Blank] -1
24. [3] Depends on who you are. They wont give us good-time. Please help, its been over a year and they just put me in a small time class but refuse to give me EDSC Please
25. [3] This prison locks us down multiple times a month due to staff shortages (sick calls), as well as taking our gyms and yards. We have around 7-10 activities a month (gyms, yards). We are truly lucky to get 3 of them due to what they say staff not showing up. At what point do they need to find new staff.
26. [1] If I could go lower, I would. This place is the worst prison I have ever been in and I have been in a lot. I hate to say that, but I am going back and never coming back

Miscellaneous Comments

1. My name is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** I really would like to continue this conversation. If you have any questions or would like more opinions, don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.
2. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
3. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
4. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
5. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
6. **[NAME AND HOUSING REDACTED]**
7. **[DATE, NAME AND ID REDACTED]** here for DUI leave **[DATE REDACTED, a few days]**. Been here a year and half didn't get no good-time, no edjunction. Nothing they didn't get me ready with I.D. or nothing for when I leave they don't know how I'm getting home. WAY I SEE IT THE SYSTEM IS FUCK'D AND ILL BE BACK BECAUSE OF IT THANKS
8. Shawnee is the worst prison in I.D.O.C.
9. SLAVE LABOR. We are forced to work 12 hour shifts at Industries and do not get any overtime. If we have to work at least pay us time and a half like normal people. Also, we have to make things like retirement stars and badges that the staff can buy.

- That stuff was supposed to be stopped years ago but they are still getting away with it here. Come to Industries and interview us and see for yourselves.
10. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 11. **[DATE REDACTED]**
 12. **[SYMBOLS DRAWN]** Whatever the fuck a GD star is lol. Survey Sponsored By The Democratic National Convention.
 13. Thank you for this opportunity. I tried to fill this out as fair and unbiased as I could. Thank you for all that you do.
 14. I do appreciate you guys! But I have zero trust in the justice system, Illinois politics, IDOC, or anyone who hasn't taken the time to apologize, forgive, or pray for their enemies. People generally suck! I do however know that you guys are working hard for us. But believe me, there are more against us than with us. Until that changes, some family within this state + country will continue to lose father, mother, son, daughter, cousin, whoever, to this crap-filled system. But I do love you and thank you for caring. Anonymous
 15. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** 6665 St. Rt. 146 E, Vienna IL 62995. I know it suppose to be anonymous but I have no fear to openly discuss the issues at Shawnee C.C.
 16. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 17. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 18. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 19. **[DATE REDACTED]** Mailed.
 20. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 21. I am 100% disabled in the world, yet in here they do NOT recognize it. I have had my **[SURGICAL & MEDICAL DETAILS REDACTED]**, I am hard of hearing, have hypertension + congestive heart failure. Yet I am housed on the upper deck of my cell house. I have requested multiple times to be moved to a lower level cell, and have been denied each time requested due to not meeting criteria for a lower cell! Yet someone who is "scared of heights" is okayed! -BROKEN SYSTEM!
 22. **NAME AND ID REDACTED** This prison is bad, please help us.
 23. Help us, its bad here
 24. First time in trouble and in prison. I hope others don't get treated like this
 25. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 26. If you can do anything, please, fix the school situation. Ive been in prison since age 19. I have no skills or work experience. I want so badly to learn a trade but can not b/c school is based off out dates.
 27. Inmate **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**



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