
**Survey Comment
Report**



Danville 2022 MQPL Survey Comments

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Introduction

Danville Correctional Center is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1517 people on July 22, 2022. 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 Danville had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 560 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Danville through the end of 2022, representing approximately 37% 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 errors

OPEN-ENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS

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

1. Nothing
2. The yard schedule/LTS options
3. Yard, and gym every other day
4. School and trades
5. I am from the area, it is not the health care within, nor the warden, a previous one. Ask how many people died from covid and how many die from lack of healthcare
6. Danville has a great college program
7. Good education only if you're about to be released or get good time programs for nonviolent offenders

8. Access to education for some. I got lucky that I had college in the world that helped me get in.
9. Prisoners are pretty mellow
10. Waking up
11. TV, tablet, and the people that are nice
12. Working on self
13. School
14. My Celly!
15. We come out of our cells for 2 hours on 1st shift and 2 hours at night on 2nd shift. It's programs to improve our behavior for when we are free.
16. None, this place is a negative prison
17. Nothing is positive in this place
18. School and work
19. Going to school, when actually given the opportunity, communicating with loved ones, going to yard or gym consistently, and going to commissary.
20. I'm a worker, using the phone, using my tablet
21. The school
22. That they started the building block program up
23. Food
24. You can put in for a transfer after six months
25. Nothing is positive
26. Nothing. Every prison I've been in: Menard, Pinckneyville, Galesburg are way better. Better run, organized, and more options to help lead meaningful life.
27. I'm alive
28. Available programs just take too long to get into.
29. I have time to look back on my past mistakes and learn from them
30. Nothing. Most of the day is spent in cell or on the wing. yard and gym are cancelled more often than we go.
31. All of the college available
32. Sharing my story to help others get through their time. Helping other guys out with things they need.
33. There is nothing positive about being locked up. People just deal with it and get by
34. Programs, school, vocation, chapel—which are all limited.
35. None
36. Weights and yard or gym every other day, that's all.
37. They have eight phones to "try" to minimize fighting, everyone should get a phone call. You have the religious services come in.
38. "None, not a one!" With absolute certainty, positive things are of nonexistence within Danville Correctional Center
39. The access to the education justice program
40. That I am able to obtain self-knowledge and self-education through books I receive through the mail
41. The female staff (some of them) cause they're all ugly. But in all honesty...there is no positive thing here. Danville CC is run by staff and they govern themselves. I've seen

staff beat up individuals for talking on the walk. I've born witness. And they don't give you nothing you are entitled to by law/regulation.

42. There is really nothing positive about this prison, only time I feel good is when I do get time to talk to my family members and they tell me I don't have that much time left to do. This is my first experience in prison and this is the worst I've ever been treated.
43. There is no positive thing here in Danville CC. This is run by staff and family members. They govern themselves.
44. Yard, gym, school only if they let you go to school. They say I have too much time to get into school smh
45. Nothing
46. Learning to grow. Being in prison, for me, is motivation to get out and stay out.
47. Everybody try
48. Nothing positive
49. Being in our cells
50. Free water, rent free, the Thanksgiving meal, the Christmas meal, the Christmas bags
51. The Building Block program that helps redirect the minds of individuals incarcerated if they're willing to change their lives.
52. The staff generally don't care that much about incarcerated people breaking the small rules, i.e. talking on walk, trading and trafficking. A person has to try real hard to actually catch a ticket.
53. There is plenty of opportunity and education and groups that accommodate one's needs.
54. The religious services are good
55. The most positive thing about this prison is whenever you're finally allowed to get enrolled in school, they have a good education system
56. The only positive thing is that I can get visits from my family.
57. Good education
58. Please, we need better attention on education, more opportunities for reduction of sentences.
59. School
60. None to really write about
61. The only people who can shoot are lazy officers who would never pull it for the sake of too much paperwork
62. Nothing here is positive about anything
63. Going home in 4 months and don't have to live with dirty n****rs anymore
64. None
65. Free from the distractions and temptations, I use my time productively and have access to faith-based services and educational programs
66. Nothing
67. Food sometimes!
68. Nothin is positive about Danville CC
69. You get to use the phone
70. The education, but not all people had the opportunity to enroll in classes
71. Nothing at all

72. Education
73. I just feel like prison helps you realize how much you miss your freedom.
74. Family support
75. Good weights, decent food at chow
76. Prison is prison. It's what you make of it. There are opportunities with jobs and education. Sometime it can take months or years to get into programs. Patience and determination are required to prosper in prison. A positive attitude and relentless demeanor are essential to prosper in prison.
77. I get to help others.
78. Programming/education, but it's exclusive and therefore hard to get into, and the programming is an on-paper award/achievement for the jail, not the people living here.
79. None
80. Availability of college courses, however to get into them you have to know someone or be under 2 years
81. I get to go to school, but many don't and Danville's policy doesn't make sense. There are higher learning programs, but most can't get to them because they can't get in lower ed until 2 years short
82. Nothing
83. N/A
84. The re-entry program
85. Nothing at all. Only my time is keep going
86. Nothing, only thing my time keeps going. It's hard to get in any programs or school here.
87. For myself and not speaking for the general populations, is that I am one of the lucky people to be enrolled in college and I am about to obtain my bachelors degree. That's the positive thing about life in this prison for me. A lot of people is so hard to get enrolled into any level of education, cause they have too much time or less.
88. Nothing, not being dead
89. Get to watch TV in your cell all day and night
90. Nothing
91. The positive social bonds between other prisoners. Sometimes we are all we have.
92. Nothing at all
93. School, if you can attend, the waiting list is ridiculous. And being able to come out of the cell for dayroom, yard, gym, chow
94. Today, there really isn't, because if an individual isn't willing to change for the better, today's prison system doesn't encourage change and promotes bondage, captivity, etc. as the answer.
95. Anything at all...
96. I have been here March and I haven't been able to get any programming. So I wouldn't know of any positive things! So my answer would be nothing.
97. I still have my life.
98. It is school and work and getting good time
99. Nothing
100. I like the way correctional officers treat me, since I am an old man.

101. It make see, and feel away. I don't what to feel, or see.
102. Getting good time to get out of here.
103. Nothing at all.
104. Sometimes we get fried chicken instead of it always just going to the officers.
105. I can't think of any
106. School and good time contracts
107. There are a few staff members here [who] want this environment to become a place where incarcerated people can be rehabilitated.
108. Schooling and programming (for those who can participate)
109. There are rarely fights
110. There are lots of programs and classes to get time reduction. Driving, schooling, work etc. Most of a release date.
111. The education programs.
112. N/A
113. The re-entry wing gives groups the opportunity to better prepare for life at home.
114. Looking forward to transfer.
115. In Danville, there are no positive things.
116. Still alive, learning, help
117. None
118. Nothing
119. Food is okay, staff is okay
120. The ability to further our education and catholic service.
121. None! I'm a first-timer so there is no positives at all. I don't know how it works in here, there is no right or wrong—just who and what you know!
122. Time to think and reflect
123. EIU and U of I
124. Nothing, Danville is hell!
125. Schooling
126. None
127. There are none
128. You learn people
129. There are not many positive things!!
130. The individuals incarcerated here, for the most part, are trying to better themselves and think things through, so it's pretty laid back.
131. You can't get a job, people just keep asking. The staff tell you that they are going to put you in to get a job. People just are willing. Do you know how many people down [here] want to work? A lot.
132. Knowing that you have an outdate
133. Having different outlets that you can use to help better yourself. This place is a politic joint.
134. The reentry programs and the building blocks
135. There's nothing positive about life in this prison, period.
136. Almost nothing. Danville does have a few programs with people who care. But the staff here could care less about incarcerated men.

137. I have a roof over my head, that's about it. To get anything good or extra, you've got to work with IA.
138. They offer a lot of programs, that's positive. But the ones in school are the only ones allowed in school.
139. The most positive is that I get 3 meals a day and a bed to sleep in.
140. There are no positive things about this prison or life in it!!!
141. School, job, and nurse treat you good and have a lot of respect for people down here and prison
142. We meet some good dudes, who want to see you do better
143. We are able to have TV, tablet, and radio
144. I have plenty of time to work on myself
145. Nothing
146. It is nothing positive down it
147. Knowing I'm going home someday
148. They have schools and programs
149. it's not to far from my home. They have college classes and good teachers.
150. The time from all the distractions of the world to reflect on mistakes and bad choices.
151. it's safe when it comes to inmates other inmates
152. Schools and programs and colleges are at this facility
153. The chance of finding yourself
154. Nothing
155. 3 [ILLEGIBLE]
156. School
157. None
158. Nothing at all!
159. The College programs, bible college, E.J.P. E.I.U
160. The education programs
161. The most positive thing about prison is education but you need to know someone in order to take advantage of the program
162. Getting to learn from your mistakes in life
163. You still alive
164. I would have to say the X housing style with showers close to the bubble station makes these X house types of prisons much safer for staff and inmates
165. I have time to concentrate on my appeal
166. As far as I know, nothing here. I cannot get in school or a job and I have been here for 2 yrs. I cannot get in none of the programs that they have here. I have been told that I have too much time (7 yrs) and I am eligible for all the programs. I'm also eligible to receive good time, but cannot earn any due to the fact that I cannot get in school, a job, or any program that offers good time.
167. Chapel, I get to teach art and create art.
168. that I have an outdate
169. That eventually I go home and not all the staff are bad some will take time out to be helpful
170. Peer-led groups

171. Church.
172. Nothing, the staff treat you like shit
173. low risk Security
174. REHABILITATION, REENTRY
175. Boulding Block Program, Education/School, Job/Work
176. There is NONE
177. That they have good programs for people in custody to help better their lives.
178. theres none
179. Sports when they allow us to do them.
180. The staff are generally upbeat and positive.
181. nothing
182. Nothing cause I have [60+] y. case
183. Not wanting to come back. To better myself so I can live a better life with my girlfriend and to change my life
184. TRUTHFULLY THERE ARE NONE. THINGS IN THIS PRISON GO ACCORDING TO HOW THE OFFICERS FEEL IN A PARTICULAR MOMENT. THEY CANCEL ACTIVITIES AS THEY PLEASE!
185. NOTHING!!!
186. Waiting to get out.
187. THE SCHOOL PROGRAM
188. Nothing But leaving
189. School
190. I know I can go home soon
191. (The Building Block.) Is Held on Three different units throughout the prison. The Reason of The Building Block is to create an environment that fosters positive change through a series of mentor driven programs that are founded in the core principles of respect, responsibility, ownership, community, and empathy.
192. they have Dumbbell weights and its closer to Home
193. Day room
194. there is a wide variety of educational programming here at Danville. That's the only thing good about being here.
195. Nothing, except keeping really bad people off the streets
196. School
197. none
198. I personally make time to stay doing positive things in this negative environment
199. If you are a Black man you are treated like anything you do cant be wrong. If you have a favored case your treated well.
200. Time to sit down, think, and set goals
201. Only the programs! and School!
202. None
203. We can seek God (period)
204. Nothing!
205. Nothing

206. There aren't too many positive things here except waking up each day and having an opportunity to get better on your own if you know how too.
207. You could over all the negative, and to start over by thinking positive
208. If you have a outdate that will send you home in the next couple years...
209. time 2 work on myself, "health"
210. Nothing comes to mind at this time
211. Relationships with other prisoners, school, and that's about it
212. Nothing, could have more positive things to help us
213. Things that everyone complete on they own. Because is only a select peoples who are on good grade with the staff so they can do positive things. Means programs, education, jobs, etc.
214. College programs
215. None as of now after being here a month
216. Nothing
217. Get a school for lord more ingles i can my ingles is not perfectly and this join is hard i get 3 years and this join i not get any school classes yet
218. TV
219. realizing the time away from loved ones and realizing I must change for myself & them
220. A lot of schooling
221. That Im currently in school!
222. Leaving
223. School, programs.
224. Building block and the phones and visits
225. being able to reflect on your things that you did wrong and try to work on a more positive change for yourself & others
226. Yard, gym have been able to attend more often.
227. Yard
228. If you have the right skin color (black) or case isn't offensive (sex case) you get to do anything you want. Rules don't apply to you & can be cellies w/ whoever you want.
229. We get a lot of yard and gym. They have a lot of programs down here.
230. I stopped smoking!!
231. YARD OR GYM EVERYDAY
232. There is no positive things about life in prison, but it is up to the individual to elevate himself. but most incarcerated people are mentally ill, that why majority of the prison is repeat offenders. Mental health is what incarcerated prisoners need not punishment.
233. Not a whole lot, but meeting a few guys I hope I keep in contact after my release
234. Nothing in Danville is positive certain inmates get special treatment
235. Nothing
236. NON
237. Not many, but my outdate is by far the #1. It's hard to get programming and higher education here.
238. The most positive things about life in this prison is that I can attend Bible College.
239. That I wake up in the morning

240. 1) The access to the EJP (U of I) program, = Academic 2) Access to the EIU Program (Bachelors degree) = Academic 3) D.A.C.C. Academic Program 4) Bible College—but not accessible to anyone with certain crimes! very prejudiced
241. Staying in contact with my family and maintaining a good physical health.
242. The education programs including A.A meetings. The art programs. Also all educational and didactic programs.
243. Communication
I feel that the schooling here provides individuals in custody the opportunity to further their education. However the schooling is set up in a way that if you aren't likable or someone they polite with then you will not get the chance
244. Most positive thing would be: this prison isn't as dangerous as other institutions since you don't have to worry about other offenders as you do stuff. They also have good school programs.
245. Nothing maybe commissary when there [ILLEGIBLE]
246. Not one thing. "Nothing"
247. IDK
248. I've been down here 3 1/2 years and I honestly can't give u one thing (facts)
249. I believe there are opportunities here for certain people, working school and rehabilitation. There are some guys here that are really trying to make a difference for offenders
250. Nothing I am incarcerated
251. School programs (few)
252. I am still searching to find anything positive about "life" in this prison. There is only competition for a limited amount of resources & if a person chooses to give up or not participate in this game everyone seems to play that person is singled out and possibly taken advantage of.
253. The T.V. channels
254. They give us groups. They give us gyms.
255. What little school they offer.
256. Nothing
257. Some people I have met (inmates) otherwise Danville needs to be investigated by I.D.O.C.
258. We still have life, also the ability at some type of education or work if they like you or respect your crime.
259. The programs, the tutors, the Jobs the Exercise equipment
260. WE AT LEAST GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A SHOWER, USE THE PHONE TO CALL FAMILY, AND GET 3 MEALS A DAY
261. Noun.
262. Theres Not ONE
263. Free food, bed, Heat, and clothing
264. Some of the staff are cool. Some of the C/O's are good. They give u hygiene products for free, the free envelopes are once a month.
265. Good cable...
266. Watching tv and having a Fan.

267. I have not been targeted for being a sex offender. Lots of opportunities for college level schooling.
268. Access to religious services.
269. Nothing
270. Divine Hope Bible Seminary. School in General.
271. I guess, that I have an opportunity to work, but that's just me.
272. That I'm here on a unlawful conviction and used the law library to find out and I was denied my MSR. Because of the 500 foot rule and I am convicted for leaving that very same site 3 or more Days at 2 address's. P.R.B. changed my M.S.R. rules **[DATES REDACTED]**
273. Nothing at all.
274. Two person shower. Big yard, good equipment in gym. Thats Really It. Cant get into school/Programs OR Job unless your "Hooked up" OR "Connected"
275. This prison will help you get good time if you really want it.
276. nothing is positive
277. Get your Mind CLEAR
278. The chance to forcefully stop my sinful lifestyle. To think about what mistakes I've made & desire to change.
279. it gives you a chance to get an education
280. none
281. I don't believe there is much positive about prison. Especially this one in particular.
282. LTS Services
283. Getting out of Danville Correctional facility
284. School, programs and communication.
285. None this is the worst ive been to, no menard had the worst food that was in receiving they kept feeding these polish sausage made from who knows if you don't have teeth you can barely eat them, same here but less often.
286. That you never want to live in a toilet with another man and to pushed around and treated like a DOG By Danville CORRECTIONS Officers EVER
287. There are more school opportunities here compared to other facilities.
288. There are none
289. I haven't experienced anything positive at this Prison yet.
290. Most of the staff treat everyone humanely
291. Not many because most of the staff are either dating or married. And that IS the Main issue within this place.
292. School
293. Nothing AT ALL
294. The educational opportunities—pre and post high school, and trade/vocational
295. 1) Educational opportunities 2) Prison not being run by assholes
296. At least there is a constant reminder that you are a prisoner
297. NONE
298. Honestly nothing comes to mind, I've been incarcerated for 20 years and this is the second worst prison I've been too. Menard will forever be the worst!

- 299. Possibly, it is the fact that once you are a student you become first up for fresh academic opportunities
- 300. Shitttt!!!
- 301. There's always hope
- 302. The most positive thing about life in this prison is the Building Block program.
- 303. The phones and visits
- 304. The movie channels weight selection
- 305. Nothing!
- 306. It has a lot of college level classes available.
- 307. Dietary. **[NAME REDACTED]** truly cares about us, tries hard to make good food. portions are small though. But it's okay
- 308. Release!
- 309. usually good about giving state loan T.V., hotpots, fans, etc.
- 310. That you get more then two hours out of the cell.
- 311. I am able to get peace in my mind to clearly think about the changes I need to make or adjust in my life for reentry to society and my family
- 312. N/A
- 313. There are a couple of good officers
- 314. The mental health counselor's and not being cuffed up.
- 315. N/A
- 316. You see where to meet people on their level
- 317. Gym, yard, school, the art class. The building block program (sounds positive)
- 318. N/A I guess they do feed you three times a day, even though the food is horrible
- 319. There are NO positives here. The dietary serves us rotten, spoiled food. the chow hall is crawling with roaches and mice. Roaches are often on trays served to us. Healthcare is negligent. Video visits are regularly cancelled. Officers bully us and write bogus tickets, officers LIE often. Certain inmates—"pets" run the wings without any repercussions. Money from our trust fund accounts is MISSING for months! Embezzled? Video kiosks remain broken after 6 weeks!
- 320. Nothing
- 321. School if you can get in
- 322. NONE NOTHING
- 323. So far I have found none
- 324. There are different colleges but hard to get in
- 325. Nothing but being alive
- 326. Making good use of the time one is given
- 327. Close to family members
- 328. Nothing
- 329. Nothing at all
- 330. None
- 331. Nothing
- 332. No drugs or alcohol to distract you from being the best you can be in life. You notice and see things from inside jail that you couldn't notice in the world. You can separate your real family from the fake ones, friends too.

- 333. If staff like you and favor you can do anything get any job. School extra commissary you get extra perks if the staff favors you.
- 334. There are programs available, reentry programs, cognitive behavioral programs
- 335. It all depends on your background & or past charges (Yard & gym when you can get them)
- 336. Mostly clean except for roaches
- 337. That you get to go to the yard or gym everyday
- 338. Your out date, the ability to receive good time, education yard + gym
- 339. School
- 340. I'm a E.I.U. student, through school I've been able to rehabilitate myself. I've been incarcerated **[20+]** years for a crime I committed at age **[under 25]**. I'm under the T.I.S law that only punishes and doesn't allow [us] to show our changes & rehabilitation. I thank you for helping our living situation. We also need help in changing laws such as T.I.S
- 341. This prison has nothing positive and a system of disorganized staff
- 342. Schooling, Period.
- 343. The inmates are really cool and laid back and handful of staff are too
- 344. a bit closer to home
- 345. none because based on race or ethnicity and the opportunity are only for the one who are friend with the warden or the staff
- 346. LTS movies
- 347. Programs for good time
- 348. At this prison nothing
- 349. (1) building blocks. Doesn't discriminate on those who have time like the educational department and/or the administration. I need an education, I need to learn a skill. Been locked up **[20+]** straight years. About to give back time. Spent **[15+]** years of **[20+]** in a max that doesn't have college. And 3 years w/out educational opportunities, **[15+]** years of **[20+]** years. IDOC has denied me an education because of the amount of time I have/a lot of us got
- 350. I have time to meditate on the areas of my life which I have been selfish, as well the areas I need to improve. To know I have a second opportunity to prove I am a good citizen.
- 351. LTS service, and college classes
- 352. Isolation, so you can think clearly
- 353. Danville is not a positive prison!!
- 354. That it made me appreciate liberty in decision making
- 355. The starting to get more programs that's about it
- 356. Having 2 two hour day rooms and being able to shower daily are the most positive things
- 357. I got my TU
- 358. Nothing at all is this a trick question?
- 359. none
- 360. Nothing
- 361. Please read

- 362. The art-program
- 363. The school
- 364. Nothing
- 365. Christian standards and rehabilitation, programs, and education
- 366. Going to school or programs
- 367. I'm able to play music in the band
- 368. The staff treat us all with respect and as human-being regardless of our offense
- 369. None
- 370. Nothing
- 371. I don't have to worry about fighting (physically) all the time
- 372. That its not Built like a dungeon (Like the max joints) Thats it!
- 373. This prison offers a lot of educational programs. However, their only for individuals going home within a ten year or less time frame. And the weights are great!
- 374. We have a window to our cell
- 375. The jobs, school, etc.
- 376. Yard, gym, at least some schooling/programs
- 377. Being able to communicate through phone or visits to my loved ones.
- 378. You can work to uplift yourself
- 379. The programs offered; School and trades. Movement.
- 380. Right now the educational programs I am involved in.
- 381. They gonna feed you.
- 382. College courses offered! I will get a Bachelor's degree! EIU & EJP only thing that redeems this facility for me
- 383. NOTHING AT ALL! Why? Because I cannot earn Good time. So to hell with everything, The federal laws rich dumb white fascist people did this. Placing every one in one accused of sex offences in the same batch with real sex offenders who even rape little children and boys...
- 384. Chapel services
- 385. Can't really think of any.
- 386. This can be a lesson for others
- 387. If you are fortunate enough to get into school here there are quite a few educational opportunities
- 388. I'm going to get out in Nov. 2027
- 389. **[NAME REDACTED]** has great integrity + character and does not get the recognition he deserves.
- 390. The phone & video visits.
- 391. The programs maybe.
- 392. School
- 393. Personally it has been the privilege to participate in a Bachelor's Degree program. Before Covid—exercise activities where more accessible. More dayroom hours outside the cell. It allows to destress myself.
- 394. free cable system

- 395. I'm in a building block re-entry program. The living environment on this "one" wing of the prison is something spectacular for me going home after doing [20+] years of prison. It's set up nice. So I needed this environment to live in before coming home.
- 396. The only positive thing they let us go to yard and gym
- 397. school
- 398. I have time to think about my next move
- 399. Staying to myself
- 400. If it can be accessed, the Educational Programming in the Academic building. E.I.U, E.G.P, Danville Community College—those institutions are the most positive things about this facility. But even they are routinely thwarted and restricted by an adversarial opponent in the Administration.
- 401. Education
- 402. School really
- 403. good weights, its pretty
- 404. They do not go out of their way to give you a hard time.
- 405. Gives you time to think & consider what you did to get in Prison & what you could do should you be released in order to remain free.
- 406. I have a Job & am getting good time—That is all.
- 407. The relationships I have built with other incarcerated people, That's it though!
- 408. Mental Health Classes, Building Block program and yard
- 409. School, yard & Gym, School But its hard because people over 5 years cant go to school fast, some of us cant score 6.0 Tabe test.
- 410. Can't really say when it comes to Danville anymore
- 411. That they write tickets and they punish you with 2 months C grade, Then 2 months B grade, Then Brown Jump suit for another 2 months with 14 to 30 days in seg
- 412. The most positive things about life in this prison are nothing. Nothing is positive about life in this prison.
- 413. School programming, but only for people who are short enough to get in.
- 414. LTS activities
- 415. For the most part, the staff leave us alone. They dont seem to hate us as they do at Mt. Sterling + Menard max. If one has the desire, there are self-improvement programs available. ED + jobs (limited)
- 416. Nothing we are more in our cells than anything
- 417. N/A
- 418. Nothing really
- 419. If you have a strong will you can use your time to figure out change on your own. other than that you will get nothing out of it and most dont have strong enough self-will.
- 420. Nothing
- 421. I want to say the education
- 422. Education!
- 423. Blank
- 424. The programs (re-entry, building block, etc.) it's about being able to get in the classes
- 425. we get at least 2 hours of dayroom. food from Dietary is okay. The overall environment is livable. Not controlled by gang activity.

- 426. The people because everyone respects each other and everyone helps one another!
- 427. The Two Two hour dayrooms get to use the phones more and take more showers
- 428. Being close to family
- 429. Nothing Never go through this hell it's Not worth it!
- 430. Phone calls home. Television (cable)
- 431. Not to ever return
- 432. Most incarcerated people team up together to help others stay out.
- 433. They offer and have the infrastructure to give alot of programs to help individuals in custody better themself.
- 434. Somehow, here time seems to go by quicker
- 435. They give you plenty of time in your cell to waste away your sentence and let you dwell on criminal ways that you can improve on instead of forcing you to make positive changes
- 436. There is nothing "positive" in here.
- 437. Nothing at all.
- 438. Right now nothing its hard to get in school Etc.
- 439. There's nothing positive about being in this prison
- 440. Going Home!
- 441. Its not as violent as some of the other ones!!! Most of the staff is respectful and humane!!!
- 442. Getting clean + sober
- 443. That an individual can learn the knowledge of self if applied him/her self
- 444. We have several times per week to workout.
- 445. NONE
- 446. The educational opportunities and programs, it's close to chicago or chicagoland area
- 447. None this prison sucks
- 448. There are no positive thing's here
- 449. NONE
- 450. Nothing
- 451. Dont know
- 452. State loans TV, Fans, helps Time pass
- 453. NONE! NO RESPECT
- 454. N/A
- 455. mental health staff show a genuine concern to the Inmates. Chaplain **[NAME REDACTED]** + his staff show a spiritual caring towards the Inmates.
- 456. Building Block Program
- 457. That the location is a little closer than home, and the Building Block Program!
- 458. It is hard to find very many positives here.
- 459. That I can contact people from outside and yard
- 460. My time to reflect on the people who was around me before my incarceration
- 461. Knowing I will be going home sooooooon.
- 462. going Home

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

1. Time Wasted
2. Everything, especially the treatment by guards and the healthcare unit.
3. The commissary, and the programs, no barber school, no culinary programs, and the food is bad in dietary
4. We're here
5. Commissary, discipline is (triple jeopardy), you have to do time in segregation, then they put you in a jumpsuit to humiliate you, if you are in jumpsuit that means you have dayroom restriction, then they put you on c-grade and take away privileges. Also when you push emergency button in cell they don't respond.
6. Healthcare treatment. How they determine school and job assignments. The inmate-run political system. Always cancelling video visits and yard due to short staff.
7. The staff here at Danville are extremely prejudicial and hateful towards anyone who is convicted of a sex crime.
8. The C/O's are always short of staff so they constantly cancel yard, gym, even video visits. The commissary is run horribly, never got enough items, only junk food. Dietary doesn't give us enough portions of food at chow, not enough phones either.
9. Healthcare. You have to see a nurse 3 times before ever seeing a doctor for a simple diagnosis. Only one doctor and it takes 3-5 weeks to see him, once put on the list. Then you are given ibuprofen without testing to see what's actually wrong. Dietary. Given RAW chicken on several occasions, burnt-up food on others, spoiled milk several times, etc. But can't order for commissary to sell and takes 3 weeks to shop.
10. Constant cancelling of yard and gym, told due to no staff. Very little protein served in dietary and commissary. Hard to see a doctor, especially after testing positive for COVID. Haven't been seen, tested positive months ago, still having symptoms.
11. 1. Programs 2. Work 3. School, how they apply it
12. The people that want to start bullshit for others
13. Put you in seg for nothing, officers lie on you
14. Food, they have cockroaches everywhere in the kitchen
15. Staff hates old people
16. We can't all use the phones on our units. I sent an institutional check home to my family and the check bounced? You can sign up for all these programs and not get accepted. Danville doesn't give you state issued items, hygiene products, etc. Staff talk to you any kind of way, there's no respect from staff directed to us inmates here, only when certain types of officials are here. Commissary doesn't have anything: T.V.s, hygiene items, hot pots, food, nothing. GTL messages never get accepted. We short staff workers.
17. Guards, food, commissary, staff, programs, favoritism, lack of intelligence of staff, basically everything
18. All things are negative in here

19. Drugs and the phone setup
20. Nothing is run consistently down here. Communication with family is poor due to the mail taking months at a time, as well as emails and video visits always being cancelled. It's hard to get on the phone with only 8 phones.
21. Always out of things at commissary. Visits and yard and gym are always cancelled due to staff shortage. Food in dietary is nasty and they feed us like we are kids. Counselors and other departments don't answer request slips. Not enough jobs for people who want to work.
22. This place treats people who have been convicted of a sex crime like an animal. They won't let you get jobs or get into programs.
23. They won't give you a job if you have a sex case. The C/O looks you up and refuses to give you work even in cell house.
24. Individual discrimination. No clothing change. Commissary usually once a month. Poor on treating everyone the same. Commissary is a bullwhip used to punish different housing units for writing grievances or filing a lawsuit.
25. It's run by stool pigeons and homosexuals
26. Demeaning treatment from staff. Unavailability to get into school due to my outdate.
27. No commissary and yard regularly
28. Lack of resources and understaffed. Not enough hours out of the cells.
29. It takes too long to be able to call my people
30. There aren't enough or any programs for drug treatment. There isn't enough school or vocational programs. There is no way to get colored pencils or paint or library access.
31. Yard is cancelled all the time and staff are not on board/cooperative with programming (security)
32. Lack of supplies, soap, toilet paper—poor commissary. Lack of hygiene, cheap quality foods. No hot water in cells. Locked in cells all day. No outside courtyard
33. Healthcare is poor. Supplying commissary is nearly impossible, they never have things when we go.
34. Staff interactions with offenders. Everything or mistake is met with a response of punishment by the staff. Limited resources and programming for offenders. Not being able to access the inmate benefit fund to observe spending.
35. Everything
36. Dayroom, staff, basically everything besides yard.
37. Nothing is consistent. Education, work, staff, rules, recreation, commissary, visitation.
38. Mental and physical healthcare. Living conditions—I'm sleeping on a filthy, foul-smelling, worn-out bed sheet with no pillow. I have only 1 pair of state-issued blue pants that are wearable. Clothing supervisor for 3 years has refused to issue me two more pairs of pants.
39. For some reason, it is very hard for a person with a sex crime to obtain a job in this prison. Which means I mostly rely on family support.
40. Staff, counselors, staff. They cancel yard/gym damn everyday. They cut the phones off. They unplug the wifi box. Treatment here is unfair. I have a better chance getting all what's entitled to me at a Maximum facility than here. FUCK DANVILLE!

41. The name calling by correctional officers. The way they just have you in the cell all the time. No programs or schooling or trying to get a job in here. Animals get treated better than inmates.
42. All staff, counselors, staff, they cancel everything most of the time. They cancel yard/gym everyday, they cut the phones off. The law library is hard for you to get a call pass, especially when we work on our legal papers. Treatment here is unfair.
43. No school for people with 85% if your outdate is 15 years from now.
44. Nothing
45. People learn bad behaviors. Seeing public officials break rules and laws with impunity.
46. Not getting your rightful working good time because of COVID-19 or don't have time to put it in fully
47. Everything is negative
48. Yard gets cancelled a lot. Dietary barely feeds us. Commissary is bogus. We get late mail 24/7. Us 50% barely get good time.
49. The food, the commissary, not allowed to talk, cable, internet, always cancelling yard
50. When the institution treats individuals unfairly when it comes to job assignments and school assignments. The staff keeps the same individuals on their job assignments when others are denied, trying to get a job or get into school.
51. They also don't care if we go to yard on time. So that nonchalant culture is a double-edged sword. It's become a problem when commissary is 3 weeks - 1 month or if we have a real problem.
52. Some staff are overboard with punishments and the mail room is the most horrible mail room I've dealt with out of the 3 prisons I've been to.
53. There is no responsibility, all the staff shift blame to someone else. You can't get in programs/assignments. The visiting room doesn't allow visits in from approved visitors.
54. There are no programs to help certain people, such as there is no sex offender treatment program that helps those charged with sex crimes to become a better individual upon release
55. The most negative things are: I can't get good time for good behavior, they just judge the crime I supposedly did
56. You have to know certain people to really get good jobs. Certain inmates are treated better than other inmates.
57. When we send some request, they answer too late or never.
58. Healthcare, dental
59. Degradation towards many individuals, letting individuals dictate/choose who get what
60. Wasted potential
61. The dayroom, the phones, the meals
62. Staff are bullies, not enough food, too many n****rs
63. If you ask a question, you are punished
64. Separation from loved ones, not able to provide support for my family
65. The food in dietary sucks and they feed us like a child. The commissary sucks, they're always out of everything or they don't have enough things to buy. The officers talk to us like trash down here. The administrative denying everybody for good time and anything to help you get home early. Everybody down here needs to be fired.

66. Healthcare! L.T. no one wants to step up at plate. There's no ADA medical wing here, nothing for ADA disabled
67. Commissary never has much food, yard and gym are always cancelled more than it is run, dietary is horrible.
68. Commissary sucks, its hard to go to school and groups
69. all
70. Lack of help from counselors, and nothing that you need on comm. But most of all, denial of all good time.
71. Lack of rehabilitation
72. It feels like you are just here. I don't believe prison betters people, if I was to give a % it will be 20%
73. They don't care about us
74. Staff super disrespectful, commissary, punishments for IDRs are super overboard. Prison is dirty. Can't get stuff done or questions answered, staff uses your charges against you. Hard to get a job and get into school.
75. Inconsistency of programs and daily activities. We never know what is going to happen day to day. Are we going to have school or yard? Administration consistently claims "staff shortages" as the issue. The staff are extremely lazy and negligent of inmate needs. We have to consider this when planning our days.
76. The way inmates are treated, the way officers talk to inmates, the favoritism from staff towards some inmates, the hypocrisy of staff.
77. Competition for resources, i.e. school, phone, food, programs, good time
78. You are looked at as if you're an animal
79. Lack of proper healthcare, infrequency of commissary, lack of items in commissary, no access to art supplies for over 1.5 years, lack of staff, lack of air conditioning
80. There is zero security here, gang members are out all day, every shift, and run the jobs, phones, etc.
81. The administration of Danville talks to inmates (students) very inappropriately. **[NAME REDACTED]** is a bully using her status and students to fit her agenda, allowing students to remain in class after they are done in vocational classes, automotive, and construction, preventing other inmates to be in those classes to learn a trade before going home. She passed out anonymous surveys like this one, asking what would you change about this class (automotive). My answer, she didn't like, assumed it was my survey, and kicked me out of class. She uses students to meet instructor needs, construction and automotive, fixing the instructor's car and trucks he races, along with staff's. Along with construction, instructor using inmates to build staff's ridiculous projects, live in trailers and use inmates to paint both construction and automotive.
82. This prison is run by the staff, they do what they want and care less if your you have a problem, that for some of the staff
83. Long waiting lists for classes, programs, and jobs. Commissary is unpredictable and there's always numerous items not in stock
84. It's hard to get a job, seems they all go to gang type guys or if you have a friend or if you cause a lot of problems. If you stay out of trouble, it's impossible to get a job. They

- keep the same guys in rotation. The commissary is horrible, always out of everything and shop 1x per month.
85. Everything. No visits, no programs, no school, mail sucks.
 86. Like I said, everything. I want to go to school or work but its like you have to have 5 years or more to do that. No visits, mail takes months to get to you.
 87. That you have to be somewhere in the range of 3 to 2 years to get into any education. A lot of people have a lot of time to do and been wanting to enroll in school but they are being denied. Also, when your family comes to visit you, on time, the staff still make them wait and don't replace the time they make them lose. And they are very disrespectful, the women C/O, specifically this woman, **[NAME REDACTED]**.
 88. The way they treat you
 89. The people that run this prison
 90. If you are at 50% and you have been on a waiting list for school and you have been in this prison for 14 years, you will still have to wait behind the one's not able to earn good time to get in school
 91. The staff do not care. This is just a job to them. When in reality "we" are the job. "Literally!"
 92. Stuck in our cells too long, 2 hours in day and night isn't enough. Hard to get into school and working. Should be more trades/certificates available for us. 20 min phone calls isn't enough for all these inmates.
 93. Being in these cells 20 hours out of the day, not being able to contact family as often
 94. Staff lack of knowledge to care about human life and constant demoralizing tactics to get you to submit or succumb to their level of what prison should be vs being Department of Corrections!!!
 95. Just being here...
 96. There are no mental health therapists. The officers are racist. They treat you with disrespect. White people get treated better. All white staff that can't relate to the majority. It takes a long time to be seen by healthcare. Healthcare is poor quality. Some officers have white supremacy tattoos!
 97. They believe a lie and run with it
 98. I can't be with my family, friends, and relatives
 99. Waking up here.
 100. Interactions between inmates.
 101. No help, hard to get in school
 102. The way staff handle things as well as the food they serve
 103. No food on commissary, bad staff, and unhealthy eating and living conditions.
 104. We are a number, offense, and/or security rating. You are the "worst thing you've done" and there is no real effort made to rehabilitate or learn, especially if you are not of a religious persuasion. If you ask staff for help in a confrontation, you are not only a snitch but you will be put in segregation (and treated as if being punished) "for your safety"—or encouraged to fight or refused housing by staff so they may punish you for asking for help.

105. The CO's here are extremely argumentative and disrespectful. Also, the mail and personal property take forever to get delivered to us. The mail is here, but they don't pass it out.
106. Can't get in programs, school, or work
107. Commissary
108. The staff not conducting themselves in a professional manner. They don't allow incarcerated people with a certain amount of time to attend college class here at Danville.
109. Commissary
110. The day-to-day administration
111. The phones, a lot of fights happen over them. The main thing are the phones and people stay out on other dayrooms. And people have too many pin numbers for the phones.
112. For good time, you are expected to be in school or other programs, but they won't enroll you in anything unless you are "in" with someone.
113. Losing family members while incarcerated
114. The staff behavior towards inmates
115. The phone situation. There are not enough phones for everyone. We need at least 2 more phones on every wing.
116. Lowest of temperament for an individual's well-being and treated as if we are a commodity
117. Communication between staff and between staff and inmates is, seemingly, almost non-existent. Commissary supply and frequency of shopping has been terrible for months. Visiting room guidelines and procedures aren't close to what they were before COVID.
118. The open bias
119. The negative things here in Danville is that, other incarcerated people get more leniency, by letting others stay out more in dayroom than others, the Black community runs this system.
120. Not seeing family, watching CO's going home to theirs. Limited time on visits/phone calls, can't prove rehabilitation
121. Away from family, being treated as an animal in hopes you will return to support guard's families.
122. Everything
123. Commissary is very slow and limited and not even between houses; not enough phones
124. Yard is inconsistent, commissary is poor, C.O.'s can be jerks
125. I have heart failure. Improper ventilation (extreme heat and unable to buy a fan for 5 months). Terrible medical to the point of a law suit. Guards are extremely lazy and bias beyond comprehension
126. The environment you're in, everything around you, including the people, is negative
127. Food, healthcare, commissary products are unhealthy
128. The administration, the dietary, commissary, certain staff. Small 2 man cells, job limits because of your case. I'd like to work industry, commissary, warehouse. Healthcare,

internal affairs decide what jobs you can have according to your case, even if you're trying to change your life. They don't care!

- 129. Being locked up all together
- 130. Mental health
- 131. The most negative thing about this prison is we have to follow rules, yet staff/security does not follow their own rules/policy
- 132. Nothing really helps you after release
- 133. Staff, food, store, healthcare, dentist
- 134. Communication with loved ones, recreational time, and treatment towards our loved ones that come down to visit. Staff here are very unprofessional. Commissary is never available for purchase.
- 135. The food we get, look I know we and prison that be feeds us like we little kids, we're grown men. Then the staff be right there then other things, I hate that if we miss the chow line, they tell us we can't eat. Do you want a ticket or do you want to go eat? That's wrong.
- 136. The treatment and nothing is consistent
- 137. You can't get school or jobs and they're shorting us on our good time. In the statute, it says you get day-for-day for any school assignment we only get 45 and 1/2 day for work assignments you get 30-32 for working 90 days. How can you go against what is in the law?
- 138. Certain officers not knowing how to talk to people
- 139. Not being able to participate in any programs that would help me get out sooner, due to being sentenced 85%.
- 140. Too much politics involved in being able to get things done. Staff does what they want to do, as opposed to what's supposed to be done.
- 141. The store, the way staff treat us, and how they handle COVID. They will give us tickets for not wearing a mask, yet they don't ever wear them. I get bashed and told I will go to seg for practicing my religion outside of chapel because they say it's a racist gang, yet Odinism is accepted on a federal level as a religion. I also told a staff about an inmate stealing food and he went and told that inmate and it set off a fight.
- 142. "Lock up" is their main goal, or get a ticket. They promote lights, camera, and action to Springfield, but it's not what's happening on the inside.
- 143. Staff members causing more problems than necessary. Counselors not knowing how to do their jobs. And not enough food to keep a person from going to sleep hungry.
- 144. All the staff are romantically involved, very unprofessional. And the only way you can get a job is if you agree to be an informant for the internal affairs. You never get to see the warden and she allows the staff to control the institution.
- 145. You have to fight, you get treated real bad by staff here, and different places and everything is seg time.
- 146. You are not treated how you would be treated in the world.
- 147. Food sucks, commissary sucks, and staff are spiteful
- 148. They will not allow me into school or to have a job
- 149. Staff conduct; poor nutrition; lack of commissary; programs are hard to get in
- 150. being lockup here and not having the programs we suppose to have

151. Can't better myself can't get into school can't get a job
152. Not enough time out of cells; Not enough seats for school and programs. They don't let you in programs until your almost released.; We get commissary once a month; they don't talk to us like men but like little kids; Not able to rehabilitate ourselves because it's hard to get programming
153. You can't get the help you need in a timely manner. No one believes you unless your a snitch.
154. The hypocrisy of "rehabilitation"
155. If you don't help the police they don't help you
156. not enough schools, programs, and colleges for eligible students/participants. commissary only once, maybe twice per month. not enough time out of cells
157. The respect of staff
158. Everything
159. Freedom, time, hunger, programs, school, work availability, rehabilitation
160. Food, commissary, no organization, they cancel everything! ...Yard, gym, school, etc
161. Staff
162. Lack of help from counselor's, and nothing that you need on commissary, But most of all denied a transfer or denied of goodtime!
163. When we can't go to recreation at lease once a day
164. Certain offenses can't get jobs even though it is said they can get them. The commissary is run poorly. It is hard to get out of cells for school/hall passes.
165. The most negative thing about prison is how the staff treats, the lack of cleaning, and the difficulty getting things done. The place is very dirty, and the staff overall care very little about us, and they show us!
166. Stop letting inmates choose where others get housed or stop letting the same inmates get all the job just moving from one job to another
167. One not learning from these many mistakes while locked up
168. The staff
169. To long in the cells, poor support for inmates with mental & stress issues, no consistent group counseling, unfair in person visiting restrictions on friends and family
170. COMMISSARY
171. There is not enough programs to help rehabilitate individuals and the programs that are available, staff tries to thwart them from being conducted
172. Just sitting around doing nothing, just basically wasting time when I could be enrolled in one or a few of the programs that I have been begging to get into so I can at least try to better myself.
173. I am very skilled at art and construction as well as graphic design. I have been told that getting to be a TA with trades or work in industry which is using graphic design skills is also difficult because they focus on my charges. I don't get good time or paid for my work in [REDACTED]. I'm hoping this changes in the future.
174. no consistency, dietary food, staff conduct, commissary
175. No consistency, No commissary, Lack of programs, Negative staff conduct, Not receiving good time in a timely manner, Chow hall nasty Roaches and bugs, Warden never interacts with inmates to see if there is any problems or concerns

176. the disrespect and belittling from staff and that we don't have the opportunity to buy the necessary items from commissary.
177. Institutionalization, loss of Self, Being Forgotten, Helplessness, Time that Nobody tries to help you you just sit and look at the walls.
178. Staff treat you like shit Commissary is bad
179. Bad health and dental care. Food also bad.
180. CRIME, NEGATIVITY
181. for those who are tested positive for COVID-19—If they are dying, they will not get help. Time spent locked in the cell with a cell mate.
182. I Miss out on My sons life.
183. Commissary, Dietary, Hard to get into programs, officers are lazy, spotty cable coverage, maintenance takes weeks to fix something, broken floor and ceiling tiles
184. That we only get 2 hours out daily. And that we only can order commissary once a month.
185. they treat you like shite
186. Difficult to get into schooling + job(s). Healthcare (mental, dental, eyecare) is non-existent, as an individual in custody in need of dental care and eyecare have been denied proper attention for the fact that either 1) Have only one working chair. 2) Have existing other individuals in custody who have been waiting prior or 3) feel like quick meeting to evaluate issue and determine individuals placement. Have come across others who've been waiting for more than 3 years for proper medical attention.
187. The C.O.S Like to Lie
188. Food—Allergies w/green vegetables. They always mix them with everything, so I'm unable to eat. C/O's—Don't work or they allow everyone out whom doesn't Belong. Callous
189. The mold that's in every cell, mostly in the vents above the toilets. These vents are supposed to be for some sort of cooling system but are never used.
190. everything
191. Seeing my family Struggle
192. Everything cause I can't go home faster like the people with 50%.
193. The CO's. They are disrespectful, treat us like we are animals and they give no fucks
194. REFER TO Q12. AS WELL AS THERE'S HARDLY EVER ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE GAINED FROM COUNSELORS WHEN YOU SEEK IT.
195. EVERYTHING!!!
196. Discrimination Racial Hatred By C/O's.
197. HOW STAFF TREAT INMATES AS IF WE ARE BENEATH THEM THE LACK OF PHONE TIME.
198. To much chaos
199. commissary, emails, visits, jobs, yards
200. This Facility itself
201. Not enough Building Block programs Throughout The Prison
202. Everyone has to kiss ass in order to get a good job. Every shift is Different they use every excuse to cancel yard it's to hot or short of staff they need a c/o in the yard but in

- a max they don't need correction-officers in the yard. The c/os get fed more and better. Dietary is infested with roaches.
- 203. Commissary Prices and the way they run it
 - 204. No accountability for staff misconduct/unprofessionalism
 - 205. A person's time outdate dictates who has access to the programs. The people who desire programming the most are often turned away and left idle in their cells for years because the only thing they consider is the outdate next to your #ID number. Also we are in the cell too much for this to be a program based prison.
 - 206. Everything
 - 207. Staff
 - 208. everything
 - 209. Not enough mental health staff! Not enough staff for programs, education or training.
 - 210. Everything from Dietary favorites shorting people when passing out food to commissary inmates shorting you on your list dietary and commissary supervisors allowing this. Commissary prices and items are severely unpredictable, unfair bias and if you have a sex case or if your not black
 - 211. Being treated as a number and not being able to grow with my loved ones.
 - 212. Incarcerated peoples and staffs who look for reasons to harassment and other negative
 - 213. All things!
 - 214. The Lt's make up charges if you do not play their ways.
 - 215. Everything about Danville is fucked up. Everyday is different!
 - 216. People that are inside of a jumpsuit
 - 217. They play favoritism a lot if you have a certain job and have access to certain staff, you have a better chance at getting to places like work release. Facts the most violent cases can go but I can't because I don't work for the warden/clinical services/major's office!
 - 218. our living situations
 - 219. How the officer want to see you do wrong so you can come back to prison.
 - 220. away from my family
 - 221. Understaffed officers, few medical staff, old donated food being served...etc.
 - 222. Lack of rehabilitation, mental health programming, drug counseling, recidivism prevention, and overall quality of treatment by staff. Lack of commissary, staff, and yard/gym.
 - 223. Some C/O's treat inmates good if you will tell on one another
 - 224. That the rules exist only when they are against us. Lack of resources and everything
 - 225. The staff discriminates against anyone who has a sex case. People with sex offenses are treated like sub-humans & they are denied jobs etc. Staff even tell other inmates about people who have sex cases.
 - 226. The CO's seem annoyed when you ask them a question. Orientation isn't until a week later for new inmates. Huge waiting list for programs and jobs.
 - 227. They only offer school if you are 2 years left they can not certify you in any trade schooling. The help here is a joke they are setting us up for failure.
 - 228. lost a family friend time with my family

- 229. No programming, hard to find structure
- 230. not being able to make up lost times with loved one's
- 231. Staff are horrible to sex offenders. They cannot get any jobs other than dietary or an occasional janitor job in the cell house. Staff look up inmates and tell other inmates what they are incarcerated for so that they are intentionally bullied and humiliated daily. And even when the inmate complains or tells, nothing is done to the staff member. Staff will also not rotate jobs they will leave current workers "off paper" to work and stay out of their cells rather than hire another as required. Hire a warden who will actually discipline staff. Without any fear of disciplinary action by higher ups there is no incentive to change the behavior.
- 232. Just about everything considered in running a prison!
- 233. being
- 234. commissary, food
- 235. The way you get in trouble for everything you do. you are always wrong with anything you say.
- 236. The gang activity everything is controlled by gang members and if thats not enough to worry about you cant tell the officers cause they'll talk shit about you plus you take the risk of the c/o going back saying something and if your gay you mite as well be on death row it's no different
- 237. This place is not organized whatsoever there are constant cancelations of yard or gym because of staff shortage or weather. The prison commissary is run very badly. We never can buy enough food because everything is limited and unavailable. The dietary food is not very good. Also the personal property dept is very very slow. At times, it takes months to receive books, or magazines.
- 238. No programming no work i have been here 3 years did not get into one program my hole time I am now 60 days short and still havent
- 239. No structure, favoritisms, if you have a sex case staff targets you during everyday life & shakedown, while not ever shaking down their friends, putting bad actors in cells w/ people with sex cases to make life unlivable.
- 240. Everyone don't get to be in the programs that they offer down here. You have to have not so much time to get in the programs or at lease put on the waiting list. There are a lot of people just sitting in their cells everyday, without school or a job
- 241. Medical care, toothbrushes are horrible and are only set 1 a month. Dentist, I can't get a cleaning. No "AC"
- 242. TOO MANY RULES, TOO STRICT, TOO QUICK TO WRITE TICKETS
- 243. Not receiving the help you really need from mental health to schooling and hands on training life skills
- 244. Not knowing anything when I got here. I had to learn most from other guys who have been locked up before
- 245. No help for people with bogus low sex cases
- 246. Away from family. Away from life. Feeling like an animal in a cage.
- 247. No rehabilitation. You get to have 2 years to get in school, Self help classes or be a snitch or know someone to get a job. Even if like me you get good time credit.

- 248. The staff and how they treat us. The complete lack of accountability for officers. They have circumvented and turned the grievance system into a joke. There is zero ability to hold them accountable when they violate our rights.
- 249. The most negative things about life in this prison is lack of medical services, not knowing the price of items on the commissary, and the staff have their picks of who does what...
- 250. I.A. Run this prison and their snitches
- 251. The food in the chow hall, the inmate commissary, the dayroom access, number of phones available to us. Need more to properly accommodate everyone when access is given. The poor/bad attitudes towards us by the staff/all staff. no mental health treatment for sex offenders.
- 252. This prison try to keep you incarcerated rather than wanting you to go home.
- 253. All the above, with the exception of A.A., are extremely hard to get into.
- 254. Staff
- 255. The way they hold schooling and jobs over your head.
- 256. They have programs but the people who have 2 years or lower aren't given the same opportunities. People with short time deserve more good time opportunities
- 257. This place is completely ran by I.A., there really isn't any incentive for being a model individual in custody. Things are always broken and not fixed in a timely manner such as phone, kiosk machine. So it's very hard maintaining contact with family. And the grievance process is totally unfair and compromised
- 258. Staff treatment, programming, dietary food
- 259. Inhumane treatment and filthy bed mattresses, worn-out bed sheets, no pillow, only one pair of wearable pants, paint chipping from ceiling and wall, cracks along the ceiling corner and along the corners of the walls are large enough that one can see into the cell next door, showers are filthy and the list goes on. And not to forget inadequate physical and mental health care
- 260. the C.Os
- 261. There is no consistency and the officers make up the rules as they go along. Every officer has different rules on what's approved. A lot of friendships with incarcerated persons! Needs to be more consistent with Everything.
- 262. You gotta talk to Lt. **[REDACTED]** to get anything done around here. IA runs this place and that includes programs schools & working. I've been on the waitlist for 4 years, trying to get into DACC. If you don't want a rabbi you stay in hell in Danville
- 263. The staff, the food, the room's with no air conditioning. No camera's for liability. Not getting on dayroom on time or gym on time
- 264. Staff members have no patience with people whos not speak or understand English
- 265. There are a lot of "things" to consider when stating the most negative "things" about life in this prison. I would say the most negative thing would be a negative perspective & no hope, no purpose, no love, no compassion, being yelled at over loud speaker, noise level, lack of empathy. Being punished over and over again for the same thing
- 266. The food, Racist staff, the Health of inmates, the cells, Showers have mold, Dietary have roaches in the food, Mouse dropping be on the tray

- 267. They let other individuals run this like they are the C/O's. They don't do enough on giving other individuals jobs or put us in school enough, people with a lot more time.
- 268. Dietary food, commissary, staff ignores people, cancel everything due to "lack of staff"
- 269. We go to commissary almost Every 4 or 5 weeks instead of two, It's hard to get in the programs that they offer/It's hard to get my visiting approved.
- 270. Poorly managed, FROM TOP DOWN. POOR QUALITY OF FOOD IN DIETARY. COMMISSARY IS A JOKE—OUT OF STOCK ON ITEMS ON A REG. BASIS. OFFICERS CALL INMATES RETARDED, STUPID OVER THE INTERCOM.
- 271. Being a black male in prison & always being judged also being a ex-gang member. Regardless your still in a gang.
- 272. You cant get In Any Programs or Jobs or School Unless you have short time some officers are rude And disrespectful
- 273. THEY DON'T RESPECT ONES FAITH AND ARE CONSTANTLY CANCELLING SERVICES AS WELL AS YARD AND GYM ACTIVITIES THE HEALTHCARE UNIT IS UNDERSTAFFED TO ASSIST INMATES WITH MEDICAL ISSUES AND DENTAL CONCERNS.
- 274. The Danville c.c is the staff treating all the people in prison really bad about everything.
- 275. They will not prevent Covid Spread, lack of food and regards to overall Health
- 276. Time away from love ones. All the things you miss in the outside world that you can not get back.
- 277. They don't give everyone good time. No jobs. Commissary once a month. No barbershop! No library.
- 278. They're are opportunities or work, education, programs etc, but you have to be hooked up or know someone that knows someone to get you into anything. No responses back from kites for anything, including health issues No barbershop, poor commissary.
- 279. Waiting forever to get good time so you make it home sooner The Admin don't believe anything that is truth that comes from inmate "the Guards are always right no matter what".
- 280. No internet. Unhealthy state trays. Unhealthy commissary. Low state pay. Not enough workout equipment for the number of inmates. Questionable inmate placement decisions. T.V. cable system is low quality. Mail is slow. Not enough phones for inmates. No sex offender treatment program for the high number of sex offenders here. Breakfast at 5:00 or 6:00 AM is waaay to early. Ineffective Covid security treatment. "Compliance Checks" too strict, forces us to hide food/clothes every 16 days. Pointless waste of time, stressful. Terrible healthcare, terrible dental—no fillings—they just pull teeth!!!
- 281. Lack of commissary choices. Lack of quality healthcare. Rodents & cockroaches in dietary, yuck! Overcrowding. Quality of meals served in dietary.
- 282. I get bullied, talked about, verbally assaulted, can't use phone, can't shop regular, 2 much time in cell
- 283. Attitude of staff is very poor. Dietary (take it or leave it attitude). Mental health is almost non-existent. Commissary choices (prices). Poor Healthcare. Lack of communication between staff and those who are in custody.

284. The lack of yard and gym, commissary once a month, the Racist officers, the lack of cameras (for our safety), and the unfairness when it comes to discipline.
285. It's a head game to mess with our heads and treat us like shit unlawfully and they get away with it/mind games denied school good time. Also sent money home \$200.00 on **[DATE REDACTED]** Not received/off books already
286. Staff let other inmates run their cell house
287. Inmates Run everything. No one ever answers Request slips. mail Takes 3 weeks thru 1 1/2 months to receive. Messages on tablet take a week. If your in a gang your time is easy.
288. Some of the staff here will try to pull you into an argument.
289. everything is negative I feel like a slave
290. The Phones. Need More Phones
291. Programming. We're told that MSR dates determine placement in programs, school & work, but People with a year or less can't get in because their time is too short while others take up that place having a lot of time left & can't get good time credit. Keeping the "short" guys here longer & poor from lack of work
292. being away from your family & loved ones
293. NO! Respect
294. Opportunities for personal improvement are far and few.
295. Lack of services for followers of wicca, lack of choices at commissary, better food in dietary
296. Being in Danville Correctional facility
297. Being lock up 10 hours a day and cheap jobs.
298. Having to go to sick hall 3 times before seeing the doctor its mandatory here used to be twice.
299. Being threatened everyday by Danville Officer when they are suppose to be a problem solver not part of the problem
300. The relationship between officers and people in custody. Inconsistency with schedules. Mass punishments for isolated incidents. Dictating how I use the space inside the cell (ex. What/how many items I can put on my own shelf, how many shoes I can have out, etc. and we receive disciplinary tickets when it's not right which stops us from getting jobs or getting transfers to min. facilities)
301. Missing family
302. Needs more opportunity to receive good time
303. As I said, the most negative experience for me here is the inability to get into school or get a job so I would be able to achieve earned conduct credit.
304. Racism from Staff. Unfair Adjustment committee. Prices have tripled for commissary items. Video visits are always being cancelled. Phones Are Always going out. All transfers are being denied. Most of the staff are either dating or married. It take 3 weeks for them to give us mail.
305. Staff conduct
306. the Staff are Assholes

- 307. no consistency, inmates having power/influence over decision-making involving other inmates, staff laziness and incompetence/poor attitudes towards inmates, bad dietary food, poorly run commissary, general library unavailable
- 308. 1) Can't do arts & crafts to send out 2) Can't talk on the walk or the dinning room 3) not allowed out of cell all day 4) not enough gym
- 309. There are no checks and balances. A decision or action by one staff is automatically backed by the rest
- 310. As an individual in custody today Danville Corr Center has been denying us the right to be educated. After doing 30 years of being in custody I've being trying to do my last ten years in school & programs but some who they say I can only enroll in when I am down to my last two years. That not right & it need to change soon as possible
- 311. The way we are treated by staff. How we can barely keep in touch with family because phones are so crowded.
- 312. Completely dysfunctional and biased in favor of individuals with sexual related crimes
- 313. You have to be a pet to the guards to work here (to qualify for good time) very political, latino gangs seem to have more clout. You have to badger anyone here to get a response to still not get what you need. They do not respect FOI act here at all
- 314. They don't do shit!!!
- 315. family
- 316. The most negative thing is the fact that we get treated like nothings, commissary is horrible
- 317. The C.O's are disrespectful
- 318. Commissary is not on a routine schedule, there's only a limited selection, gotta wait months to get a job
- 319. the level of unprofessional behavior by Internal Affairs and the Warden and the inability of the Administration to control the staff. Also the lack of accountability by the staff
- 320. I am hard of hearing and the staff refuses to send me messages through the tactile notification system. I have to rely on other inmates to notify me of activities such as meals, yard, call/passes, etc.
- 321. Unprofessional staff very lazy. No dentist wait list is 2 years. not exaggerating.
- 322. Internal Affairs and the lack of accountability concerning the staff
- 323. mail & messages on tablet take forever and tablets need to be better
- 324. (1) There are no security cameras in this prison so it gives the administration & officers a lot of leeway to do whatever they want and get away with it (2) The administration seem as if they are making up the rules as they go along on a day to day basis
- 325. the smart mouth ass excuse my language correctional officers that act tough for no reason. That know they couldnt act that way towards outside of prison respect is a two way street
- 326. Healthcare, dental and food
- 327. Money is not spent where it is needed! Officers do not reply to a cell when an inmate presses button by cell door. I have physical health problems that can kill me if not attended to, and it takes 45 minutes or usually no response at all to get help. Danville Correctional Center, E. Main St, Danville IL 61834

- 328. The food, commissary, the guards, no air conditioners, the mail. Also that this place does not offer a lot of good time.
- 329. Locked away & warehoused
- 330. You get treated as if you are a number than a person
- 331. If you're not in a program school or have a job your wasting time and wasting time no matter how much cant help me or anybody improve
- 332. Educational and vocational programming, jobs for inmates, lack of opportunities and rehabilitation. Favoritism by staff, and abuse of authority
- 333. Dietary serves rotten food and spoiled milk regularly. Diabetics DO NOT receive the proper diet they need! When a diabetic speaks up—they are ticketed and sent to "seg." Healthcare does NOT take care of us correctly. I had a TIA (stroke) here. Officers single out individuals and openly harass them. Administration is crooked + corrupt! The grievance and appeal process is broken. Inmates are persecuted by who they are. Cover-ups happen often. Officers lie regularly. I.A. is extremely CORRUPT. There is no justice here whatsoever
- 334. Everything
- 335. The staff treats you really bad here
- 336. Commissary, staff treatment, and HEALTHCARE is the worst!
- 337. Disorganized and it's all about who you know in order to get into programs school, or job
- 338. The C.Os, SGTs, and LTs tell me that I'll be back & they try really hard to provoke a reaction out of you & don't wear masks only when warden is around
- 339. Staff only concerned about trapping inmates and finding them guilty on tickets
- 340. everything about this prison is unprofessional
- 341. Everything
- 342. officer disrespect inmate's
- 343. being stuck here and not with my kids and family
- 344. Dont have good commissary or programs with inmate with time
- 345. Being away from my kids and family, and the affect I have on them by being locked up. The way C/O's treat us, it's like we're not even humans.
- 346. The fact there isn't enough programming I feel there isn't any rehabilitation
- 347. Favoritism, racism, and other bias that staff uses placing some men high while others low based on their background or race (naturally offensive)
- 348. Bullying by other inmates & targeting staff which is really bad name calling by staff and them thinking they can make you do whatever they want and if you don't the first thing they do is put their hands on you. Or spray you with mace while sitting down waiting for a crisis team (seen it twice)
- 349. They do nothing to help inmates prepare for release and they won't transfer you to prisons that will and the roaches in the chow hall
- 350. The treatment of officers to inmates. Officers are very disrespectful and very unprofessional they abuse power
- 351. First the warden have no back bone. You really never see the warden they seem to never have anything on commissary. They seem to lose mail a lot of time.
- 352. everything except those things

- 353. food and commissary
- 354. Yard, gym, commissary
- 355. Being away from family and not knowing when covid restrictions will end. Lack of phone time to call family & friends. Guards need some type of sensitivity classes so we are seen in a humane way not just as prisoners for a mistake we made. they take on a role as if they are here to make our life miserable, executing & punishing the judges time handed to us
- 356. The staff are inexperienced and disorganized and don't care about our rehabilitation or quality of life choices. Food is beyond horrible and neglect commissary duties with no choice or variety of commissary.
- 357. The way it goes about placing incarcerated people together as cellmates. Compatibility!!!???
- 358. The commissary here really really sucks and the way they run this place
- 359. everyday the rules change from shift to shift and the food is constantly leftovers mixed together from throughout the week, the officers kitchen is always getting better meals than we get
- 360. everything because animals are better treated than us
- 361. TU needs to be upgraded
- 362. They put the short time guys in the front of the guys who has more time and they never switch up the jobs after contracts are up after 90 days
- 363. makes everything worst
- 364. (1) Don't allow guys with a lot of time to participate in college. (2) IA isn't unbiased here, they're supposed to be a separate entity. Yet, they make the rules and run the prison, they're completely biased. (3) C/Os become counselors, grievance officers, supervisors. They don't know how to turn off the security. They become 100% biased. They're lazy. (4) The union runs Danville (5) Grievances are always denied here. Staff never do anything wrong, it's always made up, at least that's how they always respond to grievances
- 365. Not being able to go to law library more frequently. I have been waiting to attend school 1 whole year and still waiting. not being able to work to save money for going back to freedom
- 366. Commissary choices and dietary
- 367. security, always being judged or perceived as a liar
- 368. To see family member past away
- 369. The treatment from staff and the lack of resources for people to better themselves
- 370. everything with the officers seems as if it's made for you to have confrontation with the C/O's they take discipline into their own hands punish you with out a adjustment committee go to video visits that our family pays for late and there are days certain houses miss a day room
- 371. the staff are racist and ignorant, they never apply the rules to themselves and only against incarcerated individuals with impunity
- 372. I can't see my family and they do things just to fuck with us sell us the smallest fans we don't ever have commissary for us to buy knowing we all don't eat the food they give us and they don't want us with 2 hrs out they are changing it to 1 hr now

- 373. everything from sun up to sun down
- 374. No art supplies, favoritism by staff, no transparency by administration
- 375. staff conduct. correction officers, counselors, and mostly every staff personal. Also we have officers covering other officers mistakes and misconduct
- 376. the healthcare you have to sign up 3 time on the sick call list before you can see the doctor and that fuck you up we'll die in here at danville
- 377. Very poor healthcare. The prison often is limiting us with access to personal hygiene. The prison is always shortage staff which leads to often cancelling our video visits, yards, and gyms. The prison staff is unprofessional and disrespectful to our family and friends when coming into the prison for visits—or, when asking for information
- 378. The phone situation, we barely get 20 minutes because only 8 phones for 56 people 2 hour at a time. Also visits are not good
- 379. Everything
- 380. Truth-in-sentencing provision, 75, 85, 100 percent being punished for perpetual years of good conduct and completed programs
- 381. You have to have a certain amount of time to go to school or program, always cancelling yards and gyms, always runs things late
- 382. Not being able to get a job, seems like they rotate the same people for jobs, waiting for any school or classes. Been on the list 2yrs now. low to none commissary shop if a life, Dietary not great. Found a cockroach on my tray 2x so far. See them on the walls at chow time.
- 383. I am unable to think of anything at this moment so basically there is none
- 384. Staff
- 385. The staff, the food, the healthcare, the commissary, the way the staff treats people is so disrespectful it's like they want to fight you so they can jump you and put you in the hole and get you more time. The female staff tries to have sex with you.
- 386. Simple, easy, cost effective and common sense solutions are ignored in favor of "How can we make it easy for us while being painful for them"
- 387. The staff, and the Anti sex offender culture that they adhere to. That there is no voluntary sex offender treatment program here. That the dental is absolutely non existent and my teeth are literally falling apart—grievances are ignored.
- 388. This prison is dirty, nasty, filthy, especially the dietary!
- 389. It's hard to get on the phone and the black inmates try to run the phone
- 390. The process of things such as commissary
- 391. Commissary is very limited and they constantly run out of items, very limited schooling/programs and it can be difficult to get into.
- 392. Being away from loved ones.
- 393. I am stripped away from my outside contacts and Im lied to as to why
- 394. The lockdowns we go through, sometimes for months at a time because of "Covid" protocols. Better leadership is needed.
- 395. The limited # of phones to people ratio.
- 396. Respect and treatment

397. My boxers are ripped & torn can't purchase any from store or shorts or Tshirts HOT. the way commissary has been stocked sucks I don't have undergarments! The jumpsuits are not cool overly dramatic & encouraging negativity NOT Positive growth
398. All types of negative ugly people are intentionally being placed in the cell with me with lots of time who are not compatible and are always much bigger than me. This is deliberately by placement. As a result, I got jumped on by my cellmate who **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. I am immensely afraid for my life here in this dangerous place to be and the warden do not care. She don't even respond when I write to her.
399. Not being able to get a Job or get into school
400. communication training, and response if any?
401. Hard to get into programs or get jobs. Unfair treatment from staff.
402. They tell you what to do!!!
403. Lack of communication between every department causes chaos/inconsistencies daily. Daily cancellations of healthcare, yard, gym, video visits, school, vocational, low library. Worst commissary I've been to in nearly 20 years of prison. Always out of items, from tooth paste to coffee. And they use it as punishment. Staff is extremely unprofessional/rude/disrespectful to our family members during visiting procedures and if they call here concerning incarcerated loved ones.
404. I can't get no medical attention got health issues.
405. Counselors + correction officers sharing with inmates why other inmates are incarcerated letting others know their crimes. Correction officers adding punishment to certain crimes people have committed. This prison is so unprofessional there is no rehabilitation programs to keep people from coming back. Have Springfield show up unannounced and talk to inmates and ask how people here are treating them.
406. I can't get in any programs. I worked my way down from a maximum security prison (Menard) who didn't have No programs, to Danville and I still can't get in anything (Class/programs) because 1.) How much time I have left (25 yrs) 2.) I don't know anyone who know someone.
407. Certain officers & how they run the whole prison
408. Making decisions on emotions and not having enough staff to run normal things
409. lazy staff
410. The lack of accountability among staff. They get away from doing negative things toward individual in custody. Their behavior and ability to lie on disciplinary tickets without supervision beyond facility.
411. No decent dietary food, lack of programming, lack of order/communication on certain things. Excuses on why certain things can't be done
412. Everything.
413. The clinical services, case worker supervisor, **[REDACTED]** who's name starts w an **[REDACTED]**, I think it's **[REDACTED]**, advises **[REDACTED]** counselors not to give above and beyond, not to give much time to any inmate's issues or concerns, just to bother them, minimum, they're penalized if they do more.
414. I don't like that we only go to commissary once a month we need to at least go twice a month.

- 415. healthcare
- 416. This prison belittles Inmates, There's no camera
- 417. The food portions in dietary and the commissary is horrible. There have been many times when the commissary is nearly empty and I've only been able to spend \$30-\$50/month because there is nothing to buy.
- 418. N/A
- 419. In comparison to other prisons I've been in over the last decade, the Administration lack a uniform identity. The intelligence Dept as well as the shift commanders office and Top brass is fraught with inconsistency and Incompetence. The smart officials are not the ones making decisions for the larger populace. The one thing that is very consistent about this institution is that it is Inconsistent. One officer goes one way, another goes the opposite way...even with major/minor details.
- 420. Officers with negative energy/attitude. Internal affairs run the prison. "Everything operates through them instead of supervisors/staff in charge."
- 421. they are people that they have a lot of juice (power) given by staff they feel and act with a lot of power
- 422. That all the 85% and 100% get all the Job's and school here in Danville
- 423. cant get a job, cant get in school, cant earn good time, commissary is a joke, once a month, always cancel yard if the heat index hits 90 degrees
- 424. you do not get what you have coming. A lot of yards are canceled. Hard to get in school. Commissary is always empty.
- 425. Gangs-Drugs, your safety and not being able to spend quality time with loved ones more so "your children/Grandchildren
- 426. Commissary is not consistent with items available to us & we are overcharged on some items. Yard/Gym is always being canceled. When we send \$ out of the prison it takes over 2 months for us to get the items (Books) we purchased.
- 427. The rules change everyday so you don't know what to expect from day to day so inmates are on edge all the time. This prison has no standards, integrity, because staff individually makes rules of their own and enforces them.
- 428. The miscommunication between staff and residents. Personal property is terrible
- 429. Not being able to go to school with out a score of 6.0 Tabe score or being able to shop in commissary because they have "NOTHING."
- 430. there's a lot of negative mainly from the staff and how they treat us and run this prison
- 431. more programs and less punishment
- 432. The most negative things about life in this prison is everything I mean everything is negative about life in this prison.
- 433. The lack of programming for those with lots of time left. The many yard/school/gym cancellations due to lack of staff. Security staff are actively disdainful/antagonistic towards programming.
- 434. Lack of access to departments like commissary, clothing, and Barber Shop.
- 435. not enough education for people who have to serve 85% or 100% percent of their time so going to school is not a option because of our outdates where you are serving 85% or 100% of your time. And the kitchen Dietary is Dirty and full of Roaches

436. Disorganized. Line movements, scheduling, commissary, yard seem to be run by morons. Little structure in scheduling—causes uncertainty + anxiety. I've been to Joliet CC; Menard CC; Stateville CC; **[ONE ADDITIONAL PRISON REDACTED]**—Danville is worse, like they wing it.
437. Being in our cells all day the long waits on the programs school and jobs. I think waiting 6 months to a year is very absurd
438. No help for individuals in custody who have to serve 100% of their time. No good time.
439. you got to snitch or kiss ass to get anything done or get a job.
440. No contact visits. it's so Hard to get a Job in school and we spend most our time in the cell. We only get commissary once a month.
441. They do not value us as humans. we are told or showed since we made a mistake we deserve to be punished and unheard and powerless. The people who try to help dont really know how. Most of the guards are not qualified in any way to help us and handle the root problems that exist in us, they have prejudices and lack of understanding that hinder them or racial divides and just plain hatred in their hearts. The absolute biggest problem in every prison outside of the so called "safety security issue" and "funding issues" is that people are hired to do these jobs who have hatred in there hearts or lack of understanding. When people are hired to work for the system who dont believe we have deeper rooted issues because of our environments and that we deserve to be here because we are just bad people. you will never ever see change. It needs to start at the hiring process. And honestly that should go with all of law enforcement. Yes they should be here for security reasons when absolutely necessary, but should also "want" in their hearts to help.
442. I Fear for my safety
443. Food and get Jobs
444. Apathy of visitation and approvement visiting! most Southern Illinois prisoner is racist to us and Black and nothing is done with a fight or stressful complaint
445. C/O's not doing what their Job requires of them (late dayrooms), food in dining room, poorly stocked commissary, healthcare, no security cameras
446. There are no real resources for change. What little there is, trying to get them is like Jumping through Fire rings with gasoline clothes on. Also, The people that runs the institution are unavailable and seemingly detached from the harsh realities of things that are or not happening here.
447. Medical problems needed to be taken more seriously. Be more consistent with giving us what we are supposed to get. Some staff members are constantly disrespectful! They act like we can never speak to the Wardens.
448. doing time...but other then that being away from loved ones/family/friends!
449. The Inmates that are here at this prison
450. Too many Chiefs—Not Enough Indians
451. all of it!
452. Abusive staff (language used to inmates, falsified disciplinary reports, denied privileges or rights) dietary conditions (cleanliness, food quality, serving sizes) commissary (items available, limits, one shop per month)
453. Staff, Food, Commissary

- 454. Most of the officers/staff are very Judgmental
- 455. They either do not utilize the available infrastructure and/or they choose to only make available many of these programs to certain individuals...
- 456. The absolute seeming degree of incompetence with which they run it. They can't seem to get even simple things right enough to create any degree of a stable day to day flow. It is virtually impossible to get into a routine which is highly conducive to mental well being, the current state doing more to promote as much mental unrest as possible, bordering on psychological torture!!! you never know enough of whats coming when, commissary, chow line, moves, etc.
- 457. There is a lack of Black and latino staff and no Black or latino Teachers, counselors, supply supervisors or volunteers for programming. And nobody knows the answer to anything positive but they know all disciplinary rules to enforce
- 458. Everything in here is "negative"
- 459. Everything.
- 460. Staff overdue their job and punish those for other people mistakes
- 461. They are letting people with 100% 85% That can't get good time get jobs and get into school over the people that have 50% that can get good time. It's like they're doing that on purpose so the people with 50% will have to do most of they're time. they are letting people with less time go to school or get a job before people with alot of time at 50%
- 462. Guards Lie A Lot To Cover Their Rear!
- 463. getting a job or into school or any of the programs, that may gain you early release!!! And also the issuance of the mail!!!
- 464. The staff bullying and harassing people
- 465. your slowly being killed while being kept alive.
- 466. Good behavior is not rewarded. A buddy system is also used to get into work and programs. It's difficult to receive good time if you aren't well-connected, even with perfect behavior.
- 467. Everything
- 468. a lot of people get into fights because of the phones. some wings have list so people can get on. Others dont.
- 469. How its ran, commissary, staff, and the treatment by staff.
- 470. The way staff treat you
- 471. The staff. medical treatment is poor
- 472. No structure. Inmates run the prison—certain inmates. Officers Tell other inmates to do harm to other inmates
- 473. The staff are rude and hateful, and if you talk back they will instigate a further reaction. Understaffed, poor inmate food but staff are eating steak and baked potatoes. No Nurses and poor healthcare response. The staff refuse to wear Covid masks but enforce it on us with consequences if we don't.
- 474. Dont know
- 475. CO's, Yard, Food, Store
- 476. Yard + Gym Canceled all the time. Dont want to give you classes or anything for good time till its to late for good time. CO's are assholes Never have anything at commissary. Nothing is organized.

- 477. Staff don't care if you ever get out. Dietary here is awful. Food is almost always undercooked and they serve us moldy bread occasionally!
- 478. staff & administration conduct towards The individual in custody population.
- 479. Inmates are treated worse than animals in a zoo. They never give us current updates. They talk down to us like were children. Food quality here is very poor! Healthcare dept. show lack of empathy + concern towards the inmates. They do it for the paycheck. They deprive us of basic needs like a barber, lack of commissary items, etc
- 480. Preference treatment you are easily judged by your case. Do not go to commissary often. Food is poorly cooked and the portions are very limited. Rec time is always cut short.
- 481. Officers lack of profession. by the way they treat inmates. They cancel to much yards and gyms, commissary is slow, with long time doing inventory, and not having any variety.
- 482. This facility uses COVID as an excuse for not doing things or for doing things that only this place does.
- 483. The schooling, the way the officers talk to you, and commissary
- 484. The staff doesn't respect us prisoners.
- 485. 1. Quite a few staff could care less about you or what your situation is—to them it's just about "the rules"! 2. There is special treatment for certain inmates by certain staff. 3. IA and regular staff talk about each other + us—not professional (I go on alot of writs (health) +here alot...)
- 486. Sitting in a cell not doing nothing. I can't work or go to school. With work you have to know somebody or kiss ass to get a Job. School you have to take the Tabe Test if you score 1-5
- 487. Refusal to provide more than 1-ply role of toilet paper each week and not selling it on commissary. Not providing weather appropriate clothing such as shorts and not selling them at all on commissary this year. Limited access to phones which causes a lot of fights that go unreported and bullying. Not allowing people with a lot of time into college because people who were incarcerated later have less time. Whenever a person has a concern about something, the staff says "file a grievance." It's their way of saying "Don't like it? Sue me." Persistent understaffing that causes constant cancellation of yards, gyms, call passes, video visits, etc.

Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

- 1. More schooling, more programming, better commissary, more phones!
- 2. The officers need punishments for doing wrong
- 3. Get more programs that train and teach inmates a trade that they would like to take back to the world, a meditation class for stress and mental health
- 4. A telephone equipped with closed captioning for hearing impaired

5. Better commissary, less discipline
6. Allow all people a chance for job or schooling, not just rotating the same group of inmates to job to job or school class
7. To have staff stop judging people by the crimes they are in here on
8. Hold the staff accountable. Give us what we're supposed to have coming from the state, because in Danville, staff does what they want because they can. This survey will show that.
9. We are HUNGRY on most days. Train staff to remember WE are humans and not animals. The staff is fed properly. The state could make more and save money by offering items for sale and actually have it in stock.
10. More fresh vegetables and more protein, too much noodles and white flour items. Commissary limits and selection is terrible. Commissary is always out of tooth brushes and paste.
11. Complete Change
12. More channels on the TV and more choices of music on tablets
13. Put cameras and sound system around
14. The staff to try and stop picking black and brown inmates, the officers in this prison will lie on an inmate if they don't like you
15. Help old people = ADA!!!
16. For all staff & C.O.s to treat you fair
17. Look into Danville correctional center. The prison is not organized, everyone does what they want, the Warden who controls the money is stealing it. Get more officers inside the prison, it's a security risk. Get the rules in order. I feel like this prison is not safe, an officer can't protect me. I can't keep steady contact with my family. GTL message via and mail take 30 days or more to receive back. Just help fix the problems inside this prison.
18. Close it down!
19. Close this place down.
20. More opportunities to get into things, no matter if you're short time or not
21. Better chances to get in school. Commissary needs to run more consistently. Staff needs to be more organized. Adjustment committee needs to be fairer. Mailroom needs more staff.
22. Better training for all staff, more staff.
23. Stop discriminating against people due to their alleged crime committed.
24. C/Os need to stop listening to stool pigeons and stop looking up cases and hire people who are qualified
25. Change staff to reflect parity with the prison population. Danville is 75% Black and Latino, 25% white. Staff is 85% white, most harbor white superiority mentalities, mostly all are Trump-ies.
26. Treat everyone the same
27. More schooling options. Allowing people like me, with 10 years left, the option of getting in school instead of only people with short amounts of time.
28. Make commissary and yard more often and more reliable
29. More funding for self improvement. Rehabilitate rather than treat us as dollar signs.

30. More time out of our cells. Better access to have contact with our people. They should give you a comb and cap when you first get here.
31. Make school and vocational training and substance abuse more accessible. Also, more access to art supplies and library and jobs
32. More yard and gym, less restrictions for those wanting schooling (school is run by outdates)
33. If guys have proven to be laid back, give more freedom to them.
34. Jobs for inmates, better commissary and supplying, better healthcare service.
35. We need policies that help offenders transition, majority of people coming into IDOC are entering at disadvantage by not having basic education and social skills. We need programming where all offenders are eligible to access it.
36. Any
37. Better staff to treat us all equally
38. Better training in communication seriously on how to talk to men as opposed to talking at men. Change the scale to get better education from outdates as the factor.
39. Eliminate partial treatment. Every individual in custody should be treated equally. If one individual can earn good time, all individuals should earn good time credit. Better treatment from staff, both verbally and mentally. We are human beings and should be treated as such. Better living conditions, better mental and physical healthcare. Improve kosher diet. It is appalling as for the meal that is being served to God's men of faith.
40. Better food in dietary, commissary more than once a month, stop COVID testing
41. Rules should be available on tablet and enforced equally on the population. Housing should consider age and not exceed 10 years for individuals over 60, or be placed with known violent offenders while in prison
42. Keep the commandments of God
43. Listening to incarcerated individuals and trying to help them, and not just look at them as a criminal, but as a human being. Getting people where they need to go. More leniency or there will be anarchy. The inmates will take back the prison system.
44. Need more counselors. Need more things to do. Need cameras so that you can see what's really going on. I suggest people to just don't get locked up so you won't experience this type of treatment.
45. Listening to incarcerated individuals and trying to help them.
46. Let us go to school and learn to better ourselves. This shit will drive you crazy
47. Nothing
48. Safety and security should extend to trust funds. **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**.
49. Keep trying new things
50. None
51. It needs a lot
52. To improve the food in dietary and also improve commissary. To have A/C in the cells. Improve the cable on the TV. To make it easier and faster to get in to school and programs.

53. Better healthcare, because the healthcare system is messed up. For example, Dental. The staff of healthcare would make us wait for a long period of time to get medical dental assistance. That many individuals undergone much needless physical suffering when it comes to damaged teeth or getting a tooth pulled and even getting a filling. By making us wait for 3 months, the wide range of common health problems like infection, inflammation, and gum disease that affect us, they're violating our constitutional rights, our eight amendment rights.
54. A strict schedule so we can be able to get what we have coming on time. A little consistency.
55. Better staff conduct and better/faster mail messages service.
56. Allow more people access to the programs/assignments
57. Bring in programs that'll help everyone and not just a chosen few
58. My suggestions are that they should give better meals, sell better things on commissary, and more attention on health.
59. Give inmates more things to do besides sitting in their cells. Give us better quality of clothes to buy, as well as food
60. We need more opportunities about school, work, or sometimes we need some transfer, and many times are negative.
61. A dentist that does their job! Follow through with outside eye doctor.
62. Retrain staff on who we are as individuals and not treat many on their crimes, as there are many of us here wrongly accused. It is hard enough fighting for our freedom when we constantly continue to fight to get things done.
63. The ones who can do better outside of prison, let them!!!
64. The warden needs to show that it's not only about the staff but about us, because without us, it wouldn't be a prison. Improve the commissary, the phone problem, and the visiting room
65. Get rid of all the n****rs
66. Offer jobs and school. Hire people that will help you answer questions, not punish you for asking them
67. There has been a regular staff shortage and many cancelations of daily schedules and programs. Due to this fact, there is a need for more classes and faculty.
68. Fire the administration down here. Put in better programs for us. Give us a better and cheaper variety of commissary to purchase. Stop feeding us like we are kids in the dietary and start looking at us as human beings and not a number.
69. ADA medical wing, and for the administration to stop overriding the doctors orders and permits they prescribe for us old, sick inmates. As long as there's no threat to safety and security.
70. Better variety in the commissary and lower prices. Better food in dietary.
71. Staff needs to see how other prisons are run. I've been to 5 other prisons, this is the most unorganized.
72. More teachers and better commissary
73. It should be "shut down" because of the way it's run. Unfair.
74. People who have been incarcerated for a long time and are about to go home should receive treatment

75. More programs, staff, and individuals in custody meeting. More time out of your cell, because I believe people relax better.
76. Help me to be better, so when I go home I can get a job or go to school. I want to be a better person.
77. New staff, new wardens, change how things are run. Respect towards inmates, more yard/gym, more jobs, more programs, more school, cleaner, commissary.
78. Consistency of procedures would benefit everyone. Constant change and preferred treatment of certain inmates benefits very few. An adequate commissary would also help morale. A vast majority of items are constantly out of stock for no apparent reason. Holding staff to certain standards would benefit everyone in this prison system.
79. Prison reform
80. Turn every wing into different programming wings, from discipline to emotional to thinking to educational.
81. Close 3rd party supervision. Suggestions boxes on the unit. Air conditioning. New medical staff. More security staff. Art supplies. Fire commissary supervisors. Zero-tolerance for staff bullying.
82. I have three decades in and have never experienced the lack of leadership from all wardens or lack of security, ever in my incarceration.
83. The use of cameras so this administration can't sweep incidents inmates grieve under the rug. Commissary supervisors closing their windows, putting their feet up, for half an hour or more, being the cause of us shopping once a month for example.
84. Get new staff, train them right, put all the inmates where they belong, like minimum with minimum and everybody else where they belong
85. Improve commissary, increase class sizes, and employ more teachers for classes and programs.
86. More training for staff. Supervisors should be civilians, not promoted within. Jobs should be rotated and earned.
87. Give us more programs and school to earn our good time. Not just for the people with 20 years left to do. Approve our contact and video visits. Please. I need to see my family soon.
88. Approve the visits, I've been here 4 months and I still can't see my family because they did not approve them yet. Also the mail system is slow. The main thing, improve the programs and school please.
89. To give us 2 hours of rec, more cognitive behavior therapy, by certified clinical psychologist and not people that were correctional officers or related to correctional officers, they are biased.
90. More programs, more contracts, more help!!!
91. a whole new administrative change, period
92. Change out the people that run this prison
93. To stop allowing 75%, 85%, 100% to get jobs and get into school before 50%, due to they do not earn good time. Hell, I have work for 9 years, all the way up until good time was started, and now I can't get no good time.
94. Real educated staff who want to see individuals grow and thrive in and outside of prison. There is no one to keep staff honest and in check.

95. More classes and trades for inmates. More jobs. Spending limit on commissary should be raised. Food and clothes shouldn't be together. Try to make our time better. More time on phone. More time out of cells. Basketball tournaments, flag football. More people can visit and longer visit times.
96. Put phones on tablet visits and allow us to come out of our cells more, and bring outside mentors in for programs
97. I suggest that staff learn how to deal with a growing concern of mental health issues and be able to spot those who cry wolf versus seeking attention. Plus, treat those that are in prison like human being versus a check!
98. Everything...
99. More programming opportunity. More gym time for exercise. More black people on the staff. A counselor that actually helps us.
100. Nothing, shut it down. Someone really needs to look into Danville, these people are the worst.
101. More bilingual speakers. I speak only spanish and it's hard to communicate.
102. School, commissary, put the phone on the tablets.
103. That staff listen and have more respect for us at all times and that the food gets better.
104. This place
105. Close down
106. More rehabilitation and construction of character. Opportunities to learn for those who want it. Less punitive measures and arbitrary rules. More opportunities for meaningful communication with loved ones. More opportunities and options for life AFTER prison. Food better suited for human consumption and health.
107. This is supposed to be a "program" prison, but it is very hard to get into school or get a job. I think people incarcerated should have an equal opportunity to get into programs.
108. That people be given a chance to work, go to school, and contract program
109. Time out our cells, and commissary
110. If all staff members can get on the same page and communicate with one another. More opportunities for individuals to better themselves and make a difference in their lives and the lives of others.
111. Better administration
112. More staff for programs and schooling
113. This is my 4th prison, it is the best I've seen on state level
114. More yard/gym, better food, more/some time in dayroom
115. More access to transfers, program transfers, and adult transition center/work release transfers.
116. An overhaul of domicile system and for individuals treated as though they are going home
117. Communicate better and plan for future events rather than always reacting to a situation when it happens. Visiting room procedures right now make it very difficult to spend time with our families.
118. Change in administration and head of IA and security
119. Just to be fair, not letting others do whatever they want.

120. Consistent, fair, not judgmental, don't feed us spoiled food, disciplinary actions for staff also
121. Mutual respect. I personally have been threatened by more than one guard, in front of other inmates.
122. A real warden who will do his job as a warden and not let IA run him or the prison
123. More phones, faster commissary, more time out of cell
124. Better evaluation for life outside and job opportunities. Also, housing for people in need.
125. Treat people humanly, even first timers, not just the hardened criminals that the guards are fearful of.
126. Phones on tablets, more visits, better commissary, and better staff
127. There exist a lot of people digestive problems, No fiber in diets—only approximately 6 grams per day—need 30-35 grams per day
128. Fire **[NAME REDACTED]**, get new field service dept, not officers. Outside commissary staff, people who care about putting out good food in dietary. One man cells. Staff who don't use threats as weapons and staff who can deal with different situations fairly and honestly.
129. Better food, better safety, and better cleanliness
130. Put the phone on the tablet. Let inmates out more, it will become less stressful and it won't be a hostile place. Better food and better commissary. Please, cleaning supplies too.
131. More schooling for people, more programs
132. The list is endless, but communication with our loved ones/support system, for starters, would help. The emails take 2-3 weeks to receive both ways, and because the phone prices are affordable for everyone, everyone are making calls, not able to use the phone because there are not enough phones.
133. I feel like if the staff members tell you something and we do it, we still get a ticket. Just like we sent money out to our loved ones and our loved ones don't get it, the staff know what happening to the money. And sometimes we don't go to yard or gym.
134. Open it up and offer more programs and outlets
135. Change the whole warden and program staff, they are all self crooks who don't care. They rarely interact with us and don't respond to requests, and they give our family the run around. All in all, they all are unprofessional.
136. Every officer and individual in custody should have to go through the max prison to see what it looks like. I believe they will come out more humble.
137. Allow everyone the opportunity to enter programs that would help get us home sooner.
138. Springfield needs to be more active and responsive to grievances. These staff members dictate our life in accordance to their comfortability, not on improving or rehabilitating the lives of incarcerated individuals.
139. Better training for staff on how to handle situations and on respect, they treat us like trash.
140. Change the people in IA and the majors with more intelligent people
141. Train staff better on how to treat people.

142. Remove warden **[NAME REDACTED]** and bring someone in from another institution who will run the facility and not let the staff run over...everyone here is too familiar with each other and do not respect her position.
143. Well for me, I like to stay to myself, work out, and watch TV, listen to music, and talk to my family on the phone a lot.
144. N/A
145. Continual monthly audits by Springfield officials, possibly an audit by federal officials
146. Remove the "good time priority" for inmates to get into school. I want to use my education. Others want "good time" they WILL NOT use the education.
147. Train staff better to de-escalate situations peaceably; offer proper food portions/nutrition; make commissary items available to all individuals; make programs available to all who want to get in
148. To have more program down here and more job to work on
149. Change the administrative staff
150. Stricter rules for employees. More time out of cells. Better training for staff on people skills and respect. Let us that have good time get 1st dibs on jobs that are occupied by people who can't.
151. Get new warden, more training for staff, more out of your cell time. Better food.
152. The staff should adhere to their own administrative directives and consider this their own playground to do as they will.
153. Better training of staff members to treat incarcerated people more humanely. Stricter consequences for staff when they abuse authority and violate administrative directives. More staff to keep prison from cancelling movement
154. All staff need better people skills
155. Quit cancelling everything all the time and let us go to the commissary more than once a month
156. More programs/schools. Options for rehab. Less focus on past crimes more on current.
157. The C.O.s here are literally getting free paychecks. They do nothing but stand around and ignore us.
158. Overall everything!!!
159. It really needs to be under video surveillance and monitored by Higher Authority
160. keep rec. once a day
161. Security being the only thing that rule. Punish the rule breaker not the whole population. Commissary needs improvement or let care packages come back.
162. My suggestion I have to improve this prison is to bring an investigation concerning the health and safety of people in custody.
163. Need camera
164. No one know what **[ILLEGIBLE]** going any **[ILLEGIBLE]**
165. Talk to us better
166. Better commissary, less restrictions for visits, more yard time, better dietary program, faster response to medical
167. There's always more items on the commissary list thats not available than there are available

168. better dietary meals. better trained officers/staff. more educational programs. more yard time. more time out of cell to maintain health
169. Health care here is terrible and so is dietary. Commissary is awful. Schooling is too, these things need major improvements.
170. All individuals that is eligible to earn good time should be at the top of the list for school and all programs. As long as I am willing to work and I want to get an education, I should be a priority.
171. Having an art and graphic design program that teaches them computer skills and how to be an artist with good skills. Possibly classes that will teach how to start a studio. I am working on an idea to do that and acquire a grant to eventually pay for resources.
[REDACTED]
172. Shut it down
173. Just a overall better system to help inmates to better themselves and to help keep stress down
174. that staff get retrained in effective communication skills and they fix the commissary problem which they say is the business office
175. Treat me like a person. Transition Facility. Rehabs. Work Release. Help with housing Removing people from where they were lowers Recidivism
176. fire everyone!
177. Better Food, More recreation, dental care
178. ACCEPT THE HELP, DONT BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP
179. IDC
180. Discipline for staff
181. For being a "Program Oriented Facility" it's ironic how many sex offenders, who can't get good time, are here. Most inmates are stuck here for their whole time, even first timers, because the "Programs" don't include the one to get good time.
182. give us yard/gym daily, commissary every other week, and more time out of our cells.
183. more time out of your cell
184. Better staffing in Healthcare Department to attend to each and every individual. Stop discriminating against individual in custody's charges and denying schooling, work, and good time (if available). Immediate response to "cell help button", no officer checks cell when individual in custody presses button, in case of emergencies one can lose their life from medical or fighting issues, Commissary should be well stocked to allow all individuals to be able to get everything regardless of housing unit.
185. Better living area. Repaint, fix cable (better cable channels) scrub all Black mold off the walls, showers and out of our cells. Clean vents, heaters.
186. Go back to single man cells. It's what they were designed for, and in this age of COVID should go back to such. It is too cramped a space for two people to live in for at least 20 hours a day.
187. nothing
188. Stop Stealing And do things Righteously
189. Everything
190. Yes close It Down

191. MORE PROGRAMS FOR INMATES AS WELL AS MORE ACCESSIBILITY TO THOSE PROGRAMS. (IT SEEMS ONLY SELECT PEOPLE ARE CHOSEN). ALSO, HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS TRAINING FOR OFFICERS
192. Shut it down its a Evil Place Godless!
193. CREATE BETTER SYSTEM WHERE WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH OUR FAMILY
194. Change the Staff
195. To give people with 50% chance to get a job instead of people who don't get good time with all the jobs
196. Show the outside what really goes on behind closed doors
197. Create more Building Block Programs throughout the prison.
198. Fix the roach infestation in the kitchen and be cleaner. Theres water leakage from the roof of 2 house A wing. Feed more food. Sell more commissary, stop canceling yard.
199. More officers who care.
200. Provide the same opportunities for long-term prisoners as the short-term prisoners. And make these cells one-man cells because there is not enough space currently for two people to live in.
201. 1) Allow more people access to educational programming and vocational training based on individual desire rather than just outdate preference. 2) fix the video visit kiosks. They cut off 2-3 minutes into our visits and when they come back on we cant see our visitor, but they still charge us for a whole visit. 3) restore in person visits to 7 a month so we can interact more with loved ones
202. The CO's need to treat us as people, unless we do something to change the situation its bad enough being in here.
203. Close it
204. Co's need to drop there attitudes and treat people with respect
205. All the above
206. Stop having no penalty to staff who let inmates do what they want if they are favored. Shaking people down horribly if you have a sex case and not shaking down anyone else. Needs to stop. No fair treatment, no structure in the system.
207. Equal opportunities, you shouldn't have to be an informant to get proper treatment. Some of the officers should be mandated to behavior modification classes.
208. Allow prisoners to be transferred. Or bring back the boxing ring.
209. C/o's treat us better, we are human
210. Fire the Warden **[NAME REDACTED]**, Lt. **[NAME REDACTED]** of Internal Affairs and those workers that are gang members. Then, only, then, will these prisons be improved.
211. Have non racist staff!
212. take away the jumpsuit because they keep us on the cell and they pick on us all day from staff to inmates
213. To hire counselor's who aren't former officers! We don't stand any chance of getting assistance from former officers who are trained to be anti-inmates! The counselors hear our tickets and suppose to counsel us? It aint fair and we don't stand a chance!
214. Me myself positive thoughts.

215. Fixing the food and how they run the day to day schedule in here, and make more reentry programs so we can change the way we think.
216. commissary sucks!! We dont go enough. they dont have enough over there.
217. staff prison with well trained professional staff, more well trained medical staff (not Wexford), more programs to rehabilitate, healthy food options...etc. more time to gym and yard
218. More mental health, substance abuse, educational, and vocational programing.
219. To at least get clothes every 6 mos like they say, and your word is everything
220. That everyone has to be treated the same as everybody because is a lot of racist peoples
221. Staff needs to go through some training about discrimination. Stop treating inmates who have sex offenses like their not human.
222. Making phones available on the tablet. Having to pay someone for a phone spot isn't fair. Adding more phones would help too. It's hard for someone without anything to call loved ones.
223. All new staff and directors
224. need more programs more classes the school and more job for the prisoners and more asset to the family visiting to prisoners
225. more programming
226. camera in every institution and mental health classes for C/O's and Better training.
227. Electronic grievance system so grievances cannot be destroyed. And a grievance procedure that is not a rubberstamp for the prison as ours definitely is!
228. Total haul of officers, wardens period!
229. N/A
230. better commissary, out of cells more, and better staff. Any better dietary food
231. We should have more say so we shouldn't always be wrong regardless if we are inmates or not
232. Interaction between staff & prisoner a better living environment a deck where everyone can feel safe
233. I'd suggest this place be run in a more organized manner. Also would suggest the C.O. in the bubble to let inmates know whats going on at times. Also have better and more available officers to work personal property.
234. give more programs to young people like me I came in at **[under 25]** and now leaving **[three years later]** with no rehabilitation whatsoever
235. Fair treatment for all regardless of case or skin color, predictable commissary items regular frequent trips to commissary. Stop embezzling commissary funds by changing prices, extreme price changes between every store.
236. We should be going to the store more often. Everyone should have a job, and or be going to school everyday.
237. Can we get better toothbrushes, this is not a maximum prison. Better razors to shave with. More fresh fruit + veggies
238. MORE FRUIT FOR CHOW, MORE EFFICIENT COMMISSARY, ALLOW GUYS WITH LONG SENTENCES TO HAVE MORE ACCESS TO JOBS AND SCHOOL.

- 239. more teachers so the waiting list wont be so long to get into school healthier choices for food on commissary and kitchen/dietary food better beds
- 240. Sit someone down who's never been incarcerated and tell them what's needs to be done.
- 241. All staff needs to watch pods better people pop out all day and no punishment for that and all prisons needs classes for all cases
- 242. Commissary better to by things more and go more to the store. Fix the visitation so we can spend more time with family and get rid of the partitions that separate visitors so we can play cards and such because we have to be vaccinated any ways
- 243. More jobs more educational programs, more self-help programs less Lt. and Srg. sitting on their asses doing nothing or C/O writing tickets for anything.
- 244. Cameras! The ability to have cameras where we can hold the staff accountable! Third party advocate for inmates who reports directly to Springfield, that the administration cannot corrupt.
- 245. I believe what would be an improvement in this prison would be every person that is in custody receive medical treatment without the excuse of COVID, then every person is entitled to know all prices of items before they go to the window.
- 246. More Black and Latino officer you have all minority inmate and all white republican officers It will never work like that
- 247. Mental health treatment for sex based offenders! Only available at certain prisons now. Should be all prisons. Better/Healthier food in the chow hall! More dayroom access. More yard access without (security) interference
- 248. Close it down
- 249. More professional staff as C/O's possessing certifications such as CSW's - LCSW's and MSW'S along with CDAC Counselors should be place on every wing.
- 250. Change warden
- 251. Being fair, providing adequate mental health services, bettering the relationship between staff and individuals in custody
- 252. Hire staff members who care about the improvement of incarcerated peoples decisions and want to help them learn and get home sooner
- 253. Staff needs training on how to interact with individuals in order to build and maintain good positive relationships and build trust. Programs need to be available to all not some. This place needs to provide and get involved in more ways for individuals to stay in contact with there family...
- 254. New wardens and fair treatment for programming
- 255. Two words, new leadership!
- 256. IDK
- 257. That they have to be accountable for their actions, meaning officers lie too and just because a person is incarcerated doesn't mean the officer is telling the truth. (unbias) systems needed!
- 258. Start to open this place up to public scrutiny. There's no over-sight, no accountability and very few officers genuinely care if you live or die. Provide offenders with real opportunities

- 259. Better staff, better food, air conditioning, building, cameras and not getting punished for everything
- 260. There are many people with such determination to achieve good changes in their lives, but sadly the opportunities are too low
- 261. There are no jobs available and no programs to those people who wish to engage in these activities. The day room is only conducive to gambling and gang activity. Not enough phones available. The cells are hardly large enough for one human, let alone two humans, the heating system either works or it does not, no air conditioning
- 262. Shut this prison Down
- 263. Allow us to smoke weed, give individuals with a lot more time jobs and put us in school quicker, allow us to get more contracts and good times.
- 264. Find employees that actually earn their paycheck.
- 265. Hiring more staff with proper training to deal with this environment properly.
- 266. WARDEN AND OFFICERS WHO CARE RATHER THAN ONLY BEING INTERESTED IN A PAYCHECK! THIS PLACE IS POORLY MANAGED—SCHOOL, JOBS, programs forget it
- 267. More communication among Staff & prisoners & not always one sided, were wrong & their right.
- 268. The commissary Need to Be improved more inmates Need to get in school And drug programs Just Programs Period
- 269. TO HIRE MORE MEDICAL PERSONELL, IMPROVE COMMISSARY ITEMS FOR PURCHASE, AND EMPLOY MORE OFFICERS AND STAFF MEMBERS
- 270. This place is no good at all the staff here is very Bad to us & the food is No good at all.
- 271. for staff to follow the rules
- 272. When you have in-person visits they can bring food from the outside world. Sell T.V. for free.
- 273. Serve better food. Put in more phones so people can talk to their families. Give people more jobs. They write you up for anything down here. Get better commissary such as combs, picks, and art supplies.
- 274. An investigation should be done, and many changes made. A more positive environment would come of this.
- 275. Make it where you don't have to wait for a very long time to start earning good time short timers always take up all the class space and you have to wait forever its not right
- 276. Digital HD cable. Streaming services. High quality games on the tablets for lower prices or access to modern game consoles. Online learning programs on tablets let us get Magic: the Gathering Cards [ILLEGIBLE] in again. Bigger T.V.s. More protein on [ILLEGIBLE] trays, less carbs. Milk at every meal. Breakfast 9AM, lunch at 1:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM, like normal people! Air conditioning!
- 277. New infrastructure, water, heat, A/C. Cleanliness, like air vents & air quality! Better communication with loved ones on the outside ie: no more phone lists!
- 278. Give everyone equal access 2 get jobs, go 2 school especially people eligible for good time

279. Improve infrastructure such as water, electricity, heating & cooling. Pest control in kitchen ie. cockroaches, vermin etc. Better dietary choices. More attentive staff, more caring staff.
280. Add cameras so we can feel safe, pay more attention to individuals in custody and take our concerns seriously, put phones on the tablets (that will cut down a lot of fighting in general), and when people need cell changes...don't leave them in harms way.
281. F.B.I investigation inside monitors staff all family and stick together and give us or create more problems when law states different and we prove it/start all over w/new staff.
282. for staff to get better training on how to talk to us imprisoned.
283. Staff learning to do there jobs, correctly!
284. just talk to people like they care.
285. More programs for all races not only Black.
286. Phones/Programs
287. Stop rewarding "Snitches" at least for petty things "non-violent stuff" give a fair chance for work & programming rather than using placement as a "perk" for information.
288. More choices for re-entry career choices, and schooling and work release.
289. Hire Individuals that want to work.
290. More opportunities for school and programs and more money for different jobs.
291. Better food, fed like a dog sometimes. The main supervisor over chow hall will not take food donations, he says prisoners don't appreciate it.
292. Cameras C/O should have to take yearly physical and drug test
293. Reward good behavior w/ more time out of cell and more yard/gym. Put more phones on the units. Don't put more than one individual per cell. Be more consistent w/ commissary.
294. I think this prison should be shut down/condemned immediately
295. Add jobs for guys like myself or some type of schooling/training, more shifts at present jobs to be able to earn good time.
296. Lower commissary prices. Add more phones. Better programs. Give out monthly transaction statements. Speed up mail. Diversity in officers. Outside adjustment committee should
297. Better Training for Staff
298. more employed staff for more yard time
299. The prison needs to be overhauled with new/properly trained staff at all levels and all departments, including the 3 wardens
300. 1) to be out of cell all day and twice a day recreation 2) pass keys back out 3) change the criteria to get in programs, educations, jobs 4)
301. Existence of real checks and balances to guide against abuse of power and promote justice and fairness
302. 1. Staff need to be properly trained on emotion management cause they bring in their personal problem to work 2. stop playing the race card with these 'job'
303. For officers to be trained on how to handle individuals with special needs (mental health) and to encourage communication with family (more phone time)

- 304. ??? Leadership
- 305. TREAT ALL EQUAL try to give real toothbrushes, people are trying to stop covid yet eat their hands to brush teeth! then put a mask on!
- 306. Here inmates out
- 307. Improve school rules and work rules
- 308. Better Staff. This staff is extra racist.
- 309. Better Schooling and better opportunities at jobs Better treatment from C.O's
- 310. cameras, more time out of cell, better commissary selection, get more people in schooling, make more job's available
- 311. Get rid of the staff and bring in professional people who want to do their job and follow the rules
- 312. Danville C.C. needs a new warden, assistant wardens, and majors that will actually step-up and take command of this facility. Currently, it is a free-for-all run by the correctional officers.
- 313. Staff are not professional. need training, disparage ethnicities with slurs "n****r" "wet back" and disparage hearing impaired "dummy" I am hearing impaired
- 314. Bring in a new Warden and get rid of Internal Affairs!
- 315. for them to stop cancelling stuff all the time
- 316. This prison needs security cameras installed!!!
- 317. the staff need CSR skills. More education programs and criteria changes where it's not based on MSR but the individuals wanting to be educated
- 318. Dental care might be once a week, medical treatment is a threat of USC 42, Subsection 1983, much of the food is donated and overcooked
- 319. Offer inmates schooling that will certify them for jobs (construction, automotive, etc) instead of a piece of paper that just shows they took 1 class. Use more of prison ground to grow produce to be used by prison in the kitchen with inmates helping in the tilling of soil, planting and harvesting of it!
- 320. Better food, more commissary, trained guards, air conditioners in cells and in day room, classes to offer good time once you arrive instead of waiting for months.
- 321. more staff & support staff
- 322. Be more if not better at being humane with inmates
- 323. Equal opportunity amongst inmates regarding school, jobs, and programming
- 324. Fire the ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION. Wardens Majors, Lieutenants, THEY ARE ALL CORRUPT! Cover ups abound here, I have been wrongfully persecuted and punished for a fight I never once raised a fist! And was assaulted by another inmate that I.A. lied about and punished me. I.A. would NOT use my witnesses because Lt. **[NAME REDACTED]** said they were white. Lt. **[NAME REDACTED]** said "I am a white man living in a black mans world."
- 325. None
- 326. NONE because this place can't be helped
- 327. They should take peoples health more seriously. Low/under staff
- 328. starts being consistent
- 329. Nothing can change how it is run it's always going to be corruptive in Danville C.C.
- 330. Get rid of the officers who write multiple tickets on their shift

- 331. it needs overall improvement
- 332. Everything
- 333. everything about this place is negative
- 334. Staff have too much power and they use it against us
- 335. getting good time for 85-100%
- 336. Better C/O, better school system, better dietary, better yard + gym, better commissary, better programs, better warden.
- 337. To treat people equally and protect non-affiliated inmates from gangs
- 338. Unbiased leadership, sanitation in the kitchen, healthcare treatment—staff doesn't care. The food is gross and the healthcare provider is allowed to dictate prison policy
- 339. Staff actually care to help people (Co's) mental health staff that actually give a shit not tell you what your problem is. Better programs and programs for everyone. Not just the ones this prison & Springfield wants to help.
- 340. Commissary sucks they don't have a variety of food/meats the bunks are slabs don't see why we can't have springs
- 341. Have state officials investigate officers
- 342. They need to find a strong leader so the staff will follow instead of every staff member doing their own thing
- 343. Real programs for reform and opportunity to go to school + Programs
- 344. more programs
- 345. staff the prison properly
- 346. More time out of the cell & putting the phone system on the tablet it will prevent fights and we'll be able to use dayroom to shower not wait for a phone to open, we've 56 people divided by 8 phones we sometimes can't get a phone. Today 15 minutes were taken off our dayroom why?? there's so much inconsistency. Here calls are 20 minutes 5:30 to 7:15 & 7:15 to 9:00. for 56 people doesn't add up.
- 347. Better commissary and more frequently, better recreational opportunities. Programs are subpar and useless and worthless.
- 348. Incarcerated people with good behavior, overall, should be given a fair chance at working some of the "better" jobs in this prison (on a year to year turn over)
- 349. they really need to improve on the commissary and how they run this place
- 350. Fix all the condemned cells that have mold, fix all the leaking ceilings, stop cancelling all our yards, confirm our days out of cells
- 351. To be fair with everyone. meaning same opportunities for everybody.
- 352. Put in better equipment for TU. Better housing placement. More food sanitary regulations
- 353. more time out of our cells
- 354. more yards. better training for staff. treat us like humans
- 355. (1) Take control out of IA's hands (2) Allow guys with time (long time) to get an education (still have legal issues—clemency, approval, etc) (3) more yards and gyms. They're always cancelling them. (4) Give daytime workers night yard or night gym everyday. They work everyday and deserve to be/have more privileges

- 356. schooling for everyone requesting it. To avoid having missing or stolen legal documents or commissary items, provide us means to be able to lock our belonging from everyone, specially our "celly"
- 357. put telephones on tablet devices, offer more opportunity for schooling & programs
- 358. I would be here all day writing about how to better this place
- 359. More programs, better management and better atmosphere more positive attitudes
- 360. Here at Danville we need someone to police the officers they get away with anything they do things and even tho another officer knows it's wrong they won't stand up they all back each other most of them are dating or married to each other that should be against the rules
- 361. they need to diversify their staff and place more authority in clinical and other staffs hands and not allow security staff to dominate the prison
- 362. Change the warden and how IAs running things if you don't tell you cant get a job so we can get good time so we can get to our familys sooner and let us buy food
- 363. equal rights
- 364. new and better wardens (all three)
- 365. New management, training on how to treat human beings regardless of be incarcerated/tear this place down
- 366. the healthcare
- 367. Training prison staff to be professions and do some work. A warden that will respond to our grievances and capable of doing a good job to run a prison. Proper medical care. I've been waiting to see a doctor for 3 months now!
- 368. More access to contact are family, phone, and visits. Tablets to have phone system
- 369. Close down facility
- 370. For example, the head kitchen supervisor know that the human body need 30-35 grams of fibers a day and he said he could only give 6 grams, which we have a very low digestive system.
- 371. More dayroom time, keys to cells
- 372. I think that decision is a question for professionals that have years of experience
- 373. Be equal to everyone
- 374. None close it down
- 375. That we get a new warden, that they begin to spend the money that is allocated for programs, on programs. That they put the phone app on our tablets, and staff be better trained and vetted.
- 376. It should be cleaned from Top to Bottom by outside contractors. And painted for starters.
- 377. More food going to commissary more than once a month, officers listening to what we actually have to say.
- 378. Better the commissary by making items available to all incarcerated people, give us more and proper health care, we need more programs to better prepare ourselves upon release, and better our chances to educational purposes.
- 379. Stock up on commissary items (They didn't sell toothbrushes for 5 months and I still haven't been able to buy a hot pot or trimmers) More schooling/programs so people who can get good time can get it

- 380. Implement more programs.
- 381. Have an outside agency other than the grievance process which takes years and is ran by the people who we grievance.
- 382. Improvement in commissary options (clothes) and food availability. Portions from dietary too small. They're snacks (bigger portions) The allowance of care packages from family and friends.
- 383. More phones on the unit more time out of the cell instead of in the cell.
- 384. To respect us and treat us as humans not ANIMALS!!!
- 385. The business office taking care of ordering better for commissary. Get rid of jumpsuits, Figure out better training for staff
- 386. To eliminate the implacable, relentless senseless sanctions which signifies prejudiceness towards labeled sex offenders. And until they do this, it'll never be fair, and animosity, hatred toward the power will always exist. For the same demands the law make, are the same demands those law officials will have to face which is called CRIME!
- 387. give "everyone" a chance to work Job not the same people
- 388. All request submitted need reply? There needs to be communication between Dr's and staff staff lacks treatment
- 389. N/A
- 390. Tooth brush and tissue should be issue every week, also cleaning materials for the cells therefore it can reduce the living situation far as COVID-19...
- 391. This place needs to make a decision on its identity, Is it a medium? Medium max? is it focused on Re-entry or is it a disciplinary facility? There are too many inconsistencies with regard to security and the needs of the population. Reward GOOD BEHAVIOR, NOT BAD! That goes for staff and the inmate pop. Terminate employment of staff that fail at doing their jobs. I know, I know...the union...
- 392. Overhaul this system
- 393. Have a chain of command and keep all employees informed of any changes within the prison. Have the warden more involved with people in custody and their staff. Train, train and train the staff sensitivity training on how to deal w/ inmates on an individual basis. People who are black, mexican, asian, native americans and people who are gay are not n****s, spics, chinks, injuns, and fags I have never met more racist people than this staff here. If you are white american you are treated better—yes I am white.
- 394. Allow anyone to get in school and/or programs no matter how much time he may have left. Right now the ppl like myself with more time left have to be put on the back of the waiting list for school or programs. I've been incarcerated 10 yrs & still haven't been able to get in any programs or school.
- 395. More life skill & programs
- 396. run everything normal, and giving me what I got coming.
- 397. allow more people to attend school regardless of good time eligibility
- 398. Too many Lieutenant positions. There's no need for that and for majors. While I was in Stateville CC we were placed in the yard without a staff present. Here yard is deny for staff shortages, but there's three tours positioned strategically in the yard to supervise our time in the yard. Plus, we have two officers for each part of the movement walk to

assist. There's no need for a specific officer in the yard. They can use that officer to assist in other places while supervised by three tours and two officers in the walk by the yard side, hence, yard will always be ran without cancelling it when staff are in shortage.

- 399. Give everybody good time/ a chance at work/school. More self improvement classes (building block), more programming and ways to improve positivity.
- 400. Close it down.
- 401. Open more wings of the prison to building block programs w/this environment. Give goodtime (EPSC) for "ALL" programs as the law requires (because they don't). Give 45 days goodtime (EPSC) for 90 days of programming, because they don't. Give more time out of the rooms; it helps psychological and emotionally.
- 402. They need a NA program they have a AA program but dont have a NA program I need to be in NA not AA
- 403. need some one To Talk To sometime
- 404. Cameras, A better chance to rehabilitate
- 405. Better training for the staff and them being held responsible for their incompetency and lack of concern for the incarcerated individuals.
- 406. N/A
- 407. Just six months ago, Danville was racing toward being the premier facility for Educational Programming, Cognitive Behavior and Building Block opportunities open to all—six months later, the Facility became an "experimental disciplinary Institution"—weaponizing opportunity and Goodtime as a blunt object to subdue and isolate complainers, via a series of non-confrontational or indirect means of retaliation and thwarting of communication and goals.
- 408. Education for all and not just short timers. Classes on how staff should deal with incarcerated. Better communication between staff and the incarcerated. Better healthcare.
- 409. treat everybody the same C.O.s Have favorite Inmates. and they don't apply the Rules to they favorites
- 410. Change a lot of the staff and the warden
- 411. phones on tablets, stop cancelling yards, more school programs and jobs.
- 412. There needs to be better structure from top to bottom. Individuals need more programs. Open up the visiting room with out the divider on the table.
- 413. Single cells for Inmate over 60 with major health issues. Better commissary. better showers. Better healthcare. Better food
- 414. To create more programs that give good time
- 415. Close it down and retrain staff!
- 416. Better treatment. Change some of the petty Rules. cameras and body cameras for C.O.s
- 417. Better the school & really help those that cant score a 6.0 Tabe score. NOTHING In commissary HELP WITH COMMISSARY
- 418. need outside people to come talk and interview many of us face to face to set the real situations abt whats going on down here in Danville

419. Danville C.C need more programs instead of just punishing people with the Bull shit tickets They write. And A lot of staff that work there is racist. (PS The wardens does not talk to respond back To our request slips. They treat us like shit)
420. My suggestions I have for improvement in this prison is to just shut it down and close it for good.
421. Enforcing rules equally among all incarcerated individuals. Get security staff to get on board with rehabilitation.
422. Better incentivized rewards and allowing more people to have educational access.
423. Stop allowing only guys with short sentences to have access to education programs + good jobs. I'm a lifer + am left unable to participate in programs + jobs. Just waiting in a cell to die. I desire + it would be beneficial to have purpose. I'm left out.
424. more time out the cells maybe people wont be acting so wild more yards instead of always cancelling open up programs and schools and jobs faster
425. put camera's in the unit's and all the building.
426. let visitors without Covid vac. come visit inmates. Better commissary. More Jobs & schooling.
427. Every Guard should be qualified to deal the root issues and Mental health issues most of us have. Every guard should only be hired off the idea of helping make change and not from a law enforcement stand. Need way more programs, way more contact w/our families. Individuals who have or are incarcerated need to be able to sit down and talk to new staff and admin about whats actually needed and works and our viewpoint.
428. transfer 2 a prism program ASAP
429. Well I suggest not to have too much Obstacles to get Job, and have a better Service in healthcare unit.
430. To proper inform visitor of Lockdown before travel or are they an approval visitor list before visit. To have voice and picture recording activate camera at Danville and those employee whom are racist toward Black inmate be fined.
431. Better healthcare treatment, more programs & Jobs, more voc. classes. Commissary twice a month. 2 more phones (at 20 mins a piece 7-people on each line of 8 phones)
432. I believe an inmate and administration meeting should take place so that our opinions and Ideas about how to improve relations and overall the running of the institution for both parties could go smoothly. more training for officers on how to understand and deal with certain Issues with; for instance mental health in inmates, E.T.C.
433. Improve the way staff speaks to inmates. (more respectful). make more access to Wardens
434. hopefully supplying more food to buy from the store and to get more gym and yard time
435. The commissary, food and give more good time.
436. Improve Commissary, Yard, Gym, & Mental Health Frequency. Give Proper Portions of food on Trays. Allow inmates with alot of time to take college/vocational classes
437. fix it all from the top ranks to the bottom officers and staff. Nobody knows anything in here and they pick and choose who they help out.

- 438. More jobs available to population, more items for sale at commissary, better supervision of security staff by administration, meaningful address of grievances by administration
- 439. Commissary, Yard Gym Time
- 440. More Empathy as a human being who made a mistake. And more Effective programs.
- 441. Although its kinda bland to say, though, If the facility can become more organized. Something more specific, utilize the infrastructure to make information available to the incarcerated individuals through the tablet/kiosk (including personal information, such as trust fund balance and other information requested through counselor.)
- 442. To be honest, I don't know what to suggest because I don't know for sure why what's wrong is the way it is. I could suggest one thing, not knowing some obscure piece of the problem, get what I ask for and unwittingly make things worse. Perhaps more transparency about why things are the way that they are, clarification of what the spirit of some of the rules are maybe
- 443. Train staff on how to properly address inmates, make programming and jobs available for all persons instead of a select few, and allow inmates to actively earn privileges, sentencing credits from the moment they complete orientation until they are release
- 444. A new warden, new majors, new placement a new chief administrative officer and a brand new staff.
- 445. Shut down Danville
- 446. Programs/mental Health/cameras
- 447. stop putting people with 100% + 85% with people that only have 50% cause it hindering people from getting their good time and getting back to they family
- 448. Not sure; With Covid Still Going On!
- 449. To stop switching Counselors so much and the "Wardens" should be more involved in everyday operations and to hire some more people in the mail room!!!
- 450. To help inmate's make positive change
- 451. Real re-entry programs, Job readiness, communication classes, teach individuals computer skills, give individuals real true options upon there release
- 452. Good time opportunities should be prioritized to individuals with the best behavior instead of who you connect with.
- 453. NONE
- 454. get more people into schooling/programs. Danville is pretty slow about it.
- 455. Please provide Mandatory Structured Scheduling for school, programs and commissary. Everything is always different and there's No consistency
- 456. more good time programs
- 457. Structure. Better staff—officers
- 458. They should hire more staff and train better for mental health. They should respond to request slips for healthcare, mental health, schooling, Jobs, etc. otherwise what the hell are they doing while clocked in? Just sitting around getting Paid to do nothing.
- 459. Dont know/more women staff
- 460. get CO's that have respect for people instead of them treating us like peaces of shit. Stop cancelling our yards + Gym's everyday
- 461. Better quality menu. Better treatment from officers.

462. Equal opportunity for all individuals in custody with programs, Jobs, and treatment.
463. open communication. Have a CO experience prison life in a cell, especially during training to learn What it's like to be an inmate. Have better quality food + commissary items to order. Have adequate staff so it does not hinder yard/gym time etc.
464. Be able to enroll in college (school) easily. Run commissary on time. Open more program wings in Prison. Staff should be more respectful and professional.
465. More programs (self-help), and give people with time to be able to enroll in school.
466. Allow more inmates opportunities in school or rotating work assignments. Some jobs have been held by the same inmates as long as Ive been here (2 yrs). Only those inmates have a opportunity to learn a job skill.
467. schooling from everybody no matter how much Time you have
468. Treat us as humans not animals.
469. 1. Get something different going on with commissary! I have been to all 3 other female prisons in Illinois and none has been as pathetic as this one. We've run out of toothpaste, shampoo,
470. Put the phones on the tablets, instead of Just 8 phones for 56+ Inmates. If you do that there will be less fights.
471. commissary need provement
472. Address the concerns from Q13. Train the staff to address the concerns without directing individuals to the grievance process and to address the concerns in the grievance process without having to file a lawsuit.

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

1. Thank you all for your concerns and may "God" bless you all.
2. The (HCU) Health Care Unit doctors need to be looked into or investigated as soon as possible.
3. Somebody should investigate where the money is going because the commissary is never the same. Also why are checks bouncing when inmates send money out to their loved ones? Why doesn't Danville have a barber school or a culinary program? The barbershop has been closed for two months. Isn't that inhumane?
4. Some C.O.s don't care about inmates here.
5. The younger CO's have more attitude than the ones that have been here for 5 years or more. All need to have retraining on how to treat people. More respect for people would cause less problems. It seems that most conflicts w/ CO's and inmates are brought on and encouraged by the staff for the lack of training to defuse rather than to escalate
6. This prison is very chaotic, there is no organization here. Everything is now on a whim
7. I hope and pray you really investigate this prison because you will see all the flaws they are hiding. 2 LTS sup. that don't do nothing, counselors that do nothing. I sent

money out six weeks ago, they took the money off 3 days later and never gave me a receipt still and they said they ran out of checks so I tried canceling it but they said I can't but they took the money off my block with no check, there's something slick going on, look into it. Six weeks and no receipt still! **[DATE REDACTED]**

8. I've heard ONE officer tell a cadet that what they need to remember is the sentence given to us is our punishment. They do not need to punish us further for simply being here. We don't get a copy to show we have money deposited because they've been out of paper. My channel guide subscription hasn't been paid in June because they are out of checks?? Seriously? The cable continues to go out and takes days to weeks to fix although inmate trust accts pay the bill on time (we assume).
9. I'm 85% for a DUI so I have no reason or want to program to improve myself, because no reward or incentives to reduce sentence for being good, working or schooling.
10. 85% and 100% sentences take up too many positions that prevent guys earning good time that are 50%
11. They are squirting people in the face with bug spray, it gets the bugs out. "Pepper Spray"
12. They are racist and the food is bad. They don't help you get the good time that you are able to get.
13. They need a warden here at Danville Corr. Ctr. that knows how to run a prison. The store here we buy things from never has enough of anything. They always run out of things like toilet paper, they only give us one roll a week.
14. Stop sending surveys and actually help inmates! Give old people jobs.
15. Staff and officers get away with not following the rules when it comes down to incarcerated people being treated fair. Also, you might not get this survey either—sometimes the mail "goes missing" is what they say—but it's worth a try.
16. This place is a joke. I am writing to transfer and it seems to take months to get anything done. THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN!!!
17. People from the outside need to come to see this place, how its run!
18. I've got 18 months and they won't give me a job or school
19. This facility (Danville) needs to be monitored closely. The only time they try to fix anything is when visitors from springfield come. Other than that, they are inconsistent, careless, reckless, abusive, and disrespectful with everything they do.
20. It takes way too long to receive our mail and emails on the tablet. The mail sometimes takes 2-3 weeks for us to get and emails 7-15 days. Commissary has had next to nothing for the past year. We can't buy clothes and most times they don't even sell a toothbrush. We can't buy art supplies.
21. Staff tells other inmates which inmates have sex cases and they treat you like shit. The inmates who have sex cases are denied jobs, programs, and are treated like crap.
22. Please help people with sex cases get jobs
23. The prison staff should reflect prison population. There should be 33% white, 33% Latino, 33% Black staff. This will automatically modify racism-laced antics and motivations. Especially at commissary, it is used as a bullwhip and to discriminate. Similarly situated must be treated similarly. Racism is thick in Danville, it is the core of

- all wrongdoing by staff. When prisoners are accused of wrongdoing, disciplinary sanctions are imposed. When staff do wrong, so what! This should STOP!!!
24. Rules are never consistent. Commissary is horrible, on average \$50 in food only is available. Getting in school is impossible if you have over 5 years left. C/O's don't respect prisoners, I've been called a lowlife bitch before by a LT.
 25. I feel like everyone should get paper and 5 envelopes when they first get here
 26. Pray for change. 1. In community 2. In schools 3. In prisons 4. In courtrooms 5. In law books. Pray for change.
 27. Society has created a system that's thriving off of people's mishaps. When you enter IDOC, you're here as a punishment, with the intent of rehabilitation and upon finishing your sentence—"restored citizenship rights." That is not happening, that is a myth. It's 1900 people in Danville C.C., only 300-350 people have access to programming. 1,000(+) offenders are at risk for re-offending because IDOC is not offering resources that reach everyone. And the prison environment is not conducive for positive transitioning. We're warehousing people and keeping people locked up without offering adequate treatment. We need parole board, more re-entry programs, work release, social workers, equality in these administrative offices. A majority of the time, when hearing tickets, there's white officers conducting these hearings. Most counselors have been officers. We need to speed up the grievance process as well. The COVID pandemic exposed the administration in these prison institutions, people were sick and died because of a late response and was bringing the virus to the workplace. We have glasses mounted in the visitor room which became a hearing and language barrier for visitors, but staff comes in touching our mail, in our cells, etc. "IDOC is failing it's incarcerated population (period), and knowingly."
 28. Do anything you can to stop this madness. We are treated worse than dogs. Animals are treated more humanely than humans now. Where's the irony in that?
 29. Finally something for us to explain our housing in this horrible joint. Thanks you for your time.
 30. Staff needs to be more aware of how they talk to family of individuals in custody. They are not respectful, always dismissive, rude when family ask questions they truly don't know answers for. Staff are not helpful. They twist the rules to apply to their reasoning.
 31. New leadership at D.C.C. Improve mental and physical healthcare. Improve living conditions, including renovation due to seeable structural damage. Improve kosher diets. Improve treatment by staff, verbally and mentally.
 32. Currently, there are issues with staff refusing to wear masks while working in prison. Money is being deducted from trust fund accounts, but not getting sent out. Commissary is still very sparce, they even run out of items before shopping all housing units.
 33. All the staff are fucking each other during work hours. They don't give a fuck about us, they don't try to help us. We ask questions or are in need of assistance and they tell us to fuck off. They don't have consideration for no one who has an inmate uniform on, and they treat us as if we killed their puppy. It's inhumane how the staff (all the staff) treat us here at Danville CC. Springfield needs to do a thorough review here and not just a fucking walk-through. They should interact with the individual and ask questions,

I guarantee the tea will spill. Also, getting guys where they need to go, such as rehabilitation facilities, work release, EDSC. What the fuck is the whole point of staying out of trouble if good time is not credited? Please help me understand, I'm a fucking slow fuck. And even though we are put in for good time, we get denied by Springfield because of some shit that does not make any sense. So clearly, Danville does not want us to leave. In conclusion, Danville should be taken out and shot, they treat people unfairly and they should give us what is entitled to us.

34. Please take this survey seriously, I answered honestly and truthfully. I'm going to write you as while I have more to say.
35. All the staff is worse each other during work hours, they don't care about us, they don't try to help us. We ask questions or are in need of assistance and they tell us to fuck us. They don't have consideration for no one. It's inhumane how the staff (ALL the staff) treat us here at Danville CC. I think springfield needs to do a thorough review here and NOT just a walk through. They should interact with the individual and ask questions. I guarantee getting guys where they need to go, such as rehabilitation facilities, work release, EDSC. Clearly, Danville does not want us to leave. I hope you do something about this. Thank you and God bless you.
36. If this survey is not going to help us, it's bullshit. We need school.
37. The prison is about self and the C/O doesnt do anything but put people down!
38. The counselors are useless when it comes to getting things done because most are ex-staff members and it's frustrating when the administrative review board signs off on this crazy behavior
39. God bless us all. Keep concerns of life going.
40. To improve the food in dietary, also improve commissary. When there is low staff, to still run yard. To get A/C in the cells when it is too hot outside. Get bigger and better meals on Thanksgiving and also on Christmas. Get a bigger and better Christmas bag. Improve the school and programs for people that have been waiting for a long time.
41. Despite Danville Correctional's imperfections, I believe that one of the most unattractive of the institution of Danville has been it's traditional policy of racial inequality. Discrimination to my belief, their racial self-consciousness, and characteristic pattern of ways of doing things. They need to redirect their way of thinking and doing things, acknowledging their own faults of behavior.
42. When the fuck are we gonna treat COVID like the basic flu that it has become? Why do they take so long to process e-mails?
43. Internal affairs has far too much power in this prison
44. I would like that they considered my good behavior and give me some good time, for me or for anybody that hasn't had not only one ticket.
45. This prison is about divide and conquer. Do for the many what they will do for the few.
46. My comment is about the counselors. The counselors never make a good job, we are ignored many times when we have some question about our situation. Thank you and have a good day
47. Danville is great at being consistent on being inconsistent! There needs to be a lot of fixing done to even begin improvement! When Springfield visits, they are only allowed to go into certain areas, to only be having the sheets pulled over their eyes and not

really see what's going on behind the scenes. A shutdown and complete restaff is in order, even the administration i.e. the warden.

48. Thank you for seeking our opinion. Not everything is bad here, some people need this place, but they have no reason to grow because of their cultural influences.
49. They need to remove the glass from the in-person visiting room, because what sense does it make to have our loved ones to have their shots and we have ours, if we're talking through glass. And come up with a better way to stop all the fights over the phones. And how individuals are able to have many other PIN numbers to use to have more time on the phones. I.A. is not doing a great job but listening to lies on who's fighting and the individuals have cell phones. I hope this helps.
50. It seems like none of the people that get good time are able to get any, and the jobs and school are full of people at 85% that don't get good time. I am here on a drug charge and can't even get into substance abuse class. I've been here 6 months and still nothing. I am at 50% but not a single day of good time.
51. There is a long wait for most services: healthcare, education, and mental health, recreational, and reentry. Certain cases are unable to hold jobs and opportunities to prepare for their future.
52. I hope this survey really makes Danville better, because as of right now, it is just a mess and stressful. I have never been to a prison more messed up than this prison. Please make this prison better!
53. On the questions, we should be able to write comments also on questions. Also, lots of C/Os here need to go to communication classes. Thank you, hope you address these problems here. Help life.
54. Danville CC is the worst run prison, from a guy who's been to Menard, Pinckneyville, Pontiac seg, **[TWO ADDITIONAL PRISONS REDACTED]**. I'd be better back in max than here. Staff is over lazy, need to do their job.
55. Hopefully you can help better this prison
56. I know that the way this institution is being run, it's fair in anyways, and I feel the way that the staff talk to and treat people is truly inhumane. Thank you and have a great day, but something really needs to be done about Danville Correctional Center and its staff/employees.
57. Danville has a reentry wing of IIC who are serving less than 12 months. However, the IIC choose and select who they want to be on the wing. The school is terrible because the ABE/GED teachers miss way too many days and will drop a person for a lack of improvement. How can we learn if they aren't there?
58. Na
59. Thank you for what you are doing. God bless you.
60. Fire 95% of the staff, they treat us like shit!
61. Change is hard. It happens gradually. I hope the information collected from this survey can be used to highlight and encourage all parties to improve the carceral system in Danville and beyond. Problems are not only due to staff. Inmates are to blame for many problems. Staff can become numb to dealing with idiots day after day. Everyone needs to be diplomatic in expressing needs and concerns. I hope and believe

standards can and will get better for both staff and inmates. Thank you for all the work you do for improving incarceration standards.

62. We need help!
63. This is the worst time I've done. Not cause of the place, this is innovation island with more opportunity than anywhere, but the staff doesn't believe in rehabilitation. Therefore, trigger guys into emotional reactions to say "I told you." More training is needed, but honestly, new recruits who never new the old way of warehousing and breaking men.
64. For years now, I've tried getting a job working in maintenance. Despite having over 20 years experience as **[JOB REDACTED]**, and several years in other maintenance jobs, I am passed over for people who have never even held a hammer, only because of my charges. I was told by a maintenance worker that the first thing the supervisors do is call IA and ask what you're locked up for. I know of only 2 jobs in the entire camp that hire sex offenders, LTS and dietary. Both jobs are way too hot for me to work in the summer due to a past heat stroke, because neither the gym nor dietary have air conditioning. Also, the grievance system here doesn't work. I filed a grievance on healthcare in January and still haven't gotten a response. I filed a 2nd grievance on the lack of response and haven't gotten a response. Please help!
65. Cell doors are open at all times because staff are too lazy to do their jobs. You have to constantly be on guard for your property and protection of your body. IA is also the ones who these gang members manipulate to get what they want, cell moves of people they don't like according to their cases, or jobs for them and their boys, even for the ones coming out of disciplinary restrictions. They (legislation) passed the Safe-T act last year and were supposed to create more jobs, but in Danville they reduced jobs. They also let people keep their jobs forever if their IA rats restricting others from receiving a job and getting good time. There is no way for people with certain crimes to get jobs (sex), so how are they supposed to take part in a rehabilitation process? Lastly, Danville has the most education programs, but won't offer the mental health programs (sex) for people to earn good time.
66. The grievance system is useless. The counselors will call the individual you're grieving to ask him or her if they did it. Of course they say no, they push it to the warden and she seals the deal by concurring. They don't fix or change anything you're grieving.
67. You need to send some people here for a year to work with the staff for a year or two just to see how they treat the inmates
68. Can they please take away the plexiglass from the visiting room, since only people that are vaccinated can come and visit, people that are vaccinated. And stop scheduling visits 2 weeks ahead. Things change in a couple of days, just allow it to run whenever they decide to come without scheduling. And give us our 4 hour visit. To give us showers every time we leave rec and not make us wait 2 to 3 hours until we come out of our cells.
69. The prisons should provide more hygiene when needed, and toilet brushes. Also wash clothes every month, and tooth brushes every two weeks. Thick mattresses as well!!!
70. God bless this place

71. This prison is run so messed up that it is one big joke. Out of all the prisons I've been in since my [30+] straight years in, this prison is run the worst. Nothing they run runs like it should, it's always the opposite.
72. Also, the dietary supervisor, [NAME REDACTED], should be fired. The doctor, [NAME REDACTED], should be in a cell and not working as a doctor, he has criminal records.
73. The staff steal our inmate trust fund money. There are not enough seats for even basic education. If a guy has 10 years vs a guy with 5 years, the guy with 10 years gets denied access to education. I've been waiting since 2019 for the construction program, but guys who put in after me have already taken it. It's a buddy system. The food is terrible, no fresh fruits or veggies on a regular basis. We thank you for your concern, we only hope you all actually take action.
74. The director needs to implement 6 month to a year on non violent individuals in custody due to a lack of job assignments and school. It shouldn't be based on having an assignment or not, the same for school.
75. Why all these surveys year after year and nothing is actually being done to improve the quality of life for those who are incarcerated.
76. N/A
77. The officers are extremely confrontational and call us n****rs and some of them have white supremacist tattoos. We only go to commissary once a month. If we accidentally step on the grass, they make us go back to the house and miss yard. I also have developed skin problems since I've been here.
78. Send the FBI, ASAP, to Danville. This place is family run and you can't get nothing done at Danville. It's like they do not want to see anyone go home. No help at all, please help.
79. Actions speak louder than words
80. That all incarcerated should be able to get good time, 85% and 100% as well, and no matter what the case is.
81. N/A
82. The average inmate spends his time just waiting for the next chance at a 20 minute phone call, and if they have any kind of intelligence, hope they can avoid a fight over it. For most who have 2 years left, and can't get into school or get a job, there's nothing else to occupy their mind in any kind of meaningful way.
83. The problems here in this prison are all easily solved and fixed, but the staff here are extremely lazy.
84. They write tickets way more than I think they should.
85. I truly believe commissary needs to be improved. We are forced to buy more items that we don't want than the items we desire to have.
86. I was raped here in Danville CC and IA and staff were shocked that it happened here. I tried to get protective custody and was laughed at and was told it was all in my head, that I was thinking about it too much. I have had [20+] cellies in 3 years of being here.
87. I've signed up for every class or program but haven't gotten put in any of them, so got denied any good time even though I haven't even gotten a verbal warning, so good behavior doesn't apply.

88. Bad timing—just my 3rd day but I feel already situated. I'm concerned about my inhalers. but I'm sure I'll get them soon. Not started any programming yet, but looking forward to it.
89. This year, 2022, was the enactment of the resentencing initiative law (senate bill 2129) and it's been 7 months since this law came into effect. If possible, could we get help in getting an update on when the expansion of types of cases eligible for review will take place, because we haven't heard anything lately and we are waiting for the next phase.
90. For long-time offenders to be given the same opportunity as a short-time offender to go home and not have to wait for five years because he or she has too much time to participate in programs to go home and releasing short time offenders.
91. Visiting room max hours used to be 28 per month. They are now 7 1/2 hours per month with a barrier on the table and, many times, no food or drinks in the machines to be purchased.
92. I hope something is done
93. I would like for all of us to be treated fairly, and for everyone to get the same amount of dayroom. People/inmates think they run this system. When all they are is pieces of shit. That's why they come back every other year, cause they have it sweet!
94. The inconsistency is a mental and emotional struggle, because I can't have a set schedule. Milk's been spoiled, fruit, salads, and all are old. Commissary barely has 30-40 dollars worth of food, which we only go to once a month. CO's aren't properly trained to deal with mental health. Food isn't being given to those who need it/deserve it. Over cooked.
95. I have been threatened by Sgt. **[NAME REDACTED]** on more than one occasion. I filed grievances on this and nothing happened. I've been in prison for almost 45 years. This is the worst one yet. They know how to act when outside people are here.
96. Someone from your office or springfield needs to come here in person and really speak to inmates face to face so they can find out what really goes on in Danville and how we don't receive or get what we are supposed to, especially with yard and gym
97. This is a great survey and I really appreciate all of you for taking us into consideration. God Bless!!!
98. I have been here almost 6 months with no lower dentures, they have lost my **[MEDICATION REDACTED]** that I have been taking for 2 straight weeks, and my psychotropic meds. **[MEDICATON REDACTED]** and then **[MEDICATION REDACTED]** for over a week, two separate times for over a week—
incomprehensible—law suit. They have been trying to kill me with medical mistakes, one after the other, no eye doctor for almost 6 months as well. I am almost blind and leave in two months. Unbelievable.
99. Would like to see commissary sell the following items: metamucil, milk, fruit and vegetables, variety of vitamins, and health/protein bars.
100. This facility could be better if they accepted people with 5 years or less, so the programs they do have can take hold. I've been incarcerated over 20 years and I have 3 years to go. I'm restricted on jobs due to my case per Internal Affairs. I'd like to work industry or maintenance to learn a trade, but I can't. I'm being judged by the content of my file, not the content of my character. That same judgement applies when your out

date comes because that determines how much help you'll get from field service. They'd rather violate you than help you get to your loved ones. If you have someone (family) who'll take you in and are willing to help you be productive, 100% of the time your site will not be approved and the facility WILL NOT find a transition site for you! The dietary needs to get rid of **[NAME REDACTED]**. She eats all the food, she CAN'T cook, the inmate workers don't like her, and she messes up the food for the population, her hygiene is poor, her attitude is worst. The administration, Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** & **[NAME REDACTED]**, they don't like talking to inmates, they lie, abuse their authority, and encourage staff to be rude, disrespectful, and hostile towards inmates. Commissary needs to be run weekly and needs to be fully stocked. Inmates have money to spend, yet the commissary can't get stock. Inmate funds are supposed to keep commissary full, yet we can't get simple things like a toothbrush, chips, or noodles. We do what we have to just to get by. The administration doesn't care about our issues. Field service doesn't help us when our out date comes. Commissary is only issues fully to certain houses. Dietary is roach-infested, dirty, the food is nasty or uncooked or overcooked. The counselors are rude, some of the staff is racist and anti-gay.

101. Personally, I am tired of these survey questions that are asked, because nothing is done about the things that are being complained about. Please tell us inmates what we need to do to be treated right, I am going to have my mother to call, because I want to know.
102. Phone calls are 20 minutes, we come out for 2 hours. Every shift, with 8 phones, that is enough time for only 48 people to make calls, and that is if we come out on time for our recreational time and everyone gets through on the first dial. We need more phones. Maybe put the phone on the tablets, that would help a lot. And for the emails, to not take 2-3 weeks to receive, that is ridiculous. Probably sending mail through postage would be faster than technology???
103. I feel like this will help us get things going around here. We thank you if y'all will help us.
104. Pray something is done for the future
105. Danville CC, the warden, and the clinical service have all told us "we run this place, we don't care what Springfield says." And they don't, they do what they want, and they let it be known. The state should use undercover people to come in for a few months to see for themselves how we are treated and fed. Hope this is not filled out in vain.
106. Commissary is extremely limited due to lack of stocking. Depending on which correctional counselor you have, it is rare you get any results.
107. Staff hinders inmates' grievance process down here. They hold jobs and assignments over inmates' heads. They never run yard, gym, commissary, etc. efficiently enough.
108. Please, help make change. They don't care about us, just a pay check.
109. When people have issues with their cellmates, they ignore their concerns for separation...and let them fight it out. Always saying "you need to write him, her, him, her, movement, placement, IA, warden..." No officer is responsible unless it fits their narrative. Then they say "you should've brought it to your wing officer." I won't say all officers and personnel are bad, because they don't agree with each other a lot. But the

- inmates are the ones who receive the dehumanizing behavior, like the dog that's always getting kicked by its drunk owner.
110. I'm currently in Danville CC segregation. I'm also refusing housing due to unfair conditions in this facility. I've been on transfer since **[DATE REDACTED]** and they refuse to let me leave...I've been threatened by staff and warden because I refuse to come out of segregation. I fear for my safety and well being from administration and staff. They've already created false charges and placed me in seg. The administration is retaliating against me for writing a grievance on the chief administrative officer warden (**[NAME REDACTED]**) and internal affairs C/O **[NAME REDACTED]**. I've written a grievance (**[DATE REDACTED]**) on staff and the adjustment committee hearing board and my grievance disappeared. Every time I ask the counselor about it, he gives me a different excuse, every week. It's to the point now, he won't even respond. I've had my family call Springfield and the only response we got was my claim is unsubstantiated. So what's left to do? But I'm not coming out of segregation until they transfer me. Someone needs to just come to this institution and interview the inmates in confinement/segregation.
111. Well, you have some cool stuff that's good, with helping people, and you could talk to. And you have some staff that really do not care for people, like Sgt. **[NAME REDACTED]** and Sgt. **[NAME REDACTED]**. They're the worst people to try to get help from, everything with them you're 100% going to seg for over 14 days.
112. N/A
113. Food/kitchen supervisors should not be able to turn away trucks with donated food. Also, we need a real, on-site psych doctor, not a "telepsych."
114. We need an electronic grievance system to ensure ALL grievances are counted. Too often my grievance are "lost, destroyed" until my timeframe has expired. Then no matter what I grieve, I'm in too late, so it doesn't matter
115. Are we going to see the results after completing this survey?
116. I wish that we could have better food and go to the store and buy better thing to have for our money that we make
117. Medical is very bad please read documents
118. I like this survey and think we should do it more often. Hopefully someone will follow up on these prisons (Danville). They are understaffed and rude. They should close down Danville not only because of the staff disrespecting us but being unable to get the program that we require that is here but they not giving unless you have a lot of time left. The good jobs for good time are occupied by people who can't get it.
119. See attached document
120. 1. We need these surveys more often 2. We need people to follow up on the information these surveys provide 3.
121. I have never seen a prison with no communication within each other from staff to staff
122. Neutral answers = depending on situation
123. Respect from staff they treat us like shit and think that we should respect them LOL
124. I've fully understood since I've served time here at Danville C.C. It's being run unfairly in every way there is, and I totally feel that a more respectful way the staff should talk to people and a much more respectful way to treat people (humanely)

125. There has been no barbershop for almost three months. We have only been going to the commissary once a month.
126. Things are getting better
127. Wish something would improve after one of these
128. This survey is helpful! someone cares
129. None thank you
130. Overall Danville is a good prison, I feel safe here. No place I'm sure is perfect, but this prison has too many staff members with their own rules that Confuse inmates were never know what will get us into trouble with any given C/O
131. I'm aware about I.D.O.C., but if theres an organization that investigates Official Misconduct by Circuit Courts, Please have them look into the injustice, and conviction by any means at the Kankakee County Criminal Court, Kankakee Illinois. You'll be surprise of the wrongful convictions
132. The prison system should be geared towards Rehabilitation, not to be used as a warehouse for human beings. We need more programs and also more qualified and certified individuals to run the programs. That way everyone would be able to receive the full benefits of what the program has to offer.
133. I have never been in trouble. My circumstances are sad and have hope for me and my family in the future. This survey and what you do gives me hope that there is someone out there watching out for injustice in the prison system. There are things they could do better like keep people who try away or separate from those who don't. I was happy to fill out the survey and would be happy to do more. I hope to do more and work in the system when I am released. **[WEBSITE REDACTED]** I believe the art should be promoted and in the prison system to foster educational skills, as well as mental and behavioral needs to inmates. I have helped grant programs and have helped develop these types of programs for 15+ years privately and publicly. Danville CC is a place that I believe could do that it just needs the right resources and attitude to make it happen. I'll be attending their college programs and will be working hard to do that. Thank you for your efforts.
134. Just to no that every inmate doesn't want to go back out the same way they came in so there should be more overall help to better inmates to help with Release and to gain Knowledge to situations about self and life and to just build us into better men there is plenty of changes to be made in here but the best way is to start at the Root of the problem and to me that would be consistency.
135. thank you for any help you can provide in improvements for those of us that have to be here.
136. As long as someone profits from my addiction, and refuses to help because of Job Security, Incarcerated population Grows and the divide of us and them becomes more and more dangerous, Legalize and decriminalize Drugs, Safe places to do them means Nobody Dies from Fentanyl! If The war on Drugs Funds the Courts, Cops, Attorneys But imprisoned the population who wins? Capital crime is Capital Crime. Drug use is Drug use. They are apples and oranges yet we get time that takes our lives away. Thats not Justice. Its Cruel.

137. The place can be better but the staff and administration don't care they are racist, rude and unapproachable.
138. Dental care extremely poor
139. I HAVE LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON, NOTHING ILLEGAL IS GOOD.
140. I hope this is helpful.
141. They dont care about us as people there are no consequences for staff. There is no schooling for people with a lot of time. ALWAYS SHORT OF STAFF! Which leads to cancelation of Gym, yard, and video visits. Commissary has been messed up. There are hardly any ITEMS for purchase. For 30 days which is impossible when most of the Items are junk food they do not feed us enough.
142. Thank you for caring.
143. need Better food in Dietary, more food in commissary, and more Gym and yard, and Time out of your cell
144. Illinois have to many prisons all they are used for is to get money
145. Wiring sucks. Plumbing sucks. Cable sucks. C/o's suck. Need more time outside. (Yard) Food. Don't mix our Food. Allow us to do that.
146. We're only given an average of 5 minutes to eat for each meal. This is too short a time, especially when the food is too hot to eat right away. It's definitely not the best food, but for some of us it's the only food we get; to have to throw it away because we're out of time is not only wasteful, it means some of us continue to go on being hungry.
147. help
148. The commissary is the worst, we haven't been able to buy tooth paste for 3 months, no tooth brushes or soap. Clothing and sheet exchange is a joke. Haven't had new sheets since ive been here (30 months) They tell us if we have decent sheets & pillow cases to keep them, because they dont have new sheets or pillow cases.
149. Nothing
150. This Place Is horrible No Good time. Takes forever to get in school and programs. Commissary sucks some staff sucks
151. 1. COMMISSARY COULD BE BETTER. 2. DIETARY NEEDS IMPROVEMENT. 3. COVID-19 RESPONSE MUST IMPROVE AS WELL AS PREVENTION METHODS. 4. HANDLING OF VACCINATED VISITS
152. Prison's make poor people's lives pure Hell!!! When Released I will be psychologically damaged!!!
153. 95% OF THIS PRISONS VIOLENCE STEM FROM THE PHONES NOT ENOUGH PHONES NOR PHONE TIMES. THE FOOD IS OLD AND UNDERCOOK.
154. These matters should be looked into
155. I think this joint is run by the snitches who the police like and that for people can't get jobs
156. Por que no mandan los cuestionares en espanol o ingles. Pora asi poder responder con erteza sus preguntatas, quisierarnos tener interprete. En cualquier lugar que se necesita con el consejero, con el doctor, etc. No siempre somos atendidos correctamente, porque no sabemos expresarnos de igual manera hay muchas preterencias para las personas morenas y para los internos que son güeros. Nota: Aunque escribirles a ustedes no hara una mejoria en nada tanto con los oficiales que

muestran un poco de racismo o que haya una mejoría en la comisaría porque siempre es lo mismo en vez de mejoras siempre se empeoran las cosas pero gracias por su atención. Dios los Bendiga. [Translated from Spanish: Why don't you send the questionnaires in Spanish or English? So we can answer your questions with certainty, we would like to have an interpreter. In any place where we need to communicate with a counselor, doctor, etc., we are not always attended to properly because we don't know how to express ourselves in the same way. There are many preferences for darker-skinned people and for light-skinned inmates. Note: Even writing to you will not make a difference at all, both with officials who show a bit of racism or with improvements in the commissary, things are always the same instead of getting better, but thank you for your attention. May God bless you.]

157. I've been incarcerated since **[DATE REDACTED]**, at the age of 25. i spent **[10+]** years at Tamms Supermax, from **[DATES REDACTED]**. Arrived at danville C.C. **[5+ years ago]** and has not yet been called for School. I'm constantly told, to this day, That I'm on a wait list. The same for a Job. (only **[NUMBER REDACTED]** minor disciplinary Reports) That aside, my record of behavior is impeccable. Earned good time is being Handed out like Candy Here if you are going to school, working, Bible college, etc. etc. All i want is to be released as soon as possible and Returned To my Family a changed man.
158. Additional phones and kiosks are needed on all units. There are way too many prisoners on a giving unit and do not enough phones and kiosks for prisoners to communicate with families and loved ones. If IDOC'S goal is to promote better ties between prisoners and their families then this must be looked at.
159. The way you're treated by staff and particularly access to jobs and programming all depends on who you know here. If you're not in the "in crowd" you really have no chance. Also internal affairs has too much discretion to deny you a job when everyone else has voted you eligible for any given position. There's nothing fair about a process thats supposed to be impartial when I/A can veto you getting a job whenever and for whatever reason they feel.
160. I hope it really helps. Almost often/really in every correctional facility inmates are treated with no regard to human life.
161. nothing in this prison is good same people got Jobs 3 jobs at a time its hard to get a job or even get into school the Co's have there pets and thats who get treated like humans
162. Not having to write multiple requests dealing with American Disability Act A.D.A—Hearing Impaired. The MM call watch's malfunctioning two years and I am still told that the issue is being investigated. Suggestion—get new watches!
163. Ask specifics about staff treatments, like food supervisors and CO's allowing inmates to have less or extra food based on if they like you. Ask about treatment during shakedowns, or late shop favorites. Ask about the counselors treatment. None of these counselors do their JOBS. I put in a transfer in **[MONTH REDACTED]** of last year. And after inquiring about this once a week until a few days ago. After being spun that whole time. I find out I was never put in and counselor **[NAME REDACTED]**,

- [NAME REDACTED]**, etc...Never put me in for transfer at all. Disrespectful & unacceptable now that **[ILLEGIBLE]**.
164. The commissary could be better with healthier options to eat and drink not make-up and lipstick. We should be able to buy safe cleaning supplies. We should be able to receive care packages from our families. The people who are eligible to receive good-time should have more and better options not stuck on a 2-year waiting list because they're on the new. More programs your family can volunteer in.
 165. If you are deny transfer at Danville Corr. Center, you have to wait 3 years before resubmitting a transfer form. That's Wrong! It should be every 6 months if you are deny transfer the first time. Then 6 months late resubmit again. That is fair.
 166. C/o's have their favorites, overcrowding in gym/yard. Too many wings go at once, thats how Covid spreads as well.
 167. On **[DATE REDACTED]** I wrote a grievance on two inmates that were hassling me and threatened by both. A C/o locked them down in their cells and Lt. **[NAME REDACTED]** through me in segregation and kept the same inmates a.k.a gang members working like nothing happened. Accept that I went to segregation. Danville Corr. Center 3320 E. Main st. Danville IL 61840 **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
 168. God Bless Danville Correctional Center And Us All!
 169. Man these jumpsuits in this prison is and will always will be a horrible decision they have made.
 170. Again, the warden/counselors play favoritism. Example I have a battery charge, and was denied work release by the warden but she approved 2 guys with 1st degree murder because they were her peer educators for the building block wing which makes her look good! That's bullshit! I've been here 4 years and have'nt been in any trouble to be denied! Everyone cant be a peer educator nor work the clinical service/Major's office! I asked for a transfer while **[family member was ill]** and the warden said "fuck him" and my family! Now he's dead! I've served **[20+]** years and the warden wouldn't approve me for work release to see my **[family member]** one last time!? Look up any inmate with the most violent crime that was approved by Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** for work release and ask them where they worked at her in Danville!
 171. Help! If the world could see how we really live.
 172. I have been lock up here at Danville C.C. IL and this place is one of the worst prison I ever been in. The warden do a good job covering up all the mess up stuff that goes on here. They are stealing money from Inmates trust funds to pay bills and do other thing in prison...I have sent check out to my family and its have bounce at the bank my family cash it at...also I have sent money out to my family and my family never gets it until 6 mos later. I ask staff here why It take so long for them to send checks out. An I was told they RAN out of check paper or our checks are not cashing for some reason or another...I think someone need to check this place out undercoverly Because It's a lot of stuff going on down here and the officers are tell us to do something or Deal with ...
 173. survey good...commissary sucks in Danville. Ask anyone. We barely go 2 commissary. And when we do go, they dont have a lot of stuff.
 174. I really hope you all receive this survey and it's useful im helping this circumstance

175. This place (IDOC in general) is not correcting or rehabilitating us. It is a revolving door, we are job security and I.D.O.C is a business.
176. Could have better healthcare, and people that are able to help us out It takes a long time to see a doctor and to get your results back it has been over two months I still haven't gotten mine back.
177. Medical treatment is really bad, because they thing when peoples are able to walk is good enough for the doctor and medical staff so they don't care about any other problem. And most of the time select Peoples who can work or they be able to get in school because not everyone is good enough for the staff or the education peoples so they pick only the people who are friend with them, or who ever other inmates pick. Thank you and all this is true.
178. This is the worst prison I have been in with regards to the fact as to how they treat anyone who has a sex offence. I have been in maximum security prisons. And they don't treat sex offenders as bad as this prison.
179. Danville warden does not do anything and internal affairs runs this institution and that's very poorly and very unprofessional
180. Hopefully change can come to the prison
181. N/A
182. This prison do not treat you fair with anything most of the things we do we always go to seg. We do not have any say so with anything because in there eyes were always wrong or we are telling a lie and that is not fair at all.
183. I know they say dont write your name but I want you to know my story I was brutally attacked **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]** I was attacked for being gay but some how the aggressor is the victim he is twice my size all muscle gang member but he was able to say I came on to him so thats why he beat the shit outta me and everyone is okay with that response I get a ticket & thrown in seg but he's asked is he okay and it's one big Joke I fear for my safety everyday now I say can I just go to protective custody Im told well here thats seg so youll just sit in seg till you go home if you wont to go to P.C. so is that what you want so I was forced to say no if anyone can help me my name is **[NAME REDACTED]** 3820 E. Main Street Danville IL 61834
184. Overall this is the worst run prison I have ever been in.
185. I have not gotten no programing or education which I have a law suit for and im at very high risk to come back I have been in and out since I been a kid and I did not receive any programs to better my life or education now im going home in 60 days with no new life skills **[NAME REDACTED]**
186. Structure, favoritism, & case bias is rampant. Commissary is unpredictable w/ prices & items. Guards to lieutenants to majors have favorites & not being their perfect color, case, pet you will be treated like skum and commissary officers allow inmates to skrew you on purpose to cellies to life will be upside down almost unlivable because of staff bias which leads inmates to follow how the staff acts. Food supervisors & CO's let workers give their friends extra food and they will allow inmates to short people they don't like to try to starve them, & allow inmates to cook however they want so the food is unrecognizable from the menu or salty. I've been to prison 5 plus years here and EVERYTHING from living to commissary, placement, to staff, to the food is going

- downhill each year. Nothing is getting better just worse. They enforce no rules, no structure. I feel money is getting embezzled from Commissary to Funding & From new equipment in gym!
187. To be trusted for better jobs. I've been in prison for 9 years with no tickets and I've never been in trouble. But I can't get a industry job because I have too much time. I've held a job for 2 years at another prison with no trouble. I was transferred and now I have to start over.
188. WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF THE WARDEN AND MAJORS TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS ISSUES WITHIN THE INSTITUTION
189. I wanted to get a job but was ignored. wanted to go to school ignored. Wanted teeth cleaned, ignored I wanted to do a lot here, but was ignored so gave up on the job, school
190. Train staff to watch for bogus people out these cells charge them with proper tickets and bring sex treatment to all IL prisons, and stop Inmates from deciding what programs prison should have all programs should be ran by certified peoples not inmates
191. I think that people from the outside need to come and evaluate this prison itself at danville c/c I think that they should place an individual in prison as a person undercover to see and learn what really happens! So that way they have a spy system to learn intelligence on the entire prison staff and system!
192. Shut this joint down.
193. If John Howard Ass. is truly for prisoners, why don't you come unless something is really going wrong. Why not have a place in the prison due to as an advocate can really see how staff and other things are been ran. Fight for an area in the prison so our needs could be met.
194. This prison need to be investigated. It's not right at all. Help Please
195. I hope that all the information that is being put into this survey by all of the individuals in custody is taken serious and properly acted upon. In regards to the betterment of prison life overall! Need sex offender counseling provided at this facility. Is a major need! but not provided here
196. This prison is bad at giving good conduct credits to the people that earn them.
197. I truly felt that educational programs impart the most significant life change. I feel that every individual imprisoned should have a job assignment half of the day and then in some type of educational class the other half. I feel that allowing individuals, to vegetate in their cells, is counterproductive to the concept of modifying behaviors that put us in these prisons to begin with. The term "corrections" Becomes antithetical without actually changing the attitudes and behaviors that have been instilled in the offenders previously.
198. none
199. The staff here care more about discipline than actually trying to help individuals here. This is the only prison that has jumpsuits and dayroom restriction. That does not help us make better decisions. Offer more classes
200. This prison is the most inconsistent place I've ever been. The rules change every day and individuals find little to no relief in the unjust treatment of staff. This place is

volatile because even though its not dangerous per se the constant friction from staff can make it dangerous. Individuals are fed up and frustrated beyond measure. I've been down here 6 years and it has progressively gotten worse

201. This prison has mentally drained me of joy and motivation it needs to be carefully examined by higher springfield representatives
202. There is not enough time in a day in which one can list what disarray that exists within the walls of Danville correctional center. I can only say that this prison (DCC) need to be fully investigated internally by an nonpartial agency. A.S.A.P. After the killing of an individual in custody around July-August 2019 by C/O **[NAME REDACTED]**—now Lt. **[NAME REDACTED]** I fear each moment for my life as a black man being housed at DCC.
203. That the officers should be evaluated every six months and those that are found to be not professional or breaking rules should be subject to fine/suspension/ Also the grievance process be approved by a separate system that is neutral and not bias; meaning they should bring someone from the outside to hear and judge on the grievance because right now the process is Officer **[NAME REDACTED]**/need (unbias) people
204. Unfortunately, this place is run for the people who work here instead of the people who live here. Their commissary & dining room is not only better but it's maintained at all costs
205. This place is hiding grievances and letting the staff do what they want with no one to hold them accountable. WIFI for tablets suck, I need to have a DOJ employee or springfield employee on site at all times
206. I don't know if this survey helps, but it seems lake they only want to keep us incarcerated as much time as they can, what is the reason? Politics? Who knows!
207. The ventilation system harbors and transfers airborne viruses. Dirty and needs to be cleaned. The air we breath gives us life and measure of that quality goes unnoticed while our lungs and system are damaged beyond repair
208. I hope this survey help because we still human being even if we are criminals we need your help!!!
209. N/A
210. No structure here at all. Each guard makes their own rules. Also wont give good time to everyone that has it coming
211. Food menu is often changed, food is over spiced where it cant be eaten, conditions are awful in dining hall when temp is above 80-85. Not enough is done to keep inmates engaged starts at the top Warden on DOWN!
212. STOP being so judgmental, get to know me before judging me. I'm still a human being regardless of my crime speak to me get to know me.
213. THEY NEED TO HAVE MORE VOCATIONAL TRADE PROGRAMS FOR INMATES WHO ARE POORLY EDUCATED, SO THEY WILL BE PRODUCTIVE IN SOCIETY UPON THEIR RELEASE
214. Nothing.

215. I feel that the (JHA) is a JOKE and could do more to help ppl locked up, staff @ this Jail has no regard for the Rules and when grievances are wrote on issue the (ARB) disregard the Rules as well (WE NEED HELP) I have proof of all of this.
216. I came down here short and I wasn't given any good time for staying out of trouble not catching tickets. With my case I should've been released sooner than my out date. I was not given any information for when I get out on Jobs or housing. The counselors don't do anything for you. My security level and my case I shouldve been given a month or 2 good time and kicked out. I have a family to get home to and they don't care. If u come down here and don't have enough time to get a job or in school then you are just stuck. Thats what happened to me. I couldn't do anything but sit around and wait. It messes with you mentally. Sitting in jail doing nothing. Either school or work and I was denied both if that was the case just kick me out early! my security level is low I have a class 4 non violent crime.
217. Healthcare is a huge issue. Personally, I just recently have been having chest pains shortness of breath, etc and have notified them and still have not been seen. I feel that is a serious problem, and I fear for my life. If I do have a serious health issue, I may not know until its too late. It has been a week already since I notified them. They are short staffed in every area, no nurses, and run out of people's medication constantly.
218. Thank you everyone at John Howard for all that you do!! Please fight for Everyone to be able to Earn "good time"!
219. How about working to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences, abolish the "truth in sentencing" guidelines for first-time, non-violent offenders. Use more "ankle-monitoring" devices to help alleviate prison overpopulation. Immediate release of non-violent or minimum security risk inmates whom are over age 50, put them on ankle-monitor systems. Hire more parole officers, get better and/or more mental health workers. Shut down old crumbling prisons that are unhealthy to live in. How about getting more half-way housing for sex offenders, they need places to parole to as well. More prisons to offer sex offender treatment programs. Right now there are only 2 known, Big Muddy & Taylorville. Eliminate the 3 years to Life MSR. No one should have to stay on parole for life, this is the most inhumane of them all. People change & shouldn't be under "surveillance" for the rest of their lives. These sex-offenders laws are out of control! We should all be given a chance to rehabilitate, not just plainly punished!
220. The truth in sentencing act is very negative for the prison community. This act should only be used for habitual offenders and not first time offenders; especially in the cases of sex-offenders. Murderers get less time than someone who makes a one time mistake with a teenager. Truth in sentencing needs to be repealed and re-thought for those who commit capital crimes, or take the lives of others or continuously offend. Please lower the 85% rule, or make it so offenders can receive "good time" at these percentages. Furthermore, why can't state legislators work to release non-violent offenders and first time offenders onto ankle monitor systems, so they can be more productive members of society? Thank you!! I would gladly pay to be on Ankle-monitor parole and work at a job, than to be treated in a facility that is old and broken down.

Let's work on reducing prison population instead of increasing numbers to bill the taxpayers for more money.

221. The phones are a big issue in all the prisons. Adding them to our tablets will alleviate a lot of unnecessary conflict. And has anyone thought about selling us real video games? That's guaranteed to give people an outlet. Just these 2 things alone, will decrease a lot of violence in the prison system. Admittedly, people need to earn these privileges.
222. Look me up **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** and you will see I'm unlawfully incarcerated and the staff here say per information. **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. I'm incarcerated illegally and **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. Now denied M.S.R. to where I was violated for leaving!
223. wardens need to be evaluated frequently because they lack on their duties as wardens
224. Out of all the times I've been locked up, this time been the hardest time. And It's the least amount of time I ever Received. The state is fucked up. House Bill 5-3-6-3 is All one Big LIE! I'm proof of it. My judge told me in court I would be going home, But the state of Illinois doesn't HONOR what the COURTS Sentence me to. My I.D.O.C # **[ID REDACTED]**
225. The phones are the biggest problem in here. Need more.
226. If Placement was actually determined by Age, offense & MSR date like it says in the handbook things would be fair around here. But "favors" are being made for information. This has corrupted the structure—now Model inmates get moved down on the wait list while those who frame others, false witnesses & co-conspirators get bumped to the top of the list. Thats teaching us to lie & use more crime to survive. Not reform & repent. I've personally seen this over & over again. Springfield denied me 6 months "good time" for lack of programming. I'm a first time offender, minimum security level sentenced to **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. Meanwhile another inmate who is a repeat offender sentenced to **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]** was granted 1 year good time from Springfield putting him at two years left and is now doing double contracts earning more time off. We were shipped here together he was sentenced to two years more than I is a repeat offender and will go home before I will. We have used sheets rather than new ones when we get here. I haven't seen one single anti-bacterial soap since I got here (we're in a pandemic). We don't have a dentist. One comes once a month and claims he can't properly do his job because "the chair" is broken. It's been broken as far back as May 2022 that I know of but it could be longer. Nobody has been getting teeth filled in. We all get the same reason "Theres a LONG wait list." But still nobody's teeth have been filled.
227. No matter the comments because staff haven't enough experience or wrong staff respond to there "Mental Health" for themselves. To improve my situation they need to Respect first.
228. Recidivism, in my opinion is due to limited choices of career and work opportunities upon release As well as the general view of prisons upon release. Focus on reentry should be a priority.
229. This prison is being ran into the ground and deserves to be shutdown

230. Can you please give us opportunity to make international calls for our families to different countries. thank you!
231. The officers don't eat the same as we eat. The commissary saved truck shipment for workers in 1 house so by the time it gets to our house there isn't much left. Their supposed to split it to make it even but they don't.
232. This is a good survey
233. Danville facility has been bouncing checks when we send money out to our family.
234. The Prison are not Helping us at All with Nothing in Prison Or on your Release Back out to the world
235. This is the worst run and least organized prison I have experienced in IDOC. The Internal Affairs Dept. has way too much power/say in what goes on here, which causes a lot of problems for the inmates in here. The SAT TV system is unreliable with regular multiple channel signal losses
236. Institute laws that will grant counselors more independence from control and supervision from the warden/alikes
237. Now speaking for myself y'all pass these questionnaire out for the last 10 to 15 years & nothing has change yet so please get it right the poor staff conduct poor medical treatment and please get this education programs in order. Thank you for your ear & your time.
238. To be frank, this is just one big waste of time filling this out. I've been incarcerated for 20 years (since I was **[under 18]**) and your "research" never has led to any difference taken place
239. I believe this prison is misappropriating the finances of individuals in custody's trust funds. Money sent from trust fund to outside love ones tend to either take months to process or the checks "bounce" entirely
240. This facility doesn't honor good time guidelines has all kinds of opportunity for good time but you can't get it. Can't work you have to have a "vote sheet" to work! no you have to stroke staff ego's to "work" instead of work. work out a better system most trouble is over phones "gang phones"
241. Danville need new staff peoples
242. It doesn't make sense why some individuals/inmates have to wait like 5 to 8 years because of there outdates to start any school programs !!!
243. PLEASE HELP
244. The staff here are extremely lazy and no one does the job they suppose to. Internal Affairs only let those get work and school assignment when they become informants on other incarcerated people. Internal Affairs has complete control over every aspect of this Prison and the Warden has no say so in any matters. I truly believe JHA is a joke and does not hold IDOC accountable at all.
245. The staff refuses to assist me in obtaining my out-of-state birth certificate. They do not want me to succeed on the outside, in society. I will not be able to obtain housing, a job, a driver's license, or a state I.D. card. This will be a violation of my mandatory supervised release (MSR). All I need is a simple letter explaining why I am trying to obtain my birth certificate now.

246. I'm given disciplinary citations based on my hearing impairment. Even though my I.D. card is printed "hearing impaired" I'm issued citations, regularly. Staff call us "dummies," "dumb" etc.
247. I know the John Howard Association will do nothing to help incarcerated individuals and this will be covered up
248. it shouldnt take 5 or more months to get a job!
249. these surveys should be sent out monthly until prison life is improved
250. I hope answering this survey bring some real positive changes in Danville prison
251. Clinical services is a joke. I would bet that the average counselor has no training. I know of (2) two that were former guards w/ no formal schooling. Of the 10 or 12 times I have asked for assistance I was contacted once and only after filing a grievance
252. Hire officers that treat inmates as people. One inmate who was sick in infirmary could not take care of himself and an officer would not let other inmates help him. The officer got so frustrated with the inmate that he strangled the inmate killing him. Illinois state police investigated but the other officers and prison covered the crime up! That officer was never tried for murder. Mental health is a problem with a lot of officers as well as inmates and should be checked extensively before hiring them!!!
253. This places sucks and needs to be improved by following ideas above
254. At Danville you must wait 3yrs to transfer
255. It good to have people outside of prisons who care of what is going on in here
256. I have answered many of my questions w/ neutral because there are many things I am not privy for. I try to do my time out of the way of others, mainly because I tend to get into some trouble
257. N/A
258. **[DATE REDACTED]** I felt very "odd." I saw nurse **[NAME REDACTED]** on sick call, I have had **[NUMBER REDACTED]** strokes in the past, had multiple operations, almost died, went through months and months of rehab. **[DATE REDACTED]** I felt the same symptoms prior to a stroke. Nurse **[NAME REDACTED]** did NOT listen to my pleas for help/ She rudely cut me off and advised me to "take ibuprofen and do yoga." 2 days later, **[DATE REDACTED]** I HAD A STROKE!!! I was delirious, could not speak, barely walk, etc. For weeks I tried to get help. I was ignored by Dr. **[NAME REDACTED]**, and the nurses. **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. Yes, I had a stroke and yes I have brain damage from it **[DATE REDACTED]**. I endured crippling headaches and more for 7 months! I have many, many instances where medications were not given for DAYS, I have gone 1 week and longer without my meds quite a few times here. I have gone without my **[MEDICATION REDACTED]** for almost a week, I have written many grievances about health care had "DISAPPEARED!" Poof! gone. Diabetics DO NOT receive proper care information, blood tests to monitor and maintain their diabetes in a healthy manner. Diabetics suffer here daily. Diabetics DO NOT receive proper diets to remain healthy. Officers and dietary supervisors mock and mistreat diabetics here. I have written MANY grievances concerning the diabetics inferior diet and the administration has called me a liar, yet I have proof and MANY witnesses. Nurses regularly administer the WRONG INSULIN or the WRONG AMOUNT to diabetics. Nurses here are extremely unprofessional here, swearing, not paying attention,

gossiping, having "relations" with officers! Missing medications, ignoring symptoms, etc. Hand sanitizer if NOT PROVIDED at Health Care in the waiting room, especially necessary for diabetics that are bleeding from finger stick test. I DON'T WANT AIDS! Healthcare is filthy and the machines are outdated and broken.

259. This place lacks on getting people in custody the things we need to help keep people clean and the staff here care no good at least 90% of them. This is one place you all need to watch
260. I can say a lot of things but I been doing this for 10yr. I dont think this matters NO ONE CARES ANYMORE bout life in prison and some of us is going to get OUT soon and it's a small world
261. No hygiene on commissary, no food, can't get anything done turn in kites for anything job, school, programs, healthcare and never any response, staff are reading grievances and throwing them away
262. I've been to a lot of different prisons but Danville by far has been the worst. It's impossible to get any help from the staff and if you write 20 request slips you'll be lucky to get even 1 reply. STAFF DOES NOT CARE ABOUT US. We are just #'s to them
263. MANDATE masks in prisons by staff because they're the ones bringing in covid.
264. This prison is stealing money from inmates. This prison needs to be under investigation
265. They only care bout money don't have no regard for human life if you are not a officer
266. officers warden and staff as a whole need to improve
267. I hope this help and change things cause if not its a waste
268. I want us inmates to be rehabilitated we aren't all bad mistake just cause we made a bad choice doesn't make us bad people. to give everyone chances I want school, I want drug treatment, I want work, I don't wanna come back give me the tools to be productive
269. hopeful that changes will result
270. I have a class 3 felony. 50% can earn good time, once I complete the program. (got **[SENTENCE REDACTED]**) Had a celly that had a 7 year sentence at 50% and he will be going home before me. Tell me how that works without blowing smoke up my ass!!
271. I believe these wardens or business office are stealing money because they overprice us different from other IDOC facilities more expensive for everything and they underfeed us on dietary on purpose to force us to buy commissary
272. Laws need to change especially the truth in sentence law that doesn't allow us to earn good time. I'm a 1st time offender that received **[20+]** years to which I've done **[NUMBER REDACTED]**. I work & go to school and been out of a max joint for **[5+]** years. I've been on A grade **[5+]** years because max joints are easier to get stupid tickets. I'm doing positive things here such as helping men know about Trauma! Most men have trauma that's never been dealt with and were high or drunk when they committed their crimes. Luckily, a program called C.A.V.E helped me get to the root of why I acted the way I did. I self medicated with drugs & alcohol for some early trauma I have in my life. I'm sorry for the pain I've caused and want to get out & help kids in my community. Hopefully I can steer them in the right path and they don't need to do the time I've done to see things clearly. Till then I'll be here building community helping

- guys be better. Outdate [YEAR REDACTED] I came into prison [YEAR REDACTED]. Never had gotten into any trouble while out. We need to invest in poor communities for better schooling only then can we slow down this money machine of the prison industry. Mass incarceration keeping men as myself warehoused. Peace.
273. This prison is so disorganized and dysfunctional and no communication amongst each other. The programs are rigged for black minorities mostly and people with a few years can't get into schools or behavior classes. Majority of the inmates only care about guns and drug dealing back on the blocks. These inmates criminal mentality are not changing and don't care about the law or law enforcement.
274. As an incarcerated person, who genuinely want to do the right thing in life, my past history usually be the deciding factor in others eyes that keeps me from getting an equal chance to prove my value as a changed person, all around
275. thank you god bless you
276. This place (Danville) create their own rules, and if they're challenged there is unnecessary retaliation in the form of shakedowns, where they completely destroy our cells and throw personal items away. If we put in for a transfer, and get denied, we have to wait three years to resubmit for another transfer. This place is always short on commissary items. They haven't sold toothpaste for over 3 months. I've been here over a year and still have not had the opportunity to buy a pair of shoes. Thank you for your time.
277. I think we need more medical attention because everything is not fair for everyone unless we are cool with the medical staff or officers
278. give us more updated LTS systems
279. they have guys who can't earn good-time or have 85% or 100% of their time to do with all of the jobs which stops those who can earn good time and go home early!!!
280. I was assaulted in [PRISON REDACTED], IA there let a lot get carried out. I wrote a grievance, got filed and banked out of there. When I got here in [YEAR REDACTED], IA started on me. I've had to fly so under the radar that my existence here has been almost non-existing. Just recently got a job. They won't let me go to school. Don't know if IA does that or the school is doing it. I'm about to give back all my time and haven't been to school in over 3 years (Since I got here). There are gangs who have a lot of time who come from [PRISON REDACTED] or another institution who can't get their degrees because this place won't let them go to school.
281. I think it's punishment enough to be lock-up, away from our family. But we can still go to college if we had the chance or learn good behavior education. In other words we should be able to better ourselves in all areas
282. I hope to see some improvements even though we are in prison and it's a punishment not a luxury, there are still many things that can be done in here to produce better citizens on the outside thank you
283. It would be good if we could find a way to separate "Class A" inmates with people that don't care about themselves, others, or the system. It's not fair that we all get treated the same when some of us are actually trying to better ourselves
284. Also there are not enough phones per inmate for the amount of hrs we get out which creates a dangerous environment for some of us they need to add more phones, or

more hours, or put the phones on the tablet, those will remove a lot of problems over the phone it simply just not enough phones for everyone to get one call in 1 2 hr day room setting at least here at Danville correctional center. They also have a lot of sex offenders here at Danville, but offer no help, no programs, nor no good time for sex offenders and commissary here is not consistent \$40 shops are not enough and no toothbrushes are being sold, that's a health risk

- 285. Danville security staff consistently mistreat abuse and disrespect individuals in custody they make racist, sexist, comments, physically assault, damage, and wrongfully confiscate property and never apply the rules against staff only against inmates. If you're gonna monitor prisons, then shed light on these injustices.
- 286. theres no cameras here at all nowhere! that's why the officers do what they want here in Danville CC and they been not answering my grievances
- 287. The staff has their pets who don't have to obey rules while the rest get nit picked
- 288. Due process when it comes to "tickets" is nonexistent, we NEED cameras so false accusations can stop being upheld
- 289. Your survey is well organized. I do have a comment. I am a sex offender. I've been incarcerated for [20+] years now and have several more years of sentencing. I've been for [5+] years in this prison, and there's not been any sort of support for sex offenders as myself. It's hard, nearly impossible to get a job in some areas, at the school building or any specialist jobs. We are treated with discrimination because of the nature of the case. also, there's non sex offender program treatment available. I am eligible to obtain good time, but must complete a sex offender program to actually receive my good time credit. And I've been told that to go to one S.O. program, I have to be under 2 years left on my sentencing. Every other case, murder, robbery, guns, drugs, etc, but a sex offender as myself is left out helpless, non supported, no programs to rehabilitate. where's equal treatment, equal protection, equal opportunities?
- 290. Please help us get more phone access. So we can speak to our family. tablets having the phone service would help.
- 291. This prison sucks, treats us like we're caged animals
- 292. I think this survey is a good idea "if" the inmates (people in custody) tell the truth. Reason why I say this is because we (people in custody) do not give prisons a fair shot.
- 293. Allow the inmates who put in for work release transfer to be granted. When inmates ask for help give them help.
- 294. This place needs the correct staff or the governor needs to close it. Someone needs to talk with each inmate away from the staff.
- 295. The staff has a serious anti sex offender culture. You aren't allowed to have jobs that you are approved for. The staff shares your information w/ other inmates. They disrespect you. They won't let you out for programs that your in; they look for ways to "catch you up" its a mess. Also—The voluntary sex off. treatment program is only available to people leaving. But we can't earn good time unless we participate. Yet the program is not a requirement for release. Only to earn good time. If I were a serial killer, I could earn as much good time as I could muster. yet because I have to register I'm ass out of luck. (I'm 50%). The dental here is nonexistent. I have been on an

imaginary waiting list to have teeth filled for almost 3 years. Since then I've been told excuse after excuse. The latest is that the Chair is broken my teeth are deteriorating at an alarming rate I've been gone **[25+]** years and I've never seen it this bad. Grievances are also ignored on this matter, my Emergency Grievance has been pending since **[early 2022]**.

296. Someone should checkout (3) three house. And how nasty it is. Then the dietary with all the mice and roaches.
297. That people with time be allowed jobs and school they put all the short timers first for EVERYTHING and
298. In all reality, I think this prison need better management
299. Kitchen workers should have mandatory food safety lessons as they do unsanitary things in the kitchen
300. Well you can help to change our circumstances? Work on the 100% truth-in-sentencing bill. That will ease overcrowding.
301. Better transparency in the communication between the administration and inmates. Keep us in the loop of events taking place. We have tablets and bulletin boards. More funding for school resources, such as! Instructors, Books, materials and an update in legislation for good time with inmates that have to serve 85% through completion of positive programing.
302. Not all C/Os are bad or good, Once they know you they help and look out. But its about respect. Some C/Os are miserable and bring that energy in here and take out on people.
303. Respect us if you want Respect.
304. There are a lot of dudes here for violent offenses. I am non violent w/ a drug charge. It's disturbing to be with so many murderers & pedophiles was trying to get to a treatment joint BUT I'm here with dudes that've been gone over 20 years. I don't feel like myself here withdrawn & prefer to be by myself. Not receiving ANY help w substance abuse. The Department of Corrections is a ridiculous name for the prisons. It has made me much worse in retrospect. Each time I get out theres no Real help or support offered IT AMAZES ME The justice system inserted itself into my life & grinded me into a Broken criminal. When I needed help from society They gave me iron confinement & mental anguish. Tossed back into the streets a convicted felon & confused. Drugs cause personal problems & affect others yes the Justice System Ruined my Future.
305. My outdate passed me by **[DATE REDACTED]**, now I'm doing more time in prison here at Danville whose officials didn't even put me in parole school or even try to help me with important things such as helping me with all needed applications such as social security, card, and birth certificate, all because I have been made to register as a sex offender once released for something I was charged for **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. SO thats why these prison officials wont help me at all. And I have no support from the outside world to help me find a place that'll accept me. This is a curse upon me. And it has hardened my fear towards people who enforce this bullshit. But no one is talking about those faggit ass priest catholic church goers who still support them despite their priests, be raping little altar boys and been doing it for thousands of

years. But they're not made to register. You'll hear about it on the news for a minute, and then it's swept under the rug and every one is paid off by the **[ILLEGIBLE]**, popes cronies. But for little old me...I'm labeled as being this predator, made to register for life, and any and all shelter doors are closed towards me by order of federal laws. But who's checking on them? Who's checking on I.R.S. or Secret Service? No one. They're above the Law, which is Bull Shit!

- 306. Everyone in this facility should have some type of mandatory Job assignment if their not in school
- 307. I've been wrongfully imprisoned and am not given the resources to defend myself. I can't even get a form to fill out my claims? I need help and it's not provided. **[NAME REDACTED]**
- 308. This prison has not given me any rehabilitation. I've applied for every program available and have been denied. Then my good time was denied because they said I wasn't in any programs. It's very unfair.
- 309. Sanitations, more help, more programs
- 310. This place a USC title 42 violation period!
- 311. Danville needs to be audited on a serious level. I don't think Springfield knows the extent of the corruption and racism that goes on here. The food is not enough for a middle schooler to get through the day and why are we always being given expired milk WTF!
- 312. N/A
- 313. Overall I really want people to really take the time and check on this places whats really going on. I know it could be difficult cause its all about politics, but hey we are human beings too and one day we will be members of society.
- 314. My suggestion: you can have additional "specific" topics on certain areas such as food, staff, & individual in custody conduct, education, etc. You can have open spaces to write about specific detailed grievances, to further explain.
- 315. Help!
- 316. This prison isn't bad, to be honest. In **[20+]** years, I've been to **[5+]** different prisons; this prison twice. The last time I was here in **[DATES REDACTED]** I felt halfway human. They treated you nice, w/respect and courtesy; as a person, not a number nor inmate. There was one or two officers in the entire prison who didn't. Programs were GREAT, you got everything you had coming, they encouraged and helped you change and prepare to go home better. Now...not so much. Yet, it's still not a horrible prison, comparing to the others.
- 317. I have 8 years left they take to long getting people in school here only the people who has short time gets in school quick and I have been trying to get a job for 10 months now still dont have one they need a better way for people to get jobs in here
- 318. Fuck Danville Correctional Facility!
- 319. Staff call people out of there name. Then when we call them names we get wrote up
- 320. Even at this very moment as I was communicating with fellow Inmates about the well developed and insightful prompts offered in the Questionnaire by JHA, some had a very pessimistic opinion about JHA's limited influence to alter the dynamics of prison life and that to engage in such, would be tantamount to "venting." 2. Whereas, others

are choosing to not engage the Questionnaire out of fear of risking their "Status Quo" e.g. jobs, good time contracts etc, harassment or being "cut off." That is a REAL THING in this facility. That the Administration have ways of finding out "who's who" that JHA either cannot protect them from or may even compromise, their confidentiality. Its almost like the Administration and L.T. [NAME REDACTED]'s office are engaged in artifice and trickery. The reason I say this is, theres new scheduling that comes out on a weekly basis for recreational purposes, e.g. yard, gym, tournaments, video visits, access to phones, etc. the schedules could have been designed the day before—but the next day, theyre cancelled without explanation. "Gym is cancelled, Yard is cancelled, Video Visits are cancelled, Phones are down today." And when yard is available, the pathway enroute to the yard becomes an obstacle course. "Go back, you stepped in the grass, Go back, your mask is not worn properly." Yet, the officer sending him back, also is not even wearing a mask!! The reason I say, trickery, is because they create planned schedules and subsequently cancel minutes before.

- 321. Thanks for funding this. I pray for changes some time in the near future.
- 322. everything is the survey is right about the staff working here in Danville
- 323. The staff is lazy to the point where they will cancel yard. Feed you nothing in the chow hall.
- 324. IL. should strongly consider bringing back the IL. Parole Board or request our Governor to strongly consider early release to those over 60 yrs old & has served at least half of his or her given sentence & those over 60 yrs old with Major Health issues. Health care for those of us over 60 with major health issues is POOR! These Inmates are also costing the State millions of dollars and are still dying within these prison walls when they should be allowed to die at home near they're loved ones.
- 325. John Howard, If anyone work there is really listen to us, or care they would be down here helping us. Survey are good but walk around down here ask the members that's in custody not the one's the Jail want's you to see the one that you don't see. Help us! If someone care come see! Help us! Thank you Have a nice day! ask the day to day person in custody not the one's they want you to see.
- 326. The state complains about prisons in IL. being overcrowded but the people who run Danville only put people in programs that give good time if they're 12 months from going home.
- 327. I've been incarcerated 13 years now and participated in numerous surveys and the conditions in these prisons never seem to change. As a matter of fact things seem to have only gotten worst over the years. So what purpose does these surveys really serve?
- 328. Personal Property could be way better I had a relative leave me a t.v. never got called to get it I had friend leave me a T.V. never got it I asked for state loan never got one been here for 11 months but they make sure other race get theres A.S.A.P. It could be better staff some of the C.O.'s you can tell Don't like people of color. The C.O.'s are rude Tough acting Don't Help alot with the exception of a few who actually give a damn. Too many yards and gym get cancelled for Bogus reasons. C.O.'s and lieutenants Do whatever Bend the rules Tell us we cant Talk in chow nothing in the

rule book says we cant talk. Commissary is always a mystery. They would send us to store if they only have \$20 worth of items

- 329. Help In school & Commissary
- 330. there needs to be a Real warden appointed in this prison who will do his job and not let I.A tell them how to run this prison someone who will do the duties and job as a warden and not as a counselor or someone who doesnt know how to run a prison
- 331. My comments or Feedback on this survey is if JHA really cares about the incarcerated here and what's going on in this prison they'll read our answers and comments/feedback and do something positive about how we are treated badly in Danville and see that we get Justice and properly treated and what's rightfully owed to us.
- 332. I was unclear how to answer some questions. Subjectively compared to other prisons or outside life, or objectively compared to how bad/good life could be.
- 333. The lack of staff has caused many departments here to suffer.
- 334. All said, Danville CC is the best joint I've been to, mainly due to the staff's indifference and fact they basically leave me alone
- 335. Maybe 18-6 would be a good way to run this prison makes you feel like a animal being caged in 20 whole hours maybe more programs
- 336. Put people where they belong in the prison like if you suppose to be in a minimum prison that where they should go not to a higher one and if there was court order to take a drug program in prison they should be put in a prison with one for they can get the help they need.
- 337. Be More About Rehabilitation Not incarceration
- 338. Plan to change American Prison by educating + offer Pool of Job by development new skills. How? 1. worked with the privates companies by bringing all type of training to the prison. How? 2. Incorporating into classes with so many curriculums of different type of skills. 4. Job training as an example: Engineer—making micro chips for companies. Classes offered in the prison/we need a lot Engineers math + physics + chemistry people 5. All inmates most need to attended to those classes with the opportunity to get new skills. it is obligated or mandated 6. By learning new skills + inmates are ready to be released companies will opened doors to inmates with new jobs. 7. This is how you can change this society behind bars. 8. companies signed contracts to keep all inmates information secret to avoid inmates to quick new jobs 9. I witness a great amount of young people without know how to write. 10. educated everyone how to write + speak english language + also other language such like chinese, Russian, italian, French, Spanish. stop the games by giving the key of success. "Education."
- 339. Enclosed is a letter
- 340. I know that probably you'll can't do anything about this but, I have a question. Why people with sentence of 85% and 100% can't have a chance to get credit and have a chance to reduce their sentence through the Programs such as school, work, and behavior?
- 341. That employee or correctional officer whom have a black list of not allowed Inmate to advance in job because of staff assault in the press that occurred twenty or thirty years

- ago. Nor discipline staff that attack verbal or physical. "Inmate" should be immediately fired.
342. The counselors here don't advocate for us. There is no wing/tier in each housing unit for older men or those that have physical limitations. The spirit has been removed from IDOC (less for all).
343. From max prison to medium max prison Danville is the worst prison I have done time in. The wardens seem to not care and it reflects through the behavior of the rest of the staff members throughout this institution. It shows through every department.
344. Also, when something is donated to us, we would like to receive everything. Not just some of it. And we don't want donated items sold to us. We also would like more yard and gym.
345. thats all for now!
346. They need to have more programs here, Also
347. Quit allowing inmates with favor of the Administration from controlling the lives of other inmates. The Trustee System is NOT legal in Illinois!
348. thank you for this. life in danville is really hard and is mess up so much that I will never again go through any of this crime stuff not worth it.
349. Security staff are being fed much better meals than we are, while we are given rice, beans, pasta etc. Officers being given items which were donated by outside vendors for OUR consumption (ie snacks, ice cream, soft drinks, etc.) Recourse for our grievances is non-existent!
350. Good resource for intel on how this prison is ran by during this survey
351. Some of the questions are written as if there is a clear cut answer. However, many things are not so black and white. Therefore, I marked a line to indicate that "grey" area in my response on Q9-Q11.
352. Some of the questions you ask require more than just agree or disagree answers, they are more nuanced than that and if you're trying to understand the answer you'll need more of an actual answer as opposed to a one For all word or phrase. Its questions like that I skipped because I can't properly answer them, assuming you want the truly useful info in the asking of the question. None were bad questions per se, just perhaps an inadequate format to answer the questions, especially for those are inclined to elaborate or answers that need elaboration in order to provide clarity. Some of the questions could use elaboration if you're going to glean the best and most true info out of asking. But all in all I appreciate that someone is asking questions so thanx for that, God bless and be safe. NOTE: The asterisked questions are the ones I addressed as need more clarification and or elaboration one way or the other.
353. Everybody, including the Administration, Nurse's, clinical services, Teachers, security staff, L.T.S., supply supervisors, Grievance Officers, mental health and forth...only do the legal minimum of what their job require's. Often overlooking the needs of those that require a bit more attention than others. And all policies seem to be promoting family separation instead of encouraging family to support you. Furthermore, this institution and it's policies promote homosexual activities, homosexual relationships, and homosexual culture and exploration. At the same time, restrictions are seemingly being placed on heterosexual relationships. Making it extremely difficult for your

spouse to visit you, whether in person or on video. I'm not allowed to order certain magazines or books because they have jammed in sexually provocative poses, but I can order sexually graphic magazines that promote homosexuality.

- 354. They should close this correctional center Danville down.
- 355. Recently was issued contraband ticket for [REDACTED] purchased off of Commissary. Ticket issued by officer [NAME REDACTED]. Grievances are thrown to the trash from here to Springfield officers protect each other. Sgt [NAME REDACTED] Does Nothing At all. 3 House is the worst house and worst officers
- 356. To help people with a lot of time for education and help with mental Health! Thank you!
- 357. They should keep the inmates with 85% + 100% together in a prison. Don't get me wrong give them school + work but mixing them in with people that got 50% and putting them over the people with 50% is wrong. I feel it shouldn't matter how much time you have at 50% 20 yrs to 1 yrs you or the state or prison should not put people in front of people that have been in prison for 5 4 3 2 or 1 yrs when they get here with a short MSR date that's wrong. The point im making If I got 5 yrs and have done 2 you get here with 2 yrs to do they will put you before me in school and work that is wrong. I hope this will change thing now that not right, They should wait till it there time to get into school or get a job first come first serve.
- 358. Keep Covid Vaccinated Inmates Away; In A Different Wing And/or House To Keep Virus From Spreading; Which Will, Keep Us From Covid Lockdowns! Test Guards On Covid At Least Twice A Week; And; Keep Guards From Moving To Wing To Wing; And/or House To House; Unless, One/Or Two Months Go By! I Was In Military; And; The Spread of Covid Virus Is Mainly Caused By, Unskilled + Uneducated Staff Members In Danville! I Give Them A "C-" If, I Was An Official Inspector; From Springfield.
- 359. They also need to create more jobs around here, due to the population of the prison
- 360. 70% the food is cold or uncooked. Danville only looks good when springfield is here. Their is a lack of programs warden [NAME REDACTED] is trying to make this a better place but he need's real help.
- 361. When covid comes back around talk to I.D.O.C. and Please let them know to stop mixing sick individuals with non-infected individuals, also let the staff know to consider our lifes when they come in here infected. have them were gloves, mask and safty garments
- 362. Prison sucks
- 363. They to bring Structure and consistency to this prison.
- 364. This prison sucks, please help us all, and fix the warden. thank you for your time.
- 365. I was called to I.A. and The officer told other inmates that I was an informant for I.A. now officers and inmates threaten me. I am afraid for my life Here...[NAME REDACTED] My Transfer To Big Muddy has been Approved for over 6 months now...
- 366. I really feel the way this prison is being run should be looked into and brought to public attention like Springfield, The News, or Governor Something has got to change. Peoples lifes here are at risk and in Danger.
- 367. More women staff
- 368. This is the worst prison I ever been in

369. I would like the warden to actually do their job instead of internal affairs running this prison!
370. Thank you for the survey I hope it help conditions improve.
371. a CO's job is to maintain the peace + de-escalate a situation. lot of CO's here don't care + disrespect + talk down to you + our very rough around the edges. They don't care about us, hence the disrespect. When we ask questions and/or have concern, they give us an attitude like were imposing on them or burdening them. There's a lot of negativity + they wonder why inmates are depressed, suicidal, or loss the will to live. The Healthcare dept at times are negligent/incompetent in how they diagnose + treat us! I have a medical degree + know what I'm talking about
372. This prison could be running more smoothly. If the officers are fair and square. If they apply rules, make sure they follow them too. Be respectful to everybody and treat us like human beings. This could be a good start.
373. This prison would be more better if the treatment is fair; instead of treating us like animal. they should be respectful, and resourceful. If they want to imply all these harsh rules, they should compensate people for doing so, especially the guys staying out of trouble.
374. I can't get visits from my family or loved ones because of the distance from them and am not being allowed to transfer to a facility closer to home.
375. Give people a chance until they prove to be otherwise.
376. Give everyone a chance to work or and go to school instead of just sitting around doing nothing. Whenever the Warden comes to the housing Units which only happen once or twice a month, all the CO's/staff act like they are busy. But the moment he/she leaves the housing units turn into the Wild Wild West.
377. No Feedback for what nothing is going to happen anyway
378. The items they sell us on commissary are often broken or break soon after buying them. People who work in the warehouse often say that items that get donated to the facility will usually be given to the staff before us and sometimes gets sold to us as commissary. The vegan diet contains a lot of soy, according to the kitchen workers which I believe is a violation of my right to a healthful meal. Our tablets. While I hold strong prejudices against child sex offenders, I still find it inappropriate for IDOC to deny them good time/MSR due to IDOC's failure to provide them with court ordered participation in sex offender classes. As a citizen of this State, I also find it offensive to not provide them help they seek while incarcerated, thus, causing them to be released without providing them ANY help in correcting their behavior. It seems that the staff works harder to impede one's ability to improve themselves than to help them improve themselves.

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

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

1. [51 and over] 67
2. [51 and over] 61

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

1. [Other] Human Being
2. [Other] Human
3. [Blank] human
4. [Other] Native American
5. [Blank] african-american
6. [Other] Semitic
7. [Blank] Hebrew
8. [Hispanic or Latino] White

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

1. [Blank] The Lord's Will
2. [No] 2 years 10 months
3. [Yes] I'm 4 months past my out date [DATE REDACTED], I just sitting in prison doing dead time
4. [No] Appeal Can Do It.

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

1. [Yes] Age of 23
2. [No] younger
3. [Yes] Juvenile:17-18 years of age.

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

1. [Yes] Just started
2. [Yes] If rec, no. Dayroom, rec, and chow
3. [Yes] wish I can get more time out the cell
4. [Blank] If no job, no. I have a job, yes. Only because I have a job.
5. [Yes] Just Started; In June 2022

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

1. [Neither] wont give us any
2. [Neither] I've been trying for months
3. [Neither] Not yet
4. [Neither] wish I had both.
5. [Neither] they say I have too much time for school and won't let me work
6. [Neither] Been begging for one [ILLEGIBLE]
7. [Neither] If you write a grievance you will not get any assignment period
8. [Neither] on waiting list
9. [Neither] An I like to work
10. [Neither] because they pick and choose who they want to give a chance to get good time too in a bias manner
11. [Neither] Put in never heard from them
12. [Blank] Done with it math/English

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

a. Relationships between staff and incarcerated people are good.

1. [N] superficial
2. [D] only if you tell on other inmates is it good
3. [A/D] A: only incarcerated people, D: staff
4. [A] certain staff

b. I receive support from staff when I need it.

1. [D] Some staff care some dont
2. [D] (excuses)
3. [A] certain staff

c. Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

1. [Blank] depends on the c/o
2. [SD] Hell NO!
3. [SD] (pets)
4. [D] Maybe one or two

d. I trust the officers

1. [A] 75%
2. [A] but not all
3. [SD] depends on the c/o
4. [SD] They only like informants

5. [D] Grievances Wrote.
 6. [A] usually
- e. I get along well with the officers on my unit.
1. [SA] 2 of them
 2. [A] only
 3. [SD] They tell other inmates what you're in for
- f. The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.
1. [A] Go to Higher power
 2. [D] not always
 3. [SD] must file lawsuits for: Dental, Medical, clothing
- g. I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.
1. [A] Retired now though.
 2. [D] medical
- h. Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.
1. [SD] Staff are unprofessional
 2. [Blank] Since I've been locked up a long time I do what I need to avoid situations with staff and individuals in custody
- i. I am treated as a person of value
1. [N] I'm new to compound
 2. [SD] Like a herd of cattle

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

- a. Some of the treatment I receive is degrading
1. [A] GAY—not good
 2. [SA] Racism, seen others degraded
 3. [A] Dental service there's no doctor.
- b. I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people
1. [A] They only gossip.
 2. [SA] Not because of security
 3. [SD] I just was jumped on
- c. To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations
1. [SD] There is no improving it
 2. [SA] such as giving another Inmate up for sneaking out

- d. Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.
1. [A] Depends on the officer
 2. [SD] absolutely not!
 3. [SD] Fuck or fight policy!
 4. [D] Staff doesn't care, because its not part of their job.
 5. [Blank] some
 6. [A] yet they don't
- e. If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.
1. [N] they use punishment always
 2. [SD] Punishment ALWAYS
 3. [SD] Every issue is a disciplinary issue
 4. [SA] too much power. Staff have lost sight to protect & serve. Instead most use their position to punish individuals that they can't understand.
- f. Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.
1. [Blank] some
 2. [A] Some
 3. [SD] ALWAYS!
 4. [N] 10% are argumental
- g. To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.
1. [SA] 100%
 2. [A] A.D.A.
 3. [SA] ALWAYS!
 4. [SA] or file multiple grievances
 5. [SA] And ask and it still doesn't get done
 6. [N] Depends on staff
 7. [A] write a grievance
- h. Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.
1. [SA] understaffed
 2. [A] From springfield yes. Springfield should keep staff accountable of their negative behavior and lack of professionalism
- i. The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.
1. [A] on my re-entry wing
 2. [SD] Plan for transfer to another facility
 3. [SA] school
 4. [N] A release to another prison is good plan. yes, but in a bad way, even to another prison.
- j. Positive things only happen for a certain type of people.

1. [SA] snitches
2. [SA] snitches
3. [SA] white people
4. [SD] for stool pigeons
5. [SA] Those who are involved with education. Education will keep most individuals away from negative connotations.

k. I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [SA] you can't
2. [SA] truth in sentence no way of earning good time
3. [SA] no hope!
4. [N] No matter what some staff will find a way to punish you for minor infractions.
5. [SD] Tried to

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

1. [SA] 1000%
2. [A] so true
3. [SA] Very stressful
4. [SA] VERY
5. [SD] people with short/long sentences denied programs/jobs
6. [A] restrictions for visits b/c of covid
7. [SA] Very!

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

1. [SA] You better believe it

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

1. [A] Forced
2. [D] I better myself
3. [SA] Because they stall on putting people in school/programs
4. [A] In the beginning of my incarceration yes. I was locked down at stateville CC (no educational perspective/rehabilitation programs) now, school has been more improved

o. This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

1. [N] They have their favorites
2. [SA] 100%
3. [N] both
4. [N] They use inmates as their cameras
5. [N] N****s won't drop the mops & brooms, stop cooking!
6. [D] Staff uses incarcerated people as divisive tools

p. This prison is well organized.

1. [SD] Warden is useless
2. [SD] !!

3. [SD] Hell No!
4. [SD] We can't make sure

q. I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

1. [N] some
2. [D] 25% good
3. [D] Some staff help u out
4. [Blank] some
5. [D] Some of them

r. Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms

1. [N] fights not medical
2. [N] Some
3. [SD] Hell no!
4. [N] If its "security based" and for their benefit—yes. However, where its for individual in custody, NO.
5. [A and SD] agree to incidents, strongly disagree to alarms

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

1. [A] Usually through inmates
2. [A] No response to written
3. [SD] They spin you
4. [D] They lie or kick the can on down the road until a grievance is filed or our peoples call down here to find out whats going on
5. [SD] Each staff member refers you to another Ghost staff
6. [N] Depends on the issue

t. You never know the rules

1. [N] Depends. Rules change by the hour
2. [N] Change often
3. [A] they break them
4. [N] Whims
5. [SA] They change so much

u. My experience in this prison is painful.

1. [SA] strongly agree
2. [A] Healthcare wise
3. [SA] And confusing and stressful

v. There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.

1. [SA] (for Better jobs)
2. [SA] Sex offenders are treated horribly by staff, DEFINITELY
3. [SA] A staff and select Inmate buddy-buddy system

- w. The disciplinary system is fair.
1. [SD] This is a kangaroo court system
 2. [SD] No!!!
 3. [D] It's too harsh for minor tickets 2 month suit for refusing housing
 4. [Blank] sometime
- x. There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.
1. [A] By design
- y. I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.
1. [D] I have family
 2. [SA] Commissary is trash & we shop once a month! we need more healthy food! There's times that there's no toothpaste or toothbrushes
 3. [Blank] All the time, especially in c grade we cannot buy foods, nor clothes. the IDOC initiate the trade & trafficking
 4. [A] Lack of commissary purchase—once per month, low portions of food in the chow hall.
 5. [A] Sometime
- z. Decisions are dominated by concerns about security.
1. [SA] That's what they say to not have yard, gym, special events
 2. [SA] even commissary, Job assignments
 3. [A] give or take on the situation
 4. [Blank] Questionable
 5. [A] for staff, better education—yes. Too many officers, especially Lieutenants & majors.
- aa. My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes.
1. [SD] I try not to let this place change me in negative ways
 2. [A] continue to pray for change
 3. [SD] they don't give you shit you got coming to you
 4. [SD] I make changes, but only because of self reflection
 5. [N] Going through everything I have, I have to dodge multiple obstacles to continue to grow and stay positive
 6. [SD] only because I read a lot
 7. [SD] Whats available and what you get, its two different things
 8. [SD] STRONGLY DISAGREE
 9. [SA] MSR is an obstacle & stops people from making positive changes
 10. [A] only because I have family sending me material to educate myself while I'm locked in my room all day.

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

- a. I am not being treated as a human being in here.
 - 1. [N] We are a #
 - 2. [A] No soap/Toilet paper
 - 3. [A] Depend on staff
- b. You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.
 - 1. [SA] snitch
 - 2. [SA] Due to limited commissary
- c. When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual, not a number.
 - 1. [SD] your case Determine your treatment and the amount of help
 - 2. [N] They treat u like a number
- d. Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.
 - 1. [SD] No drugs here
 - 2. [N] IDK
 - 3. [A] Psychotropic drugs
 - 4. [Blank] sometime
 - 5. [D] prescribed meds are not the issue—if that's what's meant
 - 6. [SD] Phones Do
- e. Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.
 - 1. [N] Gossip between staff + inmates
 - 2. [SD] Yes it's even encouraged
 - 3. [Blank] IDK
- f. All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I really am.
 - 1. [SA] 100%
 - 2. [SA] field service will violate you rather than find a halfway house
 - 3. [SA] Sex offenders are treated horribly by staff
 - 4. [SA] They just don't care
 - 5. [SA] Most definitively true
 - 6. [SA] Especially sex offenders—they (staff) ignore all educational efforts. This is true even of the head Psychiatrist, **[NAME REDACTED]**.

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

1. [SA] 100%
2. [Blank] ?
3. [Blank] IDK
4. [SA] Everyone here is just collecting the check and going through the motions

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

1. [A] But not as easy as it should be
2. [SD] Need more phones
3. [N] IDK messages take a week to receive and they cancel a lot of video visits
4. [A] Phone service has gotten better. Hopefully soon we can have phone service on our tablets.
5. [SD] False

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

1. [SA] Everything is for security, supposedly.
2. [SA] 1000%
3. [SA] #1
4. [Blank] Too ambiguous and abstract

j. Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.

1. [SD] They dont care about our family
2. [SD] Pay for your phone time
3. [N] Video visits
4. [SD] Everything e.g. e-mails, mail, video visits, new phone lists submitted runs at a snails pace and is weaponized.

k. This is a humane prison.

1. [N] healthcare is not
2. [D] To staff.
3. [D] Disagree

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

1. [SA] 100%
2. [D] as of now
3. [D] on my wing
4. [A] no program here
5. [SA] This is why people are always jamming the lock mechanism
6. [SA] 100%

m. This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

1. [SD] Their was a stabbing in july & fights
2. [A] Among incarcerated people—yes. With staff—No. Staff use their power against incarcerated people—they talk aggressive and misuse their authority. Therefore, more intimidation violations are written.
3. [Blank] It wasnt during the epidemic when they mixed the sick and non-sick

n. Mental health treatment is available.

1. [A] But its a terrible Mental Healthcare
2. [SD] Their indifferent
3. [N] They're formal
4. [SD] you have to take care of your own mental health
5. [N] To a degree
6. [N] Both

o. This prison is better now than it was last year.

1. [SD] Negative. Worse.
2. [SD] FAR WORSE
3. [Blank] IDK
4. [N] IDK
5. [SD] Worst
6. [SD] It's got worser
7. [N] School yes. Daily activities—No.
8. [Blank] Haven't been A Year
9. [Blank] wasn't here
10. [SD] Covid

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

1. [SD] Definitely Not!!
2. [SD] This prison wont allow you to Parole where you are accepted!
3. [D] I help men with a place to stay & jobs! through different programs in my neighborhood.
4. [SD] your case defines your help
5. [D] this prison is proactive with education—E.J.P. & EIU, but it lacks rehabilitation & restoration programs. A "Building block unit" has been implemented recently, but overall it lacked productivity beyond other means
6. [SD] This is not true. Staff uses the select Educated Inmates as "Window dressing" to promote a false narrative that programming is sufficient

q. I am satisfied with food from dietary.

1. [SD] Very little portions or spoiled or raw.
2. [N] 70% good 30% Bad
3. [SD] staff eats better than inmates
4. [SD] We have roaches
5. [SD] Officers get all the good food
6. [Blank] Bad milk every week
7. [SD] Raw or overcooked
8. [SD] with vegan diet

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

1. [N] In the winter, summertime yard is often cancelled due to temps over 90°
2. [N] Depends on staff availability
3. [A] Just started
4. [D] weather issues or staff
5. [SD] If you work, you only get yard or gym once a week!
6. [N] too early to know
7. [SD] cancellations due to "short staff"
8. [D] Always short staffed!!
9. [SD] on paper yes But they cancel it 8 times out of 10
10. [N] Staff shortages cause gym/yard to be cancelled
11. [SA] For 45 minutes!
12. [N] Only because it's never the same, too much change
13. [A] Unless cancelled—yes.
14. [D] Yard and all recreational activities are routinely cancelled for random reasons e.g.
"Lack of staff"
15. [N] Started Only In June of 2022; Late June

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

1. [1] -100
2. [1] -10 Very poor!!!
3. [1] I only think about transferring to another facility
4. [1] The administration's goal is to find a way and exploit us anyway possible
5. [7] poor quality. **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]** very combative
6. [1] I wish there was a negative 10 box! We got served spoiled, rotten, roach infested food DAILY! Officers punish everyone but their "pets." The grievance system, I.A., appeal system are all CORRUPT!
7. [1] -1
8. [1] The administration doesn't care and are more like slave owners.

9. [7] This place is not that bad is just some of the staff let that badge get to there head and feel they can talk to us like dogs
10. [6] Some people, favoritism
11. [8] Only prison I have been in
12. [3] Because it's bias towards prisoners, and these officials be politikin and showing favoritism towards their stool pigeons and rats (workers) gets everything.
13. [1] This is not an attempt to be negative. Theres an overall callousness and indifference and spite in the staff here. Adversarial. If you exercise the protected right to address your grievances you might as well hang it up and sit down in the cell. You aint got sh...coming...ever!! And no one amongst staff will ever tell you! Glass ceilings and walls!
14. [Blank] Zero
15. [4] A.D.A. Hearing impaired
16. [Blank] -10 Danville is horrible

Miscellaneous Comments

1. Healthcare needs to be addressed, dental included. I have been waitlisted for over 3 years for dental treatment. Covid is not a valid excuse for not receiving treatment.
2. Sex offenders, on paper, are treated differently. we can only work certain jobs while convicted killers are allowed any. They say good time for 85% is banked until law changes BUT the only way to be eligible is to take a sex offender program NOT offered here, but only at Big Muddy or Taylorville. You can only go there if you apply and admit to being a sex offender and why you're sorry for your actions. I was falsely accused and convicted to **[30+]** years. If I was guilty and had admitted such I would have done 8 years @ 85%. So it's a catch-22. Why would I admit to something I DID NOT DO? Just to try to go home? They have Black history celebrations and Hispanic heritage, but did nothing for pride month (June) after putting up a memo on diversity. It was fake.
3. I was a productive member of society, I helped thousands of people yearly. Now, tens of thousands of people will never get my help so a few lawyers could look good and a criminal could look good because police backed them. Could have cured cancer, stopped COVID, prevented war. Instead, I sit in a cell smaller than most bathrooms 22 hours a day...
4. Grievance # **[REDACTED]**
5. We do what we have to just to get by. The administration doesn't care about our issues. field service doesn't help us when our outdate comes. commissary is only issued fully to certain houses. Dietary is roach infested dirty the food is nasty or uncooked or over cooked. The counselors are rude, some of the staff is Racist and Anti-gay
6. JHA, I felt the need to add this letter to the survey, the Danville Correctional Center can be a better facility than what it is, but first the following must be done, and if you don't believe me, add it to your next survey. 1. Change the administration 2. remove the staff bullies 3. stop limiting jobs due to your case (the court judged you, staff shouldn't, it's discrimination) 4. add independent commissary staff, field service, counseling staff, not former correctional officers, dietary included 5. better television channels 6. better healthcare and dental care 7. better commissary items 8. more programs, culinary arts,

- art class, acav class 9. better field service, not former correctional staff 10. better counselors & mental health 11. more time out of cell 12. more recreational time, yard/gym 13. A 50-and-over housing wing 14. Danville should only accept people with 5 years or less, so their programs and staff can help individuals prepare to re-enter and become a productive member of society, instead of a re-offender. So, Danville has a chance, question is: will the Powers that be listen?
7. Thank you and have a nice day, honestly something really needs to be done about Danville Correctional Center and it's staff/employees
 8. Thank you! God Bless
 9. **[NAME REDACTED]** I put my name because I speak the truth and want to change eventually
 10. My name is **[REDCATED]** #A-71116. Please contact me and let me know you received this. Mail has a way of getting lost here. I have no less than 3 letters go missing. thank you
 11. I feel this survey is useless nothing changes
 12. Got here 2015 any more questions contact **[NAME REDACTED]**
 13. I've had a broken tooth for over 6 months and can't get it fixed. I have other medical problems that still haven't been resolved, they rather get sued than give us surgery. If I were to get an MRI so many things would be wrong with me. But I live with the pain... the answer to everything is Pain Pills!! I was told 800 people need fillings I'm on a wait list
 14. THANK YOU FOR ASKING THANK YOU FOR Everything yall do to help us!
 15. Every decision from the top-down to the toothbrush you use in your mouth is dominated by a false narrative of a need for more staff!!! If not acted upon through self-agency via reading in cell, "Positive Change" in D.C.C. is strictly limited and dominated by penalties and obstacles. If you file a grievance or complain you risk being alienated and blackballed!!!!
 16. A lot of the officers are with the K.K.K
 17. I will be release **[DATE REDACTED]**. I will write to you back because I want to make a different. I am a business major. speak several languages.
 18. They dont give anyone good time down here. They tell u dont catch tickets and u can get it but you dont get anything!
 19. I been in A grade for the longest until my cellie jumped on me in the cell. Sending me to off grounds hospital to **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. Then Danville gave us both **[DISCIPLINARY DETAILS REDACTED]**. It was my first major ticket though I got jumped on in the eye of Danville's sight it dont matter who started it, all that concerns Danville's Adjustment Committee is that two prisoners were in a confrontation...guilty! guilty! guilty! guilty!
 20. **[NAME REDACTED]** transgender. I fear for my safety. Please help



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