

Before you begin, please write your Inmate ID Number in the box below **and**
 circle the same numbers and letters below each one.
 This will be used to make sure you receive your incentive.

Write your ID here:

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Circle the letters/ numbers here:

A	A	1	1	1	1
B	B	2	2	2	2
C	C	3	3	3	3
D	D	4	4	4	4
E	E	5	5	5	5
F	F	6	6	6	6
G	G	7	7	7	7
H	H	8	8	8	8
I	I	9	9	9	9
J	J	0	0	0	0
K	K				
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X	X				
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Thank you for participating!

How do I complete this survey?

- These questions are about life in this prison. Some questions are about your unit.
- There are no right or wrong answers, your opinion is what matters.
- You can choose one answer. See below how to correct your answer if you change your mind or make a mistake.
- Try to fill out every question. You can answer “no opinion” on some questions. If a question does not apply to you or you wish not to answer, you may choose to leave it blank.
- For help with completing this survey, please ask for one of the members of the research team.

Example

To check your answer

	On this unit..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
25	... I have enough to do			X		

To correct your answer

	On this unit..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
25	... I have enough to do		X			

At the end of the survey there is space for you to provide comments or explain your answers if you wish. If you want to refer to a specific question in the survey, please include the question number (which would be “25” in the above example).

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Overall Satisfaction						
	<i>This institution</i> I am <u>satisfied</u> with...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	... this institution					
2	... the staff in this institution					
3	.. the building and facilities of this institution					

	<i>This unit</i> I am <u>satisfied</u> with...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
4	... this unit					
5	... the staff on this unit					
6	.. the building and facilities of this unit					

	<i>Severity of Punishment</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
7	I experience my sentence as painful					
8	My time here feels a lot like punishment					
9	This sentence is more painful than I anticipated					

Relationships						
	Incarcerated people on this unit..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
10	.. treat each other respectfully					
11	.. are quickly accepted into the group					
12	.. are considerate of each other					
13	.. get along with each other					
14	.. help and support each other					

	Staff on this unit..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
15	.. help me if I have problems					
16	.. are kind to me					
17	.. are there to talk to if I feel worried or sad					
18	.. motivate and encourage me to participate in activities					
19	.. treat me fairly					
20	.. explain their decisions to me					
21	.. treat me with respect					
22	.. give me a chance to express my views before they make decisions					
23	.. are in control of this unit					

Grievances							
	<i>Grievances</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
24	Grievances are taken seriously here						
25	The grievance system works well here						

Safety						
	<i>General Safety</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
26	I feel safe in this institution					
27	I feel safe on this unit					
28	I feel safe in my cell					
29	I sometimes feel threatened by incarcerated people					
30	I am afraid of some incarcerated people					
31	I am afraid of some staff					
32	There are places in this building where I feel unsafe					
33	Misconduct is dealt with fairly					
34	Punishments for misconduct are reasonable					

	<i>General Safety</i> On this unit..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
35	.. incarcerated people punch, push or kick each other a lot					
36	... incarcerated people yell at / threaten each other a lot					
37	... there are a lot of drugs					
38	... there is a lot of other contraband (not drugs)					
39	... people's personal things often get stolen or damaged					
40	... it is easy to break the rules without getting caught					
41	... if staff catch you breaking the rules, they always write you up					
42	... staff use too much force					

	<i>Safety: Behavior of Others</i> In the <u>past month</u>, how often..	Never	Once	More than once
43	.. have you been yelled at or threatened by a fellow incarcerated person?			
44	.. have you been yelled at or threatened by a staff member?			
45	.. have you been punched, pushed or kicked by a fellow incarcerated person?			

	<i>Safety: Behavior of Others</i> In the <u>past month</u>, how often..	Never	Once	More than once
46	.. have you been punched, pushed or kicked by a staff member?			
47	.. has someone else destroyed or stolen something that was yours?			

	<i>Safety: Your behavior</i> In the <u>past month</u>, how often have you...	Never	Once	More than once
48	...yelled at, or threatened a fellow incarcerated person?			
49	...punched, pushed, or kicked a fellow incarcerated person?			
50	... yelled at or threatened a staff member?			
51	... punched, pushed or kicked a staff member?			
52	...destroyed or stolen something that was not yours?			
53	.. been in the possession of drugs?			
54	.. been in the possession of other contraband (not drugs)?			

Activities & Programming						
<i>Activities</i> In the <u>past month</u>, how often did you...		Never	Once or twice	Once per week	Multiple times per week	Every day
55	...use the recreation activities?					
56	...use the sports facilities?					
57	...use the library?					
58	...use the yard time?					
59	...use religious services?					
60	...attend work?					
61	...attend education/courses?					

<i>Activities</i> I am satisfied with...		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
62	... the recreation activities						
63	... the sports						
64	... the library						
65	...my work in this institution						
66	... the education/courses						
67	... the outdoor activity						
68	... the religious services						

	<i>Daily Program</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
69	The daily program is interesting enough					
70	I learn useful skills here					
71	I have enough to do here					
72	The activities here help me to develop myself					

	<i>Reintegration in the Community</i> On this unit..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
73	.. I can prepare well for my re-turn into society						
74	.. staff encourage me to make plans for after release						
75	.. I can get extra support to prepare for my return to society						
76	.. can learn things that help me to stay away from crime after release						

	<i>Release Plan</i>	Yes	No	I'm not sure
77	Do you have a release plan?			

	<i>Release Plan</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
78	I regularly talk to staff about my release plan						
79	The matters included in my release plan are useful for my future						
80	I am actively working on my release plan						
81	Staff help me to execute my release plan						

Independence						
	<i>Independence</i> On this unit...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
82	... there is much I can decide for myself					
83	... I can decide for myself on matters that are important to me					
84	... I am encouraged to arrange matters myself					
85	... I have enough freedom of movement					

	<i>Independence</i> Generally speaking...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
86	... I feel stuck in this system					
87	... I am reaching my goals					
88	... I can influence when I get released					

Building, Facilities & Food							
	<i>Housing</i>	General Pop	Honor Block	RHU	TC	Little Scandi-navia	Other
89	At this moment I am:						

	<i>Your Cell</i>	Yes	No
90	Do you share a cell?		

If you do not share a cell, you can skip question 91

	<i>Cellmate</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
91	I get along with my cellmate					
92	It is nice to share a cell					
93	I would choose a single cell if I had the option					

	<i>Night's Rest</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
94	My sleep is often restless					
95	My sleep is often disturbed					
96	Due to poor conditions in this institution and/or my cell, I can't sleep well					

	<i>Food</i> I am satisfied with...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
97	...the food that I get here					
98	...the food that I get in the dining hall					
99	.. the range of products in the commissary					
100	.. the prices in the commissary					
101	.. the quality of the products in the commissary					
102	.. the cooking facilities provided for me					

You can skip questions 103-106 if you cannot order food from the outside

	<i>Food</i> I am satisfied with ..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
103	.. the food I can order from the outside					
104	.. the range of products I can order from the outside					
105	.. the prices of the food I can order from the outside					
106	.. the quality of products I can order from the outside					

	<i>Cooking</i> In the <u>past month</u>..	Never	Once or twice	Once per week	Multiple times per week	Every day
107	.. how often did you prepare your own meal?					
108	..how often did you cook with fresh produce such as vegetables, meat or fish?					

	<i>Money</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
109	My friends and family on the outside send me enough money to meet my needs					
110	It is hard to meet my needs in here without making extra money from a side hustle					

Health & Wellbeing						
	<i>Health</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
111	I can get medical care here if I want to					
112	Health problems are being taken care of adequately here					
113	My physical health is good					
114	My physical health limits my daily activities					

	<i>Healthcare Visits</i>			
	<u>In the past month how often did you see...</u>	Never	Once	More than once
115	... the doctor?			
116	... the nurse?			
117	... the dentist?			
118	... the psychologist?			

	<i>Healthcare Professionals</i> I am satisfied with the work of..	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
119	.. the doctor						
120	.. the nurse						
121	.. the dentist						
122	.. the psychologist						

	<i>Your Health</i> During the <u>past week</u>, how often did you feel...	Never	Once or twice	Once per week	Multiple times per week	Every day
123	... nervous?					
124	... hopeless?					
125	... restless or fidgety?					
126	... that everything was an effort?					
127	... so depressed that nothing could cheer you up?					
128	... worthless?					
129	.. happy?					
130	.. interested in life?					

Contact with the outside						
	<i>Support system</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
131	I have a good support system on the outside					
132	I am married or in a long-term relationship					

	<i>Contact with the outside</i> In the past month, how often have you...	Never	Once or twice	Once per week	Multiple times per week	Every day
133	... called with your family, friends or partner?					
134	... received a letter or email from family, friends or partner?					

	<i>Contact with the outside</i> I am satisfied with how often I can see...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
135	... my family, friends or partner					
136	... my child(ren)					
137	...my lawyer					

	<i>Visits</i>	Never	Once	More than once
138	In the past month, how often did you receive a visit?			

	<i>Visits</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
139	The visiting room is pleasant						
140	My visitor and I can have enough physical contact						
141	The visiting hours are long enough						
142	I have sufficient privacy during visits						
143	The staff treat my visitors nicely						
144	The visiting hours are frequent enough						
145	I enjoy receiving visits						
146	After receiving a visitor, I feel good						

Discrimination		
<i>Discrimination</i>	Yes	No
In the past month..		
147 .. I have been discriminated by a staff member on this unit		
148 .. I have been discriminated by an incarcerated person		

After release							
	<i>After I am released..</i>	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	No opinion
149	I will do everything I can to stay away from crime						
150	I am confident that I will not commit another offense						
151	I will be back in prison sooner than I want to						
152	I am confident I can get a job						
153	I have a plan for getting a job						
154	I will struggle holding down a regular job						
155	I will have stable housing						
156	My family will help me get by						
157	Benefits will help me get by						

	Chester and Other Prisons			
	<i>Other prisons</i>	Only Chester	One Other Prison	Two or more other prisons
158	In how many other prisons have you been incarcerated?			

If you have only been incarcerated at Chester, you may skip questions 159-161.

	<i>Other prisons</i> Compared to other prisons in which I have been incarcerated..	Worse	About the same	Better
159	.. SCI Chester is generally ..			
160	.. staff in SCI Chester are..			
161	.. the building and facilities of SCI Chester are ..			

	<i>Time inside</i> <i>How long have you been..</i>	Less than a month	More than a month	More than a year
162	.. in this prison?			
163	.. on this unit?			

Questions about you			
	<i>Work</i>	No	Yes
164	Did you work for an employer in the <u>month</u> before getting locked up?		
165	Did you work for an employer in the <u>year</u> before getting locked up?		
166	Did you ever work for the same employer for more than six months?		

	<i>Family</i>	No	Yes
167	Do you have children?		

	<i>Education</i>	Did not Finish High School	Finished High School / GED	Some College	Finished College
168	What was the highest level of education you completed <u>on the outside?</u>				
169	What is the highest level of education you have completed <u>in prison?</u>				

	<i>Country of birth</i> <i>In which country..</i>	The US	Another country
170	... were you born?		
171	... was your mother born?		
172	... was your father born?		

	<i>Language</i>	English	Spanish	Another Language
173	My first language is ..			

Flip to the next page to leave your comments and finish the survey.

Your Comments

If you have any comments about this survey or about the living conditions in this institution, or would like to explain any of your answers, please write this below.

Please repeat your inmate ID below, writing as clearly as possible.

Inmate Id:

Please double-check that you filled out every question.

Please return the survey to one of the members of the research team or leave it in the secure box on your unit.

We may ask you in a couple of months if you would be willing to answer the same questions again. This will help us understand if the climate in this prison has changed.

This is the end of the survey. **Thank you very much** for your participation.

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DETAILED RESEARCH CONSENT

You are being invited to take part in a research study. A person who takes part in a research study is called a research subject, or research participant.

What should I know about this research?

- Someone will explain this research to you.
- This form sums up that explanation.
- Taking part in this research is voluntary. Whether you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- If you don't understand, ask questions.
- Ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this research is to understand the current climate in the PA DOC, especially surrounding ongoing prison climate research and policy development efforts.

About 1,250 subjects will take part in various aspects of this research.

How long will I be in this research?

We expect that your taking part in this full research project could last for up to two years. Your participation in the research activity is expected to last no more than one hour at a time.

What happens to me if I agree to take part in this research?

If you participate in this research, you will be asked to complete confidential surveys about your experience in the correctional system and how you feel have been treated. The survey will also ask about how your current living and/or working situation is different than previous assignments, how safe you feel and how you view the correctional system. You may also be asked to participate in confidential interviews which will cover the same topics in more detail.

The overall project will last for two years. During this period, you will be asked to spend about 30 minutes to complete a survey and/or about 1 hour participating in an interview.

What are my responsibilities if I take part in this research?

If you take part in this research, you will be responsible for completing surveys and speaking with interviewers.

Could being in this research hurt me?

It is not expected that being in this research could harm you.

The only recognized risk is the unintentional disclosure of confidential information. The research team has procedures in place to prevent this from happening.

Will it cost me money to take part in this research?

It is not expected that there will be any additional cost associated with your participation in this research.

Will being in this research benefit me?

There are no benefits to you from your taking part in this research. We cannot promise any benefits to others from your taking part in this research.

Taking part in this research will not improve your housing or correctional program assignments.

Taking part in this research will not improve your chance of parole or release.

What happens to the information collected for this research?

The data that are collected will never be shared in a way that will allow you to be identified.

Your private information will be included in a database without your name that may be shared with individuals and organizations that conduct or watch over this research, including:

- People who work with the research sponsor, listed above
- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) that reviewed this research
- Drexel University and its affiliates

Your research data will not be shared with the PADOCC.

We may publish the results of this research. However, we will keep your name and other identifying information confidential and all participation will be anonymous.

We protect your information from disclosure to others to the extent required by law. We cannot promise complete secrecy.

Data collected in this research might be de-identified and used for future research or distributed to another investigator for future research without your consent.

Who can answer my questions about this research?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think this research has hurt you or made you sick, talk to the research team at the phone number listed above on the first page. You may also contact a PADOc staff member and ask for the research team to contact you.

This research is being overseen by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). An IRB is a group of people who perform independent review of research studies. You may talk to them at (267) 359-2471 or HRPP@drexel.edu if:

- You have questions, concerns, or complaints that are not being answered by the research team.
- You are not getting answers from the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone else about the research.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.

Can I be removed from this research without my approval?

The person in charge of this research cannot remove you from this research without your approval.

This is independent from any decisions made by the PADOc, including those regarding housing and programming, which are outside the scope of the research project.

What happens if I agree to be in this research, but I change my mind later?

If you decide to leave this research, contact the research team so that the investigator can remove you from the list of future survey and/or interview participants.

You may be asked to document the reason that you wish to withdraw.

If you decide to withdraw, no future survey or interview data will be collected. Previously collected data will not be deleted and you may still be included in the research regarding the portion of the project you did participate in.

There will be no adverse consequences from the PA DOc if you decide to withdraw from the research project.

Will I be paid for taking part in this research?

For taking part in this research, you will receive non-monetary compensation. Your compensation will be broken down as follows:

- *You will be compensated \$2.00 for each survey and \$5.00 for each interview.*
- *Your incentive will be deposited in your commissary or other account.*
- *Payments will be made within one month of completing the survey and/or interview.*

- If you do not complete the survey document or participate in an interview, as well as if you drop out of the study, you cannot be compensated.

Federal tax law requires to you to report this payment as income to the Internal Revenue Service if you are compensated more than \$599.00 (in total) this year for participating in research. You may be asked to tell us your social security number or other identifying information (e.g., full name). If payments for this study are more than \$599.00, we will report them to the Internal Revenue Service and send you a Form 1099-MISC.

This information will not be associated with the information or data you provide for this research. It will be stored separately from your data, it will not be linked in any way, and your identifying information will be destroyed within 1 year of study completion.

If you do not give us your social security number or other identifying information you may take part in this research if you agree to not be paid.