



**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. With some questions you can answer “no opinion”. 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 re-search team.

*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> <b>I am <u>satisfied</u> with...</b>	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> <b>I am <u>satisfied</u> with...</b>	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						
	<b>Incarcerated people on this unit..</b>	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					

	<b>Staff on this unit..</b>	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> <b>On this unit..</b>	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> <b>In the <u>past month</u>, how often..</b>	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> <b>In the <u>past month</u>, how often..</b>	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> <b>In the <u>past month</u>, how often have you...</b>	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> <b>In the <u>past month</u>, how often did you...</b>		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> <b>I am satisfied with...</b>		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> <b>On this unit..</b>	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 pre- pare 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> <b>On this unit...</b>	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> <b>Generally speaking...</b>	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	TCU	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> <b>I am satisfied with...</b>	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> <b>I am satisfied with ..</b>	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> <b>In the <u>past month</u>..</b>	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>			
	<b><u>In the past month how often did you see...</u></b>	Never	Once	More than once
115	... the doctor?			
116	... the nurse?			
117	... the dentist?			
118	... the psychologist?			

	<i>Healthcare Professionals</i> <b>I am satisfied with the work of..</b>	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> <b>During the <u>past week</u>, how often did you feel...</b>	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> <b>In the past month, how often have you...</b>	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> <b>I am satisfied with how often I can see...</b>	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
<b>In the past month..</b>		
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> <b>Compared to other prisons in which I have been incarcerated..</b>	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> <b><i>In which country..</i></b>	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.