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Why participate?

- You can give your opinion about living conditions in this prison.
- Your answers will only be seen by the research team and will be used to better understand what life is like in here.
- You will receive \$2 on your commissary or other account as a thank you for completing this survey.

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> 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 pre-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 | 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> 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> | |
| | In the past month.. | |
| | | Yes |
| | | No |
| 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.