

2023 Restrictive Housing Report



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FY 2023 restrictive housing admissions by age¹

Restrictive housing unit	Age at admission							Total	Avg. age at adm.
	16-17	18-20	21-26	27-35	36-44	45-60	61+		
MCF-FRB Segregation		16	266	497	367	214	52	1,412	36.7
MCF-LL Segregation	4	40	103	287	212	139	16	801	36.0
MCF-ML Unit 04		24	151	366	278	245	61	1,125	38.8
MCF-OPH ACU		1	11	28	24	7	2	73	36.6
MCF-OPH CX5			47	89	99	46	12	293	38.1
MCF-RC 1W		61	395	598	340	146	20	1,560	33.3
MCF-SCL Unit Segregation		109	347	738	488	231	39	1,952	34.6
MCF-SHK Segregation	1	11	92	235	187	113	11	650	36.6
MCF-STW Cell Hall Segregation		59	546	855	526	237	30	2,253	34.0
Total	5	321	1,958	3,693	2,521	1,378	243	10,119	35.4

FY 2023 restrictive housing admissions by race

Restrictive housing unit	American					Total
	Indian	Asian	Black	Unknown	White	
MCF-FRB Segregation	133	22	633	6	618	1,412
MCF-LL Segregation	82	9	255	2	453	801
MCF-ML Unit 04	116	14	433	1	561	1,125
MCF-OPH ACU	13	1	31		28	73
MCF-OPH CX5	50	2	154		87	293
MCF-RC 1W	166	29	832	3	530	1,560
MCF-SCL Unit Segregation	267	22	805	1	857	1,952
MCF-SHK Segregation	175	10	181	3	281	650
MCF-STW Cell Hall Segregation	335	35	1,244	2	637	2,253
Total	1,337	144	4,568	18	4,052	10,119

¹ A "restrictive housing admission" is an entry into a segregation-unit living assignment during the fiscal year, either as a movement from a non-segregation living assignment, or as the initial living assignment upon new commitment or release violator admission. Movements from one segregation bed to another are excluded. An individual may have more than one such admission during the fiscal year. MCF-Red Wing (adults) and MCF-Togo do not have restrictive housing units, so those residents are transferred to other facilities as needed. MCF-Red Wing juvenile data is not captured in this report, as it relates to different statutory and rule-based obligations and a fundamental difference in approach to working with juveniles.

Unduplicated count of individuals entering restrictive housing in FY 2023, by age and race

Race	Age at admission							Total
	16-17	18-20	21-26	27-35	36-44	45-60	61+	
American Indian	1	14	94	239	189	88	11	636
Asian		1	11	34	35	7	1	89
Black	4	90	455	826	468	294	40	2,177
Unknown			8	2	1		1	12
White		27	280	772	704	415	98	2,296
Total	5	132	848	1,873	1,397	804	151	5,210

Individuals transferred from restrictive housing to the mental health unit

During FY 2023, there were 33 instances of a person being directly transferred from restrictive housing to CX4 ("Mental Health Unit") at MCF-Oak Park Heights, involving 30 distinct individuals.

Penalties by rule violation, FY 2023

Rule#	Rule Title	Number of sanctions during FY23							Avg. penalty days ²	
		Confiscate Property	Extended Incarceration	Loss of Privileges	Restitution	Restricted Segregation	Segregation	Total	Segregation	Restricted Segregation
020	Disturbing Others			19		3	60	82	9.8	4.3
030	Failure to Comply		1	380		21	294	696	15.1	5.0
050	Gambling	1		5			4	10	9.3	
130	Contempt						4	4	13.8	
160	Disobeying a Direct Order			215		49	1891	2155	16.7	5.0
161	Refusing Placement			69		2	684	755	15.7	5.0
170	Interference with Security Procedures		1	211		26	1168	1406	25.1	5.9
180	Enterprises & Fraud			8		1	23	32	10.9	5.0
190	Unauthorized Control, Theft, Possession, Transfer or Use of Property	11		299	18	24	479	831	10.0	5.0
202	Use of Alcohol or Other Intoxicants			14			255	269	15.6	
203	Possession of Illegal Drugs (RCV)		3				143	146	26.3	
211	Use of Illegal Drugs (RCV)						138	138	25.2	
213	Misuse of Prescribed Medications			112		13	719	844	11.2	5.1
214	Misuse of Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications			13		3	18	34	10.9	5.0
215	Refusal to Provide Sample		1				39	40	18.9	
215	Refusal to Provide Sample (RCV)		1				128	129	30.1	
216	Possession of Alcohol or Other Intoxicants			24		2	702	728	14.0	6.5
220	Tampering with Security/Safety Devices	1		38		4	269	312	26.4	7.3
240	Lying and Misrepresentation			58		10	130	198	12.9	5.5
270	Destruction, Damage, or Alteration of Property			244	108	14	462	828	14.6	5.0
281	Smuggling within a Facility			11		16	186	213	14.7	5.6
282	Smuggling From Outside a Facility (RCV)		1				82	83	35.7	
290	Being in an Unauthorized Area			241		39	489	769	12.6	4.9

² This is the average of the cases where segregation or restrictive segregation was imposed.

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		Confiscate Property	Extended Incarceration	Loss of Privileges	Restitution	Restricted Segregation	Segregation	Total	Segregation	Restricted Segregation
300	Abuse/Harassment			140		52	883	1075	13.7	5.0
301	Offender Sexual Harassment						24	24	13.1	
310	Threatening Others		1	21		2	260	284	18.5	8.5
310	Threatening Others (RCV)		6	10		2	381	399	40.3	8.5
315	Classification Failure						28	28	36.4	
320	Disorderly Conduct			476	1	103	2806	3386	15.2	5.0
321	Fighting			20		8	1126	1154	21.2	6.0
322	Tattooing/Disfigurement			35			125	160	7.9	
323	Possession of Tattoo Paraphernalia			93		1	269	363	10.3	5.0
330	Arson (RCV)						4	4	75.0	
340	Sexual Behavior		1	4		3	51	59	14.5	5.0
340	Sexual Behavior (RCV)		1				30	31	34.6	
341	Sexual Abuse of Offender (RCV)						5	5	51.0	
345	Sexual Misconduct Towards Staff			1		2	64	67	19.8	6.5
345	Sexual Misconduct Towards Staff (RCV)		6			1	178	185	40.4	5.0
350	Soliciting/Bribery			7		2	66	75	15.4	5.0
360	Extortion						4	4	20.8	
360	Extortion (RCV)						2	2	30.0	
380	Possession of Wireless Device						4	4	22.5	
380	Possession of Wireless Device (RCV)						13	13	40.0	
383	Possession of Weapons (RCV)					1	172	173	38.5	5.0
384	Possession of Money	27		9	1	1	12	50	10.6	8.0
385	Possession of Escape Materials			2			8	10	15.0	
385	Possession of Escape Materials (RCV)						1	1	30.0	
386	Possession of Other Contraband			344	1	17	883	1245	16.3	5.6
387	Possession of Smuggling Device			3		1	20	24	22.3	8.0
388	Possession of Tobacco						4	4	15.5	
389	Possession of Unauthorized Medications			87		18	443	548	12.6	5.8

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390	Inciting/Unlawful Assembly/Protest			1		1	26	28	23.8	5.0
390	Inciting/Unlawful Assembly/Protest (RCV)						26	26	56.4	
410	Assault					1	15	16	28.0	10.0
410	Assault (RCV)						12	12	27.6	
411	Assault of Staff (RCV)			3			167	170	61.9	
412	Assault of Offender (RCV)		2			3	389	394	37.0	8.3
413	Assault of Staff with Weapon (RCV)		1				17	18	92.6	
414	Assault of Offender with Weapon (RCV)						33	33	94.5	
420	Riot (RCV)						65	65	76.1	
430	Holding Hostage (RCV)						1	1	250.0	
431	Escape (RCV)		22			1	9	32	67.8	10.0
439	Escape from Secure Custody (RCV)						1	1	90.0	
441	Assault with Bodily Harm of Staff (RCV)						36	36	129.2	
442	Assault with Bodily Harm of Offender (RCV)						52	52	82.0	
443	Assault of Staff with Bodily Fluids (RCV)					1	53	54	65.2	7.0
444	Assault of Staff with Bodily Fluids and Significant Exposure (RCV)						4	4	152.0	
450	Assault with Significant Bodily Harm of Staff (RCV)						5	5	306.0	
460	Assault with Significant Bodily Harm of Offender (RCV)		1				7	8	194.3	
470	Creating a Fire Hazard			19			90	109	10.1	
512	Mandated Treatment Failure/Refusal, Sex Offender Treatment (SOT)		49					49		
517	Mandated Treatment Assessment Refusal, Chemical Dependency		2					2		
Total		40	100	3236	129	448	17241	21194	19.8	5.3

Lengths of terms served in restrictive housing

During FY 2023, there were 9,847 releases from restrictive housing.³ The duration of their restrictive housing terms can be summarized as follows:

Duration	n	Percent
366+ days	25	0%
181-365 days	50	1%
91-180 days	134	1%
61-90 days	124	1%
31-60 days	562	6%
16-30 days	1,197	12%
11-15 days	1,225	12%
6-10 days	2,805	28%
0-5 days	3,725	38%
Total	9,847	100%

July 1, 2023 restrictive housing population by basis and race⁴

Basis	American Indian	Asian	Black	White	Total
Disciplinary segregation	49	4	120	86	259
Temporary housing status	4	1	12	18	35
Pre-hearing detention	4		16	9	29
Administrative segregation	3		10	10	23
Special management status	1		5	8	14
Mental health observation			1		1
All other assignments	4	1	12	9	26
Total	65	6	176	140	387

³ These include releases to non-restrictive MCF housing, transfers to non-MCF housing, and releases from custody. An individual may have more than one such release during the fiscal year.

⁴ People in restrictive housing units are counted as "disciplinary segregation" if they have an active segregation sanction in COMS Discipline as of 7/1/2023. The remaining individuals are categorized by their "work assignment" as of that date.