



Baraga Correctional Facility (AMF)



Location: 13924 Wadaga Road, Baraga, MI 49908

Open: 1993

Gender/Age Limit: Males, 18 and older

Security Level: I and V

Prisoner Population: 595 (October 2024)

FY 24 GF Appropriation: \$39 million

Full-Time Equated Positions: 295.8

Ionia Correctional Facility (ICF)



Location: 1576 W. Bluewater Highway, Ionia, MI 48846

Open: 1987

Gender/Age Limit: Males, 18 and older

Security Level: II and V

Prisoner Population: 640 (January 2025)

FY 24 GF Appropriation: \$37 million

Full-Time Equated Positions: 290

Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility (MTU)



Location: 1728 W. Bluewater Highway, Ionia, MI 48846

Open: 1958

Gender/Age Limit: Males, 18 and older

Security Level: II

Prisoner Population: 1,100 (January 2025)

FY 24 GF Appropriation: \$35 million

Full-Time Equated Positions: 337

Finding Topic	Performance Audit Report Title			Finding Highlights
	Baraga Correctional Facility	Ionia Correctional Facility	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility	
Significant improvements needed in conducting or thoroughly performing <u>cell searches</u>	Finding 1 (pg. 9) Material condition	Finding 1 (pg. 10) Material condition	Finding 1 (pg. 10) Material condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections officers logged cell searches as complete, but our review of surveillance video evidence showed no officer(s) entered the cell or bunk. Officers conducted cell or bunk searches in about 2 minutes, raising concerns of the thoroughness of the searches.
<u>Key access</u> was not always removed for former Facility employees and contractors	Finding 2 (pg. 12) Material condition	X*	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff use PINs/ID cards to open electronic key storage cabinets to remove or replace their assigned key rings before and after each shift. We noted 30 (16%) of 191 individuals no longer worked at the Facility yet had access to key storage cabinets located in the Facility lobby.
Improvements needed in the use of cell sense <u>metal detectors</u>	X	Finding 2 (pg. 14) Material condition	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our surveillance video review showed nearly 30% of the time prisoners were not subjected to metal detectors when required or officers did not perform a pat-down search of the prisoners when flagged by the metal detector.
Improvement needed over <u>tool inspections</u>	Finding 3 (pg. 16) Material condition		Finding 3 (pg. 15) Reportable condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Baraga facility did not always include all critical or dangerous tools (i.e., wrench, drill) on the tool inventory (24%) and did not always sign out tools when in use (24%). The Richard A. Handlon facility did not perform 15% of daily tool inspections and 23% of monthly tool inspections.
Reviews of prisoners placed in <u>segregation</u> need improvement	Finding 4 (pg. 18) Material condition	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reason a prisoner was placed in temporary segregation was not documented or approved by the warden within 72 hours 24% of the time, and the reason for continued administrative segregation was not documented 15% of the time, among others.
Improvements needed in the performance of <u>security rounds</u>	X	Finding 3 (pg. 16) Material condition		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers conduct security rounds to check the well-being of prisoners, including viewing inside each cell. We noted officers did not open cell door windows 19% of the time in level V housing units and therefore did not verify the prisoners' physical presence or check for indication of life.
Controls over <u>front gate and sallyport</u> activity need improvement	Finding 5 (pg. 22) Reportable condition	Findings 4 (pg. 18) and 5 (pg. 22) Material conditions	Finding 2 (pg. 13) Reportable condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility-owned vehicles passed in and out of the Baraga sallyport without a gate manifest 28% of the time. Ionia facility staff did not fully search items (64%), vehicles (55%), and individuals (24%) entering and/or exiting the sallyport gate. Richard A. Handlon staff did not perform required searches at the front gate and sallyport 6% of the time.
Improvements needed in the completion of <u>prisoner searches</u>	X	Finding 6 (pg. 25) Reportable condition		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections officers did not perform 11 (14%) of the 80 prisoner searches reviewed. Officers are required to conduct a pat-down or clothed-body search of at least 5 randomly selected prisoners per shift (except third).
Improvements needed in the completion and documentation of <u>arsenal inspections</u>		Finding 7 (pg. 26) Reportable condition	Finding 4 (pg. 17) Reportable condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required weekly inspections of sealed cabinets located in the arsenal were not completed about 68% of the time at the Ionia facility and 30% of the time at the Richard A. Handlon facility. The Ionia facility did not perform daily inspections of the arsenal for 18% of shifts reviewed, and Richard A. Handlon facility did not properly document daily inspections for 49% of shifts reviewed.
Completion of informal <u>prisoner counts</u> needs improvement	Finding 6 (pg. 25) Reportable condition			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers did not conduct 36 (25%) of 143 required informal prisoner counts in the level I housing unit.
Improvement needed in the performance of required <u>radio checks</u>	Finding 7 (pg. 26) Reportable condition	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Baraga facility did not conduct 18% of required individual radio checks in a timely manner and 7% of required base station radio checks. These checks ensure radio equipment is in working order and helps ensure the safety and security of officers.
Observation Topic				
An evaluation of MDOC's <u>metal detector policy</u> should be considered	X	Observation 1 (pg. 29)	Observation 1 (pg. 19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During our on-site testing, we carried metal objects through walk-through metal detectors without detection. We noted clarification of Statewide MDOC policy may be necessary regarding metal detector sensitivity settings and selection of an appropriate test piece for periodic testing.

* An "X" indicates we did not include the applicable safety and/or security topic in the scope of the correctional facility audit.