



*Performance Audit
Prisoner Security Classification and
Recommended Programming
Michigan Department of Corrections
(MDOC)*

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MDOC's security classification process assesses a prisoner's security level and determines the appropriate housing placement to help ensure the protection of the general public, prevention of escape, maintenance of control and order, and safety of staff and prisoners. MDOC assesses each prisoner's risks, needs, and strengths in order to provide responsive treatment, programming, and opportunities during the prisoner's incarceration to provide the prisoner with the tools to make a successful transition back into the community upon release. As of July 31, 2018, MDOC housed 38,635 prisoners in 30 prisons.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #1: To assess the sufficiency of MDOC's security classification process.			Sufficient, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
In 4,031 instances, MDOC transferred prisoners between security levels without completing a timely security classification assessment, including 2,855 instances in which the prisoners were moved to a lower security level (Finding #1).		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #2: To assess the sufficiency of MDOC's efforts to ensure that prisoners receive recommended programming.			Sufficient, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Three (7%) and 5 (12%) of 43 prisoners did not have the opportunity to complete recommended programming by their earliest release dates or Parole Board interviews, respectively, potentially resulting in extended incarceration periods and additional costs to the State (Finding #2).		X	Agrees

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