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INSPECTION
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CAMBRIA COUNTY JAIL
Ebensburg, Pennsylvania

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted an inspection of the Cambria County Jail (CCJ) in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, from June 3 to July 2, 2026, which included a 1-day on-site visit on June 30, 2026..[1] The facility opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by Cambria County. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at CCJ in 1997 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Philadelphia (ERO Philadelphia). The facility is a United States Marshal Service (USMS) contracted detention facility where ICE is an authorized user and operates under the USMS Federal Performance Based Detention Standards (FPBDS) (May 2025).

ERO deportation officers are not assigned full-time to the facility but conduct weekly unscheduled visits. A warden handles daily facility operations and manages (b)(7)(e) support personnel. Cambria County provides food services, PrimeCare Medical provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary Network provides commissary services at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity.[2]	(b)(7)(e)
Average ICE Population.[3]	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Male Population (as of June 30, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Female Population (as of June 30, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)

During its last inspection in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021,,[4] ODO found 6 deficiencies: Admission and Release (2); Detainee Classification System (1); Detainee Grievance Procedures (1); Funds and Personal Property (1); and Environmental Health and Safety (1).

[1] This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.
[2] Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of June 25, 2026.
[3] *Ibid.*
[4] ODO has not inspected CCJ since FY 2021 due to the facility previously not meeting ODO's inspection criteria of an average detainee population of 1 or more.

INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts the following annual and biennial oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities to assess and rate each facility's compliance with their contractually obligated detention standards as noted in the Facility Overview section above.

- Dedicated facility: ODO conducts annual on-site inspections of dedicated inter-governmental service agreement (IGSA) facilities, contract detention facilities (CDF), family residential centers, and service processing centers.

- Non-dedicated IGSA facility:
  - For facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of 50 or more, ODO conducts biennial on-site inspections.
  - For facilities with an ADP of 50 or less,
    - If the facility has not previously had a rated ODO inspection, then ODO conducts an initial on-site inspection, and
    - If the facility has had an ODO inspection, then the facility completes a biennial ODO-assisted self-inspection process (OASIP).

- U.S. Marshal Service (USMS): USMS CDF and intergovernmental agreement facilities complete biennial OASIPs.

In FY 2025, ODO implemented OASIPs, which replaced the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low ADP and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operation demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with detention standard requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being. Facilities have 30 calendar days to complete the OASIP inspection and ODO staff will go on-site for 1 day towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.[5]

ODO defines a "deficiency" as any violation of detention standards, policies, or operational procedures, as applicable. ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to the completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with a "C" in the *Inspection Findings* section of the report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. ODO shares a summary of these findings with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating a uniform corrective action plan (UCAP); and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO's findings inform ICE executive management in their decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency's entire detention inventory.

[5] When ODO conducts on-site inspections for non-OASIP facilities, the facility is notified 4 weeks before the inspection and ODO is on-site for 2-3 business days conducting the inspection.

FINDINGS BY FEDERAL PERFORMANCE BASED DETENTION STANDARDS (MAY 2025) MAJOR CATEGORIES

USMS FPBDS (May 2025) Standards Inspected[5]	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Administration and Management	
Quality Control	0
Facility Admission and Orientation Program	0
Detainee Transfers and Releases	0
Staffing	0
Staff Training	0
Emergency Plans	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 2 - Health Care	
Health Care Administration	0
Intake Health Screening	0
Medical, Mental Health, and Dental Appraisals	0
Access to Health Care	0
Provision of Health Care	0
Incident Health Care	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 3 - Security and Control	
Use of Force/Non-Routine Application of Restraints	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 4 - Food Service	
Food Service Administration	0
Food Storage and Preparation	0
Detainee Meals and Special Diets	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 6 - Safety and Sanitation	
Fire Safety and Chemical Control	0
Sanitation and Environmental Control	0
Clothing and Bedding	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 7 - Services and Programs	
Classification and Housing	0
Grievance Program	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Total Deficiencies	**0**

[5] For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Inspection Findings* section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed six detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with the facility services.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during this inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under USMS FPBDS (May 2025) and found the facility in compliance with all 21 standards. Although ODO conducted a prior inspection of CCJ, ODO cannot perform a trend analysis due to the change of standards from National Detention Standards (NDS) 2000 to USMS FPBDS (May 2025). ODO did not receive a UCAP for its last inspection of CCJ in March 2021, so ODO could not assess what impact a UCAP would have had on the facility's overall compliance with standards. ODO recommends ERO Philadelphia continue to work with the facility in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2021 NDS 2000	FY 2026 USMS FPBDS (May 2025)
Standards Reviewed	18	21
Deficient Standards	5	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	6	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Repeat Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Areas Of Concern	10	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	N/A	Superior

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