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Burnet County Jail

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REFUSED INSPECTION REPORT
of the
Burnet County Jail
Burnet, Texas

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) attempted to conduct an inspection of the Burnet County Jail (BCJ) in Burnet, Texas, from July 8 to August 4, 2026.[1,2] The facility opened in 1998 and is owned by Burnet County and operated by the Burnet County Sheriff's Office. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at BCJ in 1998 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in San Antonio (ERO San Antonio). 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 San Antonio deportation officers are not assigned full-time to the facility, but conduct unscheduled weekly visits, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Burnet County Sheriff's Office jail captain handles daily facility operations. Aramark provides food services, TurnKey Medical provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary Network provides commissary services at the facility. In April 2026, BCJ was audited for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was found DOJ PREA compliant.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity[3]	(b)(7)(e)
Average ICE Population[4]	(b)(7)(e)
Adult Male Population (as of July 30, 2026)	(b)
Adult Female Population (as of July 30, 2026)	(b)(7)(e)

During its last inspection in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024,[5] ODO found 15 deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (4), Food Service (1), Personal Hygiene (2), and Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention (8).

[1] This facility holds male detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods under than 72 hours.
[2] This inspection was initially scheduled for January 2026 but was rescheduled at the facility's request due a flu outbreak and staff absences at the facility.
[3] Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of July 23, 2026.
[4] *Ibid.*
[5] ODO inspects USMS facilities biennially.

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 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. Marshals 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.[6]

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 its decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency's entire detention inventory.

[6] 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.

CONCLUSION

ODO attempted to conduct an on-site inspection of BCJ; however, on July 30, 2026, BCJ notified ERO San Antonio they refused ODO's on-site inspection. BCJ's refusal of the ODO inspection resulted in ODO marking all line items that would have been inspected as deficient, resulting in ODO's rating of "Failure" for the facility. ODO recommends ERO San Antonio coordinate with BCJ to reschedule an inspection.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 (NDS 2019)	FY 2026 USMS FPBDS (May 2025)
Standards Reviewed	10	10
Deficient Standards	4	10
Overall Number of Deficiencies	15	43
Priority Component Deficiencies	0	0
Repeat Deficiencies	1	0
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Acceptable/Adequate	Failure

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