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INSPECTION
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FINNEY COUNTY JAIL
Garden City, Kansas

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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 Finney County Jail (FCJ) in Garden City, Kansas, from July 15 to August 13, 2026, which included a 1-day on site visit on August 11, 2026..[1] The facility opened in 1982 and is owned and operated by Finney County Sheriff's Office. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at FCJ in 1990 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Chicago (ERO Chicago). The facility is a non-dedicated ICE detention facility and operates under National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019.

ERO has deportation officers assigned full-time to the facility. They are on-site (b)(7)(e) [redacted]. The sheriff handles daily facility operations and manages [redacted] support personnel. Finney County Jail staff provides food services, American Correctional Health provides medical care, and Keefe Commissary 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]	[redacted]
Average ICE Population[3]	[redacted]
Adult Male Population (as of August 11, 2026)	[redacted]
Adult Female Population (as of August 11, 2026)	[redacted]

During its last inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 13 deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (4); Food Service (6); Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (1); Special Management Unit (1); and Staff-Detainee Communication (1).

[1] This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods less than 72 hours.
[2] Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of August 6, 2026.
[3] *Ibid.*

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.[4]

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 uniform corrective action plans (UCAPs); 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.

[4] 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 NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected[5]	Deficiencies
Part 1 - Safety	
Environmental Health and Safety	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 2 - Security	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
Staff-Detainee Communication	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Part 4 - Care	
Food Service	0
Medical Care	1
Personal Hygiene	0
Sub-Total	**1**
Part 6 - Justice	
Grievance System	0
Sub-Total	**0**
Total Deficiencies	**1**

DETAINEE RELATIONS

The facility's ICE detainee population count was zero during the inspection; therefore, ODO did not conduct any detainee interviews.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

CARE

MEDICAL CARE (MC)

ODO interviewed the facility's medical staff and found all detainees are not screened by a health care professional, or "specially trained staff" within 12 hours of arrival. Specifically, all detainees are given a medical information screening at intake by a non-specially trained officer, but health

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

care professionals only see the detainees for a sick call request **(Deficiency MC-12.[6]). This is a priority component**.

Corrective Action: The facility's medical staff provided ODO a copy of the medical information screening form, that the nurse will complete upon all detainee arrivals **(C-1)**.

CONCLUSION

During this OASIP inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 10 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with 9 of those standards. ODO found one deficiency in one standard. Since FCJ last inspection in November 2023, the facility's compliance with NDS 2019 has trended upwards. FCJ went from 5 deficient standards and 10 deficiencies in November 2023 to 1 deficient standard and 1 deficiency during this most recent full inspection.

ODO did not receive a UCAP for its last inspection of FCJ in November 2023, so ODO could not assess what impact UCAP had on the facility's overall compliance with standards. ODO recommends ERO Chicago continue to work with the facility to resolve the deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 (NDS 2019)	FY 2026 (NDS 2019)
Standards Reviewed	10	10
Deficient Standards	5	1
Overall Number of Deficiencies	13	1
Priority Component Deficiencies	2	1
Repeat Deficiencies	N/A	0
Areas Of Concern	1	0
Corrective Actions	0	1
Facility Rating	Acceptable/Adequate	Superior

[6] "As soon as possible, but no later than 12 hours after arrival, all detainees shall receive, by a health care practitioner or a specially trained detention officer, an initial medical, dental and mental health screening…" *See* ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Medical Care, Section (II)(D).

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