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**ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION**  
**of the**  
**WOODBURY COUNTY JAIL**  
Sioux City, Iowa

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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 ODO assisted self-inspection process (OASIP) inspection of the Woodbury County Jail (WCJ) in Sioux City, Iowa, from May 28 to June 26, 2025, which included a 1-day on site visit on June 26, 2025..<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in 2024 and is owned by Law Enforcement Authority and operated by Woodbury County Sheriff's Office. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at WCJ in 1992 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Saint Paul (ERO Saint Paul). The facility is a United States Marshals Service (USMS) contracted facility where ICE is an authorized user and operates under the USMS Federal Performance Based Detention Standards (FPBDS) (May 2025).

[REDACTED] A captain handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Summit Food Services provides food and commissary services, and Woodbury County Sheriff's Office provides medical care at the facility. The facility does not hold any accreditations from any outside entities. In January 2020, WCJ was audited for the Department of Justice (DOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and was DOJ PREA certified.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity <sup>2</sup>	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population <sup>3</sup>	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of June 26, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of June 26, 2025)	[REDACTED]

This was ODO's first inspection of WCJ.

<sup>1</sup> This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of June 23, 2025.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

## ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION PROCESS

In FY 2025, ODO implemented an OASIP, which replaces the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low average daily population (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 USMS FPBDS (May 2025) 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 towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.

ODO identifies violations of USMS FPBDS (May 2025) as "deficiencies." ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with "C" under the *ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; 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.

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

FPBDS (May 2025) Standards Inspected. <sup>4</sup>	Deficiencies
<b>A. Administration and Management</b>	
Quality Control	0
Facility Admission and Orientation Program	0
Detainee Transfers and Releases	0
Staffing	0
Staff Training	0
Emergency Plans	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>B. Health Care</b>	
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
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>C. Security and Control</b>	
Use of Force/Non-Routine Application of Restraints	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>D. Food Service</b>	
Food Service Administration	0
Food Storage and Preparation	0
Detainee Meals and Special Diets	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>E. Safety and Sanitation</b>	
Fire Safety and Chemical Control	0
Sanitation and Environmental Control	0
Clothing and Bedding	1
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>F. Services and Programs</b>	
Classification and Housing	0
Grievance Program	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Deficiencies</b>	<b>1</b>

<sup>4</sup> For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings section of this report.

## DETAINEE RELATIONS

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

## ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

### SAFETY AND SANITATION

#### CLOTHING AND BEDDING (CB)

ODO interviewed a WCJ lieutenant and found the facility staff does not provide male detainees with underwear, nor are detainees of either sex provided socks upon arrival at the facility (Deficiency CB-1.<sup>5</sup>).

## CONCLUSION

During this OASIP, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under FPBDS (May 2025) and found the facility in compliance with 20 of those standards. ODO found one deficiency in the remaining standard. This inspection is the facility's first inspection. Prior inspection data does not exist for ODO to perform a trend analysis. ODO recommends ERO St. Paul work with the facility to resolve the remaining deficiency in accordance with contractual obligations.

Inspection Results Compared	No Previous ODO Inspection	FY 2025 OASIP (FPBDS MAY 2025)
Standards Reviewed	N/A	21
Deficient Standards	N/A	1
Overall Number of Deficiencies	N/A	1
Priority Component Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Repeat Deficiencies	N/A	N/A
Areas Of Concern	N/A	0
Corrective Actions	N/A	0
Facility Rating	N/A	Superior

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<sup>5</sup> "Detainees are issued clean well-maintained clothing items in a sufficient quantity of each item, or provided an opportunity to exchange or have laundered, each item on a weekly equivalent basis: ...

b. Seven pairs of underwear (seven undershirts, seven drawers in accordance with gender needs).

c. Seven pairs of socks"

See FPBDS (May 2025), Standard, Clothing and Bedding, Section, F.3.2.b-c.



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