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of the
BALDWIN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER
Bay Minette, Alabama

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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 a special review of the Baldwin County Correctional Center (BCCC) in Bay Minette, Alabama, from July 15 to 16, 2025.¹ The facility opened in 2011 and is owned by Baldwin County and operated by the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at BCCC in 2011 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in New Orleans (ERO New Orleans).² 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).³

_____ A sheriff handles daily facility operations and manages _____ support personnel. Summit Food Services provides food services, Quality Correctional Health Care provides medical care, and Kimble's Food by Design provides commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the National Institute for Jail Operations in July 2024.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity. ⁴	
Average ICE Population. ⁵	
Adult Male Population (as of July 15, 2025)	
Adult Female Population (as of July 15, 2025)	

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, under ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019, ODO found 59 deficiencies in the following areas: Detainee Handbook (2); Environmental Health and Safety (16); Food Service (17); Hunger Strikes (1); Medical Care (6); Recreation (4); Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention (10); Significant Self-harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention (3).

¹ ICE contracts the USMS to hold male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods less than 72 hours.

² BCCC received a rating of “failure” on their last 2 consecutive ODO inspections and ERO stopped housing detainees at the facility on March 3, 2025. ODO conducted this special review at ERO’s request to ensure BCCC is meeting required detention standards for potential future use of this facility.

³ In June 2025, all USMS contracted facilities where ICE is an authorized user changed from NDS 2019 to USMS FPBDS (May 2025).

⁴ Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of July 14, 2025.

⁵ *Ibid.*

SPECIAL REVIEW PROCESS

ODO conducts routine oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities to assess and rate each facility's compliance with their contractually obligated detention standards, either annually or biennially depending on facility type. ERO stops housing detainees at a facility if the facility receives two consecutive ratings of "failure" by ODO; however, ERO may request ODO conduct a special review of the facility to assess and rate the facility's compliance with required detention standards to help determine if future use of the facility is possible.

ODO identifies any 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 Special Review 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

USMS FPBDS (May 2025) Standards Inspected ⁶	Deficiencies
A. 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
B. 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
C. Security and Control	
Use of Force/Non-Routine Application of Restraints	0
Sub-Total	0
D. Food Service	
Food Service Administration	0
Food Storage and Preparation	0
Detainee Meals and Special Diets	0
Sub-Total	0
F. Safety and Sanitation	
Fire Safety and Chemical Control	0
Sanitation and Environmental Control	0
Clothing and Bedding	0
Sub-Total	0
G. Services and Programs	
Classification and Housing	0
Grievance Program	0
Sub-Total	0
Total Deficiencies	0

⁶ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Special Review Findings* section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

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

SPECIAL REVIEW FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this special review, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 21 standards under the USMS FPBDS (May 2025) and found the facility in compliance with all 21 of those standards. This is the facility's first inspection under the USMS FPBDS (May 2025). Although ODO conducted a prior inspection of BCCC, ODO cannot perform a trend analysis due to a change in detention standards. During this special review, ODO rated BCCC's compliance with the USMS FPBDS (May 2025) as "Superior." ODO recommends regular and consistent field office oversight of BCCC should ERO house detainees at this facility in the future, to ensure the facility maintains compliance with required detention standards.

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Special Review (NDS 2019)	FY 2025 Special Review (FPBDS May 2025)
Standards Reviewed	10	21
Deficient Standards	8	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	59	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	11	N/A
Repeat Deficiencies	54	N/A
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Failure	Superior



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