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**INSPECTION  
of the  
GRAYSON COUNTY JAIL  
Leitchfield, Kentucky**

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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 Grayson County Jail (GCJ) in Leitchfield, Kentucky, from July 23 to August 21, 2025, which included a 1-day on site visit on August 21, 2025..<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in 1998 and is owned by Grayson County Physical Court and operated by the Grayson County Jailer. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at GCJ in 1999 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Chicago (ERO Chicago). 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)..<sup>2</sup>

[REDACTED] A jailer handles daily facility operations and manages support personnel. Grayson County provides food services and medical care, and Keefe 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. <sup>3</sup>	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population. <sup>4</sup>	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of August 21, 2025)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of August 21, 2025)	[REDACTED]

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found 20 deficiencies in the following areas: Environmental Health and Safety (5); Food Service (10); Hunger Strikes (1); Medical Care (3); and Use of Force and Restraints (1).

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

<sup>3</sup> Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of August 18, 2025.

<sup>4</sup> *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 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 towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.<sup>5</sup>

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.

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<sup>5</sup> When ODO conducts an on-site inspection, the facility is notified 4 weeks before the inspection and ODO is on-site for 3 business days conducting the inspection.

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

USMS FPBDS (May 2025) Standards Inspected. <sup>6</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>F. Safety and Sanitation</b>	
Fire Safety and Chemical Control	0
Sanitation and Environmental Control	0
Clothing and Bedding	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>G. Services and Programs</b>	
Classification and Housing	0
Grievance Program	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Deficiencies</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>6</sup> For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Inspection Findings* section of this report.

## DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed seven detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. One detainee made an allegation of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. Most detainees reported satisfaction with the facility services except for the concern listed below.

*Staffing:* One detainee stated facility staff physically assaulted them by closing the housing unit door and their arm.

- Action Taken: On August 21, 2025, ODO immediately referred this incident to ERO Chicago. On August 22, 2025, ERO Chicago reported the incident to the Integrity Coordination Center who logged the incident and opened an investigation. ICE released the detainee from custody on September 4, 2025. The investigation was still open at the time of this report publication.

## INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during the 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. This inspection is the facility's first inspection under USMS FPBDS (May 2025), so prior inspection data does not exist for ODO to perform a trend analysis. ODO recommends ERO Chicago continue to work with the facility to maintain its high level of compliance with USMS FPBDS (May 2025).

Inspection Results Compared	FY 2024 Special Review (NDS 2019)	FY 2025 OASIP (FPBDS MAY 2025 )
Standards Reviewed	10	21
Deficient Standards	5	0
Overall Number of Deficiencies	20	0
Priority Component Deficiencies	2	N/A
Repeat Deficiencies	0	N/A
Areas Of Concern	0	0
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	Acceptable/Adequate	Superior



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