

## ASSAULTS DATA/STATISTICS

- **ASSAULTS ON STAFF IN 2016:** In 2016, assaults on staff went down 11.3% from 2015. The staff assault rate per 1,000 inmates went down 10%. That's 91 less staff assaults in 2016
- **MAJOR ASSAULTS ON STAFF IN 2016:** In 2016, major assaults on staff went down 3% from 2015. The major staff assault rate per 1,000 inmates went down 3%. That's 2 less major staff assaults in 2016.
- **20-YEAR TREND OF STAFF ASSAULTS:** The assault rate on staff in 2016 was nearly half (49% lower) than it was 20 years ago in 1996. The MAJOR assault rate on staff in 2016 was 29% lower than it was 20 years ago in 1996.
- **ASSAULTS ON INMATES IN 2016:** Inmate-on-inmate assaults went up slightly by 11% in 2016. The inmate-on-inmate assault rate per 1,000 inmates went up 13%.
- **MAJOR ASSAULTS ON INMATES IN 2016:** Major inmate-on-inmate assaults went down 29% in 2016. The major inmate-on-inmate assault rate per 1,000 inmates went down 31%.
- **ASSAULTS BEFORE AND AFTER 2013 PRISON CLOSURES:** From before (Jan. 2013) to after (Dec. 2013) the SCI Cresson and Greensburg prison closures, staff and inmate assault rates remained the same (1.2 staff assaults per 1,000 inmates and 1.1 inmate assaults per 1,000 inmates). The current staff assault rate (Dec. 2016) is 33% lower, and the inmate assault rate remains the same.
- **PA ASSAULTS COMPARED TO OTHER STATES:** Out of the 23 states that report assault data to the Association of State Corrections Administrators (ASCA), Pennsylvania has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest assault rate. Pennsylvania has approximately 75% less assaults than our neighbor Ohio.
- **PA RESEARCH ON ASSAULTS AND CROWDING:** A study completed in Pennsylvania in 2016 by a researcher at the University of Maryland found that there was no relationship between prison crowding fluctuations (as measured by % of operational capacity) and prison assaults during the study period of 2012 to 2014.
- **PA DOC EFFORTS TO REDUCE PRISON VIOLENCE:** In late 2015, Sec. Wetzel started an initiative to examine violence in PA DOC facilities and propose violence reduction plans. A Violence Reduction Committee of approximately 70 staff from all levels and positions were formed to examine this. Several pilot initiatives have been implemented, with good results so far at the facilities.