

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Marion County Jail

Date:

August 1, 2017

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.134	Multiple Occupancy Cells. Multiple occupancy cells shall contain 2 to 8 bunks and not less than 40 square feet of clear floor space for the first bunk plus 18 square feet of clear floor space for each additional bunk. Each multiple occupancy cell shall have one toilet and lavatory. Cells shall contain table and seating if day room space is not provided.

On 8/1/2017, TCJS staff received the Marion Co. Jail monthly population report that showed the number of inmates currently housed and the reported number of inmates was above the designed capacity. After receiving the report and speaking to the jail administrator, this inspector confirmed and verified that the jail exceeded the designed capacity of 6 in MO cells A, B, C, and D by one inmate in each cell. It was also confirmed that the crowding issue has existed for the past 7 days and for 12 of the last 30 days.

2	275	.4	Staff. Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes. Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions. A plan concurred in by both commissioners' court and sheriff's office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.
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After speaking with the jail administrator, this inspector confirmed and verified that the jail did not provide one jailer on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed at all times as required by minimum jail standards.


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