


Department of Corrections
**Prison Rape Elimination Act
Annual Report – Calendar Year 2020**

This Annual Report, in accordance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (“PREA”) Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails, summarizes Calendar Year (“CY”) 2020 incident-based data and actions taken in CY 2020 by the Rhode Island Department of Corrections (“RIDOC”) and its facilities to improve its efforts to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.

Data Collection Activities

All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are entered in the Facility Incident Database and investigated by either the Special Investigations Unit (“SIU”) or the Office of Inspections (“OI”). Additional information is collected and entered in the Facility Incident Database during the investigative process and after facility based Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews are conducted to review allegations of sexual abuse that are determined after investigation to be substantiated or unsubstantiated.

The RIDOC PREA Coordinator reviews the data collected from the Facility Incident Database to (1) assess and improve the effectiveness of the RIDOC’s sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection and response efforts and (2) prepare the annual report.

CY 2020 Data
CY 2020 Total All Facilities PREA-Related Incidents: 137
Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
39	0	7	14	18

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
10	2	0	7	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
57	0	6	10	41

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
31	7	0	11	13

CY 2020 Total High Security Center PREA-Related Incidents: 14**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (High Security Center)**

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	1	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	1	1	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
10	2	0	5	3

CY 2020 Total Maximum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 13**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Maximum Security)**

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	1	0	3	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	1	1	2

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	1	0	1	3

CY 2020 Total Medium Security PREA-Related Incidents: 19**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Medium Security)**

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	0	3	0	2

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
10	0	0	0	10

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	1	0	3	0

CY 2020 Total Minimum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 4**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Minimum Security)**

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	1	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	0	2

CY 2020 Total Intake Service Center PREA-Related Incidents: 32**Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Intake Service Center)**

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
9	0	0	3	6

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	1	0	2	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
13	0	0	3	10

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
7	2	0	2	3

CY 2020 Total Women's Facility PREA-Related Incidents: 55

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Women's Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
24	0	4	11	9

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Women's Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	1	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Women's Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
26	0	4	4	18

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Women's Facility)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	1	0	0	2

Comparative Data Analysis

In CY 2020, the number of PREA allegations reported to RIDOC decreased from CY 2019. There were 137 PREA allegations reported and investigated in CY 2020 as compared to the 162 PREA allegations that were reported and investigated in CY 2019. Data continues to reflect that there are clear reporting mechanisms in place and that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated.

It is important to note that the data also demonstrates that RIDOC PREA activities were ongoing during the COVID-19 pandemic, that PREA allegations continued to be reported and continued to be investigated despite changes in population and facility operations resulting from the global public health crisis.

CY 2020 Corrective Actions

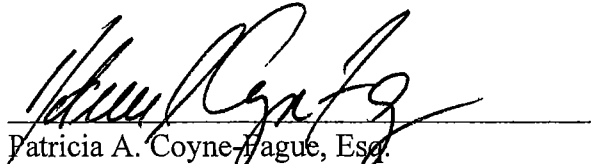
In CY 2020, PREA Audits were conducted at two (2) RIDOC facilities: Intake Service Center and the Women's Facility. The PREA Auditor found that both facilities were compliant with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails and did not require any corrective action.

RIDOC completed all the required audit activities, including full on-site reviews and in-person interviews with staff and inmates by the PREA Auditor, despite the challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Although corrective action was not required as a result of either of the facility audits at the Intake Service Center or the Women's Facility, RIDOC continued to maintain its efforts throughout CY 2020 to ensure continued compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails by:

- Providing and distributing forty-one (41) boxes of inmate PREA education materials (English and Spanish) to all RIDOC facilities;
- Updating the RIDOC PREA MOU with the Rhode Island State Police;
- Implementing an alternate work plan with the PREA Emotional Support Services contracted vendor to ensure continuity of access to victim services during the COVID-19 crisis; and
- Creating new reports in the Facility Incident Database to improve tracking of the status of PREA investigations.

RIDOC continues to be committed to full compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails and continues to dedicate resources to improve and sustain its efforts to prevent, detect and respond to incidents of sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment.


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