


Department of Corrections
**Prison Rape Elimination Act
Annual Report – Calendar Year 2021**

This Annual Report, in accordance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (“PREA”) Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails, summarizes Calendar Year (“CY”) 2021 incident-based data and actions taken in CY 2021 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 2021 Data
CY 2021 Total All Facilities PREA-Related Incidents: 154
Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
55	0	2	10	43

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
21	0	1	13	7

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
51	0	7	12	32

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
27	0	0	16	11

CY 2021 Total High Security Center PREA-Related Incidents: 13

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
2	0	0	2	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	0	4

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
7	0	0	6	1

CY 2021 Total Maximum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 11

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	0	1	2

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	0	2	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	2	1	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	2	0

CY 2021 Total Medium Security PREA-Related Incidents: 24

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
14	0	0	1	13

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	2	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	0	1	2	2

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	0	2	1

CY 2021 Total Minimum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 4

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	1	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	0	2

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

CY 2021 Total Intake Service Center PREA-Related Incidents: 40

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
17	0	1	1	15

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	1	1	2

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
10	0	0	1	9

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
9	0	0	2	7

CY 2021 Total Women's Facility PREA-Related Incidents: 62

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
21	0	1	7	13

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
8	0	0	5	3

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
27	0	4	8	15

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
6	0	0	4	2

Comparative Data Analysis

In CY 2021, the number of PREA allegations reported to RIDOC increased from CY 2020. There were 154 PREA allegations reported and investigated in CY 2021 as compared to the 137 PREA allegations that were reported and investigated in CY 2020. Data continues to reflect that there are clear reporting mechanisms in place and that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated. Despite the slight increase in the overall number of PREA allegations in CY 2021, there are no investigations ongoing from CY 2021. All CY 2021 PREA investigations were completed as reported herein.

CY 2021 Corrective Actions

In CY 2021, PREA Audits were conducted at two (2) RIDOC facilities: Maximum Security and the High Security Center. RIDOC completed all the required audit activities, including full on-site reviews and in-person interviews with staff and inmates by the federally certified PREA Auditor. 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.

Although corrective action was not required as a result of either of the facility audits at Maximum Security or the High Security Center, RIDOC continued to maintain its efforts throughout CY 2021 to ensure continued compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails by:

- Creating and offering 2 new trainings for Brass: (1) PREA Unannounced Rounds and (2) Retaliation Monitoring;
- Adding data collection points to the Facility Incident Database (i.e.- document the provision of Emotional Support Services);
- Revising policies and SOPs related to PREA;
- Hosting a presentation for staff across divisions, "General Approaches to Interacting with Transgender and Gender Diverse Inmates and Providing Care and Medical Management for this Population;"
- Participating in the Moss Group, Inc. Collaboration Call Series: "Safe and Respectful Management of Incarcerated Transgender Individuals;" and
- Receiving additional training for SIU and OI from the Moss Group, Inc., "PREA Specialized Investigations Training."

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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