

Department of Corrections

Prison Rape Elimination Act Annual Report – Calendar Year 2022

This Annual Report, in accordance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act ("PREA") Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails, summarizes Calendar Year ("CY") 2022 incident-based data and actions taken in CY 2022 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 2022 Data

CY 2022 Total All Facilities PREA-Related Incidents: 151

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
54	0	11	10	33

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
21	2	4	9	6

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
52	3	6	6	37

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
24	3	0	11	10

CY 2022 Total High Security Center PREA-Related Incidents: 5

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
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	3	1

CY 2022 Total Maximum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 14

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
7	0	4	3	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	1	0	0	3

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	0	2	0

CY 2022 Total Medium Security PREA-Related Incidents: 32

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
8	0	2	1	5

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	1	0	1	2

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
15	2	3	1	9

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	2	0	2	1

CY 2022 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	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	1	0	1	0

CY 2022 Total Intake Service Center PREA-Related Incidents: 32

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
9	0	3	1	5

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
6	1	0	2	3

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
12	0	2	3	7

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	0	0	1	4

CY 2022 Total Women's Facility PREA-Related Incidents: 64

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
35	0	6	8	21

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	3	1

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

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Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
19	0	1	2	16

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
6	0	0	2	4

Comparative Data Analysis

In CY 2022, the number of PREA allegations reported to RIDOC slightly decreased from CY 2021. There were 151 PREA allegations reported and investigated in CY 2022 and 154 PREA allegations were reported and investigated in CY 2021. Data continues to reflect that there are clear reporting mechanisms in place and that all allegations are taken seriously and investigated. While all CY 2021 investigations were completed at the time of the CY 2021 Annual Report, there are still five (5) ongoing investigations from CY 2022 (3-SIU and 5-OI).

CY 2022 Corrective Actions

In CY 2022, PREA Audits were conducted at two (2) RIDOC facilities: Medium Security and Minimum Security. 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 Medium Security or Minimum Security, RIDOC continued to maintain its efforts throughout CY 2022 to ensure continued compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails by:

- Revising RIDOC Employee PREA Training, Volunteer & Contractor PREA Training, and RIDOC PREA Investigations Training;
- Creating a new RIDOC policy, 9.52, "Management of Gender Diverse and Intersex Inmates;"
- Issuing an RFP and contracting for PREA Auditing Services for PREA Audit Cycles 4 and 5;
- Issuing an RFP for the continuing provision of PREA Emotional Support Services within RIDOC facilities; and
- Participating in an Online Audit System Demonstration by the PREA Resource Center.

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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