



**Prison Rape Elimination Act
Annual Report – Calendar Year 2023**

This Annual Report, in accordance with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (“PREA”) Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails, summarizes Calendar Year (“CY”) 2023 incident-based data and actions taken in CY 2023 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 2023 Data

CY 2023 Total All Facilities PREA-Related Incidents: 189

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
54	1	5	9	39

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
25	1	0	16	8

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
67	3	15	10	39

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (All Facilities)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
43	5	1	23	14

CY 2023 Total High Security Center PREA-Related Incidents: 15

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
1	0	0	1	0

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	0	0	2	3

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (High Security Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
9	0	0	7	2

CY 2023 Total Maximum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 6

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
0	0	0	0	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
2	0	1	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Maximum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	1	3

CY 2023 Total Medium Security PREA-Related Incidents: 50

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
9	0	2	0	7

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
4	0	0	4	0

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
15	2	1	5	7

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Medium Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
22	5	1	11	5

CY 2023 Total Minimum Security PREA-Related Incidents: 3

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
2	0	1	0	1

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Minimum Security)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
0	0	0	0	0

CY 2023 Total Intake Service Center PREA-Related Incidents: 63

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
22	0	1	1	20

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
11	0	0	6	5

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Inmate (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
25	1	6	2	16

Allegations of Sexual Harassment by Staff (Intake Service Center)

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	0	0	3	2

CY 2023 Total Women’s Facility PREA-Related Incidents: 52

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
21	1	2	7	11

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
5	1	0	4	0

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
23	0	6	3	14

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

Reported	Ongoing	Substantiated	Unfounded	Unsubstantiated
3	0	0	1	2

Comparative Data Analysis

In CY 2023, the number of PREA allegations reported to RIDOC increased by thirty-eight (38) from CY 2022. There were one hundred and eighty-nine (189) PREA allegations reported and investigated in CY 2023 and one hundred and fifty-one (151) PREA allegations were reported and investigated in CY 2022. To note, of the additional PREA allegations in CY 2023, the majority were sexual harassment complaints (34/38). And the biggest increase in PREA allegations occurred at the Intake Service Center (a jail facility with a highly transitory population) which had an additional thirty-one (31) PREA allegations in CY 2023.

At the time of the CY 2022 Annual Report, there were still eight (8) ongoing investigations (3-SIU and 5-OI). With regards to CY 2023, there are still ten (10) ongoing investigations (4-SIU and 6-OI).

RIDOC data, as confirmed by the results of RIDOC's annual PREA Audits for the last several years, including, but not limited to, the RIDOC PREA Audits conducted in 2024, continues to reflect that RIDOC has clear reporting mechanisms in place that victims know how to utilize, that all reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are documented, and that all PREA allegations are taken seriously and investigated.

CY 2023 Corrective Actions

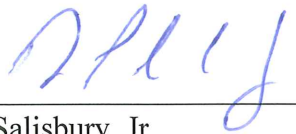
In CY 2023, PREA Audits were conducted at two (2) RIDOC facilities: Intake Service Center and the Women's Facility. RIDOC completed all the required audit activities, including full on-site reviews and in-person interviews with staff and inmates by the federally certified PREA Auditor. The PREA Auditor 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 has not been required of the RIDOC for several years by a federally certified PREA Auditor, RIDOC continued to maintain its efforts throughout CY 2023 to ensure continued compliance with the PREA Standards for Adult Prisons and Jails by:

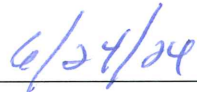
- Reviewing placement of and increasing the number of video surveillance cameras and mirrors to expand supervision in the kitchen area at the Intake Service Center.
- Installing an additional video surveillance camera at the Women's Facility to enhance supervision in the program area.
- Generating new reports in INFACETS to create efficiencies in the tracking and production of specific data points required to be provided by RIDOC for its annual facility PREA Audits.
- Designing and putting into operation new data fields in INFACETS to document gender self-identification, preferred pronouns, and shower preferences for inmates who are gender diverse or intersex.
- Adding preferred pronouns to inmate IDs for inmates who are gender diverse or intersex.

- Updating the Facility Incident Database to provide more comprehensive documentation related to PREA reports, facility response, and 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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Date