

## Rate of Sexual Abuse - 2014

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For the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), the rate of allegations of sexual abuse for the average daily population of 498 residents is 5.02 percent. There were zero substantiated cases of sexual abuse for 2014. Specifically:

- In 2014, twenty five (25) instances of alleged sexual abuse were documented with zero (0) substantiated cases.

Of the twenty five (25) incidents reported, more than half were incidents between youth.

Overall, the rate of sexual victimization reported by the NJJC resident population is well below the national average. Nationally, nine percent (9%) of the prison population reported sexual victimization. In New Jersey, five percent (5%) of the population reported incidents.

The above numbers are also reflected in NJJC's Survey of Sexual Violence which the Department completes each year for the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The NJJC publishes this annual report regarding PREA-related (Prison Rape Elimination Act) incidents and, where necessary, continues to improve the Commission's prevention, detection and response efforts. Enhanced emphasis on the Commission's zero tolerance of resident sexual abuse has reinforced prompt reporting. The Commission regularly conducts sexual abuse/assault incident reviews to determine if changes to or improvements in environmental, procedural, staffing and monitoring technology factors are required.