

Rate of Sexual Abuse - 2012 and 2013

For the NJ Department of Corrections (NJDOC), the overall rate of reported and substantiated sexual abuse for the entire population of over 22,000 inmates is less than one percent.

- In 2012, nine (9) instances of alleged sexual abuse were documented with only one (1) substantiated case.
- In 2013, a total of 23 instances of alleged sexual abuse were documented with only one (1) substantiated case.

Overall, the rate of sexual victimization reported by the NJDOC inmate population is well below the national average. Nationally, four percent (4%) of the prison population reported sexual victimization.

The NJDOC's Survey of Sexual Violence, completed each year for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, shows while the number of reported cases of inmate on inmate and staff on inmate sexual violence has increased over the last few years, the rate is still less than one percent (1%) of the population.

The NJDOC publishes an annual report regarding PREA-related incidents and, where necessary, plans to improve the Department's prevention, detection and response efforts. The Department regularly conducts sexual abuse/assault incident reviews to determine if changes to or improvements in environmental, procedural, staffing and monitoring technology factors are required.