

## Rate of Sexual Abuse/Harassment - 2015

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For the NJ Department of Corrections (NJDOC), the rate of allegations of sexual abuse for the entire population of over 20,300 inmates is less than one percent. There were zero substantiated cases of sexual abuse for 2015. Specifically:

- In 2015, sixty-six (66) instances of alleged sexual abuse/harassment were documented with one (1)\* substantiated case.

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

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 publishes this annual report regarding PREA-related incidents and, where necessary, continues to improve the Department's prevention, detection and response efforts. Enhanced emphasis on the Department's zero tolerance of inmate sexual abuse has reinforced prompt reporting. 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.

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\*Due to the investigative process, some cases are not concluded in a single calendar year. NJDOC rates are updated as information becomes available.