

## Rate of Sexual Abuse - 2014

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For the NJ Department of Corrections (NJDOC), the rate of allegations of sexual abuse for the entire population of over 21,300 inmates is less than one percent. There were zero substantiated cases of sexual abuse for 2014. Specifically:

- In 2014, forty-five (45) instances of alleged sexual abuse were documented with zero (0) substantiated cases.

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. In New Jersey, less one percent (1%) of the population reported incidents.

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.