

## Rate of Sexual Abuse - 2015

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For the NJ Juvenile Justice Commission (NJJC), the rate of allegations of sexual abuse for the average daily population of 432 residents is 9.3 percent. There was one substantiated case of sexual abuse for 2015. Specifically:

- In 2015, forty (40) instances of alleged sexual abuse were documented with one (1) substantiated case.<sup>1</sup>

Of the forty (40) incidents reported, exactly half were incidents between youth.

Overall, the rate of sexual victimization reported by the NJJC resident population is comparable with the most recently published national average. Nationally, nine and half percent (9.5%) of the juvenile prison population reported sexual victimization according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. In New Jersey, slightly more than 9 percent (9.3%) of the juvenile resident population reported incidents.

The above numbers are also reflected in NJJC's Survey of Sexual Violence which the agency 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 agency's prevention, detection and response efforts. Enhanced emphasis on the agency's zero tolerance of resident sexual abuse has reinforced prompt reporting. The NJJC 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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<sup>1</sup> In the substantiated case between a staff member and a youth, immediate corrective action was taken to address this issue, including, but not limited to, removal of the offending party.