

## Rate of Sexual Abuse/Harassment - 2017

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For inmates in the custody of the NJ Department of Corrections (NJDOC), aggregated sexual abuse data for 2017<sup>1</sup> is:

- 146 allegations of sexual abuse and/or harassment. Of these:
  - A final determination<sup>2</sup> of substantiated has been made for 6 cases.
  - 10 investigations are currently ongoing therefore a final determination has not been made. Ongoing investigation means evidence is still being gathered, processed or evaluated.

Updated 2017 data will be reported in the Bureau of Justice Statistics' Survey of Sexual Victimization as part of their annual data collection responsibilities under PREA.<sup>3</sup>

The NJDOC conducts incident reviews to improve the department's prevention, detection and response efforts. All complaints of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are considered to be serious incidents and are thoroughly investigated. Cases may be referred to the County Prosecutor for additional investigation and possible prosecution. All substantiated cases can result in administrative sanctions and/or criminal prosecution.

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<sup>1</sup> The above data is reflected as of April 30, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to PREA regulations, case outcomes are substantiated, unsubstantiated or unfounded.

<sup>3</sup> NJDOC participates in federal data collection on the incidence of prison rape through the annual Survey of Sexual Violence as administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics. As required by PREA, BJS collects information on the incidence of prison rape to aid correctional administrators in addressing the prevention, reporting, investigation and prosecution of such incidence. Beginning in 2019, NJDOC data will be made available in accordance with the collection schedule established by the U.S. Department of Justice.