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SURVEY OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION: 2023
State Prison Systems
Summary Form

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What facilities are included in this data collection?

All State-operated confinement facilities that are intended for adults but sometimes hold juveniles.

- INCLUDE prisons, penitentiaries, and correctional institutions; boot camps; community correction facilities; halfway houses; prison farms; reception, diagnostic, and classification centers; road camps; forestry and conservation camps; vocational training facilities; prison hospitals; and drug and alcohol treatment facilities for prisoners.
- INCLUDE State-operated local detention facilities in Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

- **EXCLUDE privately operated facilities and facilities operated and administered by local governments. (These facilities will be contacted directly for data on sexual victimization.)**

- EXCLUDE facilities that hold only juveniles. (These facilities will be contacted directly for data on sexual victimization.)

What inmates and incidents are included in this data collection?

Inmates under your custody between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

- INCLUDE incidents involving inmates under the authority, custody, or care of your confinement or community-based facilities or staff.

- **EXCLUDE incidents involving inmates held in local jails and facilities in other jurisdictions.**

Reporting instructions:

- Please complete the entire SSV-2 Form.
- If the answer to a question is "not available" or "unknown," write "DK" (do not know) in the space provided.
- If the answer to a question is "not applicable," write "NA" in the space provided.
- If the answer to a question is "none" or "0," write "0" in the space provided.

Substantiated incidents of sexual victimization:

- Please complete an Incident Form (Adult, SSV-IA) for each substantiated incident of sexual victimization.

Returning forms:

- If you need assistance, please call **Greta Clark** at the **U.S. Census Bureau** toll-free at **1-800-253-2078**, or e-mail **greta.b.clark@census.gov**
- **Please return your completed summary and substantiated incident forms by December 20, 2024.**
- **You may complete these forms online at: <https://respond.census.gov/ssv>**
- **MAIL TO:** U.S. Census Bureau, P.O. Box 5000, Jeffersonville, IN 47199-5000
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Section I - INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

DEFINITIONS

This survey utilizes the PREA standard definitions for types of sexual victimization. These categories are:

SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by another inmate, detainee, or resident includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate, detainee, or resident directed toward another.

1. Does your State prison system record allegations of inmate-on-inmate SEXUAL ABUSE?

01 Yes → **Do you record all reported occurrences, or only substantiated ones?**

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → *Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record inmate-on-inmate **SEXUAL ABUSE** allegations, in the space below, and skip to Item 4.*

2. Between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, how many allegations of inmate-on-inmate SEXUAL ABUSE were reported?

Number reported 345

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated abuse with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, count only once.
- Exclude any allegations that were reported as consensual.

3. Of the allegations reported in Item 2, how many were — *(Please contact the agency or office responsible for investigating allegations of sexual victimization in order to fully complete this form.)*

a. Substantiated 22

- The event was investigated and determined to have occurred, based on a preponderance of the evidence (28 C.F.R. §115.72).

b. Unsubstantiated 192

- The investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

c. Unfounded 88

- The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

d. Investigation ongoing 43

- Evidence is still being gathered, processed or evaluated, and a final determination has not yet been made.

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 3a through 3d) 345

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 2.

4. Does your State prison system record allegations of inmate-on-inmate SEXUAL HARASSMENT? (See definitions on page 2.)

01 Yes → **Do you record all reported allegations or only substantiated ones?**

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record inmate-on-inmate **SEXUAL HARASSMENT** allegations, in the space below, and skip to Section II.

5. Between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, how many allegations of inmate-on-inmate SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?

Number reported

465

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated harassment with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, count only once.
- Exclude any allegations that were reported as consensual.

6. Of the allegations reported in Item 5, how many were — (Please contact the agency or office responsible for investigating allegations of sexual victimization in order to fully complete this form.)

a. Substantiated **61**

b. Unsubstantiated **315**

c. Unfounded **56**

d. Investigation ongoing **33**

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 6a through 6d) **465**

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 5.

Section II – STAFF-ON-INMATE SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

DEFINITIONS

STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse of an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate, detainee, or resident:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1)–(5) of this section;
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, detainee, or resident, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate, detainee, or resident by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

7. Does your State prison system record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE?

01 Yes → **Do you record all reported occurrences, or only substantiated ones?**

01 All

02 Substantiated only

02 No → *Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record **STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE** allegations, in the space below, and skip to Item 10.*

8. Between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE were reported?

Number reported 712

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated abuse with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, count only once.

9. Of the allegations reported in Item 8, how many were — *(Please contact the agency or office responsible for investigating allegations of sexual victimization in order to fully complete this form.)*

a. Substantiated 17

b. Unsubstantiated 351

c. Unfounded 279

d. Investigation ongoing . 65

e. TOTAL (Sum of Items 9a through 9d) 712

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 8.

10. Does your State prison system record allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT?
(See definitions on page 4.)

01 Yes → **Can these allegations be counted separately from allegations of STAFF SEXUAL ABUSE?**

01 Yes

02 No → Skip to Item 13.

02 No → Please provide an explanation as to why your agency does not record **STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT** allegations, in the space below, and skip to Item 13.

11. Between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, how many allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT were reported?

Number reported 859

- If the allegation involved multiple victims and/or perpetrators, count only once. If an allegation included repeated harassment with the same victim/s and perpetrator/s involved, count only once.

12. Of the allegations reported in Item 11, how many were — (Please contact the agency or office responsible for investigating allegations of sexual victimization in order to fully complete this form.)

a. Substantiated 13

b. Unsubstantiated 609

c. Unfounded 191

d. Investigation ongoing 46

e. **TOTAL (Sum of Items 12a through 12d)** 859

- The total should equal the number reported in Item 11.

Section III – PRIVATE AND LOCAL ALLEGATIONS

13. Did any of the allegations reported in Items 2, 5, 8, or 11 occur in a privately operated facility?

01 Yes

02 No

14. Did any of the allegations reported in Items 2, 5, 8, or 11 occur in a facility operated and administered by local governments?

01 Yes

02 No

Section IV – TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

15. What is the total number of substantiated incidents reported in Items 3a, 6a, 9a, and 12a?

Total substantiated incidents 113

→ Please complete a Substantiated Incident Form (Adult, SSV-IA) for each substantiated incident of sexual victimization.

NOTES

Reported incidents wherein both sexual abuse an