

Mississippi Department of Corrections Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report 2020

PREA Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is the first United States Law passed dealing with sexual assault of prisoners and was signed into law on September 4, 2003. The PREA standards were drafted with the goal of ending prison rape.

The Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) has adopted policies and is committed to preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse and sexual misconducts in the correctional setting. As a result of MDOC's effort to become compliant with the PREA standards, the PREA Division, a branch of the Corrections Investigation Division (CID) was implemented in an effort to ensure all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual misconducts are investigated promptly and thoroughly.

MDOC has established and implemented a zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual misconduct in order to make identification, prosecution and elimination of sexual misconducts and sexual abuse a top priority for MDOC and contracting facilities who house MDOC offenders.

Ways to Report Incidents of Sexual Misconduct:

MDOC accepts and investigates all reports regarding allegations/incidents or knowledge of any allegations/incidents of sexual misconducts of offenders or staff from third-party callers (family, friends, clergy, vendors, contractors), or any person having knowledge of a PREA related incident.

You can report a PREA Incident by:

1. Completing a PREA Incident Report on the MDOC Website
2. Verbally report to any MDOC Employee, Contract Personnel, or Advocate Staff
3. Providing a written notification to MDOC Employee, Contract Personnel, or Advocate Staff
4. Calling the designated facility Tip Line, Staff can call (601) 359-5600.
Teletypewriter (TTY) assistance for hearing impaired and disabled is available
(Language suitable)
5. The Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault (MCASA) can be contacted at the following:

Mississippi Coalition against Sexual Assault
P. O. Box 4172
Jackson, MS 39296
(888) 987-9011

MCASA is a state-wide non-profit, nongovernmental victim's advocacy organization representing sexual assault centers in Mississippi. MDOC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MCASA to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services and related assistance for victims of sexual abuse.

Corrective Actions 2020

The PREA division is constantly working to ensure the agency is in compliance with the PREA standards. In 2020, the following corrective actions were initiated at MDOC facilities and at Community Confinement Facilities:

- Updated Memoranda of Understanding with the Mississippi Coalition Against Sexual Assault/Victims Advocacy/Updated Advocacy Posters
- Additional cameras added to prevent blind spots and deter sexual misconduct
- Staff training to increase awareness
- PREA resource information provided to offenders during PREA orientation.
- Technology increases and additions of privacy screens, panels and other physical plant modifications.
- Continued internal facility PREA assessments as well as Department of Justice PREA audits conducted at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution.
- Required PREA training continued for all MDOC employees, contractors and volunteers in 2020 and was specified as an annual training requirement for all employees.
- PREA policy, as well as other agency policies and procedures, were maintained in accordance with PREA compliance standards to prevent, detect and respond to PREA incidents.

MDOC collects aggregated data for the purpose of documentation of statistical data as required by PREA standards 115.87/115.287 entitled, "Data Collection," 115.88/115.288 entitled, "Data review for corrective action" and 115.89/115.289 entitled, "Data storage, publication, and destruction."

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PREA Statistical Data for 2020**

STATEWIDE

	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	20	1	18	1	0	20
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	31	0	21	10	0	31
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	7	0	6	1	0	7
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	9	0	8	1	0	9
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	23	3	12	7	1	23
Totals	90	4	65	20	1	90

State Facilities:

Central MS Corr. Facility (CMCF) = 28 MS. State Penitentiary (MSP) = 17

South MS. Corr. Institution (SMCI) = 38

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State	83	4	49	29	1	83
Community Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private	4	0	4	0	0	4
Regional	3	0	3	0	0	3
Transitional	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	90	4	56	29	1	90

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Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0

Community Corrections:

Harrison CWC = 00 Rankin Satellite = 00 Washington CWC = 00

Alcorn CWC = 00 Bolivar CWC = 00 Leflore CWC = 00 Pike CWC = 00

Noxubee CWC = 00 Quitman CWC = 00 Jefferson CWC = 00 Madison CWC = 00

Simpson CWC = 00 Wilkinson CWC = 00 Yazoo CWC = 00 Forrest CWC = 00

Greenwood Rest. Ctr. = 00 Hinds County Rest. Ctr. = 00

Pascagoula Rest. Ctr. = 00 Lauderdale CC = 00

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Private Facilities**

	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	2	0	2	0	0	2
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	2	0	2	0	0	2
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0	4	0	0	4

Private Facilities:

East MS. Corr. Facility (EMCF) = 04

Marshall County Corr. Facility (MCCF) = 00

Walnut Grove Corr. Facility (WGCF) = 00

Wilkinson County Corr. Facility (WCCF) = 00

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Regional Facilities**

	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	1	0	1	0	0	1
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	1	0	1	0	0	1
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	1	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	3	0	3	0	0	3

Regional Correctional Facilities (RCF):

Alcorn County RCF = 01 Bolivar County RCF = 00 Carroll/Montgomery RCF = 00

Holmes/Humphreys RCF = 00 Leake County RCF = 00 Winston/Choctaw RCF = 00

Marion Walthall RCF = 00 Issaquena RCF = 00

Chickasaw RCF = 00 George/Green RCF = 02 Jefferson/Franklin RCF = 00

Kemper/Neshoba RCF = 00 Stone RCF = 00 Washington RCF = 00 Yazoo RCF = 00

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Transitional Facility**

	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	00	00	00	00	00	00
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	00	00	00	00	00	00
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	00	00	00	00	00	00
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	00	00	00	00	00	00
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	00	00	00	00	00	00
Totals	00	00	00	00	00	00

Transitional Facility:

New Way Transitional Facility = 00