

Mississippi Department of Corrections Annual Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Report 2024

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 2024

The PREA division is constantly working to ensure the agency is in compliance with the PREA standards. In 2024, 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 2024 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 2024

STATEWIDE

	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	79	2	24	53	0	79
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	18	0	4	14	0	18
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	14	4	7	3	0	14
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	4	0	1	3	0	4
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	54	0	11	43	0	54
Totals	169	6	47	116	0	169

State Facilities:

Central Mississippi Correction Facility (CMCF) Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women (MCIW)

Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) Delta Correctional Facility (DCF)

Marshal County Correctional Facility (MCC) Walnut Grove Correctional Facility(WGCF)

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	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
State	46	2	22	22	0	46
Community Corrections	2	0	2	0	0	2
Private	2	0	0	2	0	2
Regional	5	0	2	3	0	5
Transitional	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	55	2	26	27	0	55

South Mississippi Correctional Facility (SMCI)

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	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	38	2	17	19	0	38
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	29	0	9	20	0	29
Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct	14	4	7	3	0	14
Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment	2	0	1	1	0	2
Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment	27	0	16	11	0	27
Totals	110	6	50	54	0	110

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	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	2	0	2	0	0	2
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	2	0	2	0	0	2

Community Corrections:

Rankin Satellite

Pike CWC

Noxubee CWC Quitman CWC Madison CWC

Wilkinson CWC Forrest CWC

Pascagoula Rest. Ctr.

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Private Facilities						
	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	10	0	3	7	0	10
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	3	0	0	3	0	3
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	3	0	1	2	0	3
Totals	16	0	4	12	0	16

Private Facilities:

East MS. Corr. Facility (EMCF) Wilkinson County Corr. Facility (WCCF)

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Regional Facilities						
	Allegation #	Substantiated #	Unsubstantiated #	Unfounded #	Investigation On-Going #	Total #
Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Acts	8	0	2	6	0	6
Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	2	0	1	1	0	4
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	6	0	3	3	0	6
Totals	16	0	8	0	0	16

Regional Correctional Facilities (RCF):

Alcorn County RCF Bolivar County RCF Carroll/Montgomery RCF

Holmes/Humphreys RCF Leake County RCF Winston/Choctaw RCF

Marion Walthall RCF Issaquena RCF

Chickasaw RCF George/Green RCF Jefferson/Franklin RCF

Kemper/Neshoba RCF Stone RCF Washington RCF Yazoo RCF

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Transitional Facility**

	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	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

Transitional Facility:

**New Way Transitional Facility
Luther Martin Evangelist
Crossroad Ministries**