



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Ian Parkinson *Sheriff-Coroner*

2021 PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 to protect inmates from sexual harassment and/or assaults from other inmates and/or staff members. The goal of PREA is to prevent, detect, investigate any incidents of sexual assault, harassment, or misconduct. For further information, you can visit [Homepage | PREA \(prearesourcecenter.org\)](http://prearesourcecenter.org).

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office has a **zero-tolerance** policy regarding sexual harassment, assault, or misconduct directed toward inmates; either from other inmates and/or staff members.

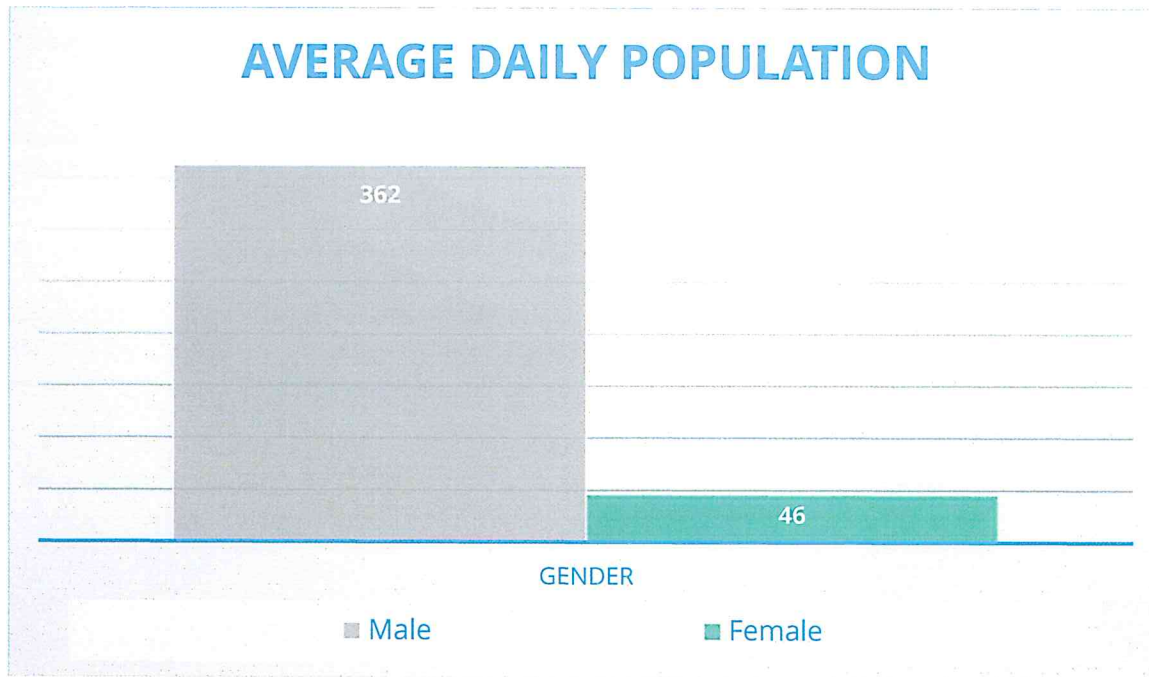
All staff members who encounter inmates; including Correctional Deputies, civilian employees, volunteers, and contractors, are provided PREA training prior to having unsupervised contact with inmates. This training emphasizes our zero-tolerance policy, prevention, and detection with regards to sexual harassment and/or abuse. Correctional Sergeants receive additional training in investigating PREA allegations. Correctional Deputies receive PREA training every two years to refresh and reiterate the importance of PREA guidelines and update them on any changes in PREA guidelines.

DEFINITIONS

- Substantiated- an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- Unsubstantiated- an allegation that was investigated and insufficient evidence was obtained to determine if the allegation did or did not occur.
- Unfounded- an allegation that was investigated and proven not to have occurred.
- Ongoing Investigation- The investigation was initiated and ongoing.

2021 Annual Statistics

The Average Daily Population (ADP) of inmates is an important number to consider when reviewing the number of PREA allegations. Over the course of 2021 the Average Daily Population by gender is reflected in the chart below.



The San Luis Obispo County Jail houses both male and female inmates. The San Luis Obispo County Honor Farm houses only male inmates at the facility. In 2021 the Sheriff's Office received a total of 23 PREA allegations. Of the 23 allegations 10 were against other inmates and 12 were against staff. In the remaining incident, the victim could not identify the target of the investigation as an inmate or staff. Below is a breakdown of cases by facility and their disposition following a detailed investigation.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JAIL

CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
2	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
3	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Unfounded
4	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
5	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Unfounded
6	IM/IM Sexual Act	Unsubstantiated
7	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
8	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
9	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated

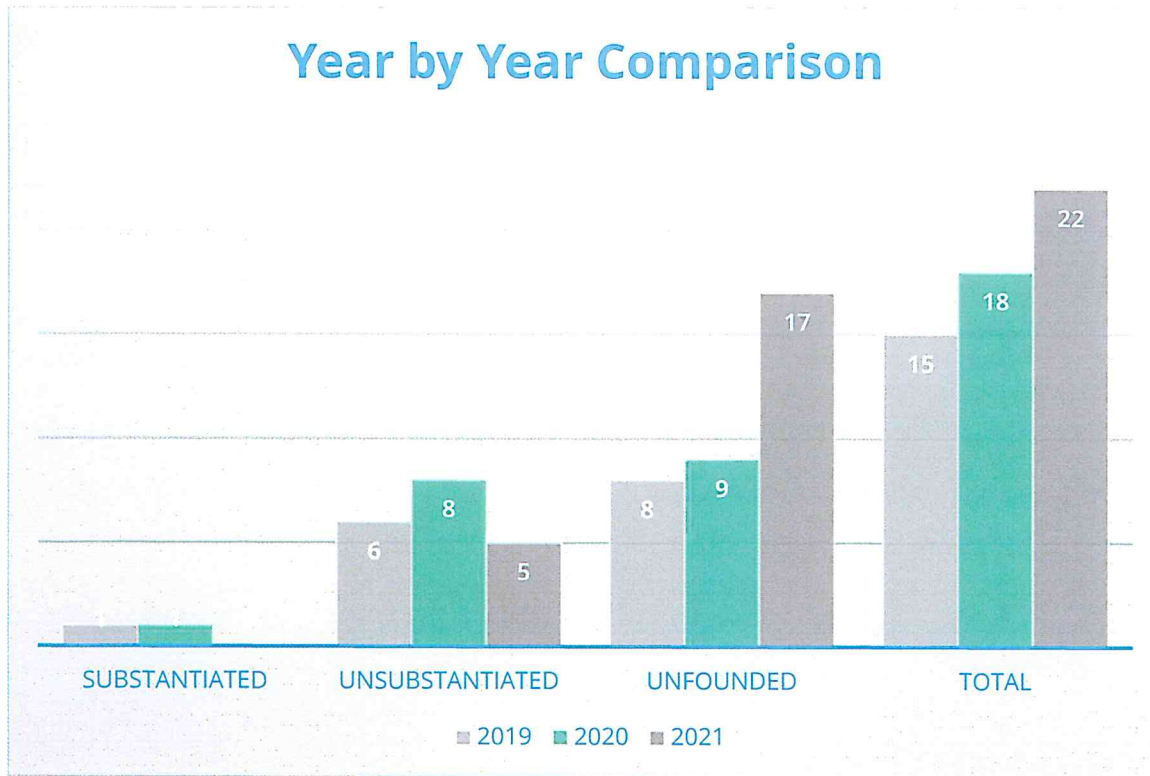
10	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
11	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Unfounded
12	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
13	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
14	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
15	IM/IM Sexual Act	Unsubstantiated
16	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
17	Unknown	Unfounded
18	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
19	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
20	IM/IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
21	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
22	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Unfounded
23	Staff Sexual Misconduct	Unfounded

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HONOR FARM

CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
0	N/A	N/A

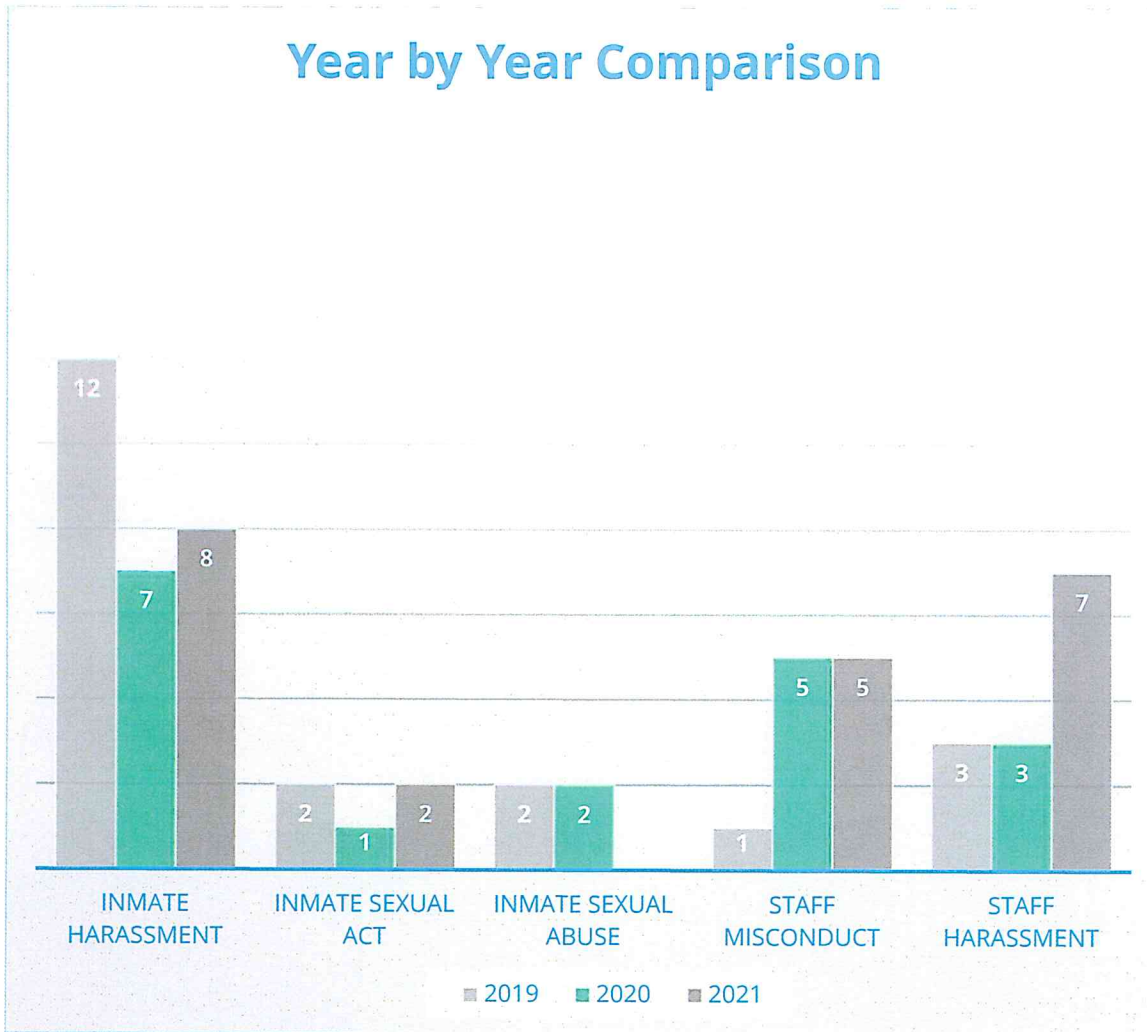
A three-year comparison of total number of cases and the number of cases each year that are substantiated, unsubstantiated, unfounded is below.

Year by Year Comparison



A three-year comparison of various PREA allegations within both facilities.

Year by Year Comparison



Reviewing the data from the previous three years indicates the number of cases has gone up. There were 23 total cases in 2021 as compared to 18 in 2020. Two incidents list multiple suspects and/or victims. In each case, this accounted for multiple cases for each of the incidents. There were 7 cases of alleged staff harassment in 2021 and all were unfounded. All 5 incidents of alleged staff sexual misconduct were also unfounded.

Even with an increase in the number of PREA investigations in 2021, the number of substantiated investigations went down to zero while the unfounded investigations nearly doubled. These stats demonstrate the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office commitment to education, prevention, and investigations.

FUTURE

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office will continue to be diligent in education, prevention, and investigation of any PREA complaint. All investigations will continue to be reviewed to evaluate if corrective measures are warranted to provide the safest custody environment possible for staff and inmates.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Parkinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Ian Parkinson, Sheriff-Coroner