



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

2022 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 \(prearesourcecenter.org\)](https://www.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.

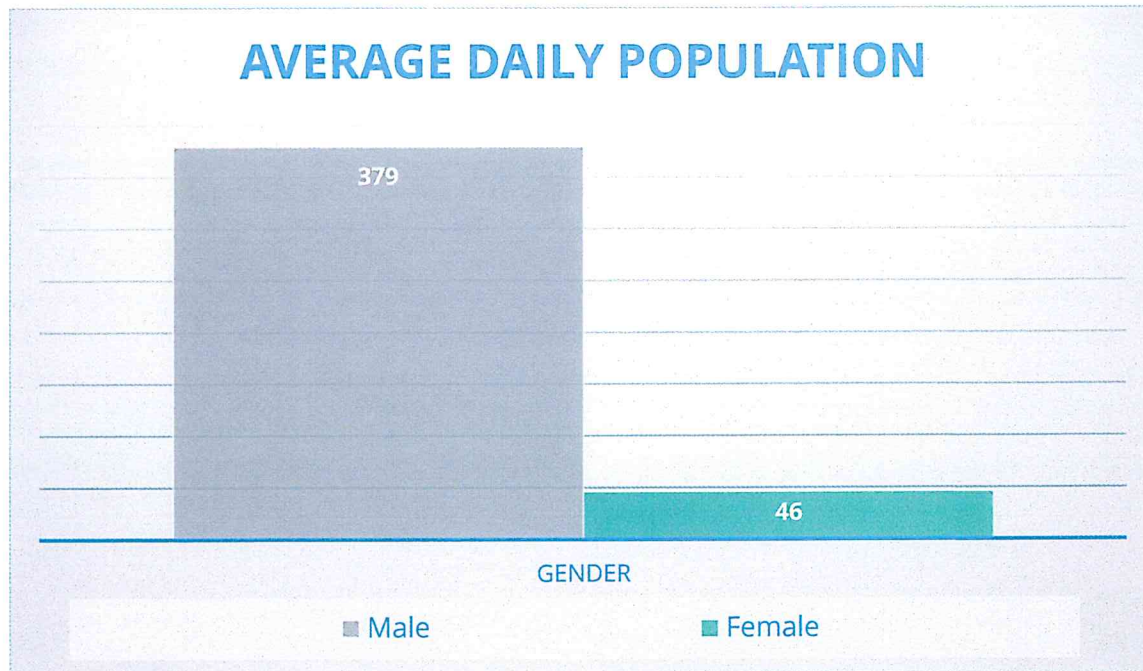
All staff members who encounter inmates; including Correctional Deputies, civilian employees, volunteers, and contractors, are provided PREA training prior to having unsupervised contact with inmates. This training emphasizes our zero-tolerance policy, prevention, and detection with regards to sexual 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.

2022 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 2022 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 2022 the Sheriff's Office received a total of 13 PREA allegations. Of the 13 allegations, 7 were against other inmates and 6 were against staff. Below is a breakdown of cases by facility and their disposition following a detailed investigation.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JAIL

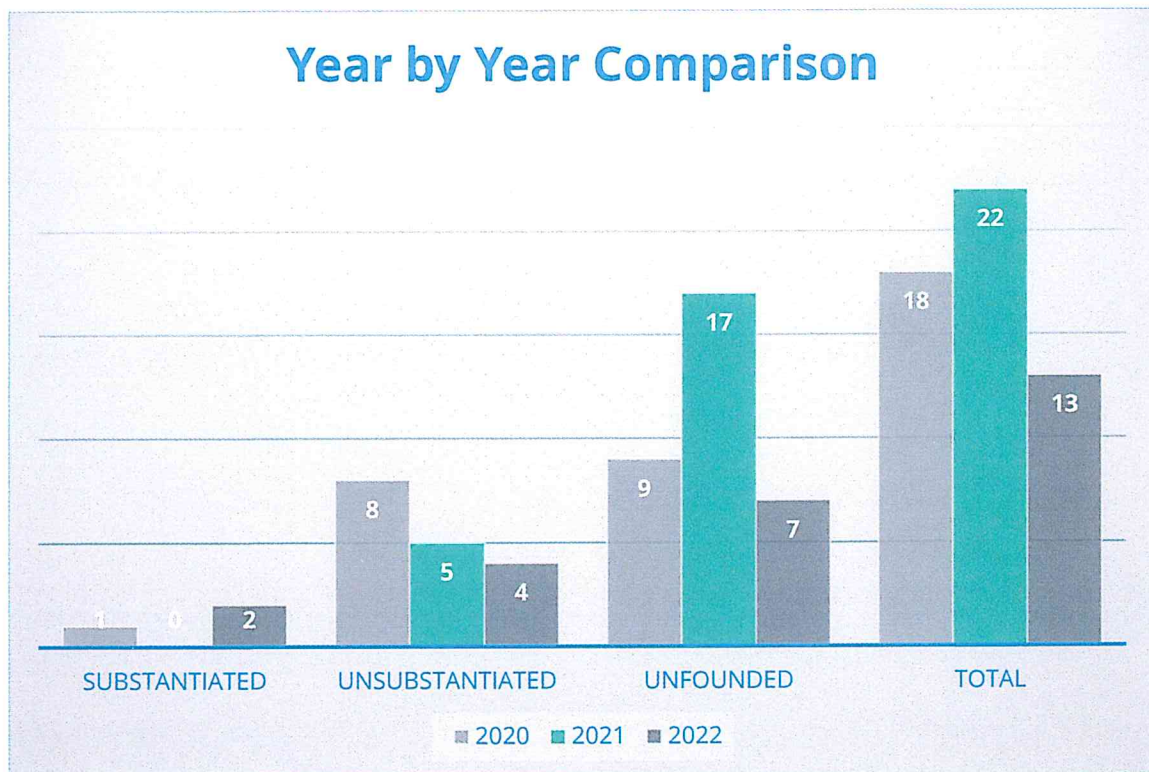
CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
2	IM Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
3	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
4	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
5	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
6	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
7	IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
8	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
9	IM Sexual Abuse	Substantiated
10	IM Sexual Abuse	Substantiated

11	IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
12	IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
13	IM Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HONOR FARM

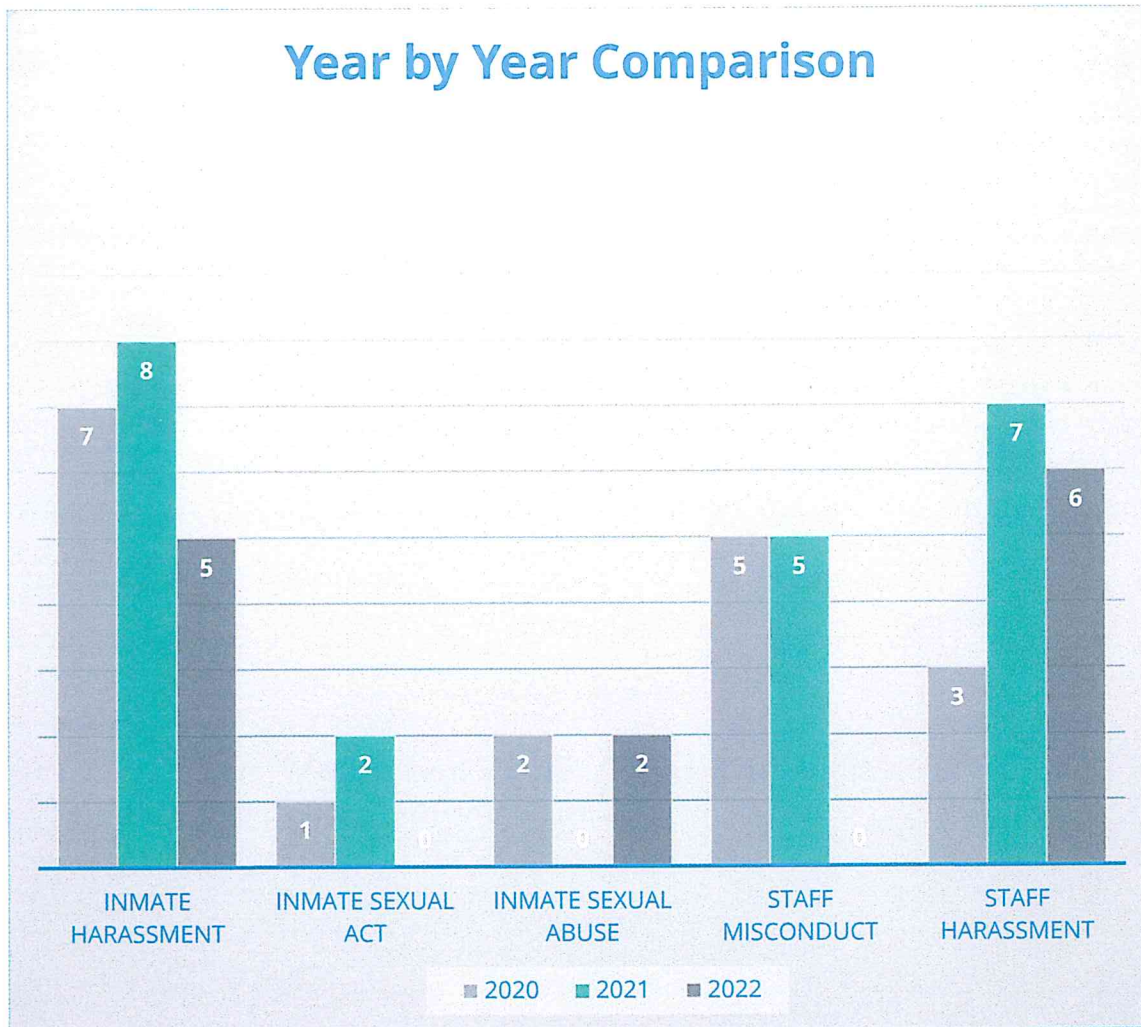
CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
0	N/A	N/A

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



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 reduced considerably. With only 13 total cases in 2022 as compared to 22 in 2021, the number of harassment allegations declined. There were 6 cases of alleged staff harassment in 2022 and all were unfounded. Alleged staff misconduct had zero reported incidents in 2022. The Sheriff's Office has concentrated on regularly sending out PREA related training bulletins in 2022.

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.

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Ian Parkinson, Sheriff-Coroner