



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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2023 PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) ANNUAL REPORT

County of San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office

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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

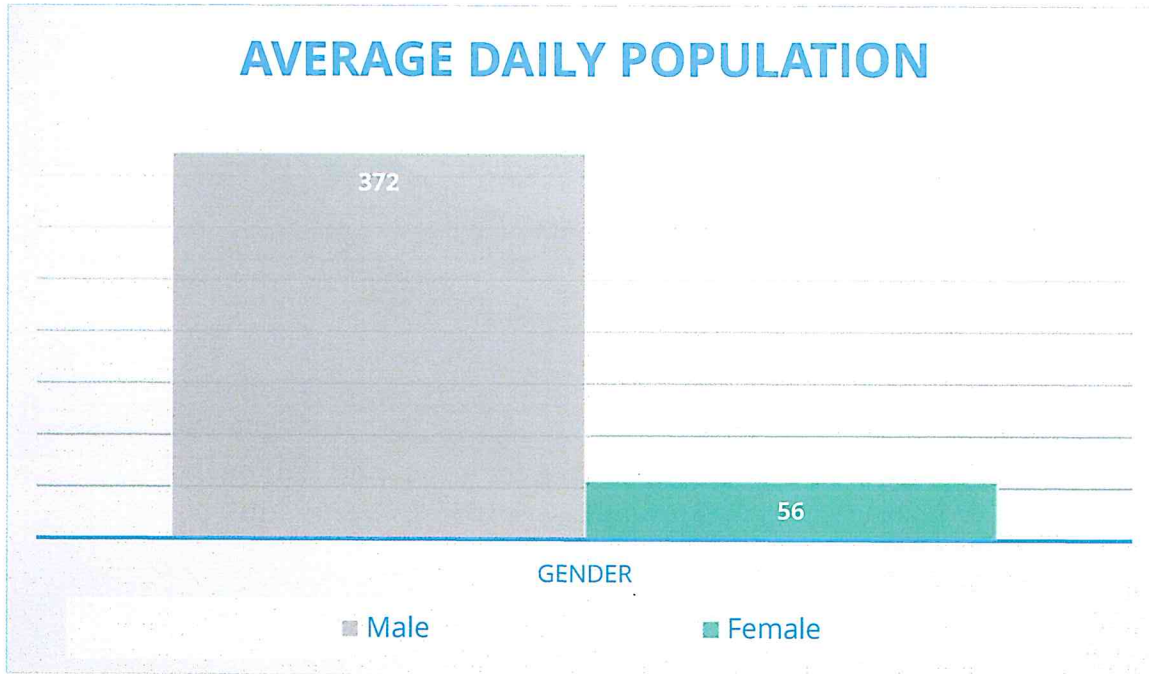
- Substantiated- an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- Unsubstantiated- an allegation that was investigated and insufficient evidence was obtained to determine if the allegation did or did not occur.
- Unfounded- an allegation that was investigated and proven not to have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

2023 Annual Statistics

In 2023 the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office began PREA audits of the San Luis Obispo County Jail and the San Luis Obispo County Honor Farm facilities. During the audit 19 PREA Standard corrective actions were identified and documented in the

PREA Audit and Corrective Action Log. All corrective actions are currently being remedied, within the 180-day corrective period.

The Average Daily Population (ADP) of inmates is an important number to consider when reviewing the number of PREA allegations. Over the course of 2023 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 2023 the Sheriff's Office received a total of 11 PREA allegations. Of the 11 allegations 8 were against other inmates and 3 were against staff. Below is a breakdown of cases by facility and their disposition following a detailed investigation.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY JAIL

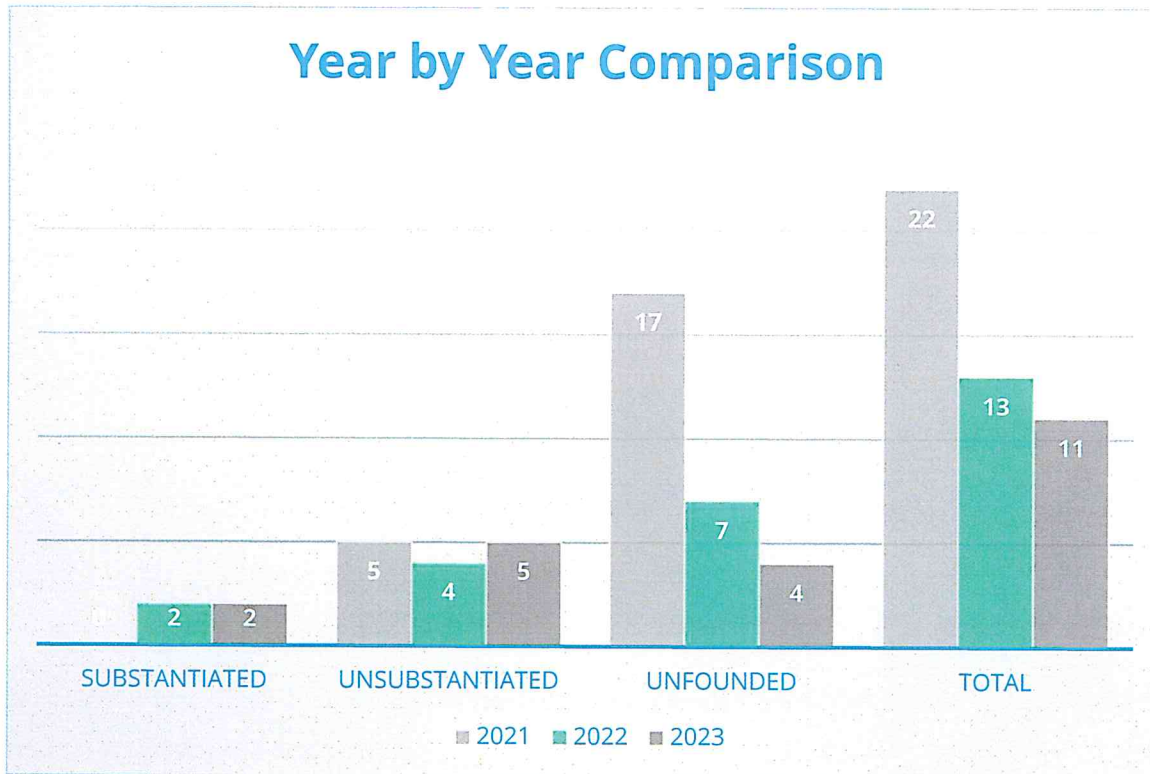
CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
2	Inmate Sexual Abuse	Substantiated
3	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded
4	Inmate Sexual Act	Unfounded
5	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated

6	Inmate Sexual Abuse	Unsubstantiated
7	Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
8	Inmate Sexual Act	Unfounded
9	Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
10	Inmate Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
11	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded

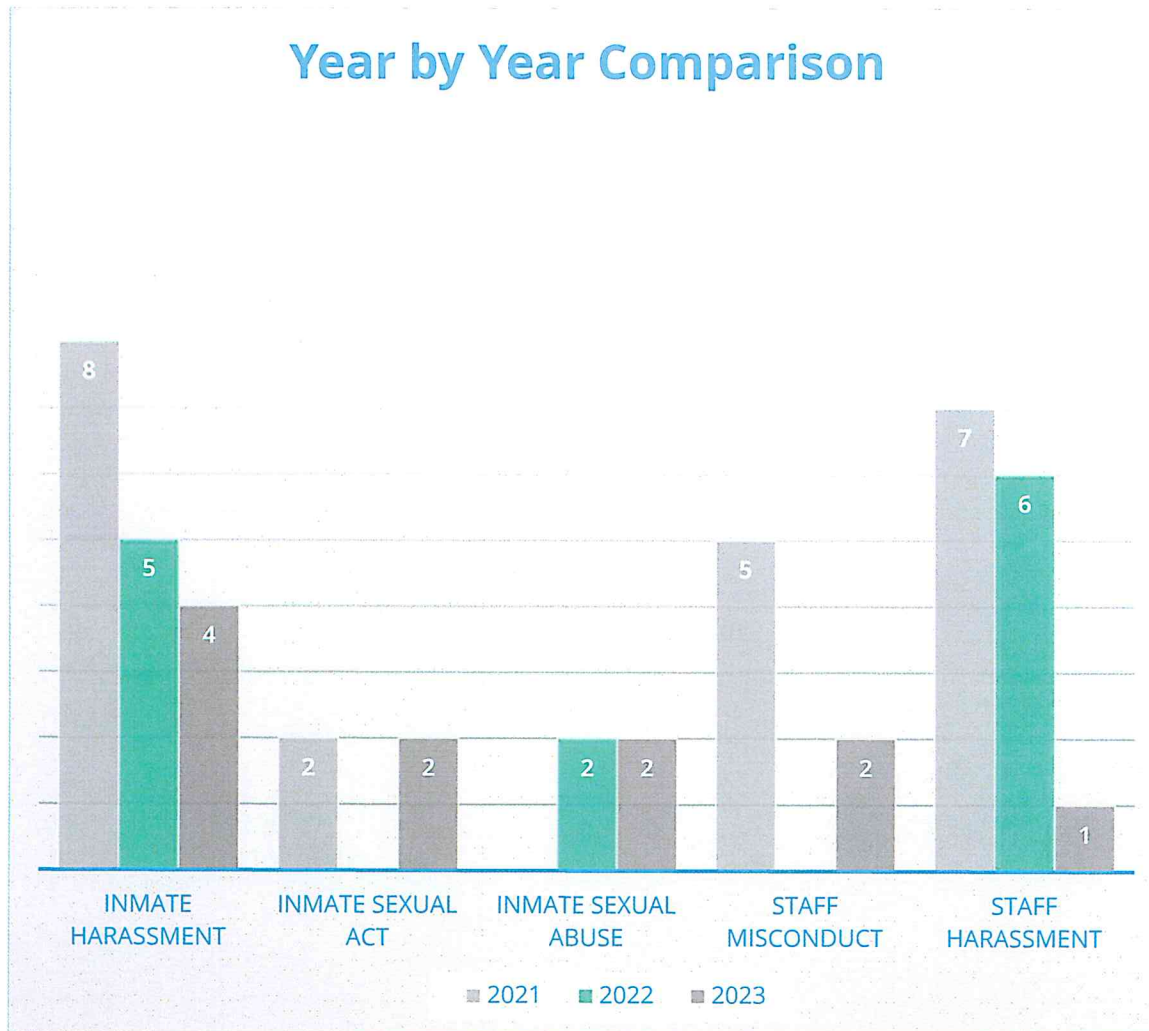
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HONOR FARM

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.



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



Reviewing the data from the previous three years indicates the number of cases has gone down. With only 11 total cases in 2023, the number of allegations has been on a decline. There was only 1 case alleged of staff harassment in 2023 which is very low. The Sheriff's Office has concentrated on regularly sending out PREA related training bulletins in 2023 with the PREA audit being conducted towards the end of 2023. Within both facilities body worn cameras are utilized and routine audits are conducted to ensure the Sheriff's Office employees conduct themselves in the most professional manner to represent our community.

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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