



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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2025 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.

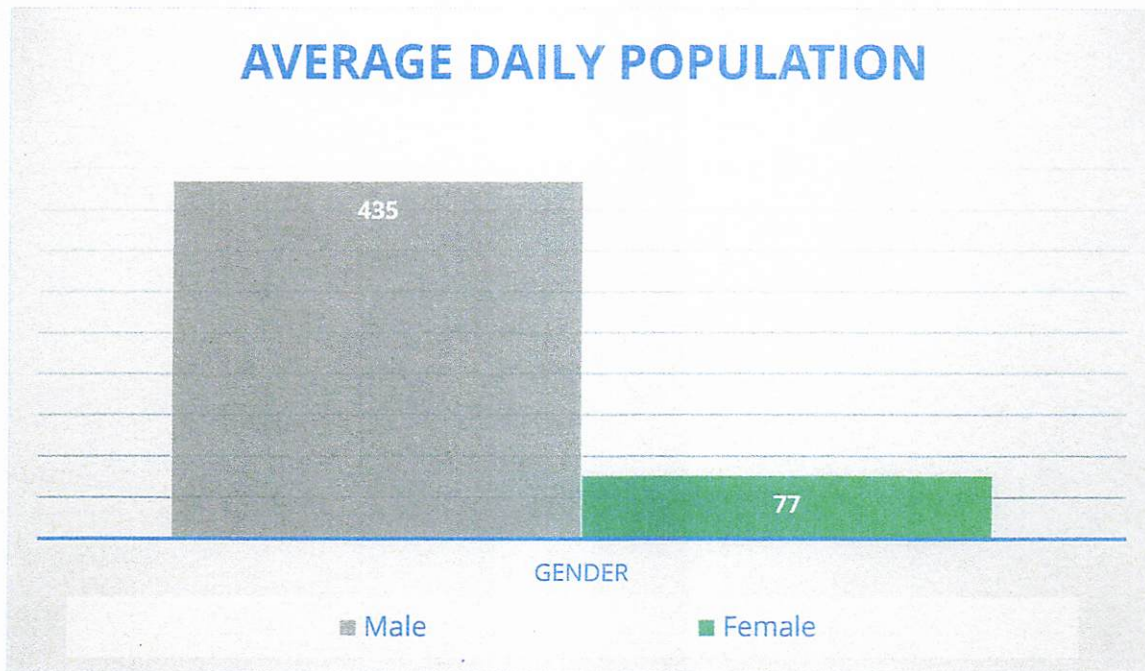
All staff members who encounter inmates; including Correctional Deputies, civilian employees, volunteers, and contractors, are provided PREA training prior to having unsupervised contact with inmates. This training emphasizes our zero-tolerance policy, prevention, and detection with regards to sexual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

2025 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 2025, 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 male and female inmates in two separated facilities located within the Honor Farm Complex. In 2025, the Sheriff's Office received a total of 36 PREA allegations. Of the 36 allegations, 27 were against other inmates and 9 were against staff. Two investigations alleged more than one type of PREA violation. 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/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
2	Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Unfounded
3	Inmate/Inmate Non-Consensual Sexual Act	Unsubstantiated
4	Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Unsubstantiated

5	Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Unsubstantiated
6	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
7	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
8	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
9	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded
10	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
11	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded
12/13	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Substantiated Substantiated
14/15	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Substantiated Substantiated
16	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded
17	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
18	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
19	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
20	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
21	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
22	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
23	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
24	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
25	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
26	Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Unfounded
27	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
28	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
29	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Substantiated
30	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
31	Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Substantiated
32	Staff Misconduct	Unfounded
33	Inmate/Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	Unsubstantiated

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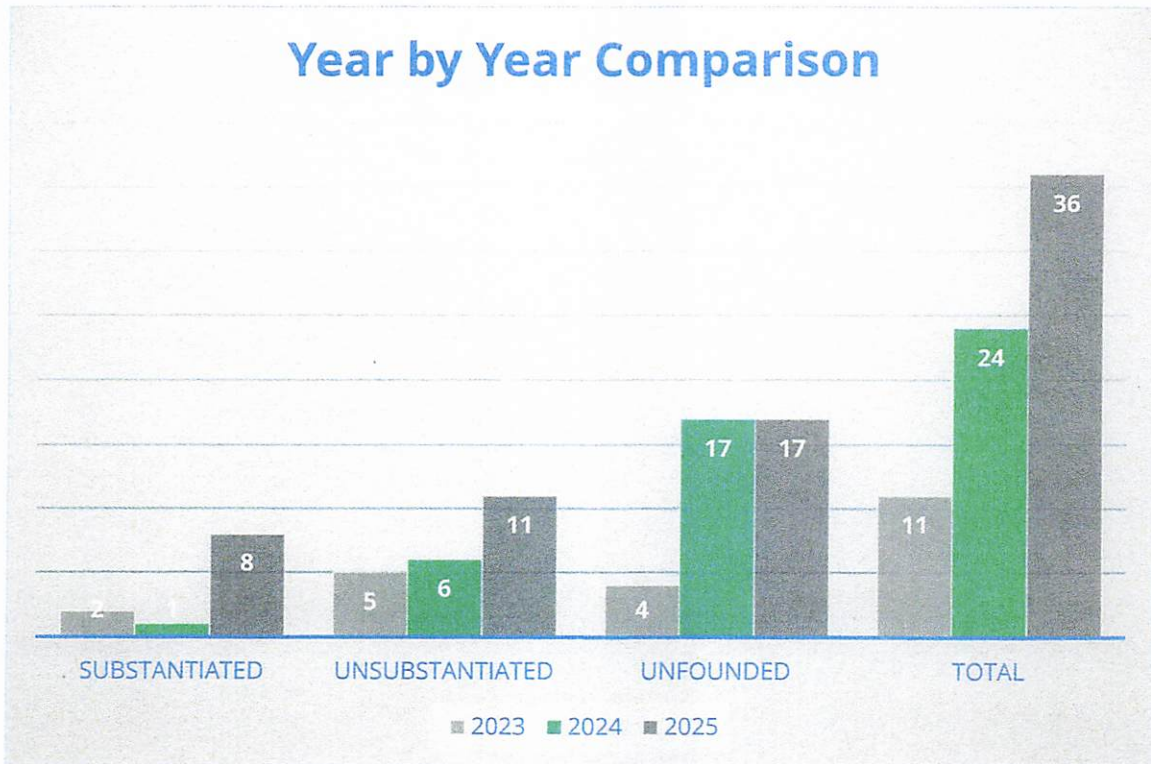
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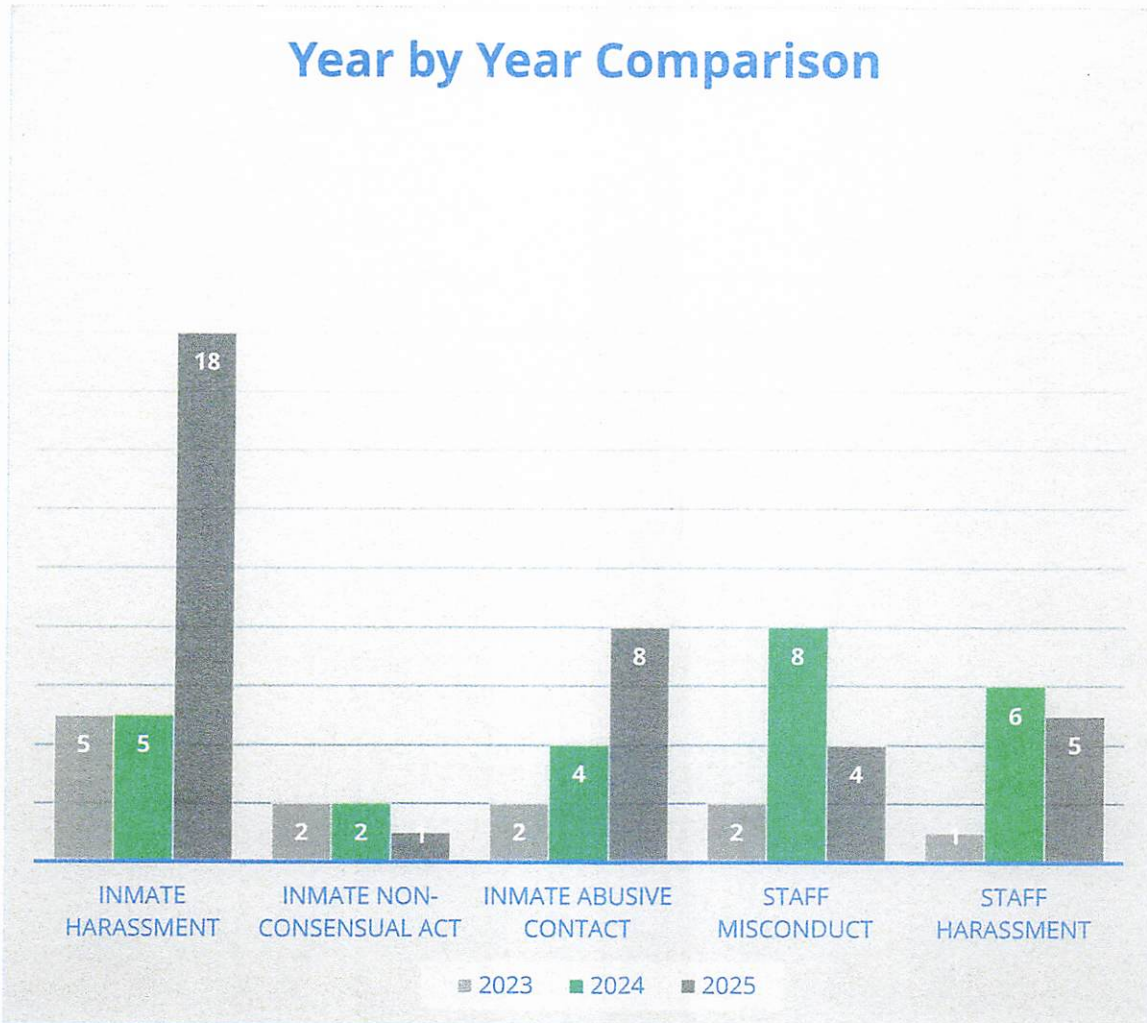
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HONOR FARM

CASES	TYPE OF CONDUCT	DISPOSITION
1	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated
2	Inmate/Inmate Sexual Harassment	Unfounded
3	Staff Sexual Harassment	Unsubstantiated

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 total number of cases has increased. The total number of PREA Investigations in 2025 was 36, an increase of 12 from the previous year.

The increase in investigations initiated could be attributed to an increased averaged daily population from previous years. The average daily population increased by 15.58% in 2025 from 2024. Another factor could be that each incarcerated person is issued electronic tablet upon housing. Not only are these tablets for educational and entertainment purposes, but they also allow incarcerated persons immediate access the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Inmate Rulebook which outlines what constitutes a PREA violation and

how to easily report an alleged PREA violation. Signage is also posted in every housing unit notifying incarcerated persons of reporting procedures. Of the 36 allegations made during the course of 2025, 44.4% of them were made by 6 incarcerated persons who each filed multiple PREA reports.

Within both facilities, closed circuit cameras and 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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