



# SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

## PREA ANNUAL REPORT - 2024



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TO SAFEGUARD SOUTH CAROLINIANS BY  
PROVIDING A SECURE AND REHABILITATIVE  
ENVIRONMENT WITHIN OUR CORRECTIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS THEREBY SUPPORTING  
REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.





Joel Anderson, Interim Director

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OFFICE OF LEGAL AND COMPLIANCE



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### Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Coordinator's Annual PREA Report

**Date:** August 1, 2025

**To:** Joel Anderson, Interim Director

**Through:** Salley Elliott, Deputy Director of Legal and Compliance

**From:** Tracy Webb, Acting Agency PREA Coordinator

**Subject:** PREA Compliance Annual Report for Year 2024

**Reference:** (a) Sections 1560-09 of Title 42, United States Code (PREA)  
(b) 28 CFR 115; Prison Rape Elimination Act- National Standards  
(c) Section 44-23-1150; SC Code of Laws  
(d) SCDC Policy GA-06.11; Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment; and GA-06.11B, "Applying the PREA Standards"

**Enclosure:** Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Findings and Corrective Actions

PREA Standards §115.88 and §115.89 require the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) to prepare an annual report relative to our Agency's efforts to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response during the previous calendar year. Additionally, the standards require that the enclosed report be posted on our Agency's website for public access. This report meets the requirements of the PREA Standards and is approved through the PREA Coordinator's Office, the Office of Legal and Compliance, and the Office of the Director by signature below.

S/ Salley Elliott  
Salley Elliott, Deputy Director of Legal & Compliance

S/ Joel Anderson  
Joel Anderson, Interim Director



# PREA Annual Report - 2024

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# MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING AGENCY PREA COORINATOR



Joel Anderson, Interim Director

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### Annual PREA Report

#### Background and Introduction

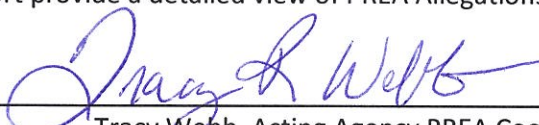
The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into federal law by President George W. Bush in September 2003. The purpose of the law is to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from sexual harassment and sexual abuse in confinement facilities. SCDC maintains a “zero tolerance” policy against sexual abuse and sexual harassment and provides guidelines for the prevention, detection, response, investigation, and tracking of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders within the Agency’s 21 state prison facilities.

All sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations are investigated. Each case is documented on an incident report and entered into SCDC’s PREA Event Database. All investigators have received specialized investigations training. The originating facility is required to complete an administrative investigation and is required to retain all investigation documents at the local level. Allegations can also be criminally investigated by our Office of the Inspector General’s investigators depending on the nature of the alleged incident. Upon completion of each investigation, appropriate disciplinary action is taken against the perpetrator; where criminal intent is discovered, the case is presented to SCDC’s Criminal Prosecution Division.

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is continually striving to improve the reporting and investigation methods to ensure the highest level of compliance, as well as swift corrective action where needed. The Agency’s zero tolerance policy aims not only to protect all offenders in SCDC from sexual harassment and sexual abuse, but to also protect anyone who reports an allegation from retaliation.

#### Purpose

This report summarizes all PREA allegations that were made in 2024. Data from all institutions is collected and aggregated to report on the four categories: 1) Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse; 2) Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment; 3) Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse (Misconduct); and 4) Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment. In addition, upon completion of an investigation, all allegations will be deemed one of the four dispositions: 1) *Substantiated* (the allegation was determined to have occurred); 2) *Unsubstantiated* (there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event did or did not occur); 3) *Unfounded* (the allegation was proven to not have occurred); or 4) *Pending Outcome* (the investigation is still in process). The following pages of this report provide a detailed view of PREA Allegations in 2024.

s/   
Tracy Webb, Acting Agency PREA Coordinator

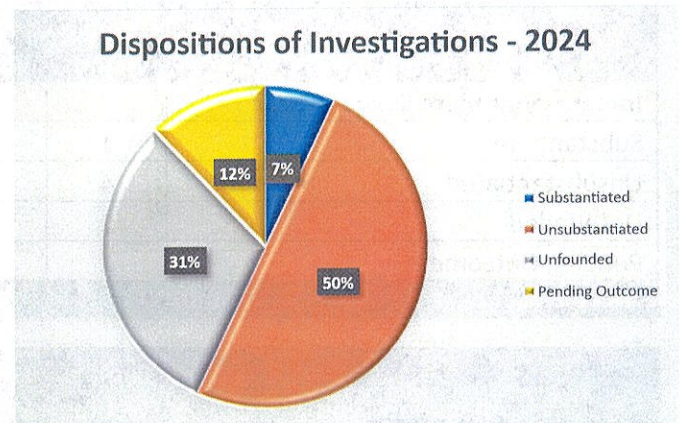


# REPORT SUMMARY



The PREA Coordinator's Office, under the Office of Legal and Compliance, is pleased to provide this annual report of PREA activities and implementation efforts for 2024.

In 2024, SCDC received 342 reported allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The SCDC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigated 24% of these allegations for criminal intent, while institutional investigators examined 76%. Out of the total number of reports, 38% were allegations of inmate-on-inmate abuse, and 27% were allegations of staff-on-inmate abuse. Of the 342 allegations, 7% were substantiated, 50% were unsubstantiated, and 31% were unfounded. There are also 12% of the cases still pending outcomes.



In addition to the Agency's Division of Training and Staff Development's annual mandatory PREA training, training on the National PREA Standards, and SCDC Policy GA-06.11, "Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment," was provided at each Agency Onboarding, Orientation, and Basic Training class in 2024.

SCDC continues our agreements with ten (10) Rape Crisis Centers (RCCs) to provide emotional support services to incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse. The RCCs provide hundreds of hours of support to survivors inside SCDC, including face-to-face contacts, group sessions, written correspondence, and phone calls through a toll-free hotline. In addition, video conferencing and distribution of pre-recorded trauma trainings were provided. SCDC continues to apply for grant programs which assist SCDC with purchasing equipment, developing programs, and enhancing the Agency's compliance with the National PREA Standards.

## 2024 PREA Audits:

In 2024, a PREA Auditor certified by the United States Department of Justice audited seven (7) SCDC institutions for compliance with the National PREA Standards. All seven institutions were found fully compliant. These institutions are as follows:

Leath Correctional Institution – August 2024	Wateree Correctional Institution – December 2024
Kershaw Correctional Institution – September 2024	Turbeville Correctional Institution – January 2025
Lieber Correctional Institution – October 2024	Trenton Correctional Institution – February 2025
Camille-Graham Corr. Institution – November 2024	

*Of note, Camille Graham (C.G.) C.I. received five "Exceeds"; Leath C.I. received four "Exceeds"; and Kershaw C.I., Wateree C.I., and Turbeville C.I. received two "Exceeds" on their Final Audit Reports.*



# Aggregated Allegations of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment with Female Victim v. Male Victim Comparisons



Per the aggregation of data for 2024, there were a total of 42 female alleged victims and 300 male alleged victims of sexual abuse/sexual harassment, which equates to 12% of the total that were female and 88% were male alleged victims of the 342 total reported allegations.

Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2024
<b>Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse</b>			
Substantiated	1	0	1
Unsubstantiated	4	70	74
Unfounded	1	34	35
Pending Outcome	1	19	20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>130</b>

Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2024
<b>Inmate-on Inmate Sexual Harassment</b>			
Substantiated	0	3	3
Unsubstantiated	2	45	47
Unfounded	5	19	24
Pending Outcome	0	1	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>75</b>

Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2024
<b>Staff Sexual Misconduct</b>			
Substantiated	4	14	18
Unsubstantiated	7	19	26
Unfounded	6	24	30
Pending Outcome	2	17	19
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>93</b>

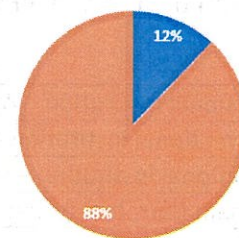
Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2024
<b>Staff Sexual Harassment</b>			
Substantiated	0	2	2
Unsubstantiated	6	18	24
Unfounded	2	15	17
Pending Outcome	1	0	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>GRANT TOTAL:</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>

Of the 342 reported cases of sexual abuse/sexual harassment in 2024, 24 of these cases were found to be substantiated; 1 of the 24 was an incident of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse; 3 were inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment; 18 were staff sexual misconduct; and 2 were staff-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents. Most incidents were inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse allegations (130); followed by staff-on-inmate sexual abuse (93), inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment (75), and lastly, staff-on-inmate sexual harassment (44).

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE VS MALE VICTIMS

■ FEMALE VICTIMS ■ MALE VICTIMS







# Comparison Data 2022 – 2024

Allegation Type	2022	2023	2024	TOTALS
<b>INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE</b>				
Substantiated	4	1	1	6
Unsubstantiated	65	46	74	185
Unfounded	38	44	35	117
Pending Outcome	10	19	20	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>357</b>
<b>INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT</b>				
Substantiated	5	6	3	14
Unsubstantiated	39	53	47	139
Unfounded	52	47	24	123
Pending Outcome	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT</b>				
Substantiated	9	12	18	39
Unsubstantiated	47	34	26	107
Unfounded	47	49	30	126
Pending Outcome	2	5	19	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT</b>				
Substantiated	1	2	2	5
Unsubstantiated	30	26	24	80
Unfounded	39	32	17	88
Pending Outcome	3	1	1	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1,110</b>
<b>TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>64</b>

Compared with the 2022 and 2023 data, as presented in the spreadsheet, there was a decrease in allegations of 4% (14), and from 2023 to 2024, a decrease of 9% (35). While allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse have increased since 2022, comparatively, all other allegations have decreased.





# Data by Institution

2024 ALLEGATIONS OF INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE						
FACILITY	POPULATION	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED	PENDING	TOTAL
Allendale CI	891	0	8	3	0	11
Broad River	1,014	0	3	1	1	5
Camille-Graham CI	622	1	3	1	1	6
Evans CI	1,212	0	13	0	5	18
Goodman CI	168	0	1	0	0	1
Kershaw CI	1,278	0	5	5	3	13
Kirkland CI	1,568	0	10	3	3	16
Leath CI	478	0	0	0	0	0
Lee CI	1,093	0	3	5	0	8
Lieber CI	539	0	2	2	0	4
Livesay CI	408	0	0	0	0	0
MacDougall CI	612	0	0	1	1	2
Manning	618	0	1	1	0	2
McCormick CI	457	0	1	0	0	1
Palmer	153	0	0	0	0	0
Perry CI	834	0	4	0	1	5
Ridgeland CI	967	0	10	0	1	11
Trenton CI	599	0	0	0	0	0
Turbeville CI	1,020	0	4	8	2	14
Tyger River CI	1,013	0	5	5	2	12
Wateree River CI	654	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	16,198	1	74	35	20	130



## 2024 ALLEGATIONS OF INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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Leath CI	478	0	0	1	0	1
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Lieber CI	539	0	1	1	0	2
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Manning	618	0	2	0	0	2
McCormick CI	457	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer	153	0	0	0	0	0
Perry CI	834	0	8	1	0	9
Ridgeland CI	967	0	2	0	0	2
Trenton CI	599	0	0	0	0	0
Turbeville CI	1,020	1	5	6	1	13
Tyger River CI	1,013	0	7	2	0	9
Wateree River CI	654	0	0	3	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,198</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>



## 2024 ALLEGATIONS OF STAFF ON INMATE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

FACILITY	POPULATION	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED	PENDING	TOTAL
Allendale CI	891	0	0	1	2	3
Broad River CI	1,014	1	1	4	2	8
Camille-Graham CI	622	1	4	2	0	7
Evans CI	1,212	0	1	0	0	1
Goodman CI	168	2	3	4	0	9
Kershaw CI	1,278	1	2	2	1	6
Kirkland CI	1,568	1	3	0	3	7
Leath CI	478	1	0	0	2	3
Lee CI	1,093	3	0	2	3	8
Lieber CI	539	1	1	2	0	4
Livesay CI	408	1	0	0	0	1
MacDougall CI	612	0	0	0	0	0
Manning	618	0	1	1	1	3
McCormick CI	457	1	4	1	2	8
Palmer	153	0	1	0	0	1
Perry CI	834	0	2	1	0	3
Ridgeland CI	967	0	0	0	1	1
Trenton CI	599	2	1	0	0	3
Turbeville CI	1,020	3	2	7	0	12
Tyger River CI	1,013	0	0	3	0	3
Wateree River CI	654	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,198</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>93</b>



## 2024 ALLEGATIONS OF STAFF ON INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

FACILITY	POPULATION	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED	PENDING	TOTAL
Allendale CI	891	1	0	0	0	1
Broad River CI	1,014	0	1	1	0	2
Camille-Graham CI	622	0	3	2	0	5
Evans CI	1,212	0	0	0	0	0
Goodman CI	168	0	3	0	0	3
Kershaw CI	1,278	0	1	1	0	2
Kirkland CI	1,568	0	1	2	0	3
Leath CI	478	0	0	0	1	1
Lee CI	1,093	0	3	0	0	3
Lieber CI	539	1	1	3	0	5
Livesay CI	408	0	0	0	0	0
MacDougall CI	612	0	1	0	0	1
Manning	618	0	0	2	0	2
McCormick CI	457	0	1	1	0	2
Palmer	153	0	0	0	0	0
Perry CI	834	0	4	2	0	6
Ridgeland CI	967	0	1	0	0	1
Trenton CI	599	0	0	0	0	0
Turbeville CI	1,020	0	2	2	0	4
Tyger River CI	1,013	0	2	1	0	3
Wateree River CI	654	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,198</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>



## Analysis

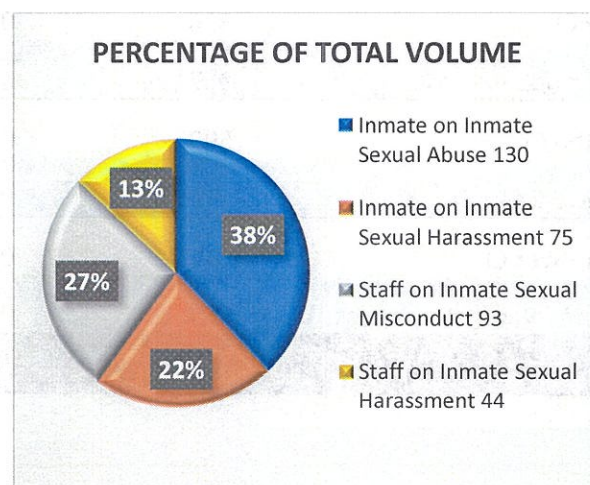
### Institutions with Highest Volume of Cases

RANK	FACILITY	POPULATION	TOTAL PREA CASES	SUBSTANTIATED CASES
1	Turbeville C.I.	1,020	43	4
2	Kirkland C.I.	1,568	30	1
3	Tyger River C.I.	1,013	27	0
4	Kershaw C.I.	1,278	26	1
5	Camille-Graham C.I.	622	23	2
6	Evans C.I.	1,212	23	0
7	Perry C.I.	834	23	0

The table above illustrates that out of 21 institutions, the seven (7) institutions with the highest volume of PREA cases for year 2024 had a low number of substantiated cases.

### Type of Cases and Percentage of Total Volume

TYPE OF REPORT	TOTAL CASES	% OF TOTAL VOLUME
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse	130	38%
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment	75	22%
Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	93	27%
Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment	44	13%
Total Cases: 342 cases		

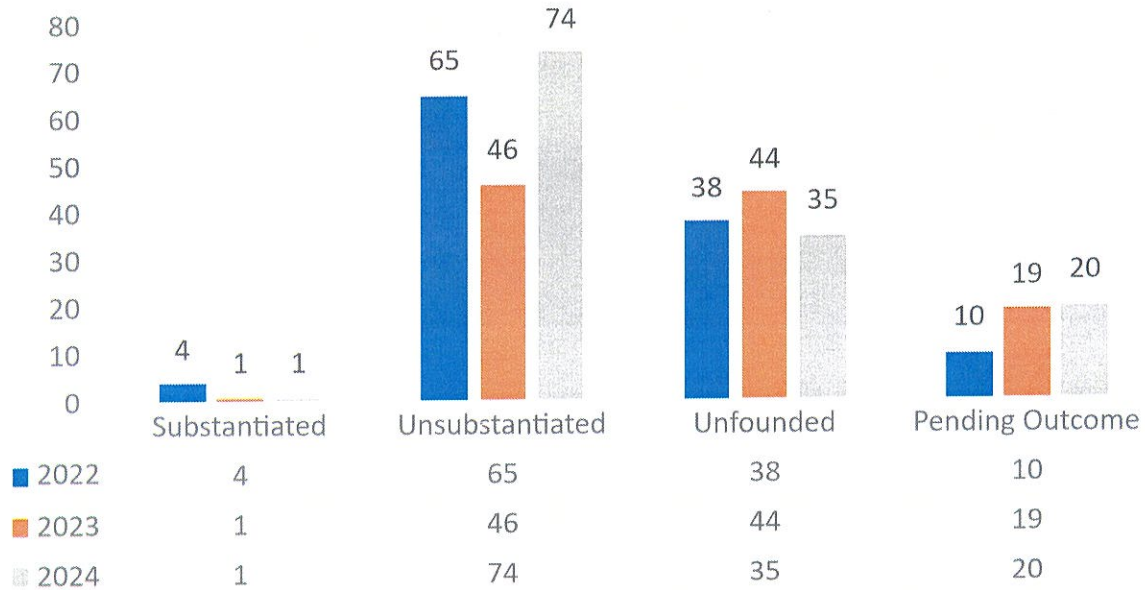


Inmate-on-Inmate sexual abuse cases presented the highest in volume of allegation type for 2024.

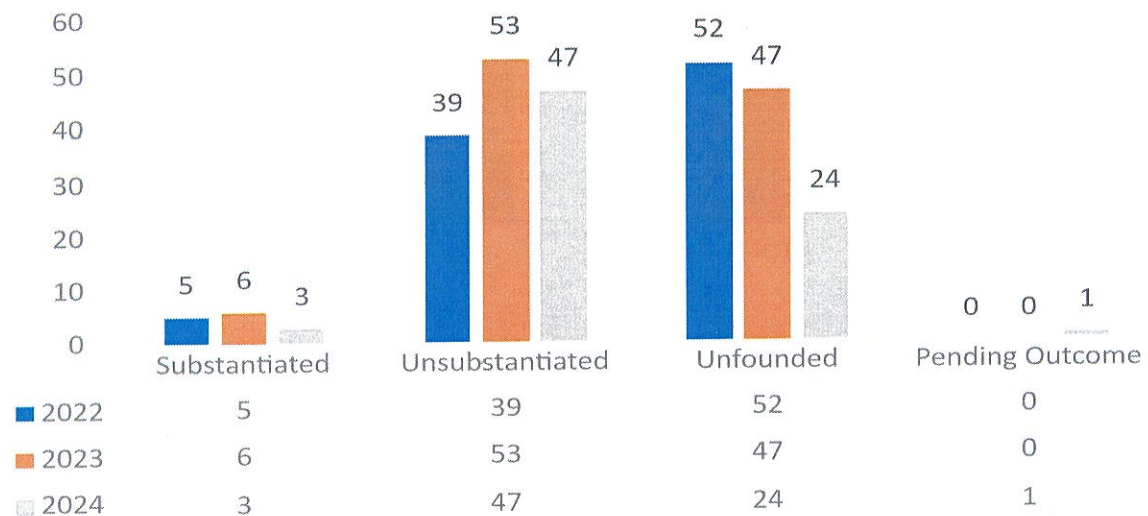


# Allegation Breakdown

## INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024

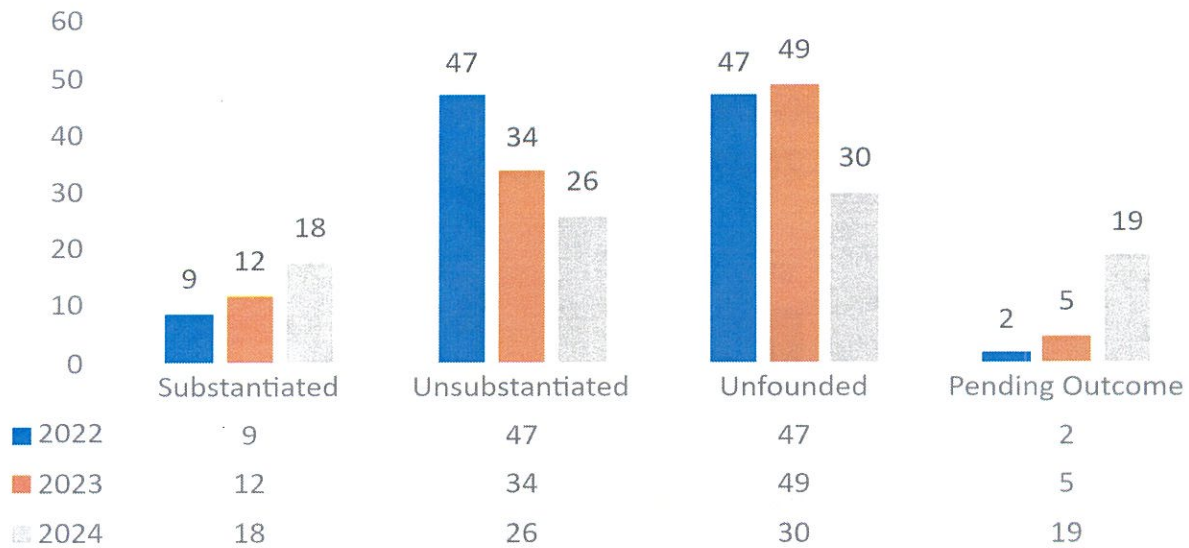


## INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024

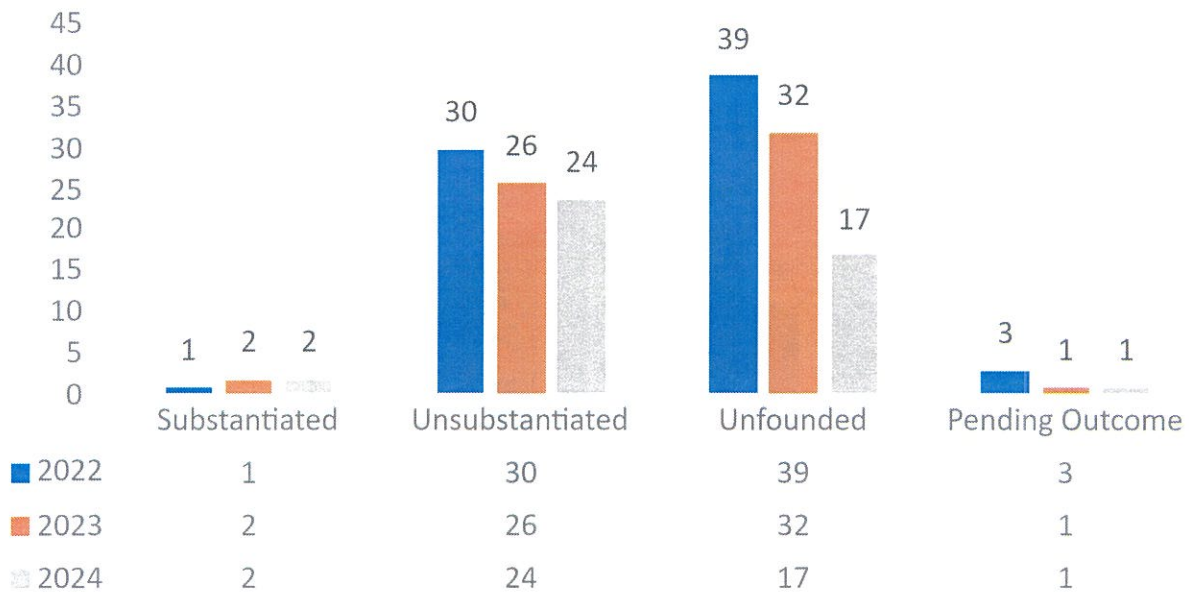




## STAFF ON INMATE MISCONDUCT January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024



## STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024





# Corrective Actions

To ensure SCDC continues its path maintaining full compliance with the Federal PREA Standards, the Office of Legal and Compliance and PREA Coordinator's Office, in coordination with institutional PREA Compliance Managers, have continued to work on our current processes to streamline and improve our processes in 2024.

1. **Video Monitoring/Mirrors:** SCDC continues to purchase additional cameras and mirrors to improve sexual safety in institutions with grant funds. The SCDC Division of Security is installing purchased cameras throughout the facilities to increase and improve video monitoring throughout the Agency for the protection of incarcerated individuals and staff. Additional mirrors for common spaces are in demand.
2. **Documentation:** SCDC continually reviews and adjusts our documentation and procedures to better capture information and data to streamline our investigational processes.
3. **Physical Plant:** Due to the age of the buildings, several institutions require repairs and upgrades. The PREA Coordinator's Office is collaborating with Facilities Maintenance to address concerns raised by PREA auditors.
4. **Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness:** SCDC continues to improve its initial and 30-day reassessment processes for PREA Risk Screening. Increased communication to ensure timely assessments during staff shortages is vital. In addition, the PREA Office continues to collaborate with other divisions and the Division of Technology Team, as well as outside vendors, to purchase an electronic multifunctional database to better manage our cases and systems in the future.
5. **Inmate Education:** SCDC is creating a digital orientation video that includes a pre-recorded inmate peer-led inmate education video that will ensure timely receipt of PREA information to the population. Classification staff will answer any questions inmates have and assist with the presentation process.
6. **Training:** SCDC continues to provide relevant updated SCDC annual PREA training to all staff. The PREA Coordinator's Office Regional PREA Managers conduct mock audits of case files quarterly, and the PREA Coordinator's Office provides specialized training to institutions in preparation for upcoming audits and the audit process.



## Notable Successes

SCDC continues to make observable strides in achieving and maintaining compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. In 2024, in Cycle 4 Year 3, all SCDC institutions audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards were fully compliant with each facility audited making at least two or more “Exceeds.” Through an ongoing grant, SCDC provides office space for Pathways to Healing, a local rape crisis center, at Camille-Graham and at Kirkland R&E to provide both male and female inmates access to the rape crisis center and programs provided by them, such as individual and group counseling, calm groups, mindfulness groups, and more.

The PREA Coordinator’s Office is continuing the program called “Pathfinders,” which trains selected inmates to provide trauma-informed assistance and resources to inmates who experienced sexual trauma. These inmates are activated when limited mental health staff are available, such as at night and on weekends. Their role is to guide their peers to available resources to assist them in their time of need. SCDC held four graduations this year at Kirkland, Allendale, Leath and Camille-Graham for those that completed this training.

SCDC continues to work with Just Detention International (JDI), in a program initiated through JDI called “Cards Across America,” where SCDC inmates create holiday cards to incarcerated individuals at other agency institutions across the United States. JDI sends out these cards promoting cheer during the holidays.

Large metal signage was developed that provides vital information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment in both English and Spanish. This signage was provided to all 21 facilities and placed in appropriate areas where incarcerated individuals have constant access to this information.

The PREA Coordinator’s office has worked with our certified PREA Auditor to streamline the auditing process to ensure necessary documentation is forwarded to the auditor prior to the onsite audit timely and ensures that at the time of the onsite auditor, the auditor has readily on hand all necessary documentation and files required for a seamless process.



# Schedule of Audits

## CYCLE 5 PREA Audit Schedule August 20, 2025, through August 19, 2028

AUDIT CYCLE	FACILITY TO BE AUDITED	PROPOSED AUDIT SCHEDULE
CYCLE 5 YEAR 1	Kirland Reception & Evaluation Center	August 26-28, 2025
	McCormick Correctional Institution	September 23-25, 2025
	Manning Reentry & Work Release Ctr.	October 21-23, 2025
	Goodman Correctional Institution	November 18-20, 2025
	Palmer Pre-Release Center	December 16-18, 2025
	MacDougall Correctional Institution	January 13-15, 2026
	Allendale Correctional Institution	February 18-20, 2026
CYCLE 5 YEAR 2	Broad River Correctional Institution	August 25-27, 2026
	Evans Correctional Institution	September 22-24, 2026
	Livesay Correctional Institution	October 20-22, 2026
	Tyger River Correctional Institution	November 17-19, 2026
	Lee Correctional Institution	December 8-10, 2026
	Perry Correctional Institution	January 12-14, 2027
	Ridgeland Correctional Institution	February 9-11, 2027
CYCLE 5 YEAR 3	Leath Correctional Institution	August 24-26, 2027
	Kershaw Correctional Institution	September 21-23, 2027
	Lieber Correctional Institution	October 19-21, 2027
	Camille-Graham Correctional Institution	November 16-18, 2027
	Wateree River Correctional Institution	December 7-9, 2027
	Turbeville Correctional Institution	January 11-13, 2028
	Trenton Correctional Institution	February 8-10, 2028

*Note: Dates and times are subject to change.*





