

2015

PREA ANNUAL REPORT

PREA
Prison Rape Elimination Act

Wyoming
Department of
Corrections

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of September 5, 2003 (Public Law 108-79) was enacted by Congress to address the problem of sexual assault in all U.S. penal facilities. PREA supports the elimination, reduction and prevention of sexual assault/rape within our prisons, community corrections centers, and local jails. PREA applies to Offender-on-Offender and Staff-on-Offender sexual misconduct. Major provisions of PREA include the development of standards for detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement settings. On August 20, 2012, the PREA standards final rule became effective.

The Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) supports the reduction of sexual violence. It is the WDOC's position that only full compliance with National Standards is acceptable and significant progress to this standard has been accomplished. In accordance with 28 CFR §115.88, this report is being made available to the public via the WDOC website, <http://corrections.wy.gov/>. Each instance of a reported violation is investigated, categorized and noted as substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded. This report contains statistical information on reported cases of the various types of sexual activity in WDOC facilities. The WDOC utilizes various methods of reporting to identify and prevent sexual incidents. There are four (4) categories which the WDOC uses to determine and categorize sexual acts which aligns with the Department of Justice (DOJ) definitions. These categories are:



- Sexual Abuse (Offender on Offender)
- Sexual Abuse (Staff on Offender)
- Sexual Harassment (Staff on Offender and Offender on Offender)
- Voyeurism (Staff on Offender)

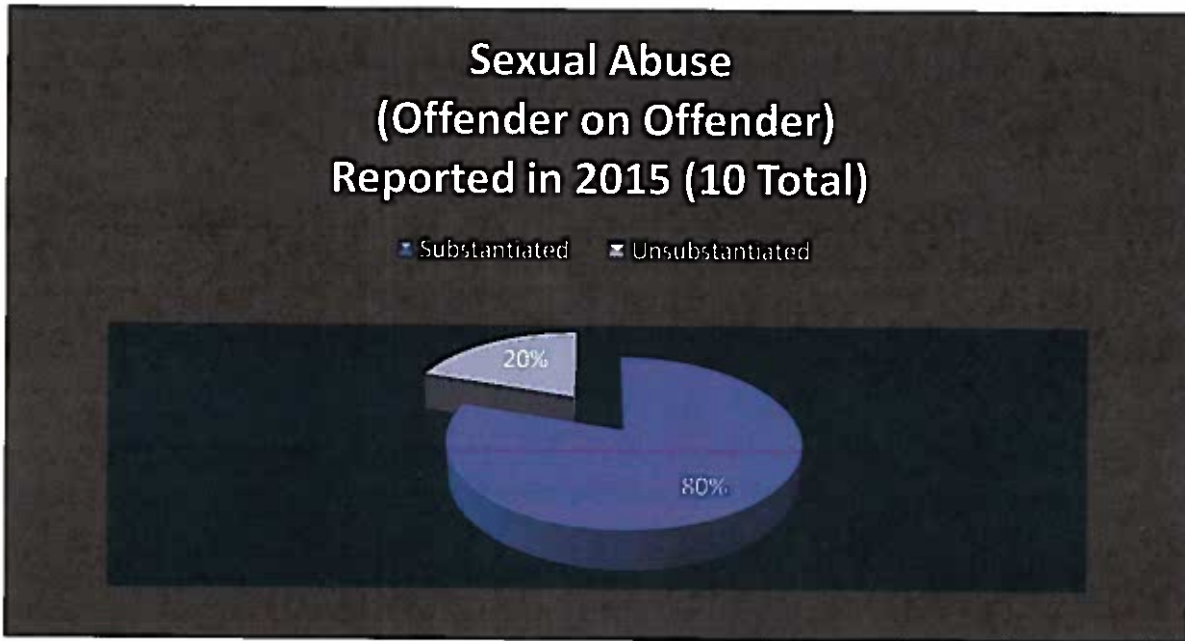
Each year one third (1/3) of WDOC's facilities are audited by a certified independent auditor qualified through the Department of Justice (DOJ) training program. One (1) WDOC facility underwent the Department of Justice PREA audit process and was found to be compliant with the National Standards. The Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution (WMCI) was audited in June of 2015 by an independent auditor. The table below identifies the auditors' findings for this facility.

2015 Certified PREA Audit Results

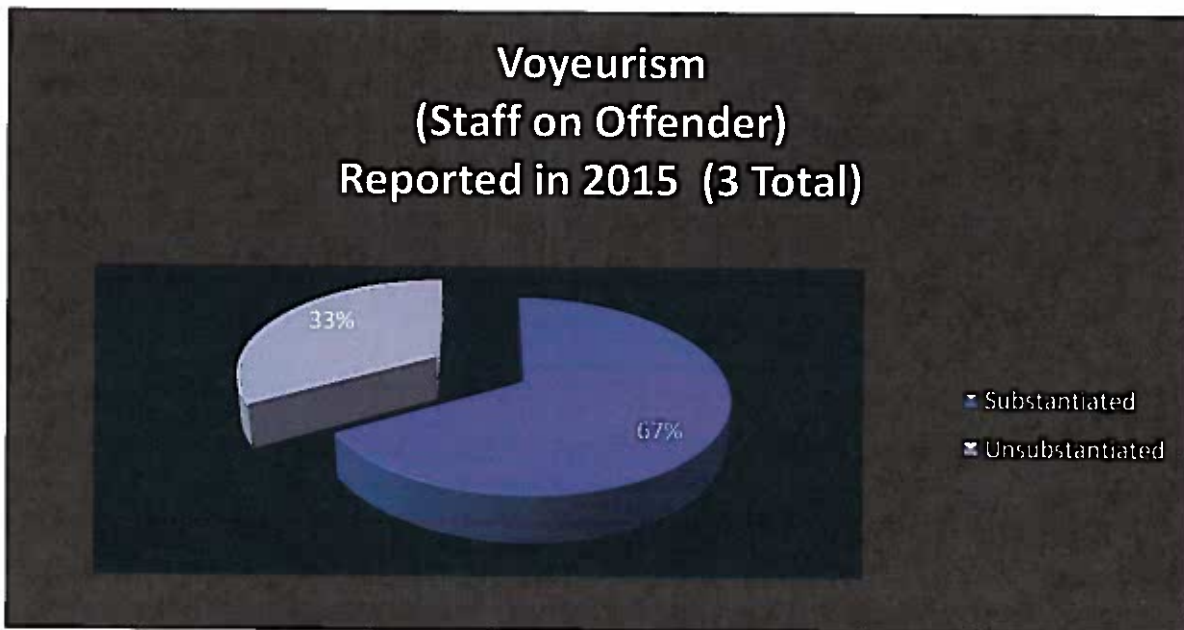
Facility	Exceeds National Standards	Meets National Standards	Standards Not Met	Standards Not Applicable
WMCI	5	37	0	1

The Wyoming Honor Farm (WHF) and the Wyoming State Penitentiary (WSP) will be audited in July of 2016. Once complete, the three (3) year cycle will begin again starting with the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp (WHCC) and the Wyoming Women's Center (WWC) in 2017 as both facilities were certified in 2014.

2015 Statistics by Category



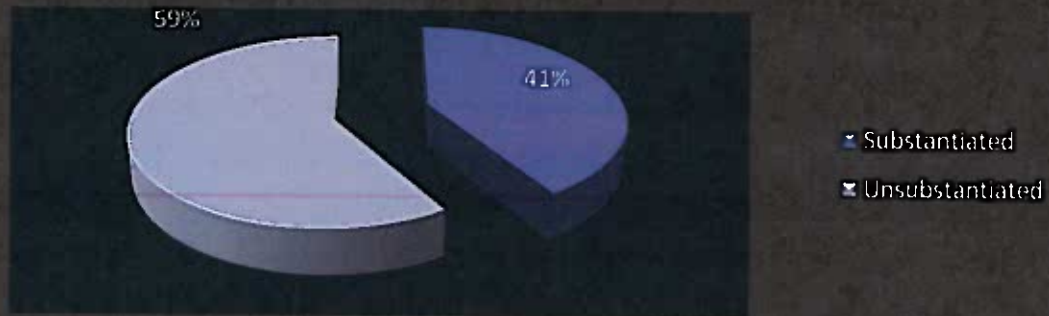
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2015 Statistics by Category

Sexual Harassment (Staff on Offender and Offender on Offender) Reported in 2015 (34 Total)

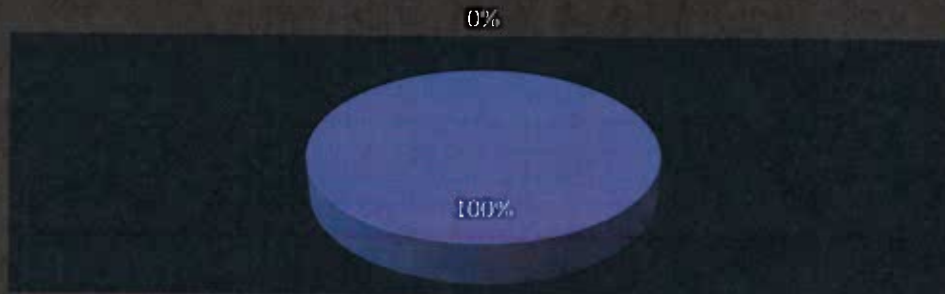


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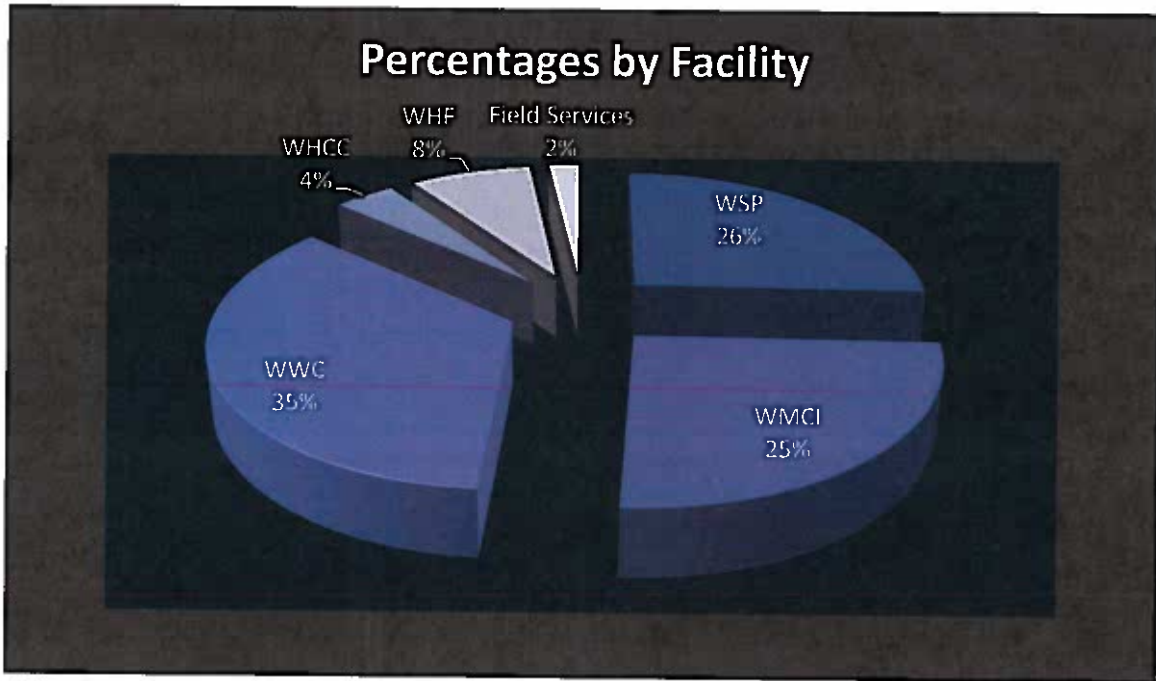
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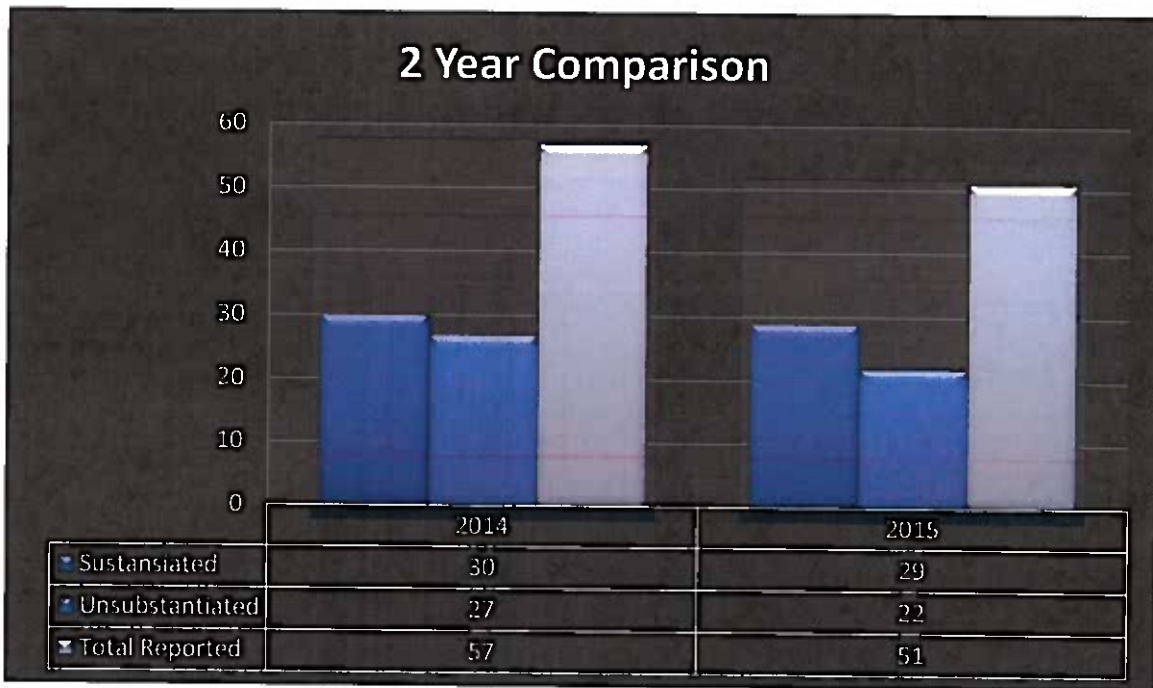
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Percentages by Facility All Reported Cases



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Incidents by Facility

REPORTED INCIDENTS 2015

WDOC Facility	Sexual Abuse-inmate-inmate		Sexual Abuse-by Staff on Inmate, with or without consent		Voyeurism- by staff-contractor-volunteer		Sexual Harassment- Repeated Verbal comments, gestures, or actions	
	S	U	S	U	S	U	S	U
Wyoming State Penitentiary	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	7
Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	6
Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wyoming Honor Farm	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	
Wyoming Women's Center	5	1	0	0	1	0	5	6
Field Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	10		4		3		34	

Corrective Actions For 2015

Inmates charged with major and general rule violations

Inmate conflicts entered and validated

Staff resigned during investigation

Staff termination and pending felony charges for some

Prosecutors notified

Staff re-training

Data compiled for grant reporting through DCI

Staff disciplined

2015 Ongoing Significant Efforts

Site inspections conducted

Pre-Audit conducted at the WMCI

Mental Health tracking and follow-up with victims

Electronic surveillance program evaluated

Continued PREA investigation training for staff

Continued to conduct PREA coordinators' meetings

Assisted other agencies with training and PREA compliance

Continued screening for vulnerable Inmates

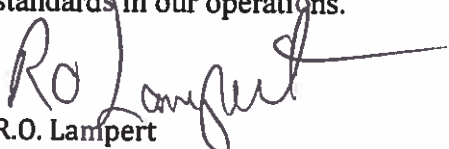
Incidents by Contract Facility

The WDOC contracts with community agencies to provide housing and substance abuse treatment for inmates who are returning to the community and in need of treatment. In turn, each of these facilities is responsible to record and report incidents of sexual acts similar to that of the WDOC facilities. During 2015, the Cheyenne Transitional Center (CTC) was audited and certified under the DOJ National Standards. The Gillette facility, Volunteers of America (VOA), will be audited in 2016. 2016 will mark the three (3) year cycle and we begin again at the CRCTC.

Contract Facility Reporting 2015

<u>Contract Facility</u>	Sexual Abuse- inmate-inmate		Sexual Abuse-by Staff on Inmate, with or without consent		Voyeurism- by staff- contractor- volunteer		Sexual Harassment- Repeated Verbal comments, gestures, or actions	
	S	U	S	U	S	U	S	U
Substantiated=S Unsubstantiated=U								
Cheyenne Transitional Center (CTC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Casper Reentry Center and Therapeutic Community	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Volunteers of America Gillette	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1		1		0		2	

This report is made available to the public through the WDOC website, <http://corrections.wy.gov/>, as required by the Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards. This report is to inform the public about the Department's efforts to reduce and/or eliminate sexual acts within its facilities. As part of our mission, we strive to ensure the protection of all inmates from sexual harassment and/or abuse by employing best practice standards in our operations.


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