



# Missouri Department of Corrections 2017 PREA Annual Report

The Missouri Department of Corrections (MODOC) takes the safety of the offenders in our custody very seriously, which includes safety from all forms of offender sexual abuse and harassment. While incarcerated within the Missouri Department of Corrections or residing within a community confinement facility, offenders have the right to be free from sexual abuse, harassment and retaliation. The Department maintains a strict “Zero Tolerance” policy; all offender sexual abuse and harassment allegations are investigated and prosecution sought when applicable.

In 2017, MDOC continued our commitment to offender sexual safety and maintaining full compliance with the requirements of the Prisons Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). In October 2017, Missouri’s governor again certified the State of Missouri to be in full compliance with PREA Standards.

Pursuant to 115 CFR 88 Data Review for Corrective Action, the following is a summary of the agency’s efforts in maintaining full PREA compliance:

## **State Compliance:**

During year 2 of audit cycle 2, PREA Compliance Audits were conducted in the following Missouri State prisons:

- Cremer Therapeutic Community Center
- Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center
- Algoa Correctional Center
- Ozark Correctional Center
- Tipton Correctional Center
- Western Reception
- Moberly Correctional Center, and
- Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center

In addition, compliance audits were conducted in the following community confinement facilities:

- Kennett Community Supervision Center
- Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center
- St. Joseph Community Supervision Center

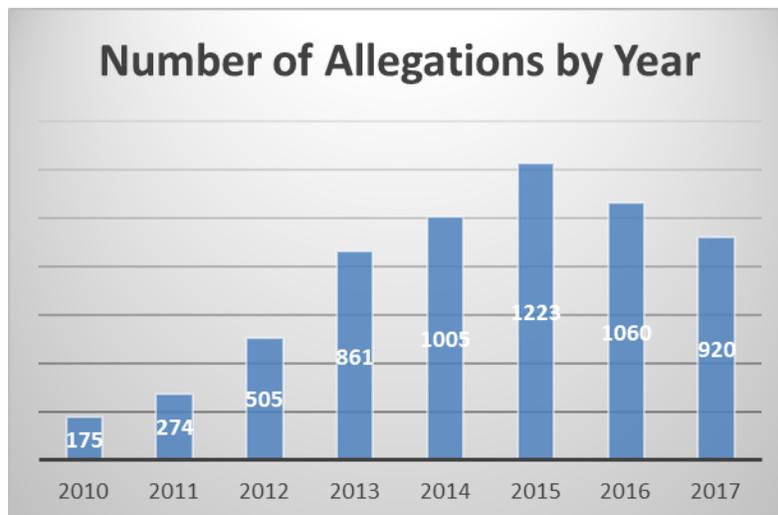
In total, 11 MODOC facilities underwent compliance audits during year 2 of the second audit cycle, with each facility found to be in full compliance.

### Trend Analysis:

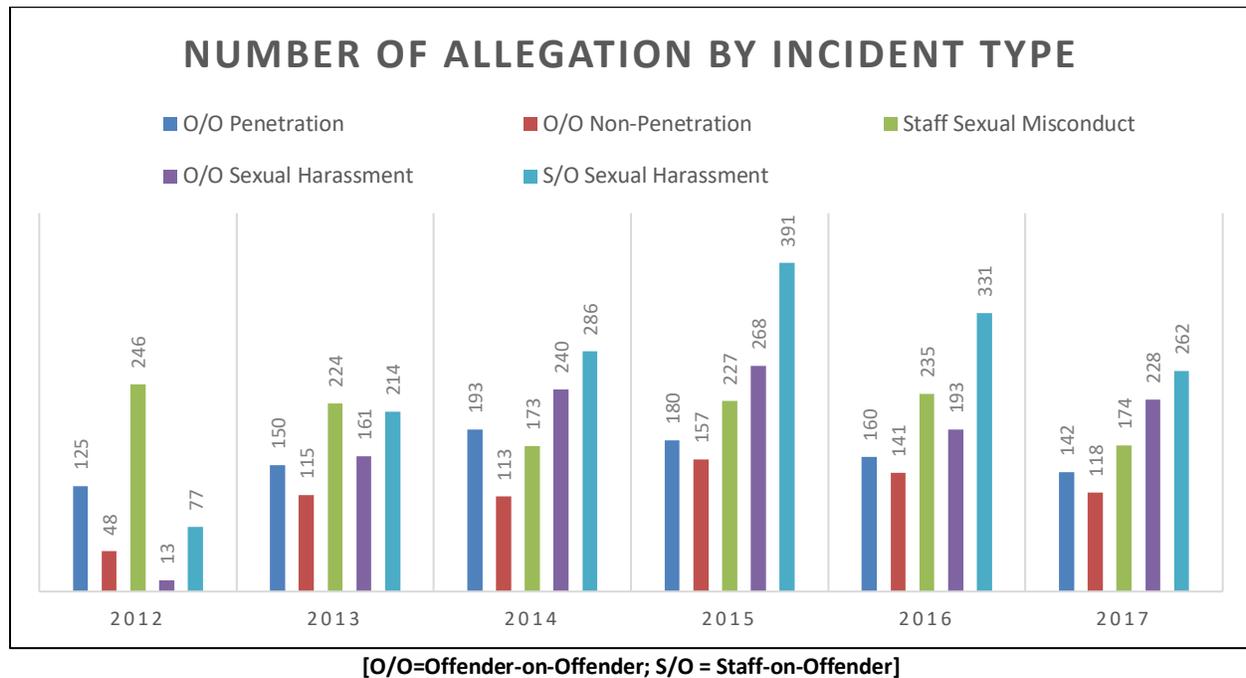
In calendar year 2017, MODOC received and investigated 920 allegations involving offender sexual abuse and harassment, which was a decrease from 1060 investigations conducted in 2016. The chart below depicts the number of allegations received in 2017 by incident type and the finding of the subsequent investigation.

Incident Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Total
Offender-on-Offender Penetration	19	70	53	142
Offender-on-Offender Non Penetration	19	69	29	117
Offender-on-Offender Sexual Harassment	30	127	69	226
Staff Sexual Misconduct	28	65	81	174
Staff-on-Offender Sexual Harassment	9	125	127	261
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>920</b>

Over the last three years, the department has seen a steady decline in the number allegations received as depicted by the graph below. This decrease in allegations is contributed to the department's thorough investigations and the facilities holding not only suspects that are found guilty of sexual abuse or harassment accountable but also, offenders that are found to have made a deliberate false allegation.



The graph below gives a visual comparison of the number of investigations conducted per year by incident type over a 5-year period.



**On-Going Corrective Action:**

Pursuant to PREA Standards 115.87, 115.88 and 115.89, the department collects accurate, uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and harassment from all prisons and community confinement facilities under department’s direct control. This data is collected in the department’s Corrections Information Network (COIN) which is a web based information system. Monthly data is aggregated and forwarded to each facility for review on a monthly and annual basis in order to assess current trends, effectiveness of current operations and areas that can be improved.

While MODOC facilities have been in full compliance with PREA standards since 2015, the department continues to enhance our efforts towards sexual safety for our offender population, which includes continued upgrades to video technology, the bi-annual all-staff training was updated and mock audits conducted around the state. The most significant change occurred when MODOC established the PREA Investigative Unit in the Office of Professional Standards. This unit of 10 investigators focuses solely on offender sexual abuse investigations and provides a thorough consistent product to facility administrators. Since the development of the PREA Specialized Investigations Unit, the department has seen an increase in the percentage of substantiated investigations which has allowed the facilities to hold offenders accountable and has allowed for the identification of perpetrators within our system.