



# Missouri Department of Corrections 2019 PREA Annual Report

The Missouri Department of Corrections (MODOC) is committed to providing a safe environment for all offenders housed within our facilities. While incarcerated within the Missouri Department of Corrections, or residing in one of the agency’s community confinement facilities, offenders have the right to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation. The agency maintains a strict “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding the sexual abuse of offenders within the agency’s 20 prisons and 7 community confinement facilities.

In 2019, MODOC continued our commitment to offender sexual safety and remained in full compliance with the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). In October 2019, the 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:

**Trend Analysis:**

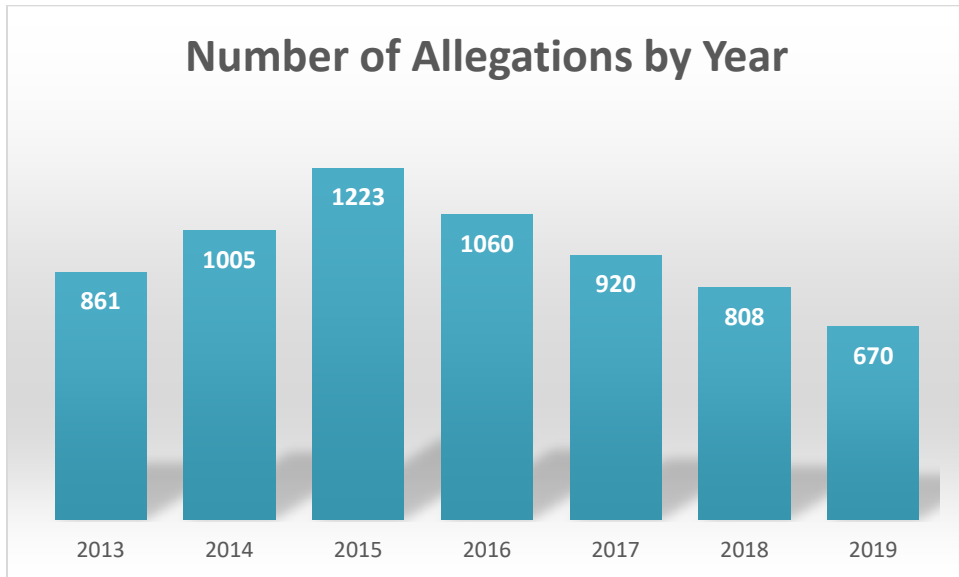
The PREA Unit’s team of Specialized Investigators conducts both criminal and administrative offender sexual abuse investigations. Offender Sexual Harassment investigations are conducted by each facility’s Institutional Investigators.

In calendar year 2019, MODOC received and investigated 670 allegations of offender sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, which is a decrease from 808 PREA investigations conducted in calendar year 2018.

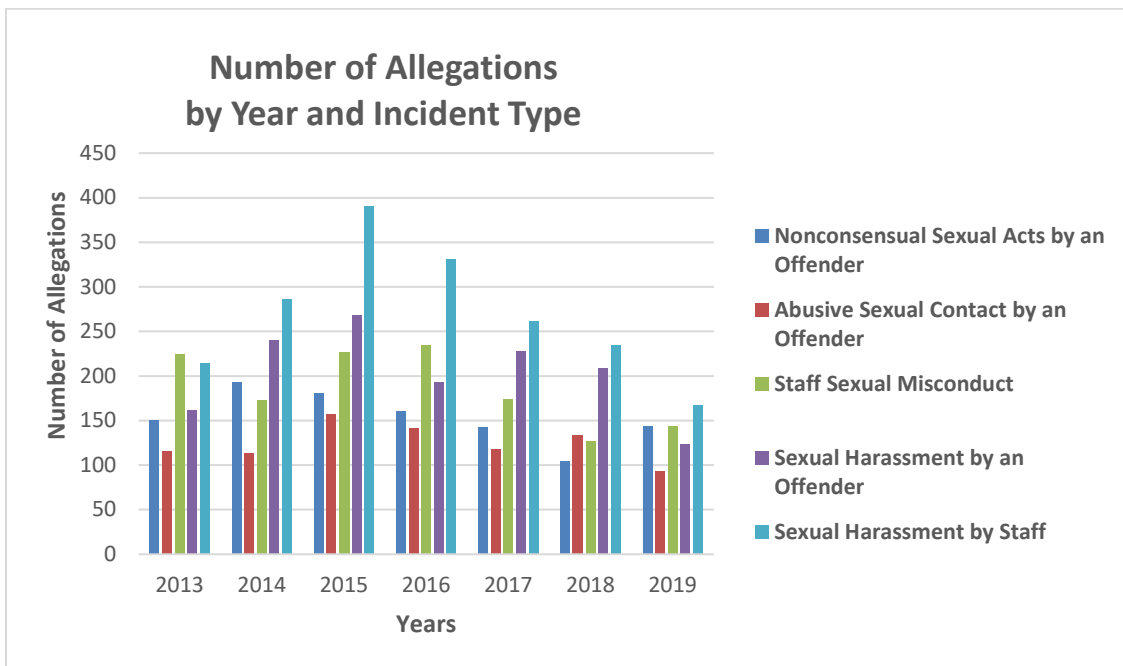
The chart below depicts the number of allegations received in 2019, by incident type and investigation findings.

<b>Nonconsensual Sexual Acts by an Offender</b>	11	85	48		144
<b>Abusive Sexual Contact by an Offender</b>	9	45	39		93
<b>Staff Sexual Misconduct</b>	39	36	68		143
<b>Sexual Harassment by an Offender</b>	14	70	35	4	123
<b>Sexual Harassment by Staff</b>	5	101	53	8	167
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>670</b>

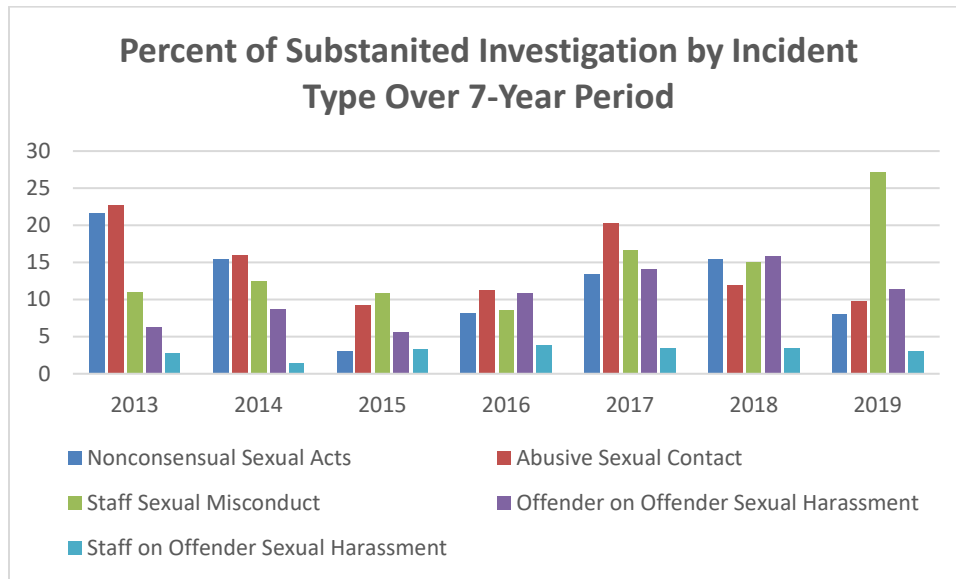
Since 2015, MODOC has seen a significant decline in the number of allegations received as depicted in the table below.



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



The chart below depicts the percent of substantiated investigations by incident type over a 7-year period. In 2019, the department had an increase in the percent of substantiated staff sexual misconduct investigations. To address this increase, a PREA Investigator now presents at each PREA Basic Training class to ensure all new staff have a solid foundation regarding the agency’s commitment to offender sexual safety. This allows a subject matter expert to provide up-to-date information and reiterate the department Zero Tolerance stance and the department’s effort to seek prosecution of staff who commit Offender Sexual Misconduct.



**On-Going Corrective Action:**

Pursuant to PREA Standards 115.87, 115.88 and 115.89, the agency collects accurate, uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and repeated allegations of sexual harassment from prisons and community confinement facilities under the governor’s direct control. Below is an overview of significant enhancements made during calendar year 2019:

The department launched the Investigative Reporting Intelligence System (IRIS). IRIS is an investigative records management system. This system allows the PREA Unit to track PREA investigations and analysis sexual abuse data.

Upgrades to video technology and additional cameras installed in the majority of facilities.

Update of the department’s bi-annual PREA all-staff training.

Updated and provided PREA Compliance Monitoring training to newly assigned PREA Site Coordinators.