

Bucks County Department of Corrections
Annual Sexual Incident Report Review (115.88)

The Bucks County Department of Corrections is divided into two entities, the Bucks County Correctional Facility and the Community Corrections Centers. In accordance with §115.88 and §115.288, Data Review for Corrective Action, the statistics are listed below.

Year	2016		
Facility	BCCF		
Total Investigated Cases	25		
	Staff		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	2	3	5
Unsubstantiated	3	6	9
Substantiated	1	2	3
Pending	0	0	0
Total	6	11	17
	Staff		
Sexual Abuse Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	2	3	5
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	3	3
Pending	0	0	0
Total	2	6	8
Total Cases Referred for Prosecution	2		
Pending Decision	1		
No action from D.A.	1		
Resulted in Criminal Charges	0		

Year	2016		
Facility	CCC		
Total Investigated Cases	3		
	Staff		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	1	1
Pending	0	0	0
Total	0	1	1
	Staff		
Sexual Abuse Allegations	On Inmate	Inmate on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	1	0	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	1	0	1
Total	2	0	2
Total Cases Referred for Prosecution	1		
Pending Decision	1		
No action from D.A.	0		
Resulted in Criminal Charges	0		

Each substantiated and unsubstantiated case is reviewed monthly with the Sexual Abuse Incident Review Team. In order to address the concern of sexual assault and sexual harassment, the following suggestions were submitted to the Director of Corrections for possible implementation:

- Remind staff that an increased presence of an officer may be necessary when housing units have transgendered offenders.
- Remind staff that any reports of sexual abuse/harassment must be completed in a timely manner. If available, provide supporting documentation.
- Ensure officers are working in the appropriate designated areas (ex: top tier/bottom tier officer).
- Review possible purchase of shower curtains that allow for easy viewing without opening the curtain.
- Provide coaching or other corrective action when inappropriate conversations between staff and inmates are witnessed and/or suspected.

After comparing last year's data (listed below), it is suggested that the increase in allegations occurred due to the facility's lack of knowledge in the PREA standards. Educating the offenders, staff members, contractors, and volunteers provided more referrals to the Special Investigation Unit.

Year	2015		
Facility	BCCF		
Total Investigated Cases	4		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	Staff On Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse Allegations	Staff On Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	1	1	2
Unsubstantiated	0	1	1
Substantiated	0	1	1
Pending	0	0	0
Total	1	3	4

Year	2015		
Facility	CCC		
Total Investigated Cases	0		
Sexual Harassment Allegations	Staff On Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse Allegations	Staff On Inmate	Staff on Inmate	Total
Unfounded	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0
Substantiated	0	0	0
Pending	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

In 2016, the department created the Prison Rape Elimination Act Policy and designated specific staff members to take on the roles of PREA Coordinator and PREA Compliance Managers. Thorough documentation is being enforced, MOU's were created, education/training programs have been developed, and screening tools are being utilized to help create and enforce a sexually safe environment for all offenders. The Bucks County Department of Corrections has the goal of meeting full compliance in the upcoming year.