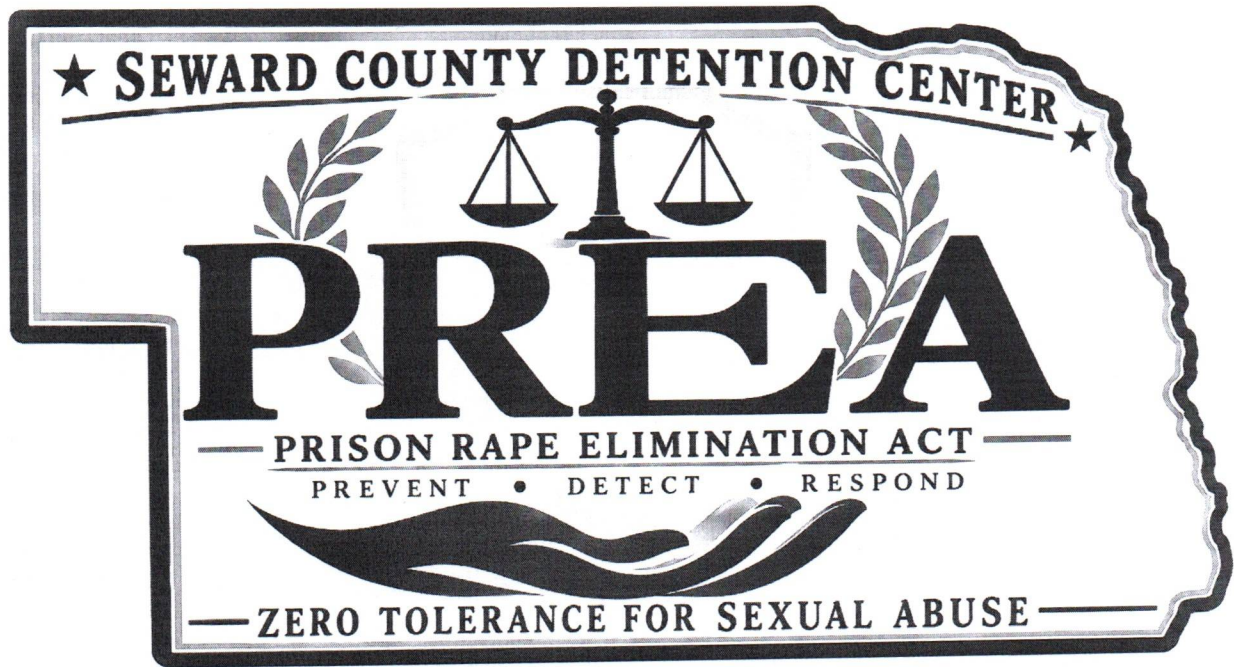
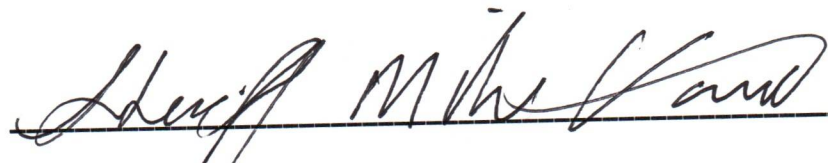




Approved by:



Sheriff Mike Vance

Purpose:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) requires an agency to collect and review data in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices and training. This report is intended to: identify problem areas and corrective actions taken for the agency as a whole, compare the current year's data and corrective actions of those from prior years. This report provides information for the years of 2023 and 2026.

PREA Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into Federal Law in 2003 by President George W. Bush. It was created to address the problem of sexual misconduct in all confinement facilities. The PREA Act required all federal, state, and local corrections agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding rape in prison, jail, police lockups, and community confinement. The final standards became effective on August 20, 2012.

Seward County Detention Center complies with federal and state laws as they pertain to PREA, sexual violence, and sexual misconduct.

Definitions:

Inmate-Inmate Sexual Abuse- Includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such an act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

1. Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
3. Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
4. Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

Staff-Inmate Sexual Abuse- Includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of the inmate;

1. Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
2. Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;

3. Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
4. Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official duties or where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse or gratify sexual desire;
5. Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, that is unrelated to official duties of where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
6. Any attempt, threat, or request by staff, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1) – (5) of this section;
7. Any display by staff, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate; and
8. Voyeurism by staff, contractor, or volunteer. Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as peering at an inmate who is using a toilet in his or her cell to perform bodily functions; requiring an inmate to expose his or her buttocks, genitals, or breasts; or taking images of all or part of an inmate's naked body or of an inmate performing bodily functions.

Substantiated- A substantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated- An unsubstantiated allegation means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded- An unfounded allegation means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Ongoing- The investigation has not been completed.

Annual Report:

The Seward County Detention Center is preparing to participate in its second audit in 2026. We employ a PREA Coordinator to ensure compliance with all PREA standards. It is the policy of Seward County Detention Center to provide training to all staff, inmates, contractors, and volunteers to prevent sexual misconduct and to fully investigate and prosecute those involved in such conduct.

The Seward County Sheriff's office works closely with the prosecutors to ensure prosecution of such conduct. The Seward County Detention Center also works with the Seward County Sheriff's Office to collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse under its direct control.

The following chart reflects Seward County Detention Center's aggregated data from investigations determined to constitute a PREA violation for the current year 2026.

PREA SSV REPORT 2026					
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Ongoing	Total
Inmate - Inmate Nonconsensual sexual act	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate - Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate - Inmate Sexual Harassment	1	2	0	0	3
Staff - Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Staff - Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
Staff - Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0

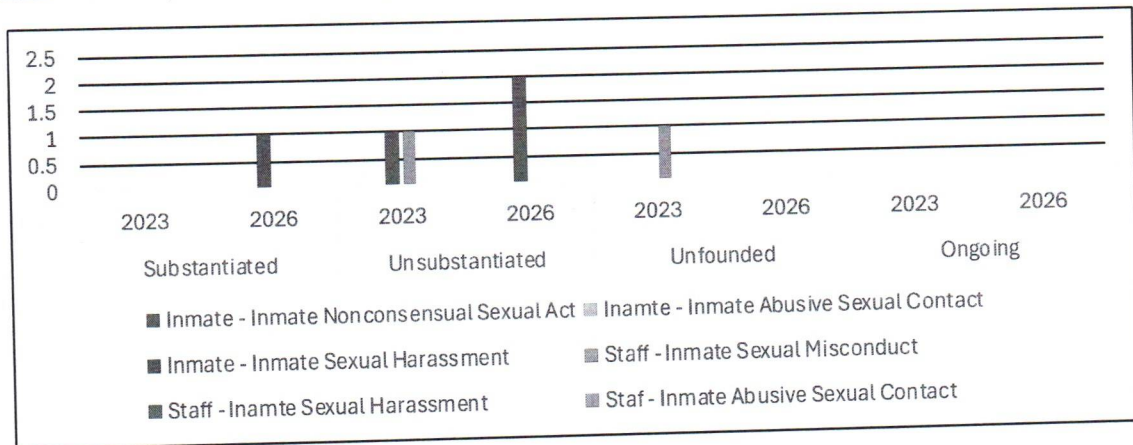
General Information:

Total Female Population	94
Total Male Population	371
Not Specified	1
Average Daily Female Population	4
Average Daily Male Population	25
Not Specified	0
Average Length of Stay for Females (Days)	17
Average Length of Stay for Males (Days)	22
Not Specified	0

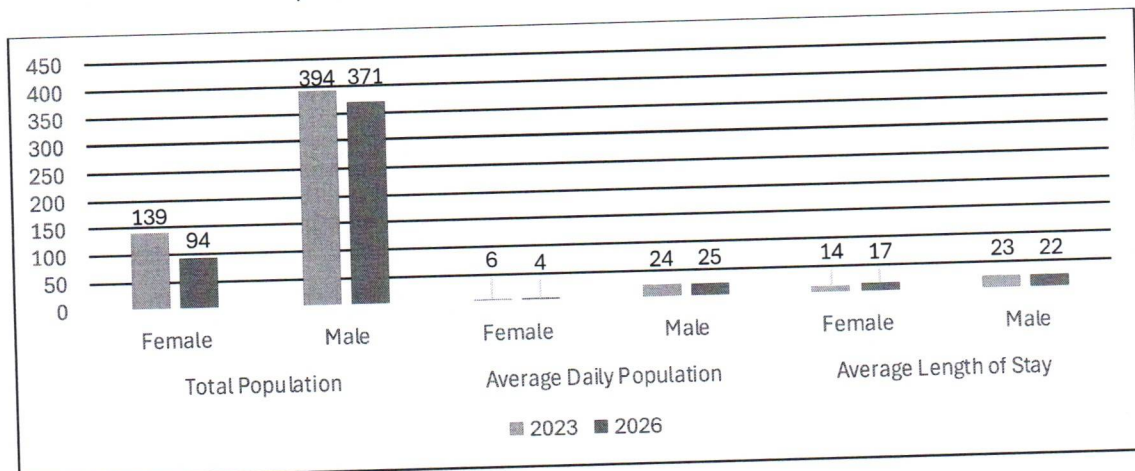
The following charts provide a comparison of Seward County Detention Center's aggregated data from investigations determined to constitute PREA violations in 2023 and 2026.

PREA Data Review and Comparison

	Substantiated		Unsubstantiated		Unfounded		Ongoing	
	2023	2026	2023	2026	2023	2026	2023	2026
Inmate - Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate - Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate - Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Staff - Inmate Sexual Misconduct	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Staff - Inmate Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff - Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



	Total Population		Average Daily Population		Average Length of Stay	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
2023	139	394	6	24	14	23
2026	94	371	4	25	17	22



The comparison of SSV data between 2023 and 2026 demonstrates a change in the type and disposition of reported sexual safety incidents at the facility. In 2023, there were two (2) unsubstantiated and one (1) unfounded allegation, with no substantiated allegations reported. In 2026, the data reflects one (1) substantiated and two (2) unsubstantiated allegations, with no unfounded or ongoing cases reported.

The most notable change occurred in the category of Inmate–Inmate Sexual Harassment, which increased from one (1) unsubstantiated allegation in 2023 to one (1) substantiated and two (2) unsubstantiated allegations in 2026. Conversely, Staff–Inmate Sexual Misconduct decreased from one (1) unsubstantiated and one (1) unfounded allegation in 2023 to no reported allegations in 2026. No incidents were reported in either year involving Inmate–Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts, Inmate–Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact, Staff–Inmate Sexual Harassment, or Staff–Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact.

The increase in reported allegations should not, by itself, be interpreted as an increase in the actual occurrence of sexual abuse or harassment within the facility. Rather, the data should be evaluated in combination with the facility's reporting, investigation, prevention, and response practices. The presence of a substantiated allegation in 2026 further emphasizes the importance of maintaining effective reporting mechanisms and ensuring that every allegation is taken seriously, investigated appropriately, and addressed in accordance with PREA requirements.

The names of the individuals involved have been excluded from this report to ensure confidentiality.

Overall assessment: The data indicates that the facility continues to have relatively low numbers of reported SSV incidents, however, the increase in inmate–inmate sexual harassment allegations in 2026 warrants continued monitoring and targeted prevention efforts.

Achievements and Corrective Actions in 2026:

- Reduction in Staff – Inmate Sexual Misconduct allegations.
- Continued emphasis on PREA education, staff accountability, professional boundaries, supervision, and adherence to zero-tolerance expectations.
- Continual reviews of policies and procedures to ensure current processes and forms are up to date and stay in compliance with PREA standards.
- Additional Staff became PREA Investigator Certified.
- Completed a comprehensive upgrade of the video surveillance system, replacing and updating cameras throughout the facility.

- o Significant improvement in the facility's ability to monitor housing and common areas, identify potential safety concerns, deter inappropriate conduct, and support the timely and thorough investigation of PREA-related allegations.
- o Steps completed to strengthen recruitment and retention efforts, resulting in a greater ability to attract and retain qualified staff.
- o Steps taken to reinforce its PREA investigative practices by pursuing specialized PREA investigation training and certification for designated staff.

Commitment to Continued Improvement:

The facility remains committed to continuous improvement in its PREA practices, staff training, and overall safety. Upgraded surveillance capabilities have strengthened safety, security, accountability, and PREA compliance, while maintaining adequate staffing levels enhances supervision and supports a safer environment for both staff and incarcerated individuals. The facility will also continue to expand specialized PREA investigation training for designated staff, strengthening their ability to conduct thorough, objective, and comprehensive investigations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. Additionally, the facility will remain diligent in completing and documenting required annual reviews of PREA policies, practices, staffing, incidents, and other relevant data to identify areas for improvement and ensure continued compliance with PREA standards. Through these continued efforts, the facility will remain focused on providing staff with the advanced knowledge and skills necessary to effectively respond to, investigate, and document allegations, further reinforcing its commitment to PREA prevention, accountability, and the safety of all individuals in its care.