



Western Tidewater Regional Jail

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The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to support the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in correctional systems. PREA addresses both inmate-to-inmate sexual assault and staff-to-inmate sexual assault. The Western Tidewater Regional Jail fully supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has a Zero-Tolerance for any and all incidents of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

This report provides a comparison of incidents from 2023 and 2024 and will be utilized by the PREA Coordinator to identify problem areas and formulate corrective measures in efforts of reducing future incidents of sexual abuse.

In accordance with PREA, all investigations are assigned one of the three possible determinations:

Substantiated- an allegation which was investigated and determine to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated- an allegation which provided insufficient evidence to make a final determination of a substantiated or unfounded claim.

Unfounded- an allegation which was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

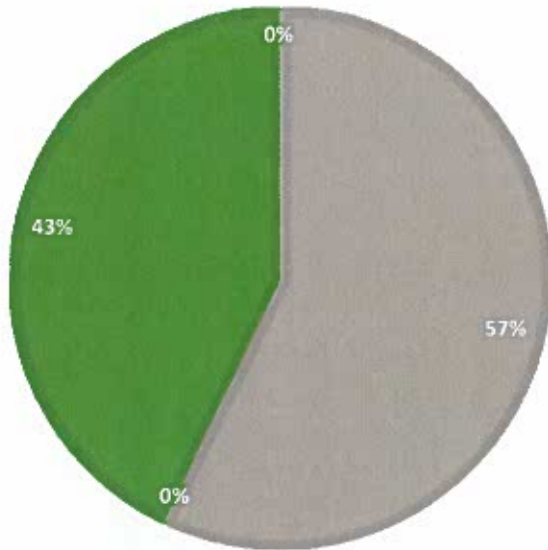
In 2024, there were zero substantiated allegations, four unsubstantiated allegations, and 3 unfounded allegations. Of the 3 unfounded allegations, zero were inmate-to-inmate allegations and 3 inmate-to-staff allegations. All Seven allegations were investigated by Western Tidewater Regional Jail Sexual Assault Investigators. None were referred to the Suffolk Police Department.

The location for the seven allegations were from the inmate housing areas within the facility. No problem areas were identified and no corrective measures needed at this time.

Western Tidewater Regional Jail makes every effort to reduce and/or eliminate staff on inmate and inmate on inmate sexual abuse and sexual harassment by continually providing inmate education and staff training on the PREA standards.

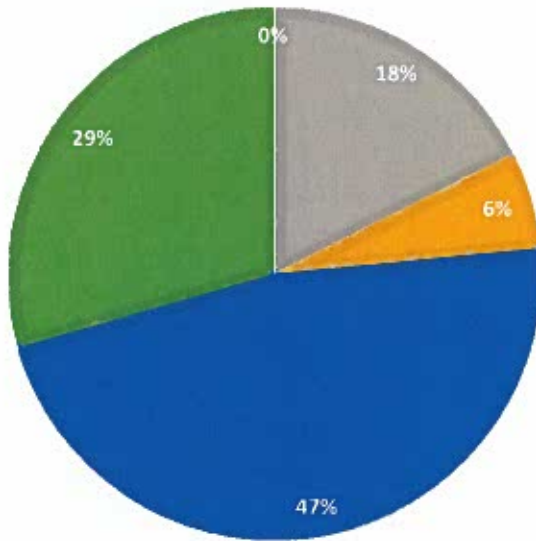
The charts provide a comparison between 2021 and 2020 Sexual Victimization Data for Western Tidewater Regional Jail.

JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024



- Substantiated- Inmate-to Inmate
- Substantiated- Staff to Inmate
- Unsubstantiated- Inmate-to-Inmate
- Unsubstantiated-Staff to Inmate
- Unfounded- Inmate-to-Inmate
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1/6/2025

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