



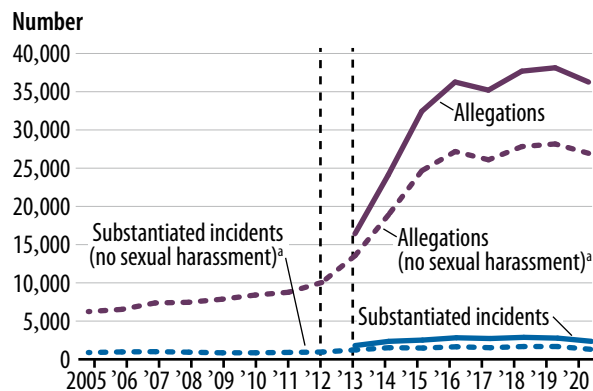
# Sexual Victimization Reported by Adult Correctional Authorities, 2019–2020 – Statistical Tables

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In 2020, correctional administrators reported 36,264 allegations of sexual victimization in prisons, jails, and other adult correctional facilities (figure 1). This included allegations of inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts, inmate-on-inmate abusive sexual contact, inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment, staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct, and staff-on-inmate sexual harassment.<sup>1</sup> Of all the allegations reported in 2020, 2,351 were substantiated after investigation, the lowest number since 2014, when there were 2,350 substantiated incidents. The number of allegations rose 121% from 2013 to 2016, which was partly attributable to correctional authorities' continuing response to the 2012 release of the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape. From 2016 to 2020, the number of allegations of sexual victimization remained relatively stable, ranging from 35,206 allegations in 2017 to 38,132 in 2019.

<sup>1</sup>Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment was first measured in 2013.

**FIGURE 1**  
Allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, 2005–2020



Note: Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. The National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape were released in 2012, and the Survey of Sexual Victimization started collecting inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment data in 2013. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 3 for numbers, rates, and standard errors.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2005–2020.

## Highlights

- Correctional administrators reported 36,264 allegations of sexual victimization in 2020, a 5% decrease from 2019 (38,132) (table 1).
- The rate of total substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in 2020 (1.2 incidents per 1,000 inmates) was not significantly different from the rate for any year since 2014 (table 2).
- In 2020, there were 9,321 allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment, 8,628 of staff sexual misconduct, 7,449 of staff sexual harassment, 6,370 of nonconsensual sexual acts, and 4,496 of abusive sexual contact (figure 3).
- During 2019–20, nearly 82% of inmate-on-inmate incidents were reported by the victim, while 38% of staff-on-inmate incidents were reported by the victim (tables 6 and 12).
- During 2019–20, more than 80% of staff perpetrators were employed for less than 5 years (table 16).
- Legal action was ultimately taken against the perpetrator of staff sexual misconduct in 53% of incidents in jails and 45% of incidents in prisons during 2019–20 (table 18).



## Prison Rape Elimination Act and the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape

Section 4(a)(1) of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) requires the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to “carry out, for each calendar year, a comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape” (P.L. 108–79).

BJS has developed a multiple-measure, multiple-mode data collection strategy to fulfill the PREA requirements, including three surveys relating to victimization of inmates and youth held in juvenile correctional facilities. The Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV) collects administrative data annually on the incidence of sexual victimization in adult and juvenile correctional facilities. The National Inmate Survey and the National Survey of Youth in Custody gather data on the prevalence of sexual assault as reported by inmates in prisons and jails and by youth held in correctional facilities.

In 2012, the U.S. Department of Justice published the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape.<sup>2</sup> These standards included definitions of

terms related to sexual abuse, reporting and investigating allegations, and data collection. In 2013, the SSV was updated to better reflect these standards. Definitions were modified, questions about inmate-on-inmate and youth-on-youth sexual harassment were added, and incident forms for substantiated allegations were expanded to include more information.

When the standards were published, it was anticipated that the number of allegations would increase.<sup>3</sup> There was a threefold increase in reported allegations in the 3 years following the release of the national standards. Such increases can indicate increased sexual abuse or inmates’ or youth’s increased willingness to report abuse. Likewise, an increase in substantiated incidents can mean a facility failed to protect inmates or youth from sexual abuse or investigated allegations more effectively.

<sup>3</sup>National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape, Executive Summary. [https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/prea\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/prea_executive_summary.pdf).

<sup>2</sup>Prison Rape Elimination Act National Standards, 77 Fed. Reg. 37197 (June 20, 2012), 28 C.F.R. Part 115. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-06-20/pdf/2012-12427.pdf>.

This report provides statistics on allegations of sexual victimization and their outcomes for 2019 and 2020. Summary-level information is presented for 2019 and 2020 separately. Detailed information about substantiated incidents of sexual victimization is presented as aggregated estimates for 2019 and 2020, so the estimates reflect both years.

Findings are based on the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV), which the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has conducted annually since 2004. The SSV is among the data collections that BJS conducts to meet the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. The survey is administered to all federal and state prisons; all facilities operated by the U.S. military and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and representative samples of public and private jail jurisdictions, private prisons, and jails holding adults in Indian country. (See *Methodology*.)

Correctional administrators indicated how many instances of each victimization type were (1) substantiated or determined to have occurred, (2) unfounded or determined not to have occurred, (3) unsubstantiated or had insufficient evidence to make a final determination, or (4) under investigation at the time of data collection.

### BJS changes to reporting of sexual victimization

In contrast to prior reports, allegations and substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment are presented with the other two types of inmate-perpetrated victimization: nonconsensual sexual acts and abusive sexual contact. Estimates of total allegations and substantiated incidents are different from previously published statistics and are not directly comparable to SSV victimization estimates prior to 2013, which did not measure inmate-perpetrated sexual harassment, or to reports that presented inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment estimates separately.

To maintain continuity with estimates from 2012 and prior years, inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment was not presented with other types of victimization when it was added to the survey. Starting with the 2023 collection, the SSV will collect data on two types of inmate-perpetrated sexual victimization: sexual abuse and sexual harassment. To facilitate the ability to present trends across these victimization types, this report marks a transition to reporting data from 2013 onward in a way that better aligns with future data collections. For more information, visit the SSV data collection page at <https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/survey-sexual-victimization-ssv>.

## Terms and definitions

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) uses uniform definitions for each sexual act and investigative outcome. Each sexual act is classified by the alleged perpetrator who carried out the incident (i.e., inmate or staff) and the type of act. In 2013, BJS modified the Survey of Sexual Victimization to align the definitions with national standards. BJS began collecting data on inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment in 2013. These definitions are provided for the adult correctional facility administrators to reference when responding to the survey.

**Inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization** involves nonconsensual sexual acts or abusive contact with victims without their consent, or with victims who cannot consent or refuse, and sexual harassment perpetrated by one inmate against another. Respondents were not asked to specify a subcategory of attempted acts of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization. As a result, the specific type of act is unknown and is classified at the discretion of the adult correctional authorities. Some adult correctional authorities only record inmate sexual abuse allegations generally and may be unable to separately provide data for nonconsensual sexual acts and abusive sexual contact. Such allegations are categorized as determined by the responding authorities.

**Nonconsensual sexual acts** are the most serious victimizations and include:

- contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight
- contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus
- penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

**Abusive sexual contact** includes intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person. Situations in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation are excluded.

**Inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment** includes repeated and unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a

derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another.

**Staff-on-inmate sexual victimization** includes sexual misconduct or sexual harassment perpetrated on an inmate by staff. Staff includes employees, volunteers, contractors, official visitors, or other agency representatives. Family, friends, and other visitors are excluded.

**Staff sexual misconduct** includes any consensual or nonconsensual behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by staff, including romantic relationships. Such acts include:

- intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire
- completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts
- occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

**Staff sexual harassment** includes repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by staff. Such statements include:

- demeaning references to an inmate's gender or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about their body or clothing
- repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

**Substantiated incident** means an allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred, based on a preponderance of the evidence (per 28 C.F.R. Part 115.72).

**Unsubstantiated allegation** means the investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

**Unfounded allegation** means the investigation determined that the event did not occur.

**Under investigation** means that correctional administrators were still investigating an allegation at the time of data collection.

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## Section 1: Summary of allegations and substantiated incidents in adult correctional facilities, 2013–2020

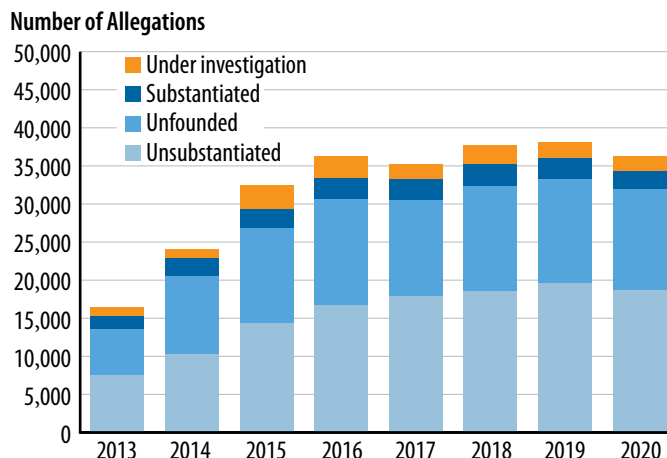
Tables and figures in this section present annual estimates of allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization reported on the summary-level form (SSV1 through SSV4) completed by responding agencies and facilities. (See *Methodology*.)

### Key findings

- In 2020, about 6% of allegations were substantiated (2,351 of 36,264 allegations), compared to nearly 11% of allegations in 2013 (1,795 of 16,428 allegations) (**figure 1**).
- There were 21.3 allegations of sexual victimization per 1,000 prison inmates in 2020, which was a significant increase from 2013 (7.7 per 1,000 prison inmates) (**table 1**).
- The rate of substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in jails remained stable during this period, with no significant differences from 2013 (0.9 per 1,000 jail inmates) to 2020 (1.2 per 1,000 jail inmates) (**table 2**).
- The rates of substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in 2020 were 5.0 per 1,000 inmates in military correctional facilities and 2.5 per 1,000 in facilities operated by ICE (**table 2**).
- The number of unfounded allegations doubled from 2013 (6,045) to 2015 (12,468), then remained between 12,000 and 14,000 each year through 2020 (**figure 2**).
- There were 435 substantiated incidents of staff sexual misconduct reported in state, federal, and private prisons in 2019 and 358 in 2020 (**table 3**).
- Allegations of all five types of sexual victimization increased sharply from 2013 to 2016. From 2016 to 2020, the number of allegations has fluctuated by less than 1,000 for each type (**figure 3**).
- Of the 2,351 substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in 2020, a total of 1,724 were perpetrated by other inmates (73%) and 627 were perpetrated by staff (27%) (**table 4**).
- In 2020, there were 2.4 times as many substantiated incidents of staff sexual misconduct (445) as of staff sexual harassment (183) (**table 4**).

**FIGURE 2**

Allegations of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, by outcome of investigation, 2013–2020

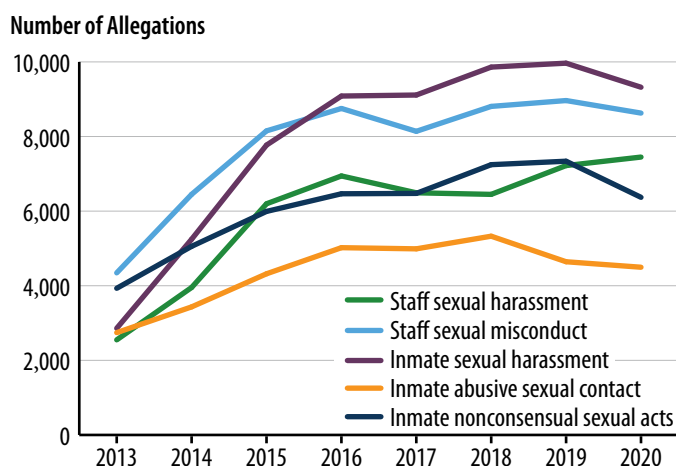


Note: Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See *Terms and definitions* for information on outcomes. See appendix table 4 for numbers and standard errors.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

**FIGURE 3**

Allegations of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, by type of victimization, 2013–2020



Note: Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 5 for estimates and standard errors.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

**TABLE 1****Number and rate per 1,000 inmates of allegations of sexual victimization, by type of facility, 2013–2020**

Type of facility	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020*	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
<b>Total</b>	16,428 †	7.2 †	24,136 †	10.7 †	32,431 †	14.5 †	36,265	15.6 ‡	35,206	12.7 †	37,688	17.4	38,132 †	17.8	36,264	18.8
<b>Prisons<sup>a</sup></b>	11,548 †	7.7 †	17,070 †	11.5 †	23,758	16 †	24,564 †	17.0 †	23,006 †	13.3 †	24,224	17.3 †	24,570 †	18.4 †	23,855	21.3
Public–federal	901	5.2	835	4.9	817	5.1	797	5.2	877	5.7	1,069	7.1	1,088	7.4	931	7.5
Public–state	9,926	8.4	15,230	12.9	21,682	18.7	22,074	19.5	20,905	18.7	21,319	19.4	22,161	20.6	22,121	24.4
<b>Jails<sup>b</sup></b>	4,695 †	6.2 †	6,816 †	9.1 ‡	8,451 †	11.7	11,402	13.3	12,012	11.9	13,116	18.0	13,164	17.2	12,168	15.4
<b>Other adult correctional facilities</b>																
Military	16	9.5	50	36.2	41	9.5	42	31.0	38	29.1	57	50.4	51	40.7	40	33.1
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	165	11.4	193	10.6	176	29.5	249	10.6	149	6.7	285	10.2	331	9.7	201	15.2
Indian country jails <sup>c</sup>	^	^	8 †	2.8 †	^	^	7 †	3.0 †	0	0.0	^	^	^	^	0	0.0

Note: Rates for state and federal prisons were calculated using yearend custody populations from the National Prisoner Statistics program, and rates for all other facility types were calculated using average daily population counts reported by each respondent on the Survey of Sexual Victimization summary form. Data for public federal prisons, public state prisons, and military facilities are based on a complete enumeration, so significance testing is not applicable. Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See appendix table 6 for standard errors.

\*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison year is significant at the 90% confidence level.

^Too few cases to provide a reliable estimate.

<sup>a</sup>Includes federal, state, and private prisons.

<sup>b</sup>Includes local and private jails.

<sup>c</sup>Excludes facilities housing only juveniles.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.



**TABLE 2****Number and rate per 1,000 inmates of substantiated incidents of sexual victimization, by type of facility, 2013–2020**

Type of facility	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020*	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
<b>Total</b>	1,795 †	0.8 †	2,350	1.0	2,515	1.1	2,818 †	1.2	2,720 †	1.0	2,873 †	1.3	2,768 †	1.3	2,351	1.2
<b>Prisons<sup>a</sup></b>	1,057 †	0.7 †	1,315	0.9 †	1,373 †	0.9 †	1,582 †	1.1 †	1,551 †	0.9 †	1,645 †	1.2	1,583 †	1.2	1,337	1.2
Public–federal	14	0.1	17	0.1	22	0.1	30	0.2	30	0.2	35	0.2	38	0.3	28	0.2
Public–state	959	0.8	1,171	1.0	1,291	1.1	1,392	1.2	1,333	1.2	1,396	1.3	1,331	1.2	1,209	1.3
<b>Jails<sup>b</sup></b>	708 †	0.9	1,011	1.4	1,110	1.5	1,208 ‡	1.4	1,154	1.2	1,184 ‡	1.6	1,126	1.5	975	1.2
<b>Other adult correctional facilities</b>																
Military	1	0.7	4	2.9	3	2.2	7	5.2	4	3.1	7	6.2	9	7.2	6	5.0
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	29	1.7	20	1.1	25	1.3	21	0.9	11	0.5	34	1.2	49	1.4	33	2.5
Indian country jails <sup>c</sup>	0	0.0	0	0.0	^	^	0	0.0	0	0.0	^	^	0	0.0	0	0.0

Note: Rates for state and federal prisons were calculated using yearend custody populations from the National Prisoner Statistics program, and rates for all other facility types were calculated using average daily population counts reported by each respondent on the Survey of Sexual Victimization summary form. Data for public federal prisons, public state prisons, and military facilities are based on a complete enumeration, so significance testing is not applicable. Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See appendix table 7 for standard errors.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes federal, state, and private prisons.

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<sup>c</sup>Excludes facilities housing only juveniles.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

**TABLE 3****Outcomes of investigations into allegations of sexual victimization, by year and type of facility, 2019 and 2020**

	2019			2020		
	All facilities <sup>a</sup>	Prisons <sup>b</sup>	Jails <sup>c</sup>	All facilities <sup>a</sup>	Prisons <sup>b</sup>	Jails <sup>c</sup>
<b>Inmate-on-inmate</b>						
Nonconsensual sexual acts	7,338	4,168	3,085	6,370	3,428	2,905
Substantiated	402	190	203	288	145	140
Unsubstantiated	3,857	2,614	1,186	3,260	2,160	1,077
Unfounded	2,497	1,007	1,472	2,240	764	1,465
Under investigation	581	358	223	582	359	223
Abusive sexual contact	4,643	2,861	1,646	4,496	3,105	1,333
Substantiated	491	262	201	395	182	203
Unsubstantiated	2,730	1,875	782	2,709	2,137	533
Unfounded	1,272	620	615	1,281	701	569
Under investigation	150	104	46	112	84	28
Sexual harassment	9,966	5,562	4,346	9,321	5,636	3,634
Substantiated	1,093	550	530	1,041	531	489
Unsubstantiated	5,728	3,648	2,042	5,356	3,825	1,516
Unfounded	2,909	1,262	1,639	2,712	1,173	1,524
Under investigation	236	102	134	212	107	105
<b>Staff-on-inmate</b>						
Staff sexual misconduct	8,964	6,526	2,355	8,628	6,192	2,356
Substantiated	539	435	102	445	358	84
Unsubstantiated	3,588	2,985	577	3,621	2,962	643
Unfounded	4,102	2,475	1,573	3,950	2,337	1,554
Under investigation	734	631	103	612	535	75
Staff sexual harassment	7,221	5,453	1,733	7,449	5,495	1,940
Substantiated	242	148	89	183	122	59
Unsubstantiated	3,709	3,153	536	3,748	3,068	677
Unfounded	2,802	1,761	1,029	3,049	1,880	1,159
Under investigation	469	391	78	470	425	45

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. See *Terms and definitions* for information on outcomes and types of victimization. See appendix table 8 for standard errors.

<sup>a</sup>Includes public and private prisons and jails, jails in Indian country, and facilities operated by the U.S. military and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

<sup>b</sup>Includes state and Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and privately operated prisons holding persons for state and federal authorities.

<sup>c</sup>Includes local and private jails.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019 and 2020.

**TABLE 4****Substantiated incidents of sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2013–2020**

Type of victimization	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
<b>Total</b>	1,795 †	2,350	2,515 †	2,818 †	2,720 †	2,873 †	2,768 †	2,351
<b>Inmate-on-inmate total</b>	1,313 †	1,691	1,894	2,066 †	1,992 †	2,166 †	1,986 †	1,724
Nonconsensual sexual acts	293	308	295	352 †	330	361 †	402 †	288
Abusive sexual contact	464	555 †	557	537 †	462 ‡	605 †	491 †	395
Sexual harassment	556 †	828 †	1,042	1,177	1,201	1,200 ‡	1,093	1,041
<b>Staff-on-inmate total</b>	482 †	659	621	752 †	727	707 ‡	781 †	627
Staff sexual misconduct	359 †	499	467	524 †	475	521 †	539 †	445
Staff sexual harassment	123 †	160	154 ‡	228 ‡	253 †	185	242 †	183

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 9 for standard errors.

\*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison year is significant at the 90% confidence level.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

## Section 2. Characteristics of substantiated incidents of sexual victimization, 2019–20

Tables in this section present characteristics of substantiated incidents reported on the incident-level form (SSVIA). (See *Methodology*.) This form is completed by reporting agencies and facilities for all incidents that were determined to have occurred. Estimates for these tables are aggregated for 2019 and 2020.

### Key findings

#### Inmate-on-inmate incidents

- A larger percentage of substantiated inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts (52%) than abusive sexual contact (33%) or sexual harassment (34%) incidents occurred in the victim's cell or room (**table 6**).
- A higher percentage of substantiated inmate-perpetrated sexual victimization incidents in jails (63%) than in prisons (36%) occurred in an area subject to video monitoring (**table 7**).

#### Victim and perpetrator characteristics

- In substantiated inmate-perpetrated incidents, females accounted for 35% of abusive sexual contact victims, 24% of sexual harassment victims, and 22% of nonconsensual sexual acts victims (**table 8**).
- In substantiated inmate-perpetrated incidents, males accounted for 81% of nonconsensual sexual acts perpetrators, 78% of sexual harassment perpetrators, and 67% of abusive sexual contact perpetrators (**table 9**).

#### Outcomes

- Substantiated inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts resulted in an injury to the victim in approximately 20% of incidents and a major injury in 8% of incidents (**table 10**).
- Victims were provided counseling or mental health treatment in 52% of substantiated inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization incidents in prisons and 34% of those in jails (**table 11**).

#### Staff-on-inmate incidents

- A higher percentage of substantiated staff-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents (21%) than of sexual misconduct incidents (11%) occurred in a common area (**table 12**).
- Among substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, it was the victim who reported the incident in 69% of sexual harassment incidents, compared to 24% of sexual misconduct incidents (**table 12**).
- A larger percentage of substantiated staff-perpetrated sexual victimization incidents in jails (53%) than in prisons (30%) occurred in an area subject to video monitoring (**table 13**).

#### Victim and perpetrator characteristics

- In substantiated staff-on-inmate sexual victimization incidents, males made up 73% of sexual misconduct victims and 64% of sexual harassment victims (**table 14**).
- In substantiated staff-on-inmate sexual victimization incidents, females made up 67% of sexual misconduct perpetrators and 31% of sexual harassment perpetrators (**table 15**).
- The perpetrator of substantiated staff-on-inmate sexual victimization was a correctional officer or supervision staff member in 64% of incidents, a member of maintenance or facility support staff in 14%, and a member of medical or health care staff in 9% (**table 16**).

#### Outcomes

- Almost all (99%) substantiated staff-on-inmate sexual victimization incidents did not result in a physical injury to the victim (**table 17**).
- The victim underwent a medical examination in 23% of staff-perpetrated sexual misconduct incidents and 12% of staff-perpetrated sexual harassment incidents (**table 17**).
- Victims were provided counseling or mental health treatment in 45% of substantiated staff-perpetrated sexual victimization incidents in prisons and 33% of incidents in jails (**table 18**).
- Staff perpetrators of substantiated sexual victimization were more likely to be reprimanded or disciplined for incidents in jails (24%) than in prisons (15%) (**table 18**).

## Measuring substantiated incidents of sexual victimization

Correctional authorities completed a substantiated incident form for any allegation of sexual victimization they investigated and determined to have occurred based on a preponderance of the evidence (per 28 C.F.R. Part 115.72). These substantiated incidents may have included multiple victims, multiple perpetrators, and events or behaviors that occurred repeatedly. In this report, the singular “victim” and “perpetrator” are used when describing characteristics of substantiated incidents because most involved one victim and one perpetrator, including about 93% of inmate-perpetrated abusive sexual contact and 91% staff-perpetrated sexual misconduct incidents (**table 5**). However, there was some variation across types of victimization. In almost 10% of incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment,

there were multiple victims and a single perpetrator. Additionally, 10% of incidents of inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts involved a single victim and multiple perpetrators.

By definition, some types of sexual victimization, such as sexual harassment, include repeated comments or gestures. The incident form did not collect information about the number of separate instances that were part of an allegation that was substantiated. However, correctional authorities were instructed throughout the form to select all characteristics that may have applied to the incident (for example, selecting multiple times of day or locations to describe when and where the incident took place). (See *Methodology*.)

**TABLE 5**  
Substantiated incidents involving single or multiple victims or perpetrators, by type of victimization, 2019–20

	Inmate-on-inmate							
	Total		Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single victim–single perpetrator	3,179	86.3%	568	86.1%	832	93.2%	1,779	83.6%
Multiple victims–single perpetrator	261	7.1	24	3.6	31	3.4	207	9.7
Single victim–multiple perpetrators	211	5.7	65	9.9	24	2.7	122	5.7
Multiple victims–multiple perpetrators	28	0.8	3!	0.5!	6!	0.6!	20	0.9

	Staff-on-inmate					
	Total		Sexual misconduct		Sexual harassment	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single victim–single perpetrator	1,230	87.3%	898	91.2%	332	78.3%
Multiple victims–single perpetrator	124	8.8	55	5.5	69	16.3
Single victim–multiple perpetrators	47	3.3	28	2.8	19	4.5
Multiple victims–multiple perpetrators	8!	0.5!	4!	0.4!	^	^

Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. Excludes three incidents where the number of victims or perpetrators was unknown. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 10 for standard errors.

^Too few cases to provide a reliable estimate.

! Interpret with caution. Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 6****Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Incident characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts*	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
<b>Number of incidents</b>	3,684	659	893	2,132
<b>Location</b>				
Victim's cell/room	36.8%	52.3%	33.2% †	33.6% †
Perpetrator's cell/room	7.2	13.6	5.2 †	6.1 †
Dormitory	20.3	15.1	22.9 †	20.9 †
Common area <sup>a</sup>	33.0	20.4	33.3 †	36.7 †
Program/instructional/recreation area	9.9	7.5	13.8 †	8.9
Other area <sup>b</sup>	5.0	2.6	4.3 †	6.1 †
<b>Time of day</b>				
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	18.0%	16.4%	18.4%	18.4%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	25.5	20.1	29.7 †	25.5 †
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	28.1	36.1	29.9 †	24.9 †
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	8.6	20.0	9.4 †	4.8 †
Unknown	25.1	12.3	16.3 †	32.8 †
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>				
No	40.0%	54.1%	33.2% †	38.5% †
Yes	49.7	38.0	60.1 †	49.0 †
Unknown	10.3	7.9	6.7	12.5 †
<b>Reported by—</b>				
Victim	81.6%	77.3%	73.0%	86.5% †
Another inmate (nonvictim)	8.8	10.5	12.2	6.9 †
Correctional officer/front-line staff	11.1	13.7	15.7	8.4 †
Other facility staff <sup>c</sup>	2.6	3.0	2.6	2.5 †
Investigation/monitoring <sup>d</sup>	2.4	1.6 !	2.8	2.4
Other <sup>e</sup>	1.3	2.7	1.1 !	0.9 †

Note: Location was unknown for less than 3% of substantiated incidents. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 11 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

†Difference with comparison group is significant at the 95% confidence level.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes bathrooms, showers, and dayrooms.

<sup>b</sup>Includes holding cells; while offsite or in transit; and medical, staff, and other areas.

<sup>c</sup>Includes administrative, medical, religious, educational, and other facility staff.

<sup>d</sup>Includes through grievance coordinators or processes, attorneys or legal guardians, monitoring, and confidential or anonymous tips.

<sup>e</sup>Includes victim family members, perpetrators, and other sources.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 7**

**Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Incident characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total		Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	1,859	1,742	332	315	445	410	1,081	1,017
<b>Location</b>								
Victim's cell/room	39.8%	34.3% †	56.7%	49.2% ‡	34.5%	33.0%	36.8%	30.2% †
Perpetrator's cell/room	6.9	7.6	13.2	14.4	7.4	2.5!	4.7	7.6 †
Dormitory	17.2	22.5 †	15.7	13.1	17.3	27.4 †	17.6	23.5 †
Common area <sup>a</sup>	28.8	37.4 †	13.9	26.9 †	27.6	39.1 †	33.9	39.9 †
Program/instructional/recreation area	12.8	6.2 †	8.5	6.2!	18.1	7.5 †	11.9	5.7 †
Other area <sup>b</sup>	3.3	7.1 †	1.2!	4.1 †	2.0!	7.2 †	4.5	8.0 †
<b>Time of day</b>								
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	18.6%	17.2%	16.5%	16.2%	20.2%	15.2% †	18.6%	18.3%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	23.9	27.0 †	18.4	21.8	26.3	33.5 †	24.6	26.0
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	25.8	30.5 †	34.1	37.7	31.4	29.0	21.0	28.9 †
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	8.8	8.5	20.5	20.3	8.8	9.8	5.2	4.4
Unknown	29.5	20.6 †	15.4	8.9 †	17.0	15.7	39.0	26.2 †
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>								
No	48.2%	31.9% †	66.7%	42.5% †	41.7%	24.6% †	45.2%	31.6% †
Yes	36.4	62.8 †	23.0	51.8 †	49.1	70.9 †	35.3	62.9 †
Unknown	15.4	5.3 †	10.2	5.7!	9.2	4.5 †	19.5	5.5 †
<b>Reported by—</b>								
Victim	83.6%	79.0% †	83.1%	70.7% †	75.5%	68.5% †	87.1%	85.8%
Another inmate (nonvictim)	7.7	10.0 ‡	6.6	15.0 †	12.1	12.2	6.2	7.5
Correctional officer/front-line staff	8.9	13.6 †	10.5	17.5 †	12.1	19.7 †	7.0	9.9 †
Other facility staff <sup>c</sup>	2.9	2.4	4.2	1.9!	2.7	2.8!	2.5	2.5
Investigation/monitoring <sup>d</sup>	2.3	2.5	2.4!	0.8!	2.0!	3.9!	2.4	2.5
Other <sup>e</sup>	1.2	1.4	2.1!	3.1!	1.1!	1.2!	0.9!	0.9!

Note: Prisons includes state and Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and privately operated prisons holding persons for state and federal authorities. Jails includes local and private jails. Location was unknown for less than 5% of substantiated incidents. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 12 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

†Difference with comparison group is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison group is significant at the 90% confidence level.

! Interpret with caution. Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes bathrooms, showers, and dayrooms.

<sup>b</sup>Includes holding cells; while offsite or in transit; and medical, staff, and other areas.

<sup>c</sup>Includes administrative, medical, religious, educational, and other facility staff.

<sup>d</sup>Includes through grievance coordinators or processes, attorneys or legal guardians, monitoring, and confidential or anonymous tips.

<sup>e</sup>Includes victim family members, perpetrators, and other sources.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 8****Demographic characteristics of victims in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Demographic characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts*	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
<b>Number of victims</b>	4,110	696	948	2,465†
<b>Sex/gender identity</b>				
Male	69.5%	75.7%	60.9% †	71.0% †
Female	26.2	21.6	34.7 †	24.2
Transgender/intersex <sup>a</sup>	4.3	2.7	4.2 †	4.8 †
<b>Age</b>				
24 or younger	22.9%	25.7%	24.4%	21.5% †
25–29	22.0	22.9	21.1	22.2
30–34	19.3	20.4	21.2	18.3
35–39	13.3	11.9	13.1	13.8
40–44	8.0	6.6	9.3 ‡	7.9
45 or older	13.8	12.4	10.3 ‡	15.5 †
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				
White <sup>b</sup>	65.1%	64.5%	62.7%	66.1%
Black <sup>b</sup>	19.4	16.7	17.2	21.1 †
Hispanic	11.1	13.9	15.9	8.5 †
Other <sup>b,c</sup>	4.3	4.9	4.2	4.2

Note: Details may not sum to 100% due to rounding. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 13 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

†Difference with comparison group is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison group is significant at the 90% confidence level.

! Interpret with caution. Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

<sup>a</sup>Transgender and intersex categories were combined to produce reliable estimates.

<sup>b</sup>Excludes persons of Hispanic origin (e.g., “white” refers to non-Hispanic white persons and “black” refers to non-Hispanic black persons).

<sup>c</sup>Includes American Indians or Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 9****Demographic characteristics of perpetrators in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Demographic characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts*	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
Number of perpetrators	4,052	772	948	2,332
<b>Sex/gender identity</b>				
Male	76.1%	81.2%	66.9% †	78.2% ‡
Female	21.6	17.6	30.8 †	19.2
Transgender/intersex <sup>a</sup>	2.2	1.0!	2.3	2.5
<b>Age</b>				
24 or younger	18.7%	20.9%	18.5%	18.1%
25–29	17.5	21.7	16.9 †	16.4 †
30–34	17.2	16.6	20.3 †	16.1
35–39	12.8	11.3	12.6	13.4 †
40–44	10.7	9.0	11.4 †	11.1 †
45 or older	21.4	18.5	19.3	23.2 †
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				
White <sup>b</sup>	45.2%	39.3%	44.9% †	47.3% †
Black <sup>b</sup>	38.6	47.3	33.1 †	38.0 †
Hispanic	9.7	9.4	14.5 †	7.9 ‡
Other <sup>b,c</sup>	6.4	4.0	7.5 †	6.8 †

Note: Details may not sum to 100% due to rounding. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 14 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

†Difference with comparison group is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison group is significant at the 90% confidence level.

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<sup>a</sup>Transgender and intersex categories were combined to produce reliable estimates.

<sup>b</sup>Excludes persons of Hispanic origin (e.g., “white” refers to non-Hispanic white persons and “black” refers to non-Hispanic black persons).

<sup>c</sup>Includes American Indians or Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.



**TABLE 10****Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts*	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
Number of incidents	3,684	659	893	2,132
<b>Victim injured</b>				
No	94.1%	80.2%	92.3% †	99.2% †
Yes	5.9	19.8	7.7 †	0.8 †
Major injury <sup>a</sup>	1.8	8.4	1.2 †	0.0!
Other injury <sup>b</sup>	4.4	13.6	6.7 †	0.6 †
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>				
Given medical examination	28.6%	62.2%	37.5% †	14.5% †
Administered rape kit	6.4	31.4	3.3 †	0.0!
Tested for HIV/AIDS	3.3	16.2	1.3!	0.1!
Tested for other STDs	3.4	16.8	1.6 †	0.1!
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	44.5	65.2	54.4 †	33.9 †
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	14.7	13.4	18.1 †	13.6
No medical treatment offered/provided	36.5	9.2	22.4 †	50.8 †
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>				
Separated from perpetrator	77.8%	81.6%	83.0%	74.4% †
Placed in administrative segregation	11.5	20.6	9.7 †	9.4 †
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	12.5	17.9	9.3 †	12.2 †
Confined to own cell/room	5.3	6.7	2.7 †	5.9
Transferred to another facility	2.0	4.1	1.6 †	1.5 †
Placed in medical unit	3.2	8.4	3.2 †	1.6 †
Other <sup>c</sup>	3.4	5.4	3.3	2.8 ‡
None of the above	11.6	6.7	7.5	14.8 †
<b>Custody change/sanction for perpetrator</b>				
Placed in solitary/disciplinary custody	49.6%	67.0%	55.2% †	41.8% †
Transferred to another cell/unit or separated from victim	44.4	34.9	47.3 †	46.1 †
Placed in higher custody level within same facility	14.8	24.4	17.6 †	10.7 †
Confined to own cell/room	15.0	20.2	15.4 ‡	13.2 †
Transferred to another facility	7.9	13.7	7.8 †	6.1 †
Lost privileges	45.8	41.3	48.6 †	46.0 †
Lost good time/acquired bad time	4.5	5.2	5.4	3.9 †
Referred for counseling/treatment	6.0	8.0	6.2 †	5.3 †
Legal action	18.9	52.5	27.1 †	5.1 †
Arrested	10.9	31.1	14.0 †	3.3 †
Referred for prosecution/indicted	11.5	35.0	16.1 †	2.3 †
Convicted/sentenced/fined	1.8	6.1	2.2 †	0.3!
Other <sup>d</sup>	2.2	0.5!	1.6 †	3.0 †
None of the above	3.6	3.2	2.3 †	4.3 ‡

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 15 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes knife or stab wounds, broken bones, anal or vaginal tearing, chipped or knocked-out teeth, internal injuries, and being knocked unconscious.

<sup>b</sup>Includes bruises, abrasions, scratches, soreness, bites, burns, swelling, and welts.

<sup>c</sup>Includes being placed in a higher custody level or different unit within the facility, placed under increased supervision or close surveillance, issued a disciplinary report or loss of privileges, or given some other sanction.

<sup>d</sup>Includes being given extra work or some other sanction.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 11****Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Inmate-on-inmate total		Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	1,859	1,742	332	315	445	410	1,081	1,017
<b>Victim injured</b>								
No	93.4%	94.6% ‡	75.0%	85.0% †	93.3% ‡	90.5%	99.2%	99.2%
Yes	6.6	5.4 ‡	25.0	15.0 †	6.7 ‡	9.5	0.8!	0.8!
Major injury <sup>a</sup>	2.3	1.5 †	10.5	6.5 †	1.3!	1.2!	0.1!	0.0!
Other injury <sup>b</sup>	5.3	3.7 †	19.0	8.5 †	6.3	7.8	0.6!	0.6!
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>								
Given medical examination	33.3%	21.1% †	71.7%	51.5% †	44.2%	26.0% †	16.9%	9.6% †
Administered rape kit	8.6	4.4 †	43.4	20.0 †	3.6	3.3!	0.0!	0.0!
Tested for HIV/AIDS	4.5	2.1 †	22.9	9.7 †	1.3!	1.3!	0.2!	0.0!
Tested for other STDs	4.8	2.1 †	24.1	9.7 †	1.8!	1.5!	0.2!	0.0!
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	52.1	34.5 †	76.6	52.4 †	65.4	40.3 †	39.1	26.5 †
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	14.6	14.7	8.9	17.7 †	15.1	22.5 †	16.2	10.7 †
No medical treatment offered/provided	29.4	45.6 †	4.5	14.1 †	15.3	32.3 †	42.8	60.7 †
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>								
Separated from perpetrator	79.0%	76.5%	82.5%	80.3%	85.3%	81.5%	75.3%	73.2%
Placed in administrative segregation	10.9	11.8	21.4	20.3	9.2	10.1	8.3	9.9
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	9.9	15.3 †	17.5	19.0	5.5	13.9 †	9.4	14.7 †
Confined to own cell/room	4.2	6.1 †	7.1	6.6!	2.9	2.3!	3.8	7.5 †
Transferred to another facility	3.3	0.7!	7.8	0.3!	3.1	0.0!	2.0	1.0!
Placed in medical unit	2.6	3.4 ‡	8.1	9.0	3.4	3.0!	0.6!	1.9
Other <sup>c</sup>	1.8	4.5 †	2.1!	9.0!	1.7!	3.2!	1.8	3.7 †
None of the above	12.7	10.4 ‡	6.3	5.8!	8.8	6.4	16.3	13.3
<b>Custody change/sanction for perpetrator</b>								
Placed in solitary/disciplinary custody	44.7%	52.9% †	66.7%	67.0%	53.0%	54.7%	34.6%	47.8% †
Transferred to another cell/unit or separated from victim	45.1	44.4	37.3	33.4	46.0	49.8	47.2	45.7
Placed in higher custody level within same facility	11.0	19.1 †	14.9	35.3 †	11.4	24.5 †	9.7	11.9
Confined to own cell/room	8.9	22.1 †	9.8	32.0 †	9.1	23.4 †	8.5	18.6 †
Transferred to another facility	12.4	3.2 †	24.4	3.0!	12.1	2.9!	8.9	3.4 †
Lost privileges	49.2	41.8 †	39.7	42.4	58.3	37.6 †	48.3	43.4 †
Lost good time/acquired bad time	6.8	2.1 †	8.1	2.3!	8.1	2.5!	5.9	1.8 †
Referred for counseling/treatment	8.7	3.4 †	12.9	3.1!	11.2	1.1!	6.3	4.4 ‡
Legal action	16.9	20.8 †	49.3	57.9 †	23.0	30.9 †	4.5	5.2
Arrested	9.6	11.6 ‡	27.9	35.7 ‡	13.8	12.2	2.2	3.9 †
Referred for prosecution/indicted	10.8	12.8 †	37.6	33.5	12.1	22.0 †	1.9	2.7 ‡
Convicted/sentenced/fined	1.0	2.7 †	3.0	9.6 †	0.9!	3.8!	0.5!	0.1!
Other <sup>d</sup>	3.5	0.9!	0.6!	0.3!	2.4!	0.6!	4.8	1.1!
None of the above	3.7	3.4	3.0	3.6!	2.7	1.1!	4.3	4.3

Note: Prisons includes state and Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and privately operated prisons holding persons for state and federal authorities. Jails includes local and private jails. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 16 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes knife or stab wounds, broken bones, anal or vaginal tearing, chipped or knocked-out teeth, internal injuries, and being knocked unconscious.

<sup>b</sup>Includes bruises, abrasions, scratches, soreness, bites, burns, swelling, and welts.

<sup>c</sup>Includes being placed in a higher custody level or different unit within the facility, placed under increased supervision or close surveillance, issued a disciplinary report or loss of privileges, or given some other sanction.

<sup>d</sup>Includes being given extra work or some other sanction.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 12****Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Incident characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct*	Staff sexual harassment
Number of incidents	1,408	984	424
<b>Location</b>			
Victim's cell/room	16.4%	16.9%	15.2%
Dormitory	12.0	8.9	19.1 †
Common area <sup>a</sup>	14.1	11.0	21.4 †
Program/instructional/recreation area	31.1	33.3	26.0 †
Staff area	9.3	10.1	7.5
Medical area	6.3	7.4	3.7 †
Other area <sup>b</sup>	24.2	26.0	20.0 †
<b>Time of day</b>			
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	20.1%	19.2%	22.1%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	24.7	24.5	25.4
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	18.3	18.4	18.2
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	9.7	10.5	7.8
Unknown	37.2	38.1	35.0
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>			
No	50.2%	56.4%	35.8% †
Yes	36.0	29.1	52.2 †
Unknown	13.7	14.5	12.0 †
<b>Reported by—</b>			
Victim	37.6%	24.1%	69.1% †
Another inmate (nonvictim)	14.8	16.6	10.7 †
Correctional officer/front-line staff	24.0	28.6	13.1 †
Other facility staff <sup>c</sup>	11.0	13.3	5.5 †
Investigation/monitoring <sup>d</sup>	17.6	21.7	8.0 †
Other <sup>e</sup>	5.5	6.8	2.7!

Note: Location was unknown for less than 10% of staff-on-inmate victimization incidents. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 17 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes bathrooms, showers, and dayrooms.

<sup>b</sup>Includes holding cells and while offsite or in transit.

<sup>c</sup>Includes administrative, medical, religious, educational, and other facility staff.

<sup>d</sup>Includes through grievance coordinators or processes, attorneys or legal guardians, monitoring, and confidential or anonymous tips.

<sup>e</sup>Includes victim family members, perpetrators, and other sources.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 13****Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Incident characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total		Staff sexual misconduct*		Staff sexual harassment	
	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	1,062	334	792	186	269	148
<b>Location</b>						
Victim's cell/room	15.4%	20.3%	14.6%	27.3% †	17.6%	11.6% †
Dormitory	10.2	16.9 †	9.5	6.8!	12.3	29.7 †
Common area <sup>a</sup>	14.6	13.3	11.6	8.7	23.2	19.1
Program/instructional/recreation area	31.2	31.0	33.5	32.2	24.4	29.5
Staff area	10.2	6.6!	10.9	6.6!	8.2	6.6!
Medical area	4.8	10.0 ‡	5.3	14.9!	3.3!	3.9!
Other area <sup>b</sup>	23.1	26.8	24.1	32.6	20.1	19.4
<b>Time of day</b>						
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	21.1%	16.7%	20.1%	15.8%	24.2%	17.9%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	25.3	22.6	25.3	19.4	25.3	26.7
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	16.7	23.5 ‡	16.8	25.3	16.5	21.3
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	8.0	15.3 †	9.2	16.6	4.5	13.7 †
Unknown	40.7	26.2 †	40.7	27.5 †	40.6	24.6 †
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>						
No	53.3%	41.3% †	56.7%	56.2%	43.2%	22.7% †
Yes	30.4	52.9 †	26.8	38.2 ‡	41.2	71.3 †
Unknown	16.3	5.8 †	16.5	5.7!	15.6	6.0!
<b>Reported by—</b>						
Victim	32.0%	54.0% †	20.8%	37.2% †	65.0%	75.1% ‡
Another inmate (nonvictim)	12.9	20.5 †	13.6	28.1 †	10.8	11.0!
Correctional officer/front-line staff	27.1	14.9 †	30.4	22.0	17.3	6.0!
Other facility staff <sup>c</sup>	10.3	13.4	12.9	15.7	3.0!	10.4!
Investigation/monitoring <sup>d</sup>	20.7	8.4 †	24.5	10.6!	9.7	5.5!
Other <sup>e</sup>	5.8	4.9!	6.8	6.9!	3.0!	2.5!

Note: Prisons includes state and Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and privately operated prisons holding persons for state and federal authorities. Jails includes local and private jails. Location was unknown for less than 11% of staff-on-inmate victimization incidents. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 18 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

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! Interpret with caution. Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes bathrooms, showers, and dayrooms.

<sup>b</sup>Includes holding cells and while offsite or in transit.

<sup>c</sup>Includes administrative, medical, religious, educational, and other facility staff.

<sup>d</sup>Includes through grievance coordinators or processes, attorneys or legal guardians, monitoring, and confidential or anonymous tips.

<sup>e</sup>Includes victim family members, perpetrators, and other sources.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 14****Demographic characteristics of victims in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Demographic characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct*	Staff sexual harassment
Number of victims	1,681	1,083	598
<b>Sex/gender identity</b>			
Male	70.1%	73.4%	64.1% †
Female	28.7	26.4	32.8 †
Transgender/intersex <sup>a</sup>	1.3	0.3 †	3.0
<b>Age</b>			
24 or younger	11.9%	11.0%	13.6% ‡
25–29	24.1	22.5	27.0 ‡
30–34	26.9	28.4	24.1
35–39	19.3	20.7	16.8 ‡
40–44	10.1	9.9	10.3
45 or older	7.6	7.5	7.8
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White <sup>b</sup>	50.6%	44.7%	61.3% †
Black <sup>b</sup>	35.8	40.2	27.8 †
Hispanic	10.2	11.8	7.4 †
Other <sup>b,c</sup>	3.4	3.3	3.5

Note: Details may not sum to 100% due to rounding. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 19 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

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<sup>a</sup>Transgender and intersex categories were combined to produce reliable estimates.

<sup>b</sup>Excludes persons of Hispanic origin (e.g., “white” refers to non-Hispanic white persons and “black” refers to non-Hispanic black persons).

<sup>c</sup>Includes American Indians or Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 15****Demographic characteristics of perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Demographic characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct*	Staff sexual harassment
Number of perpetrators	1,473	1,019	454
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	43.8%	32.7%	68.5% †
Female	56.2	67.3	31.5 †
<b>Age</b>			
24 or younger	11.9%	13.1%	9.3% †
25–29	17.8	18.0	17.5
30–34	17.0	18.1	14.6
35–39	12.8	12.1	14.2
40–44	13.1	13.2	13.1
45 or older	26.3	25.3	28.7
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White <sup>a</sup>	62.4%	59.1%	69.7% †
Black <sup>a</sup>	23.4	24.9	20.1
Hispanic	8.5	9.5	6.2 †
Other <sup>a,b</sup>	5.7	6.5	4.0 †

Note: Details may not sum to 100% due to rounding. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 20 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

†Difference with comparison group is significant at the 95% confidence level.

! Interpret with caution. Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes persons of Hispanic origin (e.g., “white” refers to non-Hispanic white persons and “black” refers to non-Hispanic black persons).

<sup>b</sup>Includes American Indians or Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 16****Employment characteristics of perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Employment characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct*	Staff sexual harassment
<b>Number of incidents</b>	1,408	984	424
<b>Type of employee</b>			
Full or part-time paid employee	82.9%	81.7%	85.8% †
Contract employee or vendor	15.5	16.7	12.8 †
Other <sup>a</sup>	1.8	1.7!	1.9!
<b>Position description</b>			
Administrative/clerical staff <sup>b</sup>	2.1%	2.3%	1.5%!
Correctional officer/supervision staff	63.5	61.5	68.2 †
Maintenance/other facility support staff	14.2	14.5	13.5
Medical/health care staff	9.3	10.7	6.2 †
Program staff <sup>c</sup>	8.5	8.2	9.1
Other staff	2.2	2.6!	1.3!
<b>Tenure at facility</b>			
Less than 6 months	18.7%	21.2%	12.8% †
6 months–1 year	22.7	24.3	19.0 †
1–5 years	39.5	38.1	42.7
5–10 years	9.7	9.5	10.2
More than 10 years	10.6	8.1	16.2 †

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 21 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

†Difference with comparison group is significant at the 95% confidence level.

! Interpret with caution. Estimate is based on 10 or fewer sample cases, or coefficient of variation is greater than 50%.

<sup>a</sup>Includes volunteers, interns, and other employees.

<sup>b</sup>Includes wardens, superintendents, secretaries, clerks, and receptionists.

<sup>c</sup>Includes instructors, teachers, librarians, education assistants, volunteers, and other educational or program staff.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 17****Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct*	Staff sexual harassment
<b>Number of incidents</b>	1,408	984	424
<b>Victim injured</b>			
No	99.3%	99.1%	100% †
Yes	0.6!	0.8!	0.0!
Major injury <sup>a</sup>	0.1!	0.1!	0.0!
Other injury <sup>b</sup>	0.4!	0.6!	0.0!
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>			
Given medical examination	19.7%	22.9%	12.3% †
Administered rape kit	1.3	1.9	0.0!
Tested for HIV/AIDS	1.7	2.3	0.2!
Tested for other STDs	1.5	2.2	0.0!
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	42.1	41.9	42.8
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	22.4	26.4	13.2 †
No medical treatment offered/provided	34.0	29.5	44.4 †
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>			
Separated from perpetrator	55.3%	52.5%	61.7% †
Placed in administrative segregation	12.7	14.5	8.6 †
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	2.9	3.0	2.9!
Confined to own cell/room	3.6	3.0	5.0 †
Transferred to another facility	8.4	10.6	3.5 †
Placed in medical unit	1.2	1.3	0.9!
Other <sup>c</sup>	6.3	7.5	3.3!
None of the above	25.3	24.4	27.2
<b>Sanction for perpetrator</b>			
Sent to training/counseling	5.2%	1.3%!	14.2% †
Reprimanded/disciplined	17.5	8.1	39.4 †
Demoted/given diminished responsibilities/suspended	5.8	5.0	7.6
Transferred to another facility/unit	2.0	1.4	3.2 †
Legal action	34.8	46.2	8.5 †
Arrested	22.5	30.7	3.5 †
Referred for prosecution/indicted	19.0	25.4	4.3 †
Convicted/pled guilty/sentenced/fined	4.3	5.7	0.9!
Discharged/terminated/contract not renewed	38.3	42.7	28.2 †
Perpetrator resigned before investigation completed	30.5	36.2	17.3 †
Perpetrator resigned after investigation completed	5.1	4.6	6.4
Other <sup>d</sup>	1.6	1.5	1.6!

Note: No action was taken against the perpetrator in less than 2% of substantiated incidents of staff sexual misconduct and staff sexual harassment. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 22 for standard errors.

\*Comparison group.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes knife or stab wounds, broken bones, anal or vaginal tearing, chipped or knocked-out teeth, internal injuries, and being knocked unconscious.

<sup>b</sup>Includes bruises, abrasions, scratches, soreness, bites, burns, swelling, and welts.

<sup>c</sup>Includes being placed in a higher custody level or different unit within the facility, placed under increased supervision or close surveillance, issued a disciplinary report or loss of privileges, or given some other sanction.

<sup>d</sup>Includes referral to a regulatory or licensing board, clearance rescinded, or some other sanction.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**TABLE 18****Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Staff-on-inmate total		Staff sexual misconduct		Staff sexual harassment	
	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails	Prisons*	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	1,062	334	792	186	269	148
<b>Victim injured</b>						
No	99.5%	98.7% †	99.4%	97.7% †	100.0%	100.0%
Yes	0.5!	0.9!	0.6!	1.6!	0.0!	0.0!
Major injury <sup>a</sup>	0.1!	0.0!	0.1!	0.0!	0.0!	0.0!
Other injury <sup>b</sup>	0.4!	0.6!	0.5!	1.1!	0.0!	0.0!
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>						
Given medical examination	22.8%	9.0% †	26.0%	9.5% †	13.4%	8.3% †
Administered rape kit	1.4	1.1!	1.9	2.0!	0.0!	0.0!
Tested for HIV/AIDS	1.8	1.4!	2.3	2.5!	0.4!	0.0!
Tested for other STDs	1.6	1.4!	2.1	2.5!	0.0!	0.0!
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	45.0	32.8 †	47.0	19.9 †	39.3	49.1
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	21.8	24.7	23.4	38.9 †	17.0	7.0!
No medical treatment offered/provided	31.1	43.2 †	26.8	41.2 †	43.7	45.7
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>						
Separated from perpetrator	55.9%	53.8%	55.3%	40.7% †	57.9%	70.3% †
Placed in administrative segregation	13.8	9.0 †	16.0	7.3!	7.4	11.1!
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	2.8	3.4!	3.3	1.6!	1.5!	5.7!
Confined to own cell/room	4.3	1.6!	3.8	0.0!	5.9	3.6!
Transferred to another facility	9.2	6.4	11.0	9.0!	3.7!	3.1!
Placed in medical unit	0.8!	2.4!	1.0!	2.8!	0.0!	1.8!
Other <sup>c</sup>	3.8	13.9 †	4.8	19.5!	1.1!	6.9!
None of the above	25.6	23.5	23.2	28.8	32.5	16.9!
<b>Sanction for perpetrator</b>						
Sent to training/counseling	3.7%	10.1% †	0.8%!	3.9%!	12.5%	17.9%
Reprimanded/disciplined	15.4	23.8 †	7.3	11.9!	39.2	38.9
Demoted/given diminished responsibilities/suspended	5.5	6.9!	4.4	7.4!	8.6	6.2!
Transferred to another facility/unit	1.9	2.3!	1.5	1.1!	3.0!	3.8!
Legal action	35.7	31.8	44.7	53.3	9.3	4.9!
Arrested	22.7	22.1	29.1	38.0	4.1	2.1!
Referred for prosecution/indicted	20.3	15.5 ‡	25.4	25.7	5.2	2.8!
Convicted/pled guilty/sentenced/fined	4.1	4.6!	5.0	8.3!	1.5!	0.0
Discharged/terminated/contract not renewed	36.1	44.6 ‡	39.8	53.7 †	25.1	33.1
Perpetrator resigned before investigation completed	36.3	12.8 †	42.3	10.9 †	18.9	15.2!
Perpetrator resigned after investigation completed	4.5	7.3	4.5	4.8!	4.3!	10.5!
Other <sup>d</sup>	1.9	0.6!	1.6	1.1!	2.6!	0.0!

Note: Prisons includes state and Federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and privately operated prisons holding persons for state and federal authorities. Jails includes local and private jails. No action was taken against the perpetrator in less than 2% of substantiated incidents of staff sexual misconduct and staff sexual harassment. Percentages may not sum to 100 because an incident may include multiple sexual victimization events, victims, perpetrators, and outcomes, so more than one response category may be selected. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization. See appendix table 23 for standard errors.

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<sup>a</sup>Includes knife or stab wounds, broken bones, anal or vaginal tearing, chipped or knocked-out teeth, internal injuries, and being knocked unconscious.

<sup>b</sup>Includes bruises, abrasions, scratches, soreness, bites, burns, swelling, and welts.

<sup>c</sup>Includes being placed in a higher custody level or different unit within the facility, placed under increased supervision or close surveillance, issued a disciplinary report or loss of privileges, or given some other sanction.

<sup>d</sup>Includes referral to a regulatory or licensing board, clearance rescinded, or some other sanction.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.



### Section 3. Allegations and substantiated incidents in federal and state prisons, 2019 and 2020

Tables 19 to 22 include findings reported by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) and all state departments of corrections for 2019 and 2020. These entities report an aggregated total of all allegations from facilities in their systems and the outcomes of investigation into these allegations. No significance testing was performed because data presented in these tables are a complete enumeration of allegations in federal and state prisons.

#### Key findings

- State prisons substantiated about 9% of allegations of both inmate-on-inmate abusive sexual contact (231 out of 2,509 allegations) and inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment (465 out of 5,066 allegations) in 2019 (table 19).
- In 2019, state prison authorities reported 360 substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct and 101 of staff-on-inmate sexual harassment (table 20).
- Of the 38 substantiated incidents reported in 2019 by FBOP authorities, 9 were inmate-perpetrated nonconsensual sexual acts, 7 were inmate-perpetrated abusive sexual contacts, 14 were inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents, 7 were staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct incidents, and 1 was an incident of staff-perpetrated sexual harassment (tables 19 and 20).
- State prisons reported 135 substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts, 164 substantiated inmate-on-inmate abusive sexual contacts, and 479 substantiated inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents in 2020 (table 21).
- In 2020, the FBOP reported 24 substantiated incidents of inmate-perpetrated sexual victimization: 1 nonconsensual sexual act, 10 abusive sexual contacts, and 13 sexual harassment incidents (table 21).
- In 2020, state prisons reported 5,770 allegations of staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct and 325 (6%) of these allegations were substantiated (table 22).
- FBOP authorities reported four substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct and no substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual harassment in 2020 (table 22).

**TABLE 19****Sexual victimization incidents reported by federal and state prison authorities, by type of inmate-on-inmate victimization, 2019**

Jurisdiction	Prisoners in custody on 12/31/2019 <sup>a</sup>	Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
		Alleged	Substantiated	Alleged	Substantiated	Alleged	Substantiated
<b>Total</b>	1,223,199	3,903	183	2,682	238	5,260	479
<b>Federal</b>	146,982	203	9	173	7	194	14
<b>State</b>	1,076,217	3,700	174	2,509	231	5,066	465
Alabama	21,802	318	15	9	0	87	6
Alaska	4,125	11	0	15	3	33	7
Arizona	34,089	93	0	56	1	50	0
Arkansas	15,742	51	7	38	8	342	34
California	119,617	236	6	168	5	88	1
Colorado	15,574	40	3	47	6	34	1
Connecticut	11,748	16	4	35	5	12	4
Delaware	5,049	15	0	10	0	50	3
Florida	82,282	421	5	150	2	124	9
Georgia <sup>b</sup>	41,870	382	22	/	/	372	13
Hawaii	3,550	26	0	16	1	36	7
Idaho	7,181	9	1	28	5	58	9
Illinois	37,692	57	2	177	13	589	40
Indiana	22,543	58	2	57	5	102	9
Iowa	9,271	39	5	53	11	94	19
Kansas	9,784	27	1	39	2	31	0
Kentucky	11,322	80	0	54	6	106	6
Louisiana	15,042	54	2	16	0	21	3
Maine	2,132	11	1	10	0	21	5
Maryland	18,613	43	1	7	0	23	1
Massachusetts	7,831	38	2	31	6	45	5
Michigan	38,053	142	4	96	4	280	22
Minnesota <sup>c</sup>	8,837	21	2	10	1	/	/
Mississippi <sup>d</sup>	10,290	64	0	5	0	20	0
Missouri	25,655	144	11	93	9	123	14
Montana	1,985	28	2	47	4	97	14
Nebraska	5,527	22	1	24	3	16	4
Nevada <sup>b,d</sup>	12,414	53	6	/	/	73	4
New Hampshire	2,464	13	0	7	2	8	0
New Jersey	15,988	24	1	40	0	52	5
New Mexico	4,197	0	0	2	1	7	3
New York	43,515	62	0	7	2	40	8
North Carolina	34,450	20	0	160	11	149	8
North Dakota	1,459	0	0	7	3	5	3
Ohio	43,564	105	11	85	9	43	2
Oklahoma	18,758	56	0	15	1	8	0
Oregon	14,412	28	1	47	8	105	18
Pennsylvania	44,871	159	5	189	27	379	35
Rhode Island	2,587	8	0	27	9	58	9
South Carolina	18,039	79	6	22	2	79	0
South Dakota	3,730	15	0	24	2	61	7
Tennessee <sup>b</sup>	11,711	44	6	/	/	65	14
Texas	133,496	318	19	374	22	430	8
Utah	5,102	7	4	12	9	6	5
Vermont	1,396	10	2	20	3	20	6
Virginia	27,684	35	0	34	3	181	6
Washington	17,882	83	4	61	5	224	34
West Virginia <sup>b</sup>	5,910	72	6	/	/	39	5
Wisconsin <sup>d</sup>	23,402	60	3	84	12	174	46
Wyoming	1,980	3	1	1	0	6	3

Note: Excludes the District of Columbia. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization.

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes inmates in privately operated facilities and facilities operated and administered by local governments. Counts were based on the 2019 National Prisoner Statistics data collection.

<sup>b</sup>Allegations of abusive sexual contact could not be counted separately from allegations of nonconsensual sexual acts.

<sup>c</sup>Allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment were not recorded.

<sup>d</sup>Counts of nonconsensual sexual acts were based on completed acts only.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019.

**TABLE 20**

**Sexual victimization incidents reported by federal and state prison authorities, by type of staff-on-inmate victimization, 2019**

Jurisdiction	Prisoners in custody on 12/31/2019 <sup>a</sup>	Staff sexual misconduct		Staff sexual harassment	
		Alleged	Substantiated	Alleged	Substantiated
<b>Total</b>	1,223,199	6,152	367	5,252	102
<b>Federal</b>	146,982	292	7	226	1
<b>State</b>	1,076,217	5,860	360	5,026	101
Alabama	21,802	63	1	32	0
Alaska	4,125	6	1	16	4
Arizona	34,089	105	4	63	0
Arkansas	15,742	120	16	288	8
California	119,617	327	11	159	2
Colorado	15,574	53	21	3	1
Connecticut	11,748	5	0	7	0
Delaware	5,049	25	3	82	0
Florida	82,282	457	3	86	0
Georgia	41,870	219	13	356	3
Hawaii	3,550	47	4	13	0
Idaho	7,181	27	4	20	2
Illinois	37,692	240	2	910	1
Indiana	22,543	62	17	44	2
Iowa	9,271	23	4	23	0
Kansas	9,784	20	3	38	6
Kentucky	11,322	116	14	22	4
Louisiana	15,042	125	4	68	1
Maine	2,132	5	0	13	0
Maryland	18,613	49	2	43	0
Massachusetts	7,831	64	2	23	0
Michigan	38,053	554	9	651	3
Minnesota	8,837	13	3	2	2
Mississippi	10,290	9	1	9	0
Missouri	25,655	143	39	167	5
Montana	1,985	86	2	58	2
Nebraska	5,527	24	4	13	1
Nevada	12,414	58	2	63	2
New Hampshire	2,464	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	15,988	68	2	84	2
New Mexico	4,197	5	2	6	2
New York	43,515	331	8	154	2
North Carolina	34,450	330	16	142	1
North Dakota	1,459	2	0	0	0
Ohio	43,564	62	8	6	1
Oklahoma	18,758	50	16	4	0
Oregon	14,412	41	2	41	3
Pennsylvania	44,871	761	10	691	13
Rhode Island	2,587	21	1	27	2
South Carolina	18,039	68	8	17	0
South Dakota	3,730	12	2	36	9
Tennessee	11,711	75	21	111	2
Texas	133,496	571	29	65	0
Utah	5,102	1	1	1	0
Vermont	1,396	32	2	13	4
Virginia	27,684	51	11	199	4
Washington	17,882	208	13	75	2
West Virginia	5,910	40	8	32	2
Wisconsin	23,402	73	6	49	3
Wyoming	1,980	12	5	1	0

Note: Excludes the District of Columbia. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes inmates in privately operated facilities and facilities operated and administered by local governments. Counts were based on the 2019 National Prisoner Statistics data collection.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019.

**TABLE 21**

**Sexual victimization incidents reported by federal and state prison authorities, by type of inmate-on-inmate victimization, 2020**

Jurisdiction	Prisoners in custody on 12/31/2020 <sup>a</sup>	Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
		Alleged	Substantiated	Alleged	Substantiated	Alleged	Substantiated
<b>Total</b>	1,029,852	3,272	136	2,988	174	5,441	492
<b>Federal</b>	123,473	149	1	158	10	202	13
<b>State</b>	906,379	3,123	135	2,830	164	5,239	479
Alabama	18,103	322	14	2	0	63	3
Alaska	4,341	14	1	21	2	25	9
Arizona	30,483	79	0	76	2	46	0
Arkansas	13,814	49	8	48	4	363	28
California	95,057	222	8	129	3	122	6
Colorado	12,202	25	1	43	4	25	1
Connecticut	9,097	22	2	34	2	11	1
Delaware	4,365	10	0	13	0	49	3
Florida	68,716	485	11	156	1	193	1
Georgia <sup>b</sup>	36,661	/	/	472	19	407	5
Hawaii	3,095	30	0	21	2	35	10
Idaho	6,577	19	1	15	0	76	12
Illinois	28,975	52	0	141	4	526	24
Indiana	18,646	83	2	72	4	111	5
Iowa	7,926	18	4	30	7	82	24
Kansas	8,574	25	3	26	2	50	2
Kentucky	9,078	50	0	33	3	46	5
Louisiana	13,903	43	2	25	3	34	4
Maine	1,691	4	0	3	0	4	0
Maryland	15,281	42	2	7	1	21	0
Massachusetts	6,481	26	1	10	1	29	3
Michigan	33,617	165	6	150	7	398	20
Minnesota	7,293	23	0	5	0	40	2
Mississippi	7,834	20	1	31	0	23	3
Missouri	22,733	102	11	76	8	122	17
Montana	1,627	36	1	58	5	107	14
Nebraska	5,234	12	0	13	2	19	10
Nevada <sup>c</sup>	10,916	62	1	/	/	60	4
New Hampshire <sup>c</sup>	2,136	45	1	/	/	2	0
New Jersey	11,502	27	1	37	1	62	3
New Mexico	2,971	0	0	5	0	18	4
New York	34,143	85	0	20	1	45	2
North Carolina	29,704	33	3	128	5	156	4
North Dakota	1,111	0	0	7	1	9	4
Ohio	38,832	72	8	88	9	43	9
Oklahoma	17,120	32	0	10	1	12	0
Oregon	12,753	31	2	48	8	119	15
Pennsylvania	38,588	126	2	154	7	306	57
Rhode Island	2,053	10	0	13	5	60	7
South Carolina	15,642	45	5	37	0	112	4
South Dakota	3,159	14	1	14	1	35	7
Tennessee <sup>c</sup>	10,442	56	4	/	/	61	6
Texas	115,235	308	12	335	11	401	28
Utah	4,063	10	7	15	8	9	6
Vermont	1,091	4	0	14	4	8	3
Virginia	22,753	19	0	49	4	215	8
Washington	15,030	52	0	71	7	237	28
West Virginia <sup>c</sup>	3,993	72	3	/	/	45	9
Wisconsin <sup>d</sup>	19,964	39	6	74	4	188	54
Wyoming	1,774	3	0	1	1	9	5

Note: Excludes the District of Columbia. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization.

/Not reported.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes inmates in privately operated facilities and facilities operated and administered by local governments. Counts were based on the 2020 National Prisoner Statistics data collection.

<sup>b</sup>Allegations of nonconsensual sexual acts were not recorded.

<sup>c</sup>Allegations of abusive sexual contact could not be counted separately from allegations of nonconsensual sexual acts.

<sup>d</sup>Counts of nonconsensual sexual acts were based on completed acts only.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2020.

**TABLE 22**

**Sexual victimization incidents reported by federal and state prison authorities, by type of staff-on-inmate victimization, 2020**

Jurisdiction	Prisoners in custody on 12/31/2020 <sup>a</sup>	Staff sexual misconduct		Staff sexual harassment	
		Alleged	Substantiated	Alleged	Substantiated
<b>Total</b>	1,029,852	6,005	329	5,346	106
<b>Federal</b>	123,473	235	4	187	0
<b>State</b>	906,379	5,770	325	5,159	106
Alabama	18,103	42	2	21	1
Alaska	4,341	10	0	12	1
Arizona	30,483	66	4	43	1
Arkansas	13,814	127	15	333	8
California	95,057	315	9	304	2
Colorado	12,202	35	10	4	1
Connecticut	9,097	9	0	6	0
Delaware	4,365	25	4	63	0
Florida	68,716	748	16	94	0
Georgia	36,661	230	15	312	0
Hawaii	3,095	35	4	5	1
Idaho	6,577	35	10	27	3
Illinois	28,975	169	1	649	5
Indiana	18,646	70	11	22	0
Iowa	7,926	23	4	15	4
Kansas	8,574	22	5	36	3
Kentucky	9,078	64	12	17	2
Louisiana	13,903	105	1	88	0
Maine	1,691	6	0	2	0
Maryland	15,281	33	2	23	0
Massachusetts	6,481	64	3	26	0
Michigan	33,617	404	3	755	7
Minnesota	7,293	8	1	31	0
Mississippi	7,834	7	0	9	0
Missouri	22,733	125	32	222	9
Montana	1,627	37	0	44	3
Nebraska	5,234	12	0	12	1
Nevada	10,916	48	3	58	0
New Hampshire	2,136	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	11,502	83	6	129	5
New Mexico	2,971	14	3	22	0
New York	34,143	319	5	162	5
North Carolina	29,704	406	20	104	0
North Dakota	1,111	7	1	2	0
Ohio	38,832	35	7	13	0
Oklahoma	17,120	41	12	8	1
Oregon	12,753	36	1	40	6
Pennsylvania	38,588	582	13	548	10
Rhode Island	2,053	10	0	31	0
South Carolina	15,642	89	10	95	1
South Dakota	3,159	7	2	30	4
Tennessee	10,442	49	15	124	3
Texas	115,235	877	24	69	4
Utah	4,063	0	0	1	0
Vermont	1,091	20	1	7	1
Virginia	22,753	64	5	377	3
Washington	15,030	142	13	86	4
West Virginia	3,993	47	9	41	1
Wisconsin	19,964	61	11	35	5
Wyoming	1,774	6	0	2	1

Note: Excludes the District of Columbia. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes inmates in privately operated facilities and facilities operated and administered by local governments. Counts were based on the 2020 National Prisoner Statistics data collection.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2020.

## Methodology

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) began the Survey of Sexual Victimization (SSV, formerly the Survey of Sexual Violence) in 2004. Mandated by the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), this annual collection measures the incidence of prison sexual victimization. The survey is based on official administrative records of correctional systems and facilities and covers the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP), all state prisons, all facilities operated by the U.S. military and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and a representative sample of local jails, jails in Indian country, and privately operated jails and prisons. The U.S. Census Bureau currently serves as the data collection agent for the SSV.

Summary-level data are collected using SSV forms 1 through 4. These forms collect numbers of reported allegations and their outcomes: allegations that were substantiated, unsubstantiated, unfounded, or under investigation at the time of the survey. Each form is designed for a specific type of facility (e.g., SSV2 is designed for state prisons).

Incident-level data are collected using the SSVIA. This form collects detailed information regarding each substantiated incident reported by a facility on the summary-level form, including victim and perpetrator outcomes, incident locations, and demographic information of victims and perpetrators.

For more information about the SSV data collection, visit the BJS website at <https://bjs.ojp.gov/data-collection/survey-sexual-victimization-ssv>.

### Sampling designs

The following sections describe the sampling designs for the 2019 and 2020 SSV. See *Sexual Victimization Reported by Adult Correctional Authorities, 2016–2018* (NCJ 255356, BJS, June 2021) for details about the sampling design for 2016 to 2018 and *Sexual Victimization Reported by Adult Correctional Authorities, 2012–15* (NCJ 251146, BJS, July 2018) for details about the sampling designs for 2013 to 2015. See appendix table 1 for information regarding all sampled facilities by type and status for 2019 and 2020.

### Federal and state prisons

For each year, the survey included the FBOP and the adult prison systems for all 50 states. Administrators

for each prison system reported on allegations of sexual victimization and the outcomes of investigations into allegations. They reported only incidents that occurred within publicly operated adult prison facilities and excluded allegations involving federal or state inmates who were housed in other facilities, such as privately operated prisons or jails.

### Privately operated federal and state prisons

For each year, 155 privately operated federal and state prison facilities were sampled from a frame of BJS's 2019 Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities. This frame was updated annually to include new privately operated facilities and to exclude facilities that had closed or were no longer privately operated. A certainty cutoff was used to select some privately operated prison facilities due to size. In 2019, facilities with an average daily population (ADP) of 321 or more adults were deemed to be certainties. In 2020, the certainty cutoff was revised so that facilities with an ADP of 305 or more adults were declared certainties. There were 75 facilities included as certainties in 2019 and 72 in 2020. The remaining facilities in each year were sorted by region (Northeast, Midwest, South, or West), state, and ADP. Facilities were then selected using systematic probability proportional to their size (PPS). In 2019, 80 facilities were selected, and 83 facilities were selected using this method in the 2020 SSV. In 2019, eight private prisons were no longer active and therefore did not complete the SSV. One of these facilities was out of scope, and seven had closed. Of the remaining 147 private prisons, 14 did not respond. In 2020, 16 private prison facilities were no longer active, 13 had closed, and 3 were deemed out of scope. There were seven active private prison facilities selected for the 2020 sample that did not respond to the survey. See appendix table 2 for private prisons that did not respond to the survey in each year.

### Public jails

Samples of 700 publicly operated jails were drawn from BJS's 2019 Census of Jails (COJ) file frame each year. In 2019, there were 2,882 public jails from which the SSV sample was chosen. In 2020, an updated version of the 2019 COJ frame was used that had 2,870 public jails. In each year, the largest public jail jurisdiction in each state and the District of Columbia was selected with certainty. Any jurisdiction with an ADP of 1,000 or more adults was also selected with certainty. In 2019 and 2020, there were 105 jails selected with certainty under this

criterion. The remaining public jail jurisdictions were grouped into three strata based on ADP. The 2019 SSV sample included 209 jails out of a possible 1,679 with an ADP of 0 to 91 adults, 144 of 466 jails with an ADP of 92 to 280 adults, and 196 of 586 jails with an ADP of 281 to 999 adults. The 2020 SSV sample used the same three strata based on ADP. In 2020, a total of 209 jails were sampled from 1,446 in the first stratum, 144 from 791 in the second stratum, and 196 from 482 in the third stratum.

Of the 700 public jails sampled in 2019, 5 were out of scope and 68 (10% of jails remaining in the sample) did not respond. Two of the 700 public jails in the 2020 sample had closed before data collection, 1 was out of scope, and 34 (5% of remaining jails) did not respond. See appendix table 2 for public jails that did not respond to the survey in each year.

### **Privately operated jails**

In the 2019 and 2020 SSV, a sample of 15 private jails were selected from the COJ frame. In both years, private jails were selected with certainty if they had an ADP of 1,000 or more adults. In 2019 and 2020, 4 private jails were selected with certainty and the remaining 11 were sampled using PPS after sorting by region, state, and ADP. One private jail selected for the 2019 SSV was out of scope, and one was closed. Of the remaining 13 that were eligible, 12 responded to the survey. In 2020, 1 private jail was out of scope and all the remaining 14 responded to the survey. See appendix table 2 for private jails that did not respond to the survey in each year.

### **Indian country jails**

A sample of 25 jails in Indian country was selected each year using BJS's Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country as the frame. Only facilities that held adults exclusively or adults and juveniles were deemed eligible for this survey. Jails in Indian country that held only juveniles were eligible for the juvenile SSV data collection.

In 2019, eight facilities were sampled with certainty based on an ADP cutoff of 105 inmates. The remaining 17 facilities included in the sample were sorted by state and ADP and selected using PPS. In the 2020 SSV, the certainty cutoff was lowered to an ADP of 73 or more inmates, with 9 facilities included as certainties and 16 selected using PPS.

In 2019, no Indian country jails were out of scope for the SSV and four did not respond. In 2020, one Indian

country jail selected for the sample was out of scope and the remaining jails responded. See appendix table 2 for jails in Indian country that did not respond to the survey in 2019.

### **Other correctional facilities**

A census was taken of all military facilities operated by the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Marine Corps. Additionally, a census of all facilities operated by (or exclusively for) ICE authorities was conducted. (Officials from ICE update this list annually.) In 2019, 31 ICE facilities were included in the SSV and all responded. In 2020, there were 32 ICE facilities and 1 was determined to be out of scope. The remaining 31 provided data.

### **Weights and nonresponse adjustments**

Survey responses were weighted to produce national estimates. Data from the FBOP, all state prison systems, U.S. military facilities, and ICE facilities were given a weight of 1.00 because they were selected with certainty and all responded. Public jails, private jails, Indian country jails, and private prison facilities were assigned an initial sampling weight equal to the inverse probability of selection. Nonresponse adjustment calculations differed for public jails and the other sampled facility types because they had different sampling designs. In each survey year, weights for responding public jail jurisdictions were adjusted for nonresponse by multiplying initial sample weights by the ratio of the sum of initial weights of active jurisdictions in each stratum to the sum of weights for participating jurisdictions. After applying the nonresponse adjustment, the sum of the final weights in each stratum equaled the sum of weights for active jails in each stratum.

Nonresponse adjustments for samples of private jails, private prisons, and jails in Indian country were based on the ratio of the sum of weights multiplied by the measure of size for each affected stratum. Within each stratum, the number of active jails or prisons was multiplied by the measure of size of each facility, then summed. The ratio of the first sum to the latter sum equaled the nonresponse adjustment factor for the affected stratum. Overall, after adjusting for nonresponse and summing across all strata, multiplying the adjusted final weight by the sum of the measure of size equaled the total number of inmates held in private jails, private prisons, and jails in Indian country.

## Estimation calculations, standard errors, and tests of significance

When national estimates are derived from a sample, caution must be used when comparing one estimate to another or when comparing estimates over time. Although one estimate may be larger than another, estimates based on a sample have some degree of sampling error. The sampling error of an estimate depends on several factors, including the response rates, the amount of variation in the responses, and the size of the sample.

One measure of the sampling error associated with an estimate is the standard error. The standard error may vary from one estimate to the next. Generally, an estimate with a small standard error provides a more reliable approximation of the true value than an estimate with a large standard error. Estimates with relatively large standard errors are associated with less precision and reliability and should be interpreted with caution. Estimates and standard errors for summary-level tables (tables 1 through 4) were calculated using IBM SPSS Statistics Complex Samples functions. State and federal prisoner counts from the National Prisoner Statistics Program were used for the calculation of rates in the summary-level tables 1 and 2. All other correctional facilities provided ADP totals on the SSV summary forms that were used to calculate estimated rates.

Estimates and standard errors for incident-level tables (tables 5 through 18) were calculated with the *survey* package in R, which by default uses Taylor Series Linearization to estimate variance. For all aggregated incident-level tables, estimates were first calculated separately for each stratum and year using the *survey* package in R. Estimates were then summed across years to provide aggregated estimates for the reported years. Because there were sampling strata with only one substantiated incident, the “adjust” option in R was used to center singleton stratum data around the grand (population) mean to create a conservative variance estimator for estimates including the stratum.

Standard errors are included in the appendix tables. These standard errors can be used to construct confidence intervals around survey estimates (e.g., numbers, rates, and percentages) and around differences between estimates. For example, table 1 shows an estimated 36,264 allegations of sexual victimization in 2020, and appendix table 6 shows a standard error of 541 for that estimate. The 95% confidence interval for the number of allegations is  $36,264 \pm 1.96 \times 541$ , resulting in a confidence interval of 35,204 to 37,324.

For small samples and estimates close to zero, the use of the standard error to construct the 95% confidence interval may not be reliable because the interval may contain zero. Therefore, estimates may not be distinguishable from zero. Such unreliable estimates were suppressed (shown as ^ in tables), and a note was included in the tables. Other estimates that should be interpreted with caution are those based on 10 or fewer sample cases or that had a coefficient of variation of greater than 50%. Such estimates were designated with an exclamation point in tables (!).

BJS conducted statistical tests to determine whether differences in estimated numbers, percentages, and rates in this report were statistically significant once sampling error was considered. For example, the difference between the total number of allegations of sexual victimization in 2020 (36,264 allegations) and 2019 (38,132 allegations) is statistically significant at the 95% confidence level. (See table 1.) In all tables providing detailed comparisons, differences that are significant at the 95% confidence level have been designated with a dagger (†), and differences significant at the 90% confidence level are indicated with a double dagger (‡). The comparison group has been designated with one asterisk (\*). For types of adult correctional facilities that were included with certainty and have no standard errors associated with the estimates, all differences are real, and no significance markers are included. Statistical testing was also not performed if one of the estimates in the comparison was noted to be interpreted with caution (!).



**APPENDIX TABLE 1**

**Summary of sampled facilities, by type and status, 2019 and 2020**

Facility	2019				2020			
	Initial sample	Out of scope	Closed	Nonresponding	Initial sample	Out of scope	Closed	Nonresponding
<b>Private prisons</b>	155	1	7	14	155	3	13	7
Certainty facilities	75	0	4	0	72	2	7	0
Sampled facilities	80	1	3	14	83	1	6	7
<b>Public jails</b>	700	5	0	68	700	1	2	34
Certainty facilities	151	1	0	7	151	0	0	1
Largest in each state and District of Columbia	46	1	0	2	46	0	0	0
ADP of 1,000 or more	105	0	0	5	105	0	0	1
Sampled facilities	549	4	0	61	549	1	2	33
ADP of 0 to 91	209	1	0	28	209	0	2	8
ADP of 92 to 280	144	0	0	23	144	1	0	15
ADP of 281 to 999	196	3	0	10	196	0	0	10
<b>Privately operated jails</b>	15	1	1	1	15	1	0	0
Certainty facilities	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sampled facilities	11	1	1	1	11	1	0	0
<b>Tribal jails</b>	25	0	0	4	25	1	0	0
Certainty facilities	8	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
Sampled facilities	17	0	0	4	16	1	0	0

Note: ADP denotes average daily population.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019 and 2020.

**APPENDIX TABLE 2**

**Nonresponding adult correctional facilities, by state, 2019 and 2020**

State	Facility	2019	2020	State	Facility	2019	2020
Alabama	Barbour Co. <sup>a</sup>		X	Kentucky	Bullitt Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Calhoun Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Dismas Charities, St. Patrick's <sup>c</sup>	X	
	Citronelle Police Dept. <sup>a</sup>	X			Louisville Metro Dept. of Corr. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Lipscomb Police Dept. <sup>a</sup>	X			Nelson Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Walker Co. <sup>a</sup>		X		Owensboro Regional Recovery Ctr. <sup>c</sup>	X	
	Warrior Police Dept. <sup>a</sup>	X			Taylor Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>	X	
Alaska	Dillingham Dept. of Public Safety <sup>a</sup>		X		Woodford Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
Arizona	Cochise Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		Louisiana	East Carroll Parish <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Navajo Dept. of Corr., Kayenta P.D. & Holding Facility <sup>b</sup>	X			Jefferson Parish <sup>a</sup>		X
Arkansas	Hot Spring Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Lincoln Parish Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Woodruff Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Madison Corr. Ctr. <sup>d</sup>	X	
California	Custody to Comm. Transitional Re-entry Program - Stockton (CCTRP-STK) <sup>c</sup>	X			Natchitoches Parish <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Imperial Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Rapides Parish <sup>a</sup>	X	
Colorado	Pitkin Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		Maine	York Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
Connecticut	Eddy Ctr. <sup>c</sup>		X	Maryland	Harford Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	RSD/APT Foundation <sup>c</sup>	X		Michigan	Grand Traverse Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Roger Sherman House <sup>c</sup>		X		Kalkaska Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
Florida	Escambia Co. Road Prison <sup>a</sup>		X		Lenawee Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Lake City Bridge Comm. Rel. Ctr. <sup>c</sup>	X			Mecosta Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Suwannee Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		Mississippi	Jackson Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	The Transition House of Dinsmore <sup>c</sup>	X			Monroe Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	TTH of Bartow WRC <sup>c</sup>	X			Warren Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
Georgia	Atkinson Co. <sup>a</sup>		X	Missouri	Crawford Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Berrien Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Lincoln Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Clayton Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Maries Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	CSC Dismas Charities Inc <sup>c</sup>	X			Washington Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Pulaski Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		Montana	Fallon Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Telfair Co. <sup>e</sup>	X			Fort Peck Police Dept. and Adult Det. Ctr. <sup>b</sup>	X	
	Ware Co. <sup>a</sup>	X			Roosevelt Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Wheeler Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		Nebraska	Madison Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
Illinois	Vermilion Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		New Jersey	Atlantic Co. Dept. of Public Safety <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Washington Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		New Mexico	De Baca Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Will Co. <sup>a</sup>		X		Dismas Charities Las Cruces <sup>c</sup>	X	
Indiana	Clay Co. Justice Ctr. & Sheriff Office <sup>a</sup>	X			Navajo Dept. of Corr., Shiprock P.D. & Adult Det. <sup>b</sup>	X	
	Elkhart Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		New York	Nassau Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	X
Kansas	Brown Co. <sup>a</sup>	X					
	Chautauqua Co. <sup>a</sup>	X					
	Douglas Co. <sup>a</sup>	X					
	Grant Co. <sup>a</sup>		X				

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**Nonresponding adult correctional facilities, by state, 2019 and 2020**

State	Facility	2019	2020
North Carolina	Ctr. For Comm. Transition <sup>c</sup>		X
	Craven Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Dare Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Justice Ctr. <sup>b</sup>	X	
	Lee Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Pamlico Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
Ohio	ALVIS - ARCP Long St. <sup>c</sup>	X	
	Fannie M. Lewis Comm. Corr. and Treatment Ctr. <sup>c</sup>		X
	Logan Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Tuscarawas Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Warrensville Heights City Jail <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Oklahoma	Caddo Co. <sup>a</sup>	X
Delaware Co. <sup>a</sup>		X	
Kingfisher Co. <sup>a</sup>		X	
Oklahoma Co. <sup>a</sup>		X	
Okmulgee Co. Criminal Justice Authority <sup>a</sup>			X
Pontotoc Co. <sup>a</sup>		X	
Washington Co. <sup>a</sup>			X
Pennsylvania	Erie Co. Dept. of Corr. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Gaudenzia DRC (116) <sup>c</sup>		X
	Gaudenzia Philly House (133) <sup>c</sup>		X
	Self Help (124) <sup>c</sup>	X	
South Carolina	Cherokee Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Laurens Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Williamsburg Co. S.O. and Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
Tennessee	Bradley Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Claiborne Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Cocke Co. Det. Ctr. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Coffee Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Dyer Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Gibson Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Hamilton Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Obion Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Smith Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
Unicoi Co. <sup>a</sup>	X		

State	Facility	2019	2020
Texas	Abode Treatment, Inc. <sup>c</sup>	X	
	Anderson Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Bosque Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Brewster Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Cheyenne Ctr., Inc. <sup>c</sup>	X	
	Cooke Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	County Rehabilitation Ctr. <sup>c</sup>		X
	Denton Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Hansford Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Hardeman Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Hutchinson Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Knox Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Lampasas Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Milam Co. <sup>a</sup>	X	
	Smith Co. <sup>a</sup>		X
	Vol. of Amer. Dallas, TX <sup>c</sup>	X	
	Virginia	Richmond City Sheriffs Office <sup>a</sup>	
Wisconsin	Marinette Co. <sup>a</sup>		X

Note: Facilities did not report data in at least 1 year in which they were in a Survey of Sexual Victimization sample. Facilities may not have been in a sample in either 2019 or 2020.

<sup>a</sup>Publicly operated jail.

<sup>b</sup>Indian country jail holding adults only or adults and juveniles.

<sup>c</sup>Privately operated prison holding persons for state or federal authorities.

<sup>d</sup>Privately operated jail.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019 and 2020.

**APPENDIX TABLE 3**

**Numbers, rates, and standard errors for figure 1: Allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, 2005–2020**

Year	Including inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment				Excluding inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment							
	Number		Standard error		Number		Standard error of number		Rate per 1,000 inmates		Standard error of rate per 1,000 inmates	
	Allegations	Substantiated incidents	Allegations	Substantiated incidents	Allegations	Substantiated incidents	Allegations	Substantiated incidents	Allegations	Substantiated incidents	Allegations	Substantiated incidents
2005	~	~	~	~	6,241 †	885 †	179	90	2.83 †	0.40 †	0.09	0.04
2006	~	~	~	~	6,528 †	967 †	169	76	2.91 †	0.43 †	0.07	0.03
2007	~	~	~	~	7,374 †	1,001 †	198	57	2.95 †	0.40 †	0.14	0.03
2008	~	~	~	~	7,457 †	931 †	212	38	3.18 †	0.40 †	0.09	0.02
2009	~	~	~	~	7,855 †	851 †	87	40	3.40 †	0.37 †	0.04	0.02
2010	~	~	~	~	8,404 †	856 †	116	30	3.65 †	0.37 †	0.06	0.01
2011	~	~	~	~	8,768 †	902 †	93	30	3.90 †	0.40 †	0.04	0.01
2012	~	~	~	~	10,047 †	953 †	106	27	4.49 †	0.43 †	0.09	0.01
2013	16,428 †	1,795 †	299	58	13,568 †	1,239	215	44	5.95 †	0.54 †	0.09	0.02
2014	24,136 †	2,350	292	83	18,891 †	1,522 †	214	61	8.38 †	0.68	0.09	0.03
2015	32,431 †	2,515	367	97	24,661 †	1,473 †	206	40	11.04 †	0.66	0.10	0.02
2016	36,265	2,818 †	575	107	27,180	1,642 †	375	51	11.68 ‡	0.71	0.52	0.04
2017	35,206	2,720 †	558	122	26,094	1,519 †	376	54	9.44 †	0.55	0.74	0.05
2018	37,688	2,873 †	703	108	27,827	1,673 †	494	67	12.86	0.77	0.22	0.03
2019	38,132 †	2,768 †	579	100	28,166 †	1,675 †	433	56	13.17	0.78	0.23	0.03
2020*	36,264	2,351	541	71	26,943	1,310	382	41	13.98	0.68	1.21	0.06

Note: Rates were calculated using yearend custody populations from the National Prisoner Statistics program and average daily population counts reported by each respondent on the Survey of Sexual Victimization summary form. Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. The National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape were released in 2012, and the Survey of Sexual Victimization started collecting inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment data in 2013. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization.

\*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

‡Difference with comparison year is significant at the 90% confidence level.

~Not applicable.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2005–2020.

#### APPENDIX TABLE 4

Estimates and standard errors for figure 2: Allegations of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, by outcome of investigation, 2013–2020

Year	Number				Standard error			
	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Substantiated	Under investigation	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Substantiated	Under investigation
2013	7,493 †	6,045 †	1,795 †	1,088 †	110.4	190.2	57.6	20.2
2014	10,353 †	10,155 †	2,350	1,277 †	142.4	160.2	83.4	11.8
2015	14,352 †	12,468	2,515	3,097 †	140.9	210.1	97.1	15.5
2016	16,696 †	13,902	2,818 †	2,884 †	202.2	388.4	106.8	22.1
2017	17,863 †	12,643	2,720 †	1,990	307.8	273.4	121.6	88.4
2018	18,604	13,769	2,873 †	2,442 †	332.2	475.2	107.9	86.6
2019	19,611 †	13,582	2,768 †	2,170	262.2	350.9	100.4	83.9
2020*	18,694	13,232	2,351	1,987	220.1	338.3	71.5	62.9

Note: Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See *Terms and definitions* for information on outcomes.

\*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

#### APPENDIX TABLE 5

Estimates and standard errors for figure 3: Allegations of sexual victimization in adult correctional facilities, by type of victimization, 2013–2020

Year	Number					Standard error				
	Inmate-on-inmate			Staff-on-inmate		Inmate-on-inmate			Staff-on-inmate	
	Nonconsensual sexual acts	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment	Nonconsensual sexual acts	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment
2013	3,931 †	2,743 †	2,859 †	4,345 †	2,549 †	104.1	146.6	169.5	75.7	157.9
2014	5,056 †	3,433 †	5,246 †	6,449 †	3,953 †	104.0	171.7	164.0	106.0	51.6
2015	5,992	4,320	7,770 †	8,151 †	6,197 †	107.1	145.2	249.8	89.6	74.5
2016	6,465	5,020 †	9,085	8,752	6,943 †	234.1	162.9	306.1	120.3	196.3
2017	6,475	4,989	9,112	8,139 †	6,491 †	189.7	192.8	254.8	136.2	118.2
2018	7,245 †	5,328 †	9,861	8,807	6,449 †	300.6	189.5	369.3	149.4	126.5
2019	7,338 †	4,643	9,966	8,964	7,221	297.6	175.2	273.5	153.2	131.1
2020*	6,370	4,496	9,321	8,628	7,449	238.5	194.9	234.0	123.9	121.3

Note: Data may have been revised from previously published statistics. See *Terms and definitions* for information on types of victimization.

\*Comparison year.

†Difference with comparison year is significant at the 95% confidence level.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

**APPENDIX TABLE 6****Standard errors for table 1: Number and rate per 1,000 inmates of allegations of sexual victimization, by type of facility, 2013–2020**

Type of facility	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
<b>Total</b>	298.6	0.12	292.3	0.13	367.0	0.16	574.6	0.72	558.4	1.01	702.6	0.31	578.7	0.30	540.8	1.64
<b>Prisons</b>	60.7	0.05	56.9	0.04	94.8	0.07	200.0	0.14	100.2	0.28	289.1	0.18	141.1	0.11	32.0	0.03
Public–federal	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Public–state	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
<b>Jails</b>	292.3	0.37	286.7	0.37	354.5	0.48	538.6	1.69	549.2	2.59	640.1	0.86	561.0	0.82	539.8	3.28
<b>Other adult correctional facilities</b>																
Military	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	11.8	0.49	16.0	0.48	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Indian country jails	3.1	1.04	2.8	1.18	3.6	0.6	3.4	1.43	0.0	0.00	3.3	1.50	13.3	7.41	0.0	0.00

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

**APPENDIX TABLE 7****Standard errors for table 2: Number and rate per 1,000 inmates of substantiated incidents of sexual victimization, by type of facility, 2013–2020**

Type of facility	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
<b>Total</b>	57.6	0.03	83.4	0.04	97.1	0.04	106.8	0.07	121.6	0.09	107.9	0.05	100.4	0.05	71.5	0.11
<b>Prisons</b>	23.9	0.02	37.7	0.03	2.7	0.00	43.6	0.03	71.8	0.04	53.5	0.04	60.0	0.04	16.7	0.01
Public–federal	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Public–state	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
<b>Jails</b>	52.4	0.07	74.4	0.10	97.0	0.13	97.4	0.21	98.2	0.27	93.6	0.13	80.5	0.11	69.5	0.27
<b>Other adult correctional facilities</b>																
Military	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Immigration and Customs Enforcement	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	1.1	0.05	2.9	0.09	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Indian country jails	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	3.6	0.60	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	2.6	1.12	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Statistics program and Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

## APPENDIX TABLE 8

Standard errors for table 3: Outcomes of investigations into allegations of sexual victimization, by year and type of facility, 2019 and 2020

	2019			2020		
	All facilities	Prisons	Jails	All facilities	Prisons	Jails
<b>Inmate-on-inmate</b>						
Nonconsensual sexual acts	297.6	28.5	296.2	238.5	8.5	238.3
Substantiated	29.7	1.8	29.6	18.8	2.6	18.7
Unsubstantiated	152.8	26.5	150.5	100.5	7.0	100.2
Unfounded	232.0	3.9	232.0	177.5	0.0	177.5
Under investigation	34.8	0.0	34.8	60.8	2.3	60.8
Abusive sexual contact	175.2	135.3	109.1	194.9	168.0	97.9
Substantiated	32.4	14.5	28.4	27.0	7.8	25.8
Unsubstantiated	117.5	100.3	60.2	129.3	118.6	50.1
Unfounded	61.5	27.8	54.0	74.3	50.9	54.1
Under investigation	22.1	10.9	19.3	9.5	7.8	5.5
Sexual harassment	273.5	152.6	226.9	234.0	22.1	233.0
Substantiated	67.9	45.1	50.7	48.4	13.7	46.3
Unsubstantiated	154.0	100.7	116.5	112.1	12.5	111.4
Unfounded	121.9	39.3	115.4	137.2	6.6	137.0
Under investigation	23.2	4.5	22.7	12.2	0.0	12.2
<b>Staff-on-inmate</b>						
Staff sexual misconduct	153.2	43.3	146.9	123.9	11.4	123.4
Substantiated	27.5	16.7	21.8	18.8	3.6	18.5
Unsubstantiated	47.6	13.9	45.6	47.0	4.4	46.7
Unfounded	113.4	25.4	110.5	96.1	7.3	95.8
Under investigation	25.7	6.5	24.9	11.6	2.3	11.4
Staff sexual harassment	131.1	25.8	128.5	121.3	9.4	120.9
Substantiated	23.4	11.5	20.3	12.6	4.2	11.9
Unsubstantiated	66.1	18.7	63.4	66.2	3.3	66.1
Unfounded	84.8	15.6	83.3	81.7	8.2	81.2
Under investigation	18.4	0.9	18.3	6.4	0.0	6.4

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019 and 2020.

## APPENDIX TABLE 9

Standard errors for table 4: Substantiated incidents of sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2013–2020

Type of victimization	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	57.6	83.4	97.1	106.8	121.6	107.9	100.4	71.5
<b>Inmate-on-inmate total</b>	52.5	60.1	94.5	95.0	105.7	100.7	83.0	66.2
Nonconsensual sexual acts	19.4	18.2	18.2	20.9	23.5	21.2	29.7	18.8
Abusive sexual contact	33.7	36.0	29.5	31.6	25.3	52.6	32.4	27.0
Sexual harassment	38.0	42.5	72.1	72.9	94.5	75.8	67.9	48.4
<b>Staff-on-inmate total</b>	22.6	46.0	18.6	31.0	40.8	36.6	36.4	22.7
Staff sexual misconduct	15.8	44.4	17.4	21.6	22.5	27.3	27.5	18.8
Staff sexual harassment	13.8	10.4	7.2	22.4	29.8	25.1	23.4	12.6

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2013–2020.

**APPENDIX TABLE 10**

Standard errors for table 5: Substantiated incidents involving single or multiple victims or perpetrators, by type of victimization, 2019–20

	Inmate-on-inmate								Staff-on-inmate					
	Total		Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment		Total		Sexual misconduct		Sexual harassment	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Single victim–single perpetrator	39	0.56%	22	1.44%	25	0.42%	39	0.83%	28	1.06%	25	0.98%	16	2.53%
Multiple victims–single perpetrator	16	0.43	5	0.74	3	0.33	15	0.68	12	0.81	4	0.43	11	2.32
Single victim–multiple perpetrators	13	0.34	9	1.30	1	0.10	9	0.42	11	0.76	9	0.92	6	1.35
Multiple victims–multiple perpetrators	7	0.18	0	0.02	2	0.23	6	0.30	2	0.15	0	0.01	2	0.49

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.



**APPENDIX TABLE 11**

**Standard errors for table 6: Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

<b>Incident characteristic</b>	<b>Inmate-on-inmate total</b>	<b>Nonconsensual sexual acts</b>	<b>Abusive sexual contact</b>	<b>Sexual harassment</b>
<b>Number of incidents</b>	36	23	25	40
<b>Location</b>				
Victim's cell/room	0.79%	1.92%	1.40%	1.06%
Perpetrator's cell/room	0.45	1.73	0.34	0.52
Dormitory	0.65	1.32	1.43	0.87
Common area	0.85	1.71	1.67	1.17
Program/instructional/recreation area	0.51	1.07	0.73	0.76
Other area	0.31	0.32	0.40	0.51
<b>Time of day</b>				
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	0.50%	1.42%	0.75%	0.71%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	0.73	1.66	1.50	0.94
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	0.81	1.85	1.58	1.08
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	0.40	1.45	0.75	0.39
Unknown	0.78	1.12	1.18	1.14
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>				
No	0.79%	1.97%	1.09%	1.14%
Yes	0.81	2.01	1.23	1.14
Unknown	0.50	1.07	0.36	0.77
<b>Reported by—</b>				
Victim	0.67%	1.73%	1.59%	0.69%
Another inmate (nonvictim)	0.60	1.43	1.47	0.70
Correctional officer/front-line staff	0.51	1.46	1.12	0.57
Other facility staff	0.16	0.11	0.33	0.24
Investigation/monitoring	0.29	0.32	0.89	0.34
Other	0.13	0.53	0.05	0.14

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 12**

**Standard errors for table 7: Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Incident characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total		Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	26	26	3	23	10	23	25	31
<b>Location</b>								
Victim’s cell/room	0.75%	1.47%	0.42%	3.95%	0.77%	2.94%	1.21%	1.81%
Perpetrator’s cell/room	0.10	0.94	0.12	3.61	0.16	0.70	0.11	1.07
Dormitory	0.28	1.34	0.14	2.75	0.38	3.03	0.48	1.72
Common area	0.82	1.56	0.12	3.51	1.51	3.22	1.25	2.06
Program/instructional/recreation area	0.73	0.72	0.64	2.13	0.71	1.32	1.22	0.90
Other area	0.16	0.64	0.01	0.71	0.04	0.91	0.29	1.01
<b>Time of day</b>								
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	0.30%	1.02%	0.37%	2.95%	0.44%	1.50%	0.50%	1.39%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	0.53	1.42	0.16	3.46	0.57	3.16	0.89	1.73
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	0.80	1.49	0.55	3.82	1.49	3.04	1.20	1.86
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	0.15	0.82	0.18	3.03	0.19	1.62	0.19	0.79
Unknown	0.85	1.35	0.13	2.32	0.45	2.54	1.32	1.88
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>								
No	0.80%	1.41%	0.46%	3.96%	0.92%	1.98%	1.31%	1.89%
Yes	0.68	1.48	0.48	4.03	1.11	2.15	0.97	1.97
Unknown	0.70	0.71	0.09	2.24	0.20	0.73	1.17	0.96
<b>Reported by—</b>								
Victim	0.52%	1.29%	0.15%	3.59%	1.58%	3.03%	0.47%	1.36%
Another inmate (nonvictim)	0.51	1.14	0.06	2.97	1.82	2.52	0.38	1.41
Correctional officer/front-line staff	0.15	1.05	0.09	3.04	0.26	2.41	0.22	1.16
Other facility staff	0.04	0.33	0.04	0.16	0.06	0.72	0.06	0.50
Investigation/monitoring	0.03	0.62	0.02	0.66	0.04	1.93	0.06	0.70
Other	0.02	0.26	0.02	1.11	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.29

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 13****Standard errors for table 8: Demographic characteristics of victims in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Demographic characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
Number of victims	39	24	26	42
<b>Sex/gender identity</b>				
Male	0.71%	1.53%	1.50%	0.93%
Female	0.70	1.51	1.51	0.90
Transgender/intersex	0.18	0.30	0.32	0.27
<b>Age</b>				
24 or younger	0.74%	1.72%	1.27%	1.03%
25–29	0.63	1.48	1.07	0.88
30–34	0.63	1.55	1.41	0.76
35–39	0.51	1.25	1.02	0.66
40–44	0.47	1.05	1.11	0.60
45 or older	0.52	1.05	0.40	0.79
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				
White	0.66%	1.79%	1.32%	0.85%
Black	0.43	0.95	0.88	0.60
Hispanic	0.48	1.56	1.00	0.56
Other	0.26	0.96	0.41	0.30

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 14****Standard errors for table 9: Demographic characteristics of perpetrators in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Demographic characteristic	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
Number of perpetrators	21	26	25	37
<b>Sex/gender identity</b>				
Male	0.67%	1.35%	1.52%	0.85%
Female	0.67	1.34	1.54	0.84
Transgender/intersex	0.11	0.27	0.07	0.18
<b>Age</b>				
24 or younger	0.67%	1.78%	1.37%	0.88%
25–29	0.64	1.88	1.29	0.70
30–34	0.58	1.16	1.47	0.70
35–39	0.46	0.69	0.60	0.73
40–44	0.51	0.67	0.53	0.83
45 or older	0.65	1.28	0.68	1.00
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>				
White	0.79%	1.85%	1.52%	1.13%
Black	0.71	1.74	1.13	1.02
Hispanic	0.34	0.64	0.72	0.49
Other	0.42	0.47	0.92	0.60

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 15**
**Standard errors for table 10: Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Inmate-on-inmate total	Nonconsensual sexual acts	Abusive sexual contact	Sexual harassment
<b>Number of incidents</b>	36	23	25	40
<b>Victim injured</b>				
No	0.30%	1.24%	0.77%	0.14%
Yes	0.30	1.24	0.77	0.14
Major injury	0.18	0.98	0.04	0.00
Other injury	0.24	0.82	0.76	0.10
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>				
Given medical examination	0.52%	2.11%	1.26%	0.33%
Administered rape kit	0.28	1.51	0.33	0.00
Tested for HIV/AIDS	0.15	0.83	0.32	0.00
Tested for other STDs	0.15	0.84	0.32	0.00
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	0.74	2.02	1.60	0.87
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	0.78	1.46	1.50	1.13
No medical treatment offered/provided	0.82	1.41	1.62	1.11
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>				
Separated from perpetrator	0.77%	1.33%	1.14%	1.15%
Placed in administrative segregation	0.44	1.33	0.74	0.55
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	0.60	1.12	0.73	0.93
Confined to own cell/room	0.38	1.29	0.32	0.50
Transferred to another facility	0.16	0.15	0.04	0.28
Placed in medical unit	0.21	0.89	0.33	0.17
Other	0.36	1.40	0.49	0.38
None of the above	0.66	0.74	0.93	1.02
<b>Custody change/sanction for perpetrator</b>				
Placed in solitary/disciplinary custody	0.82%	1.63%	1.56%	1.11%
Transferred to another cell/unit or separated from victim	0.80	1.67	1.54	1.11
Placed in higher custody level within same facility	0.64	1.99	1.43	0.67
Confined to own cell/room	0.72	2.15	1.68	0.77
Transferred to another facility	0.30	0.63	0.31	0.49
Lost privileges	0.81	1.90	1.55	1.12
Lost good time/acquired bad time	0.14	0.45	0.35	0.16
Referred for counseling/treatment	0.30	0.58	0.28	0.48
Legal action	0.64	1.87	1.31	0.38
Arrested	0.56	1.98	1.07	0.36
Referred for prosecution/indicted	0.46	1.81	0.98	0.22
Convicted/sentenced/fined	0.31	1.39	0.70	0.01
Other	0.56	0.02	0.28	0.95
None of the above	0.21	0.45	0.11	0.33

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 16**

**Standard errors for table 11: Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Inmate-on-inmate total		Nonconsensual sexual acts		Abusive sexual contact		Sexual harassment	
	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	26	26	3	23	10	23	25	31
<b>Victim injured</b>								
No	0.13%	0.63%	0.44%	2.48%	0.15%	1.67%	0.02%	0.28%
Yes	0.13	0.63	0.44	2.48	0.15	1.67	0.02	0.28
Major injury	0.10	0.37	0.48	1.98	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.00
Other injury	0.07	0.50	0.17	1.59	0.14	1.66	0.02	0.20
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>								
Given medical examination	0.46%	0.99%	0.63%	4.03%	0.96%	2.33%	0.39%	0.51%
Administered rape kit	0.12	0.59	0.38	2.94	0.08	0.72	0.00	0.00
Tested for HIV/AIDS	0.06	0.31	0.20	1.52	0.03	0.71	0.00	0.00
Tested for other STDs	0.07	0.31	0.21	1.52	0.04	0.71	0.00	0.00
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	0.75	1.36	0.54	4.00	1.42	2.92	0.97	1.52
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	1.17	1.07	0.61	2.97	1.85	2.61	1.88	1.17
No medical treatment offered/provided	0.56	1.59	0.04	2.92	0.33	3.30	1.10	1.82
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>								
Separated from perpetrator	0.78%	1.41%	0.46%	2.76%	0.41%	2.44%	1.30%	1.97%
Placed in administrative segregation	0.15	0.91	0.19	2.77	0.20	1.60	0.19	1.13
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	0.72	1.03	0.15	2.36	0.31	1.59	1.24	1.47
Confined to own cell/room	0.12	0.79	0.55	2.63	0.06	0.70	0.09	1.04
Transferred to another facility	0.05	0.35	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.05	0.59
Placed in medical unit	0.04	0.44	0.07	1.87	0.07	0.72	0.01	0.36
Other	0.17	0.73	0.02	2.87	0.71	0.75	0.04	0.79
None of the above	0.82	1.09	0.50	1.45	0.19	2.03	1.36	1.58
<b>Custody change/sanction for perpetrator</b>								
Placed in solitary/disciplinary custody	0.63%	1.56%	0.49%	3.37%	1.16%	3.13%	0.80%	2.07%
Transferred to another cell/unit or separated from victim	0.77	1.47	0.33	3.45	1.18	3.15	1.24	1.92
Placed in higher custody level within same facility	0.45	1.27	0.52	3.98	0.69	2.95	0.70	1.18
Confined to own cell/room	0.48	1.41	0.54	4.15	1.83	3.04	0.23	1.57
Transferred to another facility	0.30	0.57	0.21	0.94	0.26	0.52	0.47	0.91
Lost privileges	0.75	1.54	0.35	3.95	1.01	3.04	1.16	2.04
Lost good time/acquired bad time	0.09	0.29	0.07	0.91	0.18	0.72	0.14	0.30
Referred for counseling/treatment	0.14	0.63	0.11	1.12	0.24	0.51	0.18	0.98
Legal action	0.40	1.28	0.45	3.82	0.74	2.75	0.47	0.61
Arrested	0.35	1.11	0.52	4.01	0.69	2.21	0.47	0.57
Referred for prosecution/indicted	0.15	0.97	0.33	3.77	0.26	2.17	0.05	0.46
Convicted/sentenced/fined	0.01	0.65	0.03	2.87	0.02	1.52	0.01	0.02
Other	1.04	0.34	0.01	0.02	0.30	0.51	1.76	0.55
None of the above	0.05	0.44	0.03	0.94	0.06	0.19	0.10	0.69

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 17**

Standard errors for table 12: Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20

Incident characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment
Number of incidents	31	27	20
<b>Location</b>			
Victim's cell/room	1.29%	1.75%	1.10%
Dormitory	0.74	0.46	2.11
Common area	0.69	0.50	1.90
Program/instructional/recreation area	1.14	1.26	2.43
Staff area	0.83	0.74	2.16
Medical area	0.72	0.99	0.51
Other area	1.17	1.30	2.45
<b>Time of day</b>			
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	0.77%	0.81%	1.73%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	1.06	1.21	2.10
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	1.28	1.64	1.84
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	0.84	1.01	1.50
Unknown	1.13	1.25	2.45
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>			
No	1.25%	1.38%	2.47%
Yes	1.19	1.25	2.46
Unknown	0.42	0.48	0.92
<b>Reported by—</b>			
Victim	1.35%	1.69%	2.27%
Another inmate (nonvictim)	0.99	1.15	1.85
Correctional officer/front-line staff	0.87	1.14	1.10
Other facility staff	0.84	1.00	1.58
Investigation/monitoring	0.66	0.92	0.39
Other	0.50	0.68	0.49

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 18**

**Standard errors for table 13: Selected characteristics of substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Incident characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total		Staff sexual misconduct		Staff sexual harassment	
	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	17	26	16	21	10	17
<b>Location</b>						
Victim’s cell/room	1.29%	3.58%	1.70%	5.76%	0.95%	2.53%
Dormitory	0.30	2.99	0.20	2.23	1.02	5.58
Common area	0.51	2.40	0.37	2.06	1.64	4.56
Program/instructional/recreation area	0.76	4.17	0.82	5.68	1.80	6.07
Staff area	0.76	2.53	0.49	3.31	2.66	3.87
Medical area	0.08	2.96	0.11	5.01	0.12	1.44
Other area	0.81	4.17	0.68	6.05	2.50	5.36
<b>Time of day</b>						
Morning (6 a.m.–noon)	0.46%	2.85%	0.42%	3.82%	1.39%	4.23%
Afternoon (noon–6 p.m.)	0.78	3.71	0.92	5.09	1.45	5.42
Evening (6 p.m.–midnight)	1.22	3.80	1.55	5.66	1.45	4.60
Overnight (midnight–6 a.m.)	0.26	3.38	0.35	5.02	0.16	4.20
Unknown	0.90	3.71	0.91	5.12	2.24	5.54
<b>Occurred in area under video surveillance</b>						
No	0.89%	4.51%	0.97%	6.01%	2.17%	5.86%
Yes	0.75	4.43	0.74	5.82	1.93	5.96
Unknown	0.26	1.39	0.34	1.66	0.56	2.36
<b>Reported by—</b>						
Victim	1.18%	4.42%	1.59%	5.98%	1.97%	5.45%
Another inmate (nonvictim)	0.53	3.74	0.28	5.67	1.88	4.06
Correctional officer/front-line staff	0.64	3.02	0.76	5.10	1.38	1.50
Other facility staff	0.48	3.17	0.63	4.55	0.11	4.43
Investigation/monitoring	0.33	2.51	0.51	4.36	0.35	0.69
Other	0.17	2.05	0.24	3.47	0.11	1.38

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 19**

Standard errors for table 14: Demographic characteristics of victims in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20

Demographic characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment
Number of victims	34	27	26
<b>Sex/gender identity</b>			
Male	1.22%	1.22%	2.54%
Female	1.22	1.22	2.58
Transgender/intersex	0.03	0.01	0.14
<b>Age</b>			
24 or younger	0.67%	0.86%	1.06%
25–29	1.02	0.91	2.28
30–34	1.15	1.26	2.31
35–39	1.11	1.39	1.82
40–44	0.79	0.73	1.77
45 or older	0.30	0.27	0.71
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White	1.22%	1.38%	2.00%
Black	1.12	1.36	1.74
Hispanic	0.66	0.92	0.77
Other	0.15	0.09	0.40

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 20**

Standard errors for table 15: Demographic characteristics of perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20

Demographic characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment
Number of perpetrators	13	22	17
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	1.26%	1.57%	2.25%
Female	1.26	1.57	2.25
<b>Age</b>			
24 or younger	0.76%	0.98%	1.11%
25–29	0.76	0.84	1.71
30–34	0.99	1.27	1.69
35–39	0.90	0.88	2.02
40–44	1.09	1.35	1.97
45 or older	1.10	1.28	2.10
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White	1.21%	1.43%	2.21%
Black	1.24	1.45	2.11
Hispanic	0.60	0.83	0.67
Other	0.72	0.95	0.75

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.



**APPENDIX TABLE 21**

Standard errors for table 16: Employment characteristics of perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20

Employment characteristic	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment
<b>Number of incidents</b>	31	27	20
<b>Type of employee</b>			
Full or part-time paid employee	0.91%	1.11%	1.56%
Contract employee or vendor	0.89	1.10	1.50
Other	0.20	0.22	0.43
<b>Position description</b>			
Administrative/clerical staff	0.21%	0.07%	0.67%
Correctional officer/supervision staff	1.25	1.45	2.43
Maintenance/other facility support staff	0.66	0.63	1.66
Medical/health care staff	0.46	0.65	0.30
Program staff	0.86	0.81	2.16
Other staff	1.02	1.42	0.73
<b>Tenure at facility</b>			
Less than 6 months	1.36%	1.69%	2.18%
6 months–1 year	1.00	1.23	1.77
1–5 years	1.19	1.27	2.54
5–10 years	0.60	0.83	0.49
More than 10 years	0.67	0.67	1.57

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 22**

**Standard errors for table 17: Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Staff-on-inmate total	Staff sexual misconduct	Staff sexual harassment
<b>Number of incidents</b>	31	27	20
<b>Victim injured</b>			
No	0.05%	0.07%	0.00%
Yes	0.02	0.03	0.00
Major injury	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other injury	0.02	0.03	0.00
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>			
Given medical examination	0.48%	0.68%	0.59%
Administered rape kit	0.15	0.21	0.00
Tested for HIV/AIDS	0.15	0.22	0.01
Tested for other STDs	0.15	0.22	0.00
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	1.09	1.21	2.35
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	1.29	1.66	1.25
No medical treatment offered/provided	1.30	1.49	2.53
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>			
Separated from perpetrator	1.32%	1.51%	2.47%
Placed in administrative segregation	0.59	0.59	1.44
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	0.22	0.09	0.69
Confined to own cell/room	0.22	0.09	0.70
Transferred to another facility	0.48	0.65	0.50
Placed in medical unit	0.25	0.30	0.49
Other	0.99	1.26	1.46
None of the above	1.34	1.67	2.28
<b>Sanction for perpetrator</b>			
Sent to training/counseling	0.53%	0.30%	1.59%
Reprimanded/disciplined	1.02	0.85	2.46
Demoted/given diminished responsibilities/suspended	0.66	0.66	1.57
Transferred to another facility/unit	0.15	0.05	0.50
Legal action	1.24	1.50	0.41
Arrested	1.27	1.62	0.17
Referred for prosecution/indicted	0.68	0.98	0.22
Convicted/pled guilty/sentenced/fined	0.45	0.64	0.04
Discharged/terminated/contract not renewed	1.25	1.47	2.21
Perpetrator resigned before investigation completed	0.91	1.07	2.08
Perpetrator resigned after investigation completed	0.55	0.37	1.59
Other	0.04	0.04	0.08

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.

**APPENDIX TABLE 23**

**Standard errors for table 18: Outcomes for victims and perpetrators in substantiated incidents of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization, by type of victimization and facility, 2019–20**

Outcome of incident	Staff-on-inmate total		Staff sexual misconduct		Staff sexual harassment	
	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails	Prisons	Jails
<b>Number of incidents</b>	17	26	16	21	10	17
<b>Victim injured</b>						
No	0.01%	0.21%	0.01%	0.42%	0.00%	0.00%
Yes	0.01	0.10	0.01	0.23	0.00	0.00
Major injury	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other injury	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.18	0.00	0.00
<b>Medical treatment/follow-up for victim</b>						
Given medical examination	0.37%	1.10%	0.54%	1.84%	0.48%	1.04%
Administered rape kit	0.02	0.62	0.04	1.12	0.00	0.00
Tested for HIV/AIDS	0.03	0.63	0.05	1.15	0.01	0.00
Tested for other STDs	0.03	0.63	0.04	1.15	0.00	0.00
Provided counseling/mental health treatment	0.76	3.74	0.98	3.52	1.57	6.01
Was offered but declined testing/treatment, or had already been released/discharged	1.16	3.99	1.45	6.17	1.53	2.01
No medical treatment offered/provided	0.96	4.38	0.97	6.31	2.20	6.05
<b>Housing/custody change for victim</b>						
Separated from perpetrator	1.04%	4.48%	1.17%	5.86%	2.20%	5.71%
Placed in administrative segregation	0.32	2.23	0.43	2.24	0.27	4.07
Transferred to another housing unit or given a single cell/room	0.05	0.90	0.07	0.23	0.05	2.00
Confined to own cell/room	0.07	0.88	0.08	0.00	0.21	1.96
Transferred to another facility	0.24	1.86	0.33	3.13	0.13	1.42
Placed in medical unit	0.01	1.07	0.02	1.57	0.00	1.40
Other	0.27	3.88	0.36	5.97	0.04	4.11
None of the above	1.28	3.90	1.56	5.84	2.36	4.64
<b>Sanction for perpetrator</b>						
Sent to training/counseling	0.49%	1.69%	0.02%	1.58%	1.82%	3.29%
Reprimanded/disciplined	0.71	3.67	0.15	4.41	2.18	5.83
Demoted/given diminished responsibilities/suspended	0.28	2.63	0.09	3.46	1.05	4.12
Transferred to another facility/unit	0.03	0.65	0.03	0.18	0.11	1.44
Legal action	1.02	4.10	1.17	6.25	0.33	0.63
Arrested	1.13	3.97	1.37	6.24	0.15	0.28
Referred for prosecution/indicted	0.33	2.65	0.53	4.68	0.19	0.41
Convicted/pled guilty/sentenced/fined	0.07	1.88	0.10	3.33	0.05	0.00
Discharged/terminated/contract not renewed	0.89	4.40	1.03	6.25	1.64	5.59
Perpetrator resigned before investigation completed	0.71	2.86	0.91	2.57	1.48	5.37
Perpetrator resigned after investigation completed	0.30	2.11	0.09	1.91	1.13	4.01
Other	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.14	0.09	0.00

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Survey of Sexual Victimization, 2019–20.



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