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Number and rate (per 1,000 inmates) of allegations and substantiated incidents of sexual violence reported by correctional authorities

By type of correctional facility, United States, 2005 and 2006

	Allegations				Substantiated incidents			
	Number		Rate		Number		Rate	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	6,241	6,528	2.83	2.91	885	967	0.40	0.43
Prisons								
Public-Federal ^a	268	242	1.71	1.50	41	5	0.26	0.03
Public-State	4,341	4,516	3.68	3.75	458	549	0.39	0.46
Private	182	200	1.80	1.91	24	9	0.24	0.09
Local jails								
Public	1,384	1,521	1.86	2.05	336	385	0.45	0.52
Private	22	12	1.33	0.72	13	8	0.78	0.48
Other adult facilities								
Indian country jails ^b	32	29	(c)	(c)	10	7	(c)	(c)
Military-operated	8	3	(c)	(c)	2	2	(c)	(c)
ICE-operated	4	5	(c)	(c)	1	2	(c)	(c)

Note: The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 requires the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics to develop national data collection programs on the incidence and prevalence of sexual violence within correctional facilities. These data are from the 2005 and 2006 administrative records surveys. The survey included all Federal and State prison systems and facilities operated by the U.S. military and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The survey also included representative samples of jail jurisdictions, privately operated adult prisons and jails, and jails in Indian country. The data for jails, privately operated prisons and jails, and jails in Indian country are estimates, as are the overall totals, which are partially comprised of these data. Therefore, these data are subject to sampling variation. Altogether, the administrative survey included facilities housing more than 1.8 million inmates, or 81% of all inmates held in adult facilities in 2006.

The sexual violence measure includes the following four types of incidents. Nonconsensual sexual acts include vaginal, anal, and oral contact. Abusive sexual contacts include intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person, and intent to sexually exploit. Staff misconduct includes any behavior

or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee that involves touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, or breast with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire. Staff sexual harassment involves repeated verbal statements or gestures of a sexual, obscene, profane, or demeaning nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, official visitor, or agency representative. For a more complete discussion of these measures of sexual violence, see the Source, p. 9.

^aFederal numbers for 2006 are not comparable to those for 2005 due to a change in reporting.

^bExcludes facilities housing juveniles only.

^cToo few cases to provide reliable data.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sexual Violence Reported by Correctional Authorities, 2006*, Special Report NCJ 218914 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, August 2007), p. 3, Table 1 and p. 4, Table 3. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.