

**MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF
INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2008**

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	BLACK MALES		BLACK FEMALES		WHITE MALES		WHITE FEMALES		OTHER MALES		OTHER FEMALES		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DANGEROUS DRUGS	2,100	26.5%	140	19.4%	513	12.5%	160	18.6%	75	23.4%	6	31.6%	2,994	21.5%
BURGLARY	1,000	12.6%	35	4.9%	896	21.9%	93	10.8%	35	10.9%	3	15.8%	2,062	14.8%
ASSAULT	811	10.2%	70	9.7%	377	9.2%	31	3.6%	39	12.1%	0	0.0%	1,328	9.5%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	549	6.9%	42	5.8%	351	8.6%	57	6.6%	58	18.1%	2	10.5%	1,059	7.6%
LARCENY	432	5.4%	60	8.3%	290	7.1%	62	7.2%	12	3.7%	0	0.0%	856	6.1%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	251	3.2%	149	20.7%	242	5.9%	178	20.6%	5	1.6%	4	21.1%	829	5.9%
ROBBERY	618	7.8%	19	2.6%	135	3.3%	14	1.6%	10	3.1%	0	0.0%	796	5.7%
STOLEN VEHICLE	293	3.7%	13	1.8%	248	6.1%	38	4.4%	11	3.4%	0	0.0%	603	4.3%
FAMILY OFFENSE	267	3.4%	40	5.5%	178	4.3%	38	4.4%	11	3.4%	1	5.3%	535	3.8%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	162	2.0%	58	8.0%	130	3.2%	84	9.7%	11	3.4%	1	5.3%	446	3.2%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	281	3.5%	18	2.5%	89	2.2%	23	2.7%	6	1.9%	0	0.0%	417	3.0%
WEAPON OFFENSE	315	4.0%	7	1.0%	60	1.5%	5	0.6%	6	1.9%	0	0.0%	393	2.8%
DAMAGED PROPERTY	136	1.7%	7	1.0%	107	2.6%	8	0.9%	10	3.1%	0	0.0%	268	1.9%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	131	1.7%	0	0.0%	115	2.8%	4	0.5%	8	2.5%	0	0.0%	258	1.8%
HOMICIDE	161	2.0%	12	1.7%	53	1.3%	12	1.4%	12	3.7%	0	0.0%	250	1.8%
SEX OFFENSES	86	1.1%	0	0.0%	75	1.8%	3	0.3%	4	1.2%	0	0.0%	168	1.2%
STOLEN PROPERTY	65	0.8%	9	1.2%	62	1.5%	8	0.9%	3	0.9%	0	0.0%	147	1.1%
KIDNAPPING	85	1.1%	1	0.1%	27	0.7%	2	0.2%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	116	0.8%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	43	0.5%	2	0.3%	12	0.3%	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	61	0.4%
ARSON	23	0.3%	2	0.3%	33	0.8%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	60	0.4%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	22	0.3%	10	1.4%	15	0.4%	7	0.8%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	55	0.4%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	20	0.3%	2	0.3%	16	0.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	39	0.3%
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	14	0.2%	3	0.4%	9	0.2%	6	0.7%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	34	0.2%
COMPUTER CRIMES	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	0.5%	7	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	28	0.2%
INVASION	10	0.1%	2	0.3%	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.1%
SMUGGLING	10	0.1%	2	0.3%	4	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.1%
CONSERVATION	6	0.1%	2	0.3%	6	0.1%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17	0.1%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	8	0.1%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	0.1%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	0	0.0%	6	0.8%	0	0.0%	7	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%	14	0.1%
PUBLIC PEACE	3	0.0%	3	0.4%	7	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	0.1%
DRUNKENNESS	8	0.1%	1	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.09%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	5	0.1%	3	0.4%	2	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.1%
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	5.3%	10	0.1%
HABITUAL OFFENDER	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	5	0.04%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.03%
GAMBLING	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.02%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.02%
LICENSE VIOLATION	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.01%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.01%
TAX REVENUE	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.01%
TOTAL	7,928	100.0%	721	100.0%	4,099	100.0%	862	100.0%	321	100.0%	19	100.0%	13,950	100.0%

*Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. Inmates often are committed to SCDC with many offenses, with each carrying a specific sentence, county of commitment, etc. To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. Because of this definitional change, post-2005 MSO data cannot be compared to pre-2005 MSO data.

All percentages rounded.