

**MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF INMATES
ADMITTED FISCAL YEARS 2002 - 2007**

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2002		FY 2003		FY 2004		FY 2005		FY 2006		FY 2007	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
DANGEROUS DRUGS	3,165	24.6%	3,522	25.7%	3,409	25.5%	3,313	25.0%	3,176	23.7%	3,103	22.3%
BURGLARY	1,517	11.8%	1,558	11.4%	1,584	11.8%	1,482	11.2%	1,890	14.1%	1,937	13.9%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	1,182	9.2%	1,218	8.9%	1,234	9.2%	1,297	9.8%	998	7.4%	1,052	7.6%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	989	7.7%	1,052	7.7%	1,056	7.9%	1,122	8.5%	889	6.6%	875	6.3%
ASSAULT	1,017	7.9%	1,045	7.6%	1,054	7.9%	1,113	8.4%	1,270	9.5%	1,321	9.5%
LARCENY	958	7.5%	1,052	7.7%	936	7.0%	972	7.3%	721	5.4%	853	6.1%
STOLEN VEHICLE	648	5.0%	783	5.7%	712	5.3%	741	5.6%	586	4.4%	640	4.6%
ROBBERY	744	5.8%	731	5.3%	678	5.1%	628	4.7%	771	5.8%	757	5.4%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	502	3.9%	579	4.2%	577	4.3%	584	4.4%	480	3.6%	489	3.5%
FAMILY OFFENSE	407	3.2%	465	3.4%	469	3.5%	413	3.1%	558	4.2%	558	4.0%
WEAPON OFFENSE	236	1.8%	258	1.9%	242	1.8%	248	1.9%	384	2.9%	411	3.0%
HOMICIDE	256	2.0%	238	1.7%	219	1.6%	232	1.8%	231	1.7%	234	1.7%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	196	1.5%	228	1.7%	215	1.6%	227	1.7%	269	2.0%	293	2.1%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	169	1.3%	172	1.3%	183	1.4%	152	1.1%	404	3.0%	441	3.2%
STOLEN PROPERTY	121	0.9%	134	1.0%	130	1.0%	125	0.9%	109	0.8%	155	1.1%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	114	0.9%	93	0.7%	118	0.9%	99	0.7%	88	0.7%	73	0.5%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	90	0.7%	76	0.6%	80	0.6%	91	0.7%	59	0.4%	52	0.4%
SEX OFFENSES	71	0.6%	64	0.5%	59	0.4%	54	0.4%	118	0.9%	137	1.0%
ARSON	57	0.4%	55	0.4%	59	0.4%	52	0.4%	54	0.4%	59	0.4%
PUBLIC PEACE	40	0.3%	27	0.2%	26	0.2%	39	0.3%	23	0.2%	14	0.1%
KIDNAPPING	44	0.3%	58	0.4%	61	0.5%	32	0.2%	96	0.7%	120	0.9%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	33	0.3%	36	0.3%	27	0.2%	29	0.2%	57	0.4%	48	0.3%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	21	0.2%	15	0.1%	18	0.1%	26	0.2%	15	0.1%	19	0.1%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	61	0.5%	47	0.3%	37	0.3%	24	0.2%	19	0.1%	14	0.1%
MISCELLANEOUS	14	0.1%	19	0.1%	24	0.2%	23	0.2%	22	0.2%	26	0.2%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	35	0.3%	39	0.3%	43	0.3%	21	0.2%	47	0.4%	50	0.4%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	61	0.5%	23	0.2%	22	0.2%	18	0.1%	7	0.1%	11	0.1%
CONSERVATION	4	0.0%	9	0.1%	12	0.1%	13	0.1%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%
GAMBLING	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	8	0.1%	12	0.1%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%
DRUNKENESS	17	0.1%	15	0.1%	2	0.0%	9	0.1%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	12	0.1%	18	0.1%	16	0.1%	9	0.1%	4	0.0%	6	0.0%
SMUGGLING	7	0.1%	14	0.1%	7	0.1%	8	0.1%	14	0.1%	20	0.1%
EMBEZZLEMENT	2	0.0%	6	0.0%	10	0.1%	8	0.1%	9	0.1%	6	0.0%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	23	0.2%	22	0.2%	16	0.1%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%	15	0.1%
HABITUAL OFFENDER	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	0.0%
LIQUOR	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	5	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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OBSCENE MATERIAL	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	6	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
EXTORTION	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
TAX REVENUE	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMPUTER CRIMES**	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	90	0.6%
LICENSE VIOLATION	4	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
BRIBERY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
MULTIPLE OFFENSE**	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	8	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	2	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.0%
HEALTH AND SAFETY	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PROPERTY CRIME	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
VAGRANCY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	12,841	100%	13,700	100%	13,373	100%	13,234	100%	13,397	100%	13,906	100%

* 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. While the new methodology better represents offense severity, the definitional revision invalidates year to year comparisons and trend analysis of MSO distributions.

**New Crime categories added FY 1996.

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.