MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF INMATES
ADMITTED FISCAL YEARS 2014 - 2018

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2014 #	FY 2014 %	FY 2015 #	FY 2015 %	FY 2016 #	FY 2016 %	FY 2017 #	FY 2017 %	FY 2018 #	FY 2018 %
DANGEROUS DRUGS	1,788	19.6%	1,715	19.8%	1,852	21.1%	1,795	21.5%	1,735	22.9%
BURGLARY	1,503	16.5%	1,352	15.6%	1,340	15.2%	1,152	13.8%	1,109	14.6%
LARCENY	784	8.6%	836	9.7%	758	8.6%	749	9.0%	589	7.8%
ASSAULT	800	8.8%	732	8.5%	737	8.4%	665	8.0%	673	8.9%
FAMILY OFFENSE	463	5.1%	479	5.5%	551	6.3%	592	7.1%	574	7.6%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	627	6.9%	559	6.5%	518	5.9%	505	6.0%	365	4.8%
ROBBERY	559	6.1%	519	6.0%	523	5.9%	525	6.3%	440	5.8%
WEAPON OFFENSE	311	3.4%	309	3.6%	322	3.7%	308	3.7%	287	3.8%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	338	3.7%	335	3.9%	316	3.6%	286	3.4%	201	2.7%
HOMICIDE	292	3.2%	270	3.1%	259	2.9%	260	3.1%	277	3.7%
STOLEN VEHICLE	222	2.4%	227	2.6%	282	3.2%	282	3.4%	264	3.5%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	198	2.2%	196	2.3%	181	2.1%	250	3.0%	234	3.1%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	243	2.7%	211	2.4%	219	2.5%	188	2.2%	150	2.0%
SEX OFFENSES	225	2.5%	231	2.7%	234	2.7%	143	1.7%	140	1.8%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	202	2.2%	196	2.3%	200	2.3%	159	1.9%	144	1.9%
KIDNAPPING	100	1.1%	76	0.9%	88	1.0%	101	1.2%	87	1.1%
STOLEN PROPERTY	99	1.1%	111	1.3%	91	1.0%	79	0.9%	60	0.8%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	64	0.7%	61	0.7%	45	0.5%	46	0.6%	27	0.4%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	48	0.5%	27	0.3%	42	0.5%	51	0.6%	24	0.3%
ARSON	35	0.4%	32	0.4%	43	0.5%	30	0.4%	29	0.4%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	41	0.4%	33	0.4%	33	0.4%	21	0.3%	28	0.4%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	29	0.3%	20	0.2%	24	0.3%	34	0.4%	31	0.4%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	30	0.3%	26	0.3%	35	0.4%	31	0.4%	12	0.2%
SMUGGLING	16	0.2%	17	0.2%	26	0.3%	24	0.3%	20	0.3%
PROPERTY CRIME	16	0.2%	10	0.1%	16	0.2%	21	0.3%	10	0.1%
PUBLIC PEACE	21	0.2%	12	0.1%	15	0.2%	13	0.2%	9	0.1%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	9	0.1%	6	0.1%	15	0.2%	12	0.1%	15	0.2%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	17	0.2%	10	0.1%	9	0.1%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	10	0.1%	15	0.2%	3	0.0%	5	0.1%	11	0.1%
CONSERVATION	10	0.1%	10	0.1%	5	0.1%	8	0.1%	5	0.1%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	8	0.1%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	4	0.0%	8	0.1%
DRUNKENNESS	8	0.1%	5	0.1%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	6	0.1%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
EXTORTION	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.0%
HABITUAL OFFENDER	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
GAMBLING	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMPUTER CRIMES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
LICENSE VIOLATION	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
LIQUOR	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
BRIBERY	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
GANG OFFENSES	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TATTOOING	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TAX REVENUE	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ABORTION	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ANTI TRUST	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
BLUE LAWS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CIVIL RIGHTS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COSMETIC ADULTERATED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ELECTION LAWS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
KEEP CHILD FROM SCHOOL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MORAL DECENCY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
MULTIPLE OFFENSES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
NOT REMOVE CONTAINER	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
PUBLIC ORDER	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SLANDER/LIBEL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
SPYING/TREASON	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%
TOTAL	9,136	100%	8,656	100%	8,798	100%	8,357	100%	7,577	100%

* Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each fiscal year. 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.

Note: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.