

South Carolina Department of Corrections
Profile of Inmates in Institutional Count
(Including Inmates on Authorized Absence) as of June 30, 2008

Characteristics	Male Population		Female Population		Total Population	
TOTAL Inmates Population	22,856		1,744		24,600	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Current Age						
Average Current Age	34.8		35.9		34.9	
21 & Under	1,980	9%	80	5%	2,060	8%
22-25	3,315	15%	193	11%	3,508	14%
26-35	7,826	34%	612	35%	8,438	34%
36-55	8,714	39%	816	47%	9,530	39%
56 and Over	1,021	4%	43	2%	1,064	4%
Average Age at Admission	30.7		33.3		30.9	
Race						
Black	15,349	67%	792	45%	16,141	66%
White	7,045	31%	927	53%	7,972	32%
Other	462	2%	25	1%	487	2%
Marital Status (Self-reported)						
Single	14,279	62%	811	47%	15,090	61%
Married	6,601	29%	674	39%	7,275	30%
Divorced	1,732	8%	190	11%	1,922	8%
Widowed	244	1%	69	4%	313	1%
Sentencing Data/Criminal History						
Admission Type:						
New	17,414	76%	1,457	84%	18,871	77%
Revocator	4,977	22%	282	16%	5,259	21%
Other	465	2%	5	0.3%	470	2%
With Current Violent Offense	12,064	53%	544	31%	12,608	51%
With Prior Criminal History	15,378	67%	938	54%	16,316	66%
With Prior Commitments	10,241	45%	534	31%	10,775	44%
Average Sentence Length in Years ¹	12.0		7.2		11.6	
Average Time to Serve before Maxout ²	5.2		3.0		5.0	
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	975	4%	210	12%	1,185	5%
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)	2,860	13%	104	6%	2,964	12%
With Life Sentence	1,973	9%	83	5%	2,056	8%
With YOA Sentence	1,503	7%	49	3%	1,552	6%
On Death Row	56	0.2%	0	0%	56	0%
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	10,178	45%	504	29%	10,682	43%
TIS Sentences	9,829	43%	499	29%	10,328	42%
Special Needs						
With Children ³	14,349	63%	1,365	78%	15,714	64%
With Convicted Disciplinary in Last 12 Months	7,989	35%	352	20%	8,341	34%
With Victim Witness Indicator	11,166	49%	651	37%	11,817	48%
Sex Registry	3,515	15%	46	3%	3,561	14%
Required DNA Testing	22,179	97%	1,567	90%	23,746	97%
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS ⁴	10,066	44%	958	55%	11,024	45%
Education/Work						
Beta IQ Score Less Than/Equal to 70	2,321	10%	115	7%	2,436	10%
Average (Latest) Reading Score	9.5		8.4		8.5	
Reading Score is <12th Grade	17,194	75%	1,087	62%	18,281	74%
Reading Score is <9th Grade	12,103	53%	692	40%	12,795	52%
Average Education Level at Intake	10.5		10.7		10.5	
Without HS/GED	13,504	59%	890	51%	14,394	59%

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Leading Most Serious Offense⁵						
	Dang. Drugs	18%	Dang. Drugs	16%	Dang. Drugs	18%
	Burglary	16%	Homicide	12%	Burglary	16%
	Homicide	13%	Fraud	11%	Homicide	13%
	Robbery	13%	Burglary	11%	Robbery	12%
	Assault	9%	Forgery	7%	Assault	9%
Top Five Committing Counties						
	Richland	9%	Greenville	12%	Greenville	10%
	Greenville	9%	Spartanburg	10%	Richland	9%
	Charleston	8%	Richland	9%	Charleston	8%
	Spartanburg	8%	York	6%	Spartanburg	8%
	York	6%	Horry	6%	York	6%
Medical/Mental Health Classification						
Medical Classification:						
No Medical Problem/No Work Restriction	9,192	40%	217	12%	9,409	38%
Has Medical Problem/No Work Restriction	7,972	35%	751	43%	8,723	35%
Has Medical Problem/Work Restriction	5,127	22%	725	42%	5,852	24%
Severe Medical Problem/Work Restriction	151	1%	2	0%	153	1%
Not Available/Unknown	414	1.8%	49	2.8%	463	1.9%
Mental Health Classification:						
No Mental Health Problem	20,349	89%	1,168	67%	21,517	87%
Mentally Retarded	17	0.1%	4	0.2%	21	0.1%
Mentally Ill	2,055	9%	521	30%	2,576	10%
Not Available/Unknown	435	1.9%	51	2.9%	486	2.0%

¹ Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOA's

² Include inmates to be released to Community Supervision under Truth-in-Sentencing, excludes Lifers, Death-Row and YOA's

³ Based on inmate self-reported information at intake

⁴ Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) stopped being used in January 1997. Currently Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Screen (TCUDDS) is used.

⁵ 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.