

South Carolina Department of Corrections Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2017 - FY 2019			
	Year of Release		
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>9,305</b>	<b>8,585</b>	<b>7,519</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release		
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Within One Year or Less	5.0%	5.7%	5.8%
Within Two Years or Less	13.8%	14.8%	12.1%
Within Three Years or Less	20.2%	19.4%	17.8%
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes			
Attributes	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Overall Rate	20.2%	19.4%	17.8%
<b>Gender</b>			
Males	21.1%	20.1%	18.9%
Females	13.6%	14.3%	10.2%
<b>Type of Release</b>			
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.4%	15.2%	13.6%
Parole	19.5%	18.5%	16.6%
Probation	27.0%	29.7%	24.1%
Community Supervision	10.2%	8.9%	9.5%
Supervised Reentry	22.0%	19.4%	18.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	36.1%	32.8%	25.2%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	17.9%	16.7%	15.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	28.5%	28.1%	35.0%
<b>Age at Release</b>			
Under 25 Years	27.7%	27.1%	27.5%
25-30 Years	20.7%	19.8%	17.2%
31-40 Years	20.2%	18.8%	17.5%
Over 40 Years	15.7%	15.8%	13.5%
<b>Program Participation</b>			
Pre-Release	19.4%	17.4%	14.3%
Work Program	19.1%	15.8%	14.6%
Labor Crew	19.2%	16.8%	15.3%
Labor Crew/Work Program	19.2%	16.8%	15.4%
Prison Industry	11.7%	10.4%	9.1%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	15.3%	12.8%	13.4%
<b>Sentence Type</b>			
Youthful Offender Act*	29.4%	27.2%	30.2%
Straight-time	19.3%	18.6%	16.4%
<b>Criminal History</b>			
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	22.9%	22.0%	19.6%
Had Commitment	23.7%	22.1%	19.9%
No Known Priors	16.1%	15.7%	15.3%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>			
Mentally Ill	20.6%	20.3%	18.7%
Non-Mentally Ill	20.1%	19.2%	17.5%

\* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years. "Intensive Supervision Parole" releases began in FY13; this parole program includes "first time" youthful offenders who undergo intensive programs/oversight while institutionalized and while on parole supervision.

South Carolina Department of Corrections Profile of Inmates in Institutional Count (Including Inmates on Authorized Absence) as of June 30, 2022			
Characteristics	Male Population	Female Population	Total Population
<b>TOTAL Inmates Population</b>	<b>14,859</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>15,985</b>
<b>Current Age</b>			
Average Current Age	40.8	39.5	40.7
21 & Under	364 (2%)	18 (2%)	382 (2%)
22-25	1,053 (7%)	72 (6%)	1,125 (7%)
26-35	4,447 (30%)	373 (33%)	4,820 (30%)
36-55	6,812 (46%)	542 (48%)	7,354 (46%)
56 and Over	2,183 (15%)	121 (11%)	2,304 (14%)
Average Age at Admission	32.9	34.7	33.0
<b>Race</b>			
Black	9,020 (61%)	305 (27%)	9,325 (58%)
White	5,384 (36%)	791 (70%)	6,175 (39%)
Other	455 (3%)	30 (3%)	485 (3%)
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Aliens	336 (2%)	10 (1%)	346 (2%)
Citizens	14,471 (97%)	1,086 (96%)	15,557 (97%)
<b>Sentencing Data/Criminal History</b>			
<b>Admission Type:</b>			
New	12,386 (83%)	984 (87%)	13,370 (84%)
Revocator	2,307 (16%)	139 (12%)	2,446 (15%)
Other	166 (1%)	3 (0%)	169 (1%)
With Current Violent Offense	11,509 (77%)	656 (58%)	12,165 (76%)
With Prior Criminal History	8,435 (57%)	396 (35%)	8,831 (55%)
With Prior Commitments	5,433 (37%)	181 (16%)	5,614 (35%)
Average Sentence Length in Years 1	16.7	11.8	16.3
Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2	7.0	5.0	6.8
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	245 (2%)	49 (4%)	294 (2%)
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)	3,504 (24%)	172 (15%)	3,676 (23%)
With Life Sentence	1,895 (13%)	71 (6%)	1,966 (12%)
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	295 (2%)	31 (3%)	326 (2%)
On Death Row	35 (0%)	0 (0%)	35 (0%)
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	9,996 (67%)	578 (51%)	10,574 (66%)
TIS Sentences	9,749 (66%)	576 (51%)	10,325 (65%)
<b>Special Needs</b>			
With Children 3	9,834 (66%)	848 (75%)	10,682 (67%)
With Convicted Disciplinary in Last 12 Months	4,051 (27%)	296 (26%)	4,347 (27%)
With Victim Witness Indicator	10,639 (72%)	642 (57%)	11,281 (71%)
Sex Registry	2,755 (19%)	37 (3%)	2,792 (17%)
Required DNA Testing	14,710 (99%)	1,092 (97%)	15,802 (99%)
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4	4,452 (30%)	496 (44%)	4,948 (31%)
<b>Education/Work</b>			
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6	10.7	10.6
Without HS/GED	8,136 (55%)	615 (55%)	8,751 (55%)
<b>Leading Most Serious Offense 5</b>			
Homicide	26%	Dang. Drugs	28%
Dang. Drugs	16%	Homicide	26%
Robbery	11%	Traffic Offense	6%
Burglary	11%	Robbery	5%
Sexual Assault	10%	Burglary	5%
Assault	10%	Assault	10%
<b>Top Five Committing Counties</b>			
Greenville	10%	Greenville	12%
Spartanburg	9%	Spartanburg	11%
Richland	7%	York	7%
Charleston	7%	Horry	6%
Horry	6%	Lexington	5%
<b>Mental Health Classification</b>			
No Mental Health Problem	10,531 (71%)	277 (25%)	10,808 (68%)
Developmentally Disabled	10 (0%)	0 (0%)	10 (0%)
Mentally Ill	4,179 (28%)	820 (73%)	4,999 (31%)
Classification Pending	139 (1%)	29 (3%)	168 (1%)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOAs

<sup>2</sup> Include inmates to be released to Community Supervision under Truth-in-Sentencing, excludes Lifers, Death-Row and YOAs

<sup>3</sup> Based on inmate self-reported information at intake

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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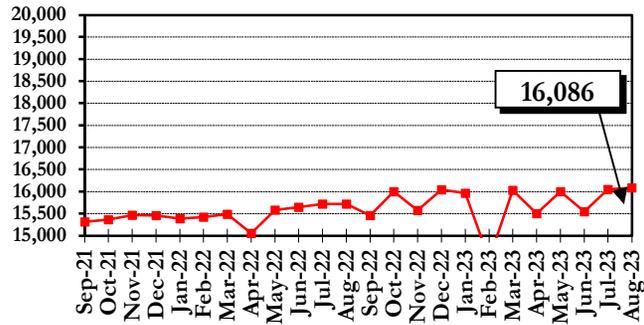
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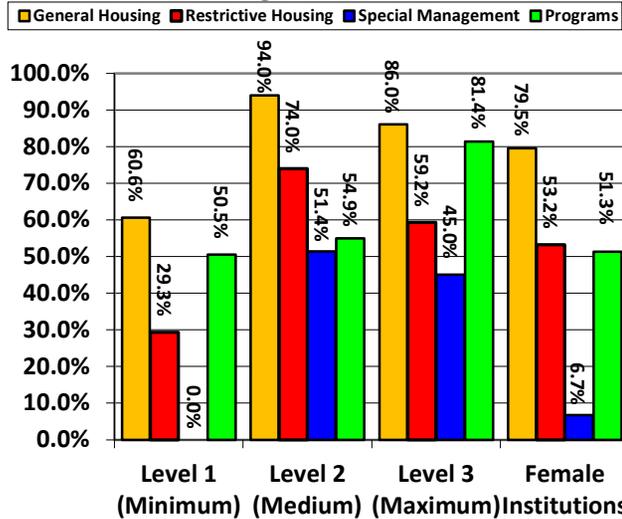
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### SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month September 2021 – August 2023



### Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type August 15, 2023



Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other <sup>1</sup>	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year
2014	21,712	603	22,315	-365	-1.6%
2015	21,183	590	21,773	-542	-2.4%
2016	20,671	623	21,294	-479	-2.2%
2017	20,483	652	21,135	-159	-0.7%
2018	19,559	686	20,245	-890	-4.2%
2019	18,743	673	19,416	-829	-4.1%
2020	18,171	664	18,835	-581	-3.0%
2021	15,807	594	16,401	-2,434	-12.9%
2022	15,437	533	15,970	-431	-2.6%

<sup>1</sup> Other Placements = Special Placements + Designated Facilities

### Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2020 – 2022

ADMISSIONS	FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>78.8%</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>83.1%</b>
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	342	5.8%	184	4.7%	234	4.2%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	4,458	75.7%	2,868	73.6%	4,353	78.4%
Other Jurisdiction	34	0.6%	19	0.5%	29	0.5%
<b>PROBATION REVOCATIONS***</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
<b>PAROLE REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	25	0.4%	38	1.0%	47	0.8%
NON-YOA	222	3.8%	153	3.9%	194	3.5%
ISS REVOCATIONS	171	2.9%	178	4.6%	127	2.3%
<b>SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
SF/EPA REVOCATIONS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
RE-SENTENCED	9	0.2%	6	0.2%	12	0.2%
DEATH ROW	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER **	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>100.10%</b>

All percentages rounded where possible.  
 \*The Youthful Offender Act provides for indeterminate sentences of 1-6 years for offenders aged 17-25.  
 \*\* These inmates include appeal bond denied, ICC, and other state inmates.  
 \*\*\* Death Row admissions figures represent placements to death row, includes new admissions, resentenced and returned inmates.  
 \*\*\*\* Includes only those inmates released to probation from SCDC.

### Most Serious Offense of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2020 - 2022

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
DANGEROUS DRUGS	25.1%	23.3%	26.1%
BURGLARY	12.6%	14.3%	11.3%
ASSAULT	7.6%	9.5%	8.7%
FAMILY OFFENSE	9.2%	9.9%	8.6%
LARCENY	7.8%	6.4%	6.4%
ROBBERY	5.1%	5.7%	4.7%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	4.4%	4.2%	5.1%
ALL OTHERS	28.2%	26.7%	28.9%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>5,553</b>

### Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2020 – 2022

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>Average Sentence Length</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 8 Mos.</b>	<b>5 Yrs. 1 Mos.</b>	<b>5 Yrs. 5 Mos.</b>

\* This average does not include inmates with life, death, YOA sentences and inmates released on paid fine, remanded appeal, court order, pardon, resentenced, or death.

### Time Served by SCDC Inmates Released Fiscal Years 2020 – 2022

TIME SERVED	FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 Months or Less	300	4.0%	160	2.8%	242	4.7%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	733	9.8%	377	6.6%	487	9.5%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	924	12.4%	537	9.4%	585	11.5%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	831	11.2%	547	9.6%	507	9.9%
1 Year 1 Day-5 Years	3,573	48.0%	2,994	52.5%	2,182	42.7%
5 Years 1 Day-10 Years	588	7.9%	568	10.0%	577	11.3%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	252	3.4%	279	4.9%	271	5.3%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	125	1.7%	103	1.8%	130	2.5%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	60	0.8%	59	1.0%	52	1.0%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	24	0.3%	35	0.6%	42	0.8%
Over 30 Years	35	0.5%	47	0.8%	31	0.6%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,706</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Average Time Served	2 Years 8 Months	3 Years 3 Months	3 Years 7 Months
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This average does not include inmates with life, death, YOA sentences and inmates released on paid fine, remanded appeal, court order, pardon, resentenced, or death.

### Releases from SCDC by Type Fiscal Years 2020 – 2022

RELEASES	FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME	2,778	37.3%	1,774	31.1%	1,689	33.1%
MAXOUT - YOA	83	1.1%	46	0.8%	77	1.5%
PLACED ON PROBATION	1,416	19.0%	965	16.9%	919	18.0%
PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES*	455	6.1%	281	4.9%	307	6.0%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	133	1.8%	49	0.9%	60	1.2%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	931	12.5%	808	14.2%	318	6.2%
RE-SENTENCED	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	900	12.1%	922	16.2%	936	18.3%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	636	8.5%	720	12.6%	685	13.4%
DEATH	82	1.1%	123	2.2%	92	1.8%
DEATH-EXECUTED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RELEASED TO EPA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ****	31	0.4%	17	0.3%	22	0.4%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,706</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,106</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Intensive Supervision Administrative Release Authority (ISARA) assumed YOA Parole Board duties on February 1, 2013.  
 \*\* The Youthful Offender Act provides for indeterminate sentences of 1 - 6 years for offenders aged 17 - 25.  
 \*\*\* Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services.  
 \*\*\*\* These releases include court ordered, paid fine, appeal bond, pardon, remanded to county and released on furlough.

Fiscal Year	Based on State Funds Spent		Based on All Funds Spent***	
	Annual Cost Per Inmate	Daily Cost Per Inmate	Annual Cost Per Inmate	Daily Cost Per Inmate
2018	\$21,756	\$59.61	\$23,712	\$64.96
2019	\$23,673	\$64.86	\$25,836	\$70.78
2020	\$24,510	\$66.97	\$26,627	\$72.75
2021	\$27,883	\$76.39	\$30,187	\$82.70
2022	\$30,044	\$82.31	\$32,247	\$88.35

\* Calculation of the SCDC per inmate costs is based on the average number of inmates in SCDC facilities and a small number of authorized absences and does not include state inmates held in designated facilities, institutional diversionary programs, or other non-SCDC locations.