South Carolina Department of Corrections								
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2019 - FY 2021								
		ar of Relea	ise					
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021					
Total Number of Releases	7,519	7,445	5,706					
Develope of Delegacy who Detromed to	Recidivi	sm Rate by	Year of					
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	FY 2019	Release FY 2020	FY 2021					
Within One Year or Less	5.8%	3.5%	4.3%					
Within Two Years or Less	12.1%	10.5%	12.3%					
Within Three Years or Less	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%					
Within Four Years or Less	23.2%	22.4%	n/a					
Within Five Years or Less	26.6%	n/a	n/a					
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates	•							
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Attributes Overall Pate	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021					
Overall Rate	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%					
Gender	10.00/	10.40/	10.70/					
Males	18.9%	18.4%	19.7%					
Females	10.2%	9.2%	13.3%					
Type of Release	10.001	12.201						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	13.6%	13.2%	15.6%					
Parole	16.6%	17.0%	19.2%					
Probation	24.1%	24.7%	29.2%					
Community Supervision	9.5%	8.6%	8.4%					
Supervised Reentry	18.1%	15.0%	18.2%					
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	25.2%	24.7%	38.8%					
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	15.1%	18.5%	20.5%					
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	35.0%	35.0%	38.1%					
Age at Release								
Under 25 Years	27.5%	28.5%	33.3%					
25-30 Years	17.2%	18.3%	21.4%					
31-40 Years	17.5%	15.0%	18.0%					
Over 40 Years	13.5%	13.8%	13.7%					
Program Participation								
Pre-Release	14.3%	13.4%	19.3%					
Work Program	14.6%	14.8%	14.9%					
Labor Crew	15.3%	13.5%	16.7%					
Labor Crew/Work Program	15.4%	13.5%	16.6%					
Prison Industry	9.1%	10.3%	7.3%					
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	13.4%	15.3%	9.7%					
Sentence Type								
Youthful Offender Act*	30.2%	31.4%	35.9%					
Straight-time	16.4%	15.7%	17.7%					
Mental Health Classification at time of release								
Mentally III	18.7%	17.6%	19.8%					
Non-Mentally III	17.5%	17.0%	18.7%					

[&]quot;Youthful Offender Act (YOA) immates 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.

Characteristics	Male Population		Female Pop	Female Population		Total Population	
TOTAL Inmates Population	15,19	15,198		1,328		26	
Current Age							
Average Current Age	41.5	5	40.1		41.4		
21 & Under	357	(2%)	17	(2%)	374	(2%)	
22-25	1,006	(7%)	77	(6%)	1,083	(7%)	
26-35	4,255	(30%)	424	(33%)	4,679	(30%)	
36-55	7,214	(46%)	669	(48%)	7,883	(46%)	
56 and Over	2,365			(11%)		(14%)	
Average Age at Admission	33.7	7	35.8	3	33.8	;	
Race							
Black		(61%)		(27%)		(58%)	
White		(36%)		(70%)		(39%)	
Other	460	(3%)	38	(3%)	498	(3%)	
Citizens hip							
Aliens		(2%)		(1%)		(2%)	
Citizens	14,879	(97%)	1,315	(96%)	16,194	(97%)	
Sentencing Data/Criminal History							
Admission Type:							
New		(85%)		(93%)	14,096		
Revocator		(14%)		(7%)		(13%)	
Other		(1%)		(0%)		(1%)	
With Current Violent Offense		(77%)		(58%)	12,407		
With Prior Criminal History		(52%)		(32%)		(51%)	
With Prior Commitments		(20%)		(6%)		(19%	
Average Sentence Length in Years 1	16.5		11.4		16.0		
Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2	6.9			5.0			
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)		(1%)		(5%)		(2%)	
Sentences More than 20 years (excl.lifers)		(23%)		(14%)		(23%)	
With Life Sentence		(13%)		(5%)		(12%)	
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence		(2%)		(1%)		(2%)	
On Death Row		(0%)		(0%)	10,818	(0%)	
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)		(67%)		. /		-	
TIS Sentences Special Needs	9,8/4	(65%)	081	(51%)	10,555	(64%)	
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With Children 3		(67%)		(80%)	11,247		
With Convicted Disciplinaries in Last 12 Months		(38%)		(26%)	6,111		
With Victim Witness Indicator Sex Registry		(73%) (18%)		(56%)	11,910	(16%)	
Required DNA Testing		(99%)		(97%)	16,354		
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4		(29%)		(43%)		(30%)	
Education/Work	4,303	(2970)	3/1	(4370)	4,530	(3070	
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6		10.8	,	10.6		
Without HS/GED		(62%)		(67%)	10.6		
Leading Most Serious Offense 5	7,550	(0270)	0,4	(0770)	10,230	(0270	
Leading Most Scribus Offcise 5	Homicide	279/	Drug Offense	2.49/	Homicide	21	
	Drug Offense		Homicide		Drug Offenser	21	
	Robbery		Traffic Offen		Robbery	- 21	
	Burglary		Robbery	6%			
	Sexual	270		376	Sexual		
	Assault	9%	Burglary	6%	Assault		
Top Five Committing Counties							
	Greenville		Greenville		Greenville	10	
	Spartanburg		Spartanburg		Spartanburg	9	
	Richland		York		Richland	- 7	
	Charleston		Horry		Charleston	7	
	Horry	6%	Lexington	6%	Horry	(
Mental Health Classification							
No Mental Health Problem	10,467	(69%)	383	(29%)	10,850		
Developmentally Disabled	6	(0%)	0	(0%)	6	(0%)	
Mentally III	4,647	(31%)	919	(69%)		(34%)	
Classification Pending	78	(1%)	26	(2%)	104	(1%)	

¹ Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOA's

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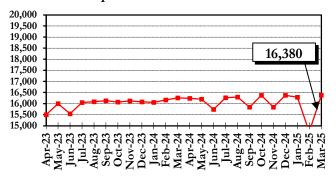
² Include inmates to be released to Community Supervision under Truth-in-Sentencing, excludes Lifers, Death-Row and YOA's

³ Based on inmate self-reported information at intake

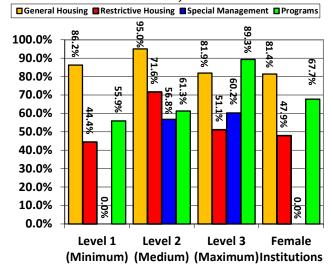
⁴ Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) stopped being used in January 1997. Currently Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Screen (TCUDDS) is used.

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 NOTE: Percentages may not add up due to rounding.

SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month April 2023 – March 2025



Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type March 15, 2024



	Average Daily Inmate Population per Year Fiscal Year 2016 - 2024							
Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other ¹	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year			
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%			
2023	15,976	563	16,539	569	3.6%			
2024	16,142	582	16,724	185	1.1%			
1 Other Pla	Other Placements = Special Placements + Designated Facilities							

Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2022 – 2024

	FY	2022	FY	2023	FY 2024	
ADMISSIONS	#	%	#	%	#	%
NEW ADMISSIONS FROM						
COURT	4,616	83.1%	4,970	86.5%	4,938	87.0%
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	234	4.2%	246	4.3%	254	4.5%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	4,353	78.4%	4,693	81.7%	4,659	82.1%
Other Jurisdictiction	29	0.5%	31	0.5%	25	0.4%
PROBATION						
REVOCATIONS***	451	8.1%	432	7.5%	428	7.5%
PAROLE REVOCATIONS	241	4.4%	184	3.2%	114	2.0%
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	47	0.8%	40	0.7%	17	0.3%
NON-YOA	194	3.5%	144	2.5%	97	1.7%
ISS REVOCATIONS	127	2.3%	67	1.2%	71	1.3%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY						
REVOCATIONS	30	0.5%	20	0.3%	29	0.5%
SF/EPA REVOCATIONS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPV.						
REVOCATIONS	75	1.4%	64	1.1%	93	1.6%
RE-SENTENCED	12	0.2%	4	0.1%	2	0.0%
DEATH ROW	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER **	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	5,553	100.00%	5,743	100.00%	5,675	100.00%

All percentages rounded where possible

Most Serious Offense of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2022 - 2024

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
DRUG OFFENSES	26.1%	28.6%	28.3%
BURGLARY	11.3%	10.1%	10.4%
ASSAULT	8.7%	9.8%	9.6%
FAMILY OFFENSE	8.6%	9.1%	9.0%
LARCENY	6.4%	5.7%	6.1%
ROBBERY	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	5.1%	4.3%	4.6%
ALL OTHERS	28.9%	27.7%	27.7%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	5,553	5,743	5,675

Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2022 – 2024

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Average Sentence Length	5 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	5 Yrs.
	5 Mos.	4 Mos.	6 Mos.

^{*} 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 2022 – 2024

TIME SERVED	FY 2	FY 2022 FY 2023		2023	FY 2	2024
TIME SERVED	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 Months or Less	242	4.2%	194	3.4%	179	3.5%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	487	8.5%	559	9.8%	494	9.5%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	585	10.2%	669	11.7%	599	11.6%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	507	8.8%	589	10.3%	490	9.4%
1 Year 1 Day-2 Years	2,182	38.1%	1,523	26.6%	1,433	27.6%
5 Years 1 Day-6 Years	577	10.1%	190	3.3%	157	3.0%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	271	4.7%	271	4.7%	231	4.5%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	130	2.3%	121	2.1%	108	2.1%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	52	0.9%	64	1.1%	43	0.8%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	42	0.7%	47	0.8%	47	0.9%
Over 30 Years	31	0.5%	25	0.4%	25	0.5%
TOTAL RELEASES	5,106	100.0%	5,731	100.0%	5,186	100.0%
Average Time Served	3 Years 7	rs 7 Months 3 Years 4 Months 3 Years 2 Mon		3 Years 4 Months 3 Y		2 Months

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 2022 – 2024

	FY 2022		FY 2	2023	FY 2	2024
RELEASES	#	%	#	%	#	%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/		31.1%				
LESS GOOD TIME	1,689		2,169	37.8%	2,006	38.7%
MAXOUT - YOA	77	1.5%	42	0.7%	70	1.3%
PLACED ON PROBATION PAROLED TO INTENSIVE	919	18.0%	1,111	19.4%	969	18.7%
SUPERVISION SERVICES*	307	6.0%	237	4.1%	211	4.1%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	60	1.2%	66	1.2%	78	1.5%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	318	6.2%	187	3.3%	132	2.5%
RE-SENTENCED	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	936	18.3%	1,048	18.3%	853	16.4%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	685	13.4%	754	13.2%	755	14.6%
DEATH	92	1.8%	88	1.5%	90	1.7%
DEATH-EXECUTED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RELEASED TO EPA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ****	22	0.4%	27	0.5%	21	0.4%
TOTAL RELEASES	5,106	100.0%	5,731	100.0%	5,186	100.0%

^{*} Intensive Supervision Administrative Release Authority (ISARA) assumed YOA Parole Board duties on February 1, 2013

South Carolina Department of Corrections Cost Per Inmate* Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Based on State Funds Spent Based on All Funds Spent*** Fiscal Year Annual Cost Daily Cost Annual Cost Daily Cost Per Inmate Per Inmate Per Inmate Per Inmate \$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 \$34,570 \$103.45 2023 \$94.71 \$37,758 \$99.87

*Calculation of the SCDC per immate costs is based on the average number of immates 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.

^{*}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

^{***} Includes only those inmates released to probation from SCDC.

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^{***} Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services.

^{****} These releases include court ordered, paid fine, appeal bond, pardon, remanded to county and released on furlough.