South Carolina Department of Corrections Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2021 - FY 2023			
	Year of Release		
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Number of Releases	**5,706**	**5,708**	**5,731**
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	**Recidivism Rate by Year of Release**		
	FY 2021	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**
Within One Year or Less	4.3%	5.0%	4.1%
Within Two Years or Less	12.3%	13.0%	12.4%
Within Three Years or Less	19.0%	19.8%	20.1%
Within Four Years or Less	23.9%	n/a	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	n/a	n/a	n/a
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes			
Attributes	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**
Overall Rate	19.0%	19.8%	20.1%
Gender			
Males	19.7%	20.5%	20.8%
Females	13.3%	13.8%	14.6%
Type of Release			
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	15.6%	18.8%	19.8%
Parole	19.2%	18.3%	15.5%
Probation	29.2%	28.7%	27.5%
Community Supervision	8.4%	9.2%	11.6%
Supervised Reentry	18.2%	20.7%	19.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	38.8%	30.5%	28.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	20.5%	17.3%	17.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	38.1%	29.6%	27.9%
Age at Release			
Under 25 Years	33.3%	26.8%	25.5%
25-30 Years	21.4%	22.4%	23.7%
31-40 Years	18.0%	20.7%	19.0%
Over 40 Years	13.7%	15.0%	17.8%
Program Participation			
Pre-Release	19.3%	16.4%	12.2%
Work Program	14.9%	15.5%	18.7%
Labor Crew	16.7%	14.6%	17.6%
Labor Crew/Work Program	16.6%	14.5%	17.6%
Prison Industry	7.3%	8.6%	8.5%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	9.7%	9.4%	10.9%
Sentence Type			
Youthful Offender Act*	35.9%	27.7%	26.8%
Straight-time	17.7%	19.1%	19.6%
Mental Health Classification at time of release			
Mentally Ill	19.8%	22.3%	21.9%
Non-Mentally Ill	18.7%	18.9%	19.3%

* 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, 2026						
Characteristics	**Male Population**		**Female Population**		**Total Population**	
TOTAL Inmates Population	**16,027**		**1,483**		**17,510**	
Current Age						
Average Current Age	42.2		41.0		42.1	
21 & Under	379	(2%)	14	(1%)	393	(2%)
22-25	994	(6%)	69	(5%)	1,063	(6%)
26-35	4,017	(25%)	412	(28%)	4,429	(25%)
36-55	7,925	(49%)	821	(55%)	8,746	(50%)
56 and Over	2,712	(17%)	167	(11%)	2,879	(16%)
Average Age at Admission	34.7		36.7		34.8	
Race						
Black	9,852	(61%)	413	(28%)	10,265	(59%)
White	5,618	(35%)	1,034	(70%)	6,652	(38%)
Other	557	(3%)	36	(2%)	593	(3%)
Citizenship						
Aliens	357	(2%)	13	(1%)	370	(2%)
Citizens	15,636	(98%)	1,463	(99%)	17,099	(98%)
Sentencing Data/Criminal History						
Admission Type:						
New	13,788	(86%)	1,390	(94%)	15,178	(87%)
Revocator	2,103	(13%)	93	(6%)	2,196	(13%)
Other	136	(1%)	0	(0%)	136	(1%)
With Current Violent Offense	12,133	(76%)	858	(58%)	12,991	(74%)
With Prior Criminal History	9,067	(57%)	578	(39%)	9,645	(55%)
With Prior Commitments	2,993	(19%)	99	(7%)	3,092	(18%)
Average Sentence Length in Years [1]	16.1		11.2		15.7	
Average Time to Serve before Maxout [2]	8.0		4.9		7.8	
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	275	(2%)	49	(3%)	324	(2%)
Sentences More than 20 years (excl.lifers)	3,663	(23%)	199	(13%)	3,862	(22%)
With Life Sentence	1,946	(12%)	73	(5%)	2,019	(12%)
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	262	(2%)	17	(1%)	279	(2%)
On Death Row	23	(0%)	0	(0%)	23	(0%)
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	10,586	(66%)	767	(52%)	11,353	(65%)
TIS Sentences	10,318	(64%)	762	(51%)	11,080	(63%)
Special Needs						
With Children [3]	10,916	(68%)	1,111	(75%)	12,027	(69%)
With Convicted Disciplinaries in Last 12 Months	5,362	(33%)	403	(27%)	5,765	(33%)
With Victim Witness Indicator	11,423	(71%)	772	(52%)	12,195	(70%)
Sex Registry	2,799	(17%)	44	(3%)	2,843	(16%)
Required DNA Testing	15,870	(99%)	1,446	(98%)	17,316	(99%)
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS [4]	4,372	(27%)	632	(43%)	5,004	(29%)
Education/Work						
Average Education Level at Intake	10.7		10.6		10.7	
Without HS/GED	10,678	(67%)	1,105	(75%)	11,783	(67%)
Leading Most Serious Offense [5]						
	Homicide	28%	Drug Offenses	37%	Homicide	27%
	Drug Offenses	20%	Homicide	23%	Drug Offenses	21%
	Sexual Assault	10%	Assault	6%	Sexual Assault	9%
	Burglary	8%	Traffic Offens	5%	Burglary	8%
	Robbery	8%	Family Offens	5%	Robbery	7%
Top Five Committing Counties						
	Greenville	10%	Greenville	11%	Greenville	10%
	Spartanburg	9%	York	10%	Spartanburg	9%
	Charleston	7%	Spartanburg	9%	Richland	7%
	Richland	7%	Lexington	6%	Charleston	7%
	York	6%	Horry	6%	York	6%
Mental Health Classification						
No Mental Health Problem	11,257	(70%)	536	(36%)	11,793	(67%)
Developmentally Disabled	5	(0%)	0	(0%)	5	(0%)
Mentally Ill	4,607	(29%)	915	(62%)	5,522	(32%)
Classification Pending	158	(1%)	32	(2%)	190	(1%)

[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.

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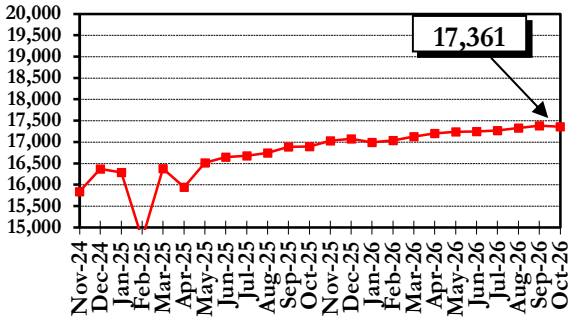
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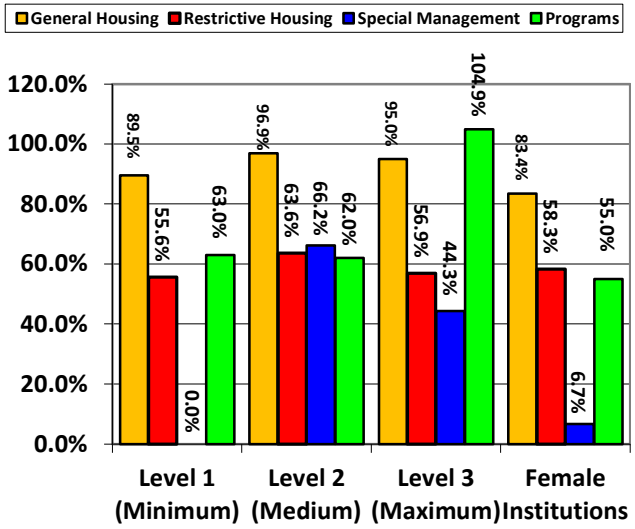
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SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month
November 2024 – October 2026



Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type
October 15, 2026



Average Daily Inmate Population per Year
Fiscal Year 2018 - 2026

Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other[1]	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year
2018	19,559	686	20,245	-890	-4.2%
2019	18,743	674	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%
2025	16,418	531	16,949	225	1.3%
2026	17,037	522	17,559	610	3.6%

[1] Other Placements = Special Placements + Designated Facilites

Admissions to SCDC
Fiscal Years 2024 – 2026

ADMISSIONS	FY 2024 #	FY 2024 %	FY 2025 #	FY 2025 %	FY 2026 #	FY 2026 %
NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT	4,938	87.0%	5,371	88.2%	5,724	89.0%
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	254	4.5%	252	4.1%	219	3.4%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	4,659	82.1%	5,089	83.5%	5,477	85.2%
Other Jurisdictiction	25	0.4%	30	0.5%	28	0.4%
PROBATION REVOCATIONS***	428	7.5%	456	7.5%	432	6.7%
PAROLE REVOCATIONS	114	2.0%	89	1.5%	79	1.2%
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	17	0.3%	34	0.6%	28	0.4%
NON-YOA	97	1.7%	55	0.9%	51	0.8%
ISS REVOCATIONS	71	1.3%	65	1.1%	53	0.8%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS	29	0.5%	29	0.5%	34	0.5%
SF/EPA REVOCATIONS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS	93	1.6%	79	1.3%	105	1.6%
RE-SENTENCED	2	0.0%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%
DEATH ROW	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER **	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	5,675	100.00%	6,093	100.00%	6,429	100.00%

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 2024 - 2026

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
DRUG OFFENSES	28.3%	28.3%	28.7%
BURGLARY	10.4%	8.4%	8.2%
ASSAULT	9.6%	10.0%	9.7%
FAMILY OFFENSE	9.0%	9.4%	8.5%
LARCENY	6.1%	6.2%	6.2%
ROBBERY	4.3%	3.9%	3.9%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	4.6%	4.9%	4.6%
ALL OTHERS	27.7%	28.9%	29.5%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	5,675	6,093	6,429

Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions
Fiscal Years 2024 – 2026

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Average Sentence Length	5 Yrs. 6 Mos.	5 Yrs. 5 Mos.	4 Yrs. 8 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 2024 – 2026

TIME SERVED	FY 2024 #	FY 2024 %	FY 2025 #	FY 2025 %	FY 2026 #	FY 2026 %
3 Months or Less	179	3.5%	198	3.5%	186	3.2%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	494	9.5%	487	8.5%	489	8.4%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	599	11.6%	588	10.3%	694	11.9%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	490	9.4%	541	9.5%	553	9.4%
1 Year 1 Day-2 Years	1,433	27.6%	1,634	28.6%	1,650	28.2%
5 Years 1 Day-6 Years	157	3.0%	163	2.9%	143	2.4%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	231	4.5%	267	4.7%	240	4.1%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	108	2.1%	141	2.5%	143	2.4%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	43	0.8%	70	1.2%	52	0.9%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	47	0.9%	47	0.8%	36	0.6%
Over 30 Years	25	0.5%	33	0.6%	34	0.6%
TOTAL RELEASES	5,186	100.0%	5,708	100.0%	5,855	100.0%
Average Time Served	3 Years 2 Months		3 Years 4 Months		3 Years 3 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 2024 – 2026

RELEASES	FY 2024 #	FY 2024 %	FY 2025 #	FY 2025 %	FY 2026 #	FY 2026 %
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME	2,006	38.7%	2,254	39.5%	2,299	39.3%
MAXOUT - YOA	70	1.3%	45	0.8%	33	0.6%
PLACED ON PROBATION	969	18.7%	1,009	17.7%	1,055	18.0%
PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES*	211	4.1%	166	2.9%	237	4.0%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	78	1.5%	71	1.2%	80	1.4%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	132	2.5%	141	2.5%	159	2.7%
RE-SENTENCED	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	853	16.4%	1,021	17.9%	968	16.5%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	755	14.6%	869	15.2%	911	15.6%
DEATH	90	1.7%	105	1.8%	96	1.6%
DEATH-EXECUTED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
RELEASED TO EPA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ****	21	0.4%	26	0.5%	15	0.3%
TOTAL RELEASES	5,186	100.0%	5,708	100.0%	5,708	100.0%

* 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.

South Carolina Department of Corrections
Cost Per Inmate*
Fiscal Years 2022-2026

Fiscal Year	*Based on State Funds Spent* Annual Cost Per Inmate	*Based on State Funds Spent* Daily Cost Per Inmate	*Based on All Funds Spent*** Annual Cost Per Inmate	*Based on All Funds Spent*** Daily Cost Per Inmate
2022	$30,044	$82.31	$32,247	$88.35
2023	$34,570	$94.71	$37,758	$103.45
2024	$36,553	$99.87	$40,429	$110.46
2025	$34,673	$95.00	$37,503	$102.75
2026	$34,938	$95.72	$36,989	$101.34

*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.