MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF
INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2023

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	BLACK MALES		BLACK FEMALES		WHITE MALES		WHITE FEMALES		OTHER MALES		OTHER FEMALES		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DANGEROUS DRUGS	571	22.4%	15	10.6%	730	30.9%	290	53.2%	33	24.4%	2	13.3%	1,641	28.6%
BURGLARY	225	8.8%	9	6.4%	294	12.5%	40	7.3%	13	9.6%	0	0.0%	581	10.1%
ASSAULT	318	12.5%	14	9.9%	189	8.0%	20	3.7%	18	13.3%	1	6.7%	560	9.8%
FAMILY OFFENSE	236	9.3%	13	9.2%	217	9.2%	41	7.5%	14	10.4%	2	13.3%	523	9.1%
LARCENY	117	4.6%	22	15.6%	140	5.9%	37	6.8%	9	6.7%	1	6.7%	326	5.7%
HOMICIDE	216	8.5%	14	9.9%	58	2.5%	10	1.8%	7	5.2%	1	6.7%	306	5.3%
ROBBERY	196	7.7%	7	5.0%	53	2.2%	8	1.5%	5	3.7%	0	0.0%	269	4.7%
WEAPON OFFENSE	176	6.9%	2	1.4%	69	2.9%	3	0.6%	8	5.9%	0	0.0%	258	4.5%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	99	3.9%	10	7.1%	108	4.6%	19	3.5%	8	5.9%	2	13.3%	246	4.3%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	65	2.6%	0	0.0%	136	5.8%	1	0.2%	8	5.9%	1	6.7%	211	3.7%
STOLEN VEHICLE	54	2.1%	2	1.4%	68	2.9%	13	2.4%	1	0.7%	1	6.7%	139	2.4%
SEX OFFENSES	56	2.2%	0	0.0%	62	2.6%	0	0.0%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	120	2.1%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	24	0.9%	7	5.0%	47	2.0%	22	4.0%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	102	1.8%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	49	1.9%	5	3.5%	38	1.6%	5	0.9%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	99	1.7%
KIDNAPPING	38	1.5%	2	1.4%	17	0.7%	1	0.2%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	59	1.0%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	12	0.5%	6	4.3%	18	0.8%	8	1.5%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	45	0.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	26	1.1%	5	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	35	0.6%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	20	0.8%	4	2.8%	8	0.3%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	1	6.7%	35	0.6%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	12	0.5%	4	2.8%	15	0.6%	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	0.6%
ARSON	8	0.3%	0	0.0%	12	0.5%	1	0.2%	1	0.7%	1	6.7%	23	0.4%
SMUGGLING	9	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%	6	1.1%	1	0.7%	1	6.7%	22	0.4%
PUBLIC PEACE	11	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%	4	0.7%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	21	0.4%
PROPERTY CRIME	7	0.3%	1	0.7%	9	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	17	0.3%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	6	0.2%	0	0.0%	7	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	14	0.2%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	6	0.2%	1	0.7%	6	0.3%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	0.2%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	0.1%	1	0.7%	7	0.3%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.2%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	7	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.1%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	0	0.0%	1	0.7%	3	0.1%	4	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.1%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.1%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
CONSERVATION	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
EXTORTION	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	0	0.0%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
TOTAL	2,547	100.0%	141	100.0%	2,360	100.0%	545	100.0%	135	100.0%	15	100.0%	5,743	100.0%

*Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. 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.