

South Carolina Department of Corrections Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2016 - FY 2018			
	Year of Release		
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>9,305</b>	<b>8,585</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCD C:</b>	<b>Recidivism Rate by Year of Release</b>		
	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Within One Year or Less	5.5%	5.0%	5.7%
Within Two Years or Less	14.2%	13.8%	14.8%
Within Three Years or Less	21.2%	20.2%	19.4%
<b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>			
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Overall Rate	21.2%	20.2%	19.4%
<b>Gender</b>			
Males	21.9%	21.1%	20.1%
Females	15.7%	13.6%	14.3%
<b>Type of Release</b>			
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.1%	17.4%	15.2%
Parole	16.8%	19.5%	18.5%
Probation	29.6%	27.0%	29.7%
Community Supervision	12.6%	10.2%	8.9%
Supervised Reentry	27.1%	22.0%	19.4%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	33.7%	36.1%	32.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	24.7%	17.9%	16.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	30.6%	28.5%	28.1%
<b>Age at Release</b>			
Under 25 Years	31.4%	27.7%	27.1%
25-30 Years	20.7%	20.7%	19.8%
31-40 Years	21.3%	20.2%	18.8%
Over 40 Years	16.2%	15.7%	15.8%
<b>Program Participation</b>			
Pre-Release	19.9%	19.4%	17.4%
Work Program	15.8%	19.1%	15.8%
Labor Crew	17.4%	19.2%	16.8%
Labor Crew/Work Program	17.3%	19.2%	16.8%
Prison Industry	10.9%	11.7%	10.4%
GED Earned in SCD C Education Program	15.8%	15.3%	12.8%
<b>Sentence Type</b>			
Youthful Offender Act*	30.5%	29.4%	27.2%
Straight-time	20.3%	19.3%	18.6%
<b>Criminal History</b>			
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	22.8%	22.9%	22.0%
Had Commitment	23.4%	23.7%	22.1%
No Known Priors	18.6%	16.1%	15.7%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>			
Mentally III	24.7%	20.6%	20.3%
Non-Mentally III	20.8%	20.1%	19.2%

\* 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, 2021			
Characteristics	Male Population	Female Population	Total Population
<b>TOTAL Inmates Population</b>	<b>14,562</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>15,541</b>
<b>Current Age</b>			
Average Current Age	40.3	39.6	40.3
21 & Under	440 (3%)	17(2%)	457(3%)
22-25	1,073 (7%)	70(7%)	1,143(7%)
26-35	4,469 (31%)	323(33%)	4,792(31%)
36-55	6,551 (45%)	463(47%)	7,014(45%)
56 and Over	2,029 (14%)	106(11%)	2,135(14%)
Average Age at Admission	32.3	34.2	32.4
<b>Race</b>			
Black	9,036(62%)	288(29%)	9,324(60%)
White	5,076(35%)	662(68%)	5,738(37%)
Other	450(3%)	29(3%)	479(3%)
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Aliens	366(3%)	10(1%)	376(2%)
Citizens	14,192(97%)	963(98%)	15,155(98%)
<b>Sentencing Data/Criminal History</b>			
<b>Admission Type:</b>			
New	12,009(82%)	858(88%)	12,867(83%)
Revocator	2,388(16%)	119(12%)	2,507(16%)
Other	165(1%)	2(0%)	167(1%)
With Current Violent Offense	11,524(79%)	641(65%)	12,165(78%)
With Prior Criminal History	8,206(56%)	347(35%)	8,553(55%)
With Prior Commitments	5,572(38%)	183(19%)	5,755(37%)
Average Sentence Length in Years 1	17.2	13.0	16.9
Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2	7.2	5.6	7.1
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	178(1%)	26(3%)	204(1%)
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)	3,503(24%)	166(17%)	3,669(24%)
With Life Sentence	1,901(13%)	70(7%)	1,971(13%)
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	363(2%)	26(3%)	389(3%)
On Death Row	37(0%)	0(0%)	37(0%)
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	10,072(69%)	569(58%)	10,641(68%)
TIS Sentences	9,815(67%)	567(58%)	10,382(67%)
<b>Special Needs</b>			
With Children 3	9,557(66%)	754(77%)	10,311(66%)
With Convicted Disciplinaries in Last 12 Months	4,019(28%)	263(27%)	4,282(28%)
With Victim Witness Indicator	10,521(72%)	590(60%)	11,111(71%)
Sex Registry	2,769(19%)	36(4%)	2,805(18%)
Required DNA Testing	14,456(99%)	955(98%)	15,411(99%)
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4	4,366(30%)	457(47%)	4,823(31%)
<b>Education/Work</b>			
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6	11.1	10.6
Without HS/GED	7,206(49%)	406(41%)	7,612(49%)
<b>Leading Most Serious Offense 5</b>			
Homicide	26%	Homicide	30%
Dang. Drugs	14%	Dang. Drugs	20%
Robbery	12%	Assault	7%
Burglary	12%	Robbery	7%
Sexual Assault	10%	Burglary	6%
Assault	10%	Assault	10%
<b>Top Five Committing Counties</b>			
Greenville	10%	Greenville	12%
Spartanburg	9%	Spartanburg	12%
Richland	7%	Horry	7%
Charleston	7%	York	6%
Horry	6%	Pickens	5%
<b>Mental Health Classification</b>			
No Mental Health Problem	10,478(72%)	238(24%)	10,716(69%)
Developmentally Disabled	7(0%)	0(0%)	7(0%)
Mentally III	4,004(27%)	714(73%)	4,718(30%)
Classification Pending	73(1%)	27(3%)	100(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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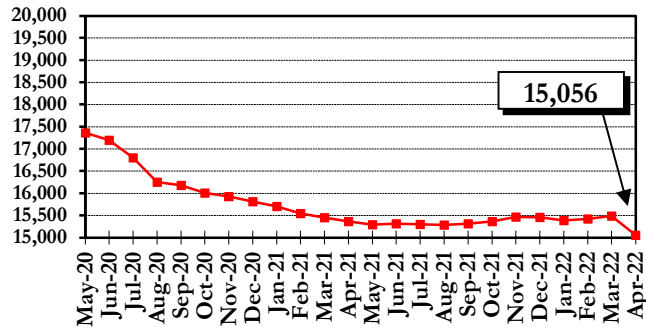
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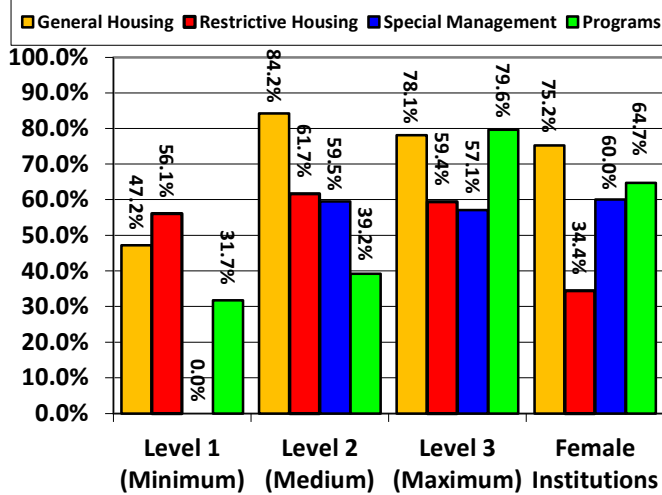
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### SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month May 2020 – April 2022



### Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type April 15, 2022



Average Daily Inmate Population per Year Fiscal Year 2013 - 2021					
Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other <sup>1</sup>	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year
2013	22,088	592	22,680	-654	-2.8%
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%

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

### Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2019 – 2021

ADMISSIONS	FY 2019		FY 2020		FY 2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT</b>	<b>6,051</b>	<b>82.2%</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>82.1%</b>	<b>3,071</b>	<b>78.8%</b>
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	489	6.6%	342	5.8%	184	4.7%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	5,522	75.0%	4,458	75.7%	2,868	73.6%
Other Jurisdiction	40	0.5%	34	0.6%	19	0.5%
<b>PROBATION REVOCATIONS***</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
<b>PAROLE REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	72	1.0%	25	0.4%	38	1.0%
NON-YOA	238	3.2%	222	3.8%	153	3.9%
<b>ISS REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
SF/EPA REVOCATIONS	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
RE-SENTENCED	12	0.2%	9	0.2%	6	0.2%
DEATH ROW	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER **	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>100.0%</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, I/C, 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 2019 - 2021

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
DANGEROUS DRUGS	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%
BURGLARY	13.1%	12.6%	14.3%
ASSAULT	8.7%	7.6%	9.5%
FAMILY OFFENSE	8.5%	9.2%	9.9%
LARCENY	7.6%	7.8%	6.4%
ROBBERY	5.8%	5.1%	5.7%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%
ALL OTHERS	27.3%	28.2%	26.7%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>3,899</b>

### Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2019 – 2021

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Average Sentence Length</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 8 Mos.</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 8 Mos.</b>	<b>5 Yrs. 1 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 2019 – 2021

TIME SERVED	FY 2019		FY 2020		FY 2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 Months or Less	316	4.2%	300	4.0%	160	2.8%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	686	9.1%	733	9.8%	377	6.6%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	890	11.8%	924	12.4%	537	9.4%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	804	10.7%	831	11.2%	547	9.6%
1 Year 1 Day-5 Years	3,740	49.7%	3,573	48.0%	2,994	52.5%
5 Years 1 Day-10 Years	601	8.0%	588	7.9%	568	10.0%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	256	3.4%	252	3.4%	279	4.9%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	121	1.6%	125	1.7%	103	1.8%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	53	0.7%	60	0.8%	59	1.0%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	22	0.3%	24	0.3%	35	0.6%
Over 30 Years	30	0.4%	35	0.5%	47	0.8%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>7,519</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,706</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Average Time Served</b>	<b>2 Years 9 Months</b>		<b>2 Years 8 Months</b>		<b>3 Years 3 Months</b>	

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### Releases from SCDC by Type Fiscal Years 2019 – 2021

RELEASES	FY 2019		FY 2020		FY 2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME	2,518	33.5%	2,778	37.3%	1,774	31.1%
MAXOUT - YOA	83	1.1%	83	1.1%	46	0.8%
PLACED ON PROBATION	1,469	19.5%	1,416	19.0%	965	16.9%
PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES*	513	6.8%	455	6.1%	281	4.9%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	135	1.8%	133	1.8%	49	0.9%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	1,196	15.9%	931	12.5%	808	14.2%
RE-SENTENCED	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	871	11.6%	900	12.1%	922	16.2%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	621	8.3%	636	8.5%	720	12.6%
DEATH	79	1.1%	82	1.1%	123	2.2%
DEATH-EXECUTED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RELEASED TO EPA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ****	29	0.4%	31	0.4%	17	0.3%
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\* Intensive Supervision Administrative Release Authority (ISARA) assumed YOA Parole Board duties on February 1, 2013  
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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.

### South Carolina Department of Corrections Cost Per Inmate\* Fiscal Years 2017-2021

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
2017	\$19,054	\$52.20	\$20,925	\$57.33
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