

South Carolina Department of Corrections Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2011 - FY 2013			
	Year of Release		
	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>12,024</b>	<b>11,409</b>	<b>9,623</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>	<b>Recidivism Rate by Year of Release</b>		
	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
Within One Year or Less	7.5%	6.2%	6.2%
Within Two Years or Less	16.7%	15.5%	16.2%
Within Three Years or Less	23.4%	22.4%	23.1%
<b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>			
Attributes	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Overall Rate	23.4%	22.4%	23.1%
<b>Gender</b>			
Males	24.3%	23.3%	24.1%
Females	15.9%	15.2%	15.2%
<b>Type of Release</b>			
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.6%	17.7%	19.0%
Parole	18.8%	18.3%	17.4%
Probation	33.3%	31.8%	32.2%
Community Supervision	15.3%	14.0%	14.7%
Supervised Reentry	n/a	n/a	36.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	39.4%	38.4%	37.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	28.9%	23.0%	27.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	n/a	n/a	22.9%
<b>Age at Release</b>			
Under 25 Years	32.9%	32.0%	31.8%
25-30 Years	22.3%	23.6%	23.1%
31-40 Years	20.4%	19.9%	20.3%
Over 40 Years	19.4%	17.0%	19.8%
<b>Program Participation</b>			
Pre-Release	20.6%	21.6%	20.8%
Work Program	18.1%	17.9%	19.1%
Labor Crew	19.0%	17.8%	19.1%
Labor Crew/Work Program	19.0%	17.8%	19.1%
Prison Industry	17.3%	14.6%	13.5%
<b>Sentence Type</b>			
Youthful Offender Act*	38.2%	36.9%	35.6%
Straight-time	21.2%	20.7%	21.7%
<b>Criminal History **</b>			
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	25.1%	24.7%	25.4%
Had Commitment	27.2%	26.4%	27.1%
No Known Priors	20.5%	18.6%	19.4%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>			
Mentally Ill	26.7%	26.4%	25.9%
Non-Mentally Ill	22.9%	21.9%	22.8%

\* 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.

\*\* Prior to FY05, all priors data based on manual entry of priors at intake; FY05 and after, priors data based on inmate's previous SCDC commitments and data entry of "all convictions" and "out-of-state commitments."

South Carolina Department of Corrections Profile of Inmates in Institutional Count (Including Inmates on Authorized Absence) as of June 30, 2016			
Characteristics	Male Population	Female Population	Total Population
<b>TOTAL Inmates Population</b>	<b>19,491</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>20,951</b>
<b>Current Age</b>			
Average Current Age	37.7	37.2	37.7
21 & Under	855 (4%)	46 (3%)	901 (4%)
22-25	2,258 (12%)	132 (9%)	2,390 (11%)
26-35	6,534 (34%)	557 (38%)	7,091 (34%)
36-55	8,034 (41%)	629 (43%)	8,663 (41%)
56 and Over	1,810 (9%)	96 (7%)	1,906 (9%)
Average Age at Admission	31.8	33.6	31.9
<b>Race</b>			
Black	12,319 (63%)	482 (33%)	12,801 (61%)
White	6,622 (34%)	943 (65%)	7,565 (36%)
Other	550 (3%)	35 (2%)	585 (3%)
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Aliens	442 (2%)	19 (1%)	461 (2%)
Citizens	19,049 (98%)	1,439 (99%)	20,488 (98%)
<b>Sentencing Data/Criminal History</b>			
<b>Admission Type:</b>			
New	15,672 (80%)	1,299 (89%)	16,971 (81%)
Revocator	3,646 (19%)	158 (11%)	3,804 (18%)
Other	173 (0%)	3 (0%)	176 (1%)
With Current Violent Offense	13,100 (67%)	686 (47%)	13,786 (66%)
With Prior Criminal History	11,794 (61%)	610 (42%)	12,404 (59%)
With Prior Commitments	8,625 (44%)	386 (26%)	9,011 (43%)
Average Sentence Length in Years 1	14.1	9.1	13.8
Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2	6.1	3.8	5.9
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	551 (3%)	111 (8%)	662 (3%)
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)	3,418 (18%)	144 (10%)	3,562 (17%)
With Life Sentence	2,090 (11%)	83 (6%)	2,173 (10%)
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	644 (3%)	41 (3%)	685 (3%)
On Death Row	38 (0%)	0 (0%)	38 (0%)
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	10,319 (53%)	522 (36%)	10,841 (52%)
TIS Sentences	10,087 (52%)	520 (36%)	10,607 (51%)
<b>Special Needs</b>			
With Children 3	12,904 (66%)	1,172 (80%)	14,076 (67%)
With Convicted Disciplinaries in Last 12 Months	6,915 (35%)	305 (21%)	7,220 (34%)
With Victim Witness Indicator	12,991 (67%)	787 (54%)	13,778 (66%)
Sex Registry	3,258 (17%)	33 (2%)	3,291 (16%)
Required DNA Testing	19,076 (98%)	1,348 (92%)	20,424 (97%)
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4	7,122 (37%)	753 (52%)	7,875 (38%)
<b>Education/Work</b>			
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6	11.0	10.6
Without HS/GED	10,085 (52%)	620 (42%)	10,705 (51%)
<b>Leading Most Serious Offense 5</b>			
Homicide	19%	Dang. Drugs	20%
Dang. Drugs	16%	Homicide	19%
Burglary	15%	Larceny	11%
Robbery	13%	Burglary	8%
Sexual Assault	8%	Robbery	7%
<b>Top Five Committing Counties</b>			
Spartanburg	10%	Spartanburg	14%
Greenville	9%	Greenville	10%
Richland	9%	Horry	8%
Charleston	8%	Lexington	6%
Horry	6%	York	5%
<b>Mental Health Classification</b>			
No Mental Health Problem	16,388 (84%)	779 (53%)	17,167 (82%)
Mentally Retarded	23 (0%)	2 (0%)	25 (0%)
Mentally Ill	2,658 (14%)	635 (43%)	3,293 (16%)
Not Available/Unknown	422 (2%)	44 (3%)	466 (2%)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOA's

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

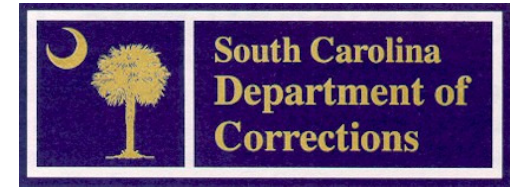
<sup>3</sup> Based on inmate self-reported information at intake

<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.

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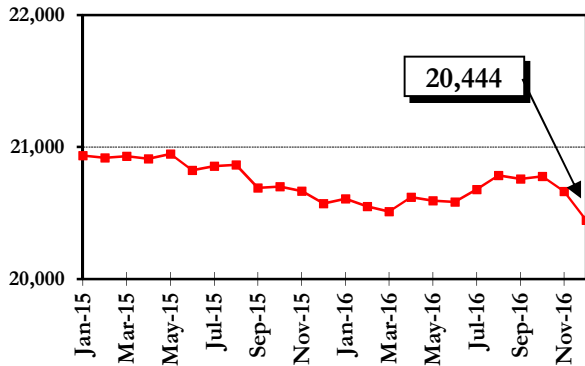
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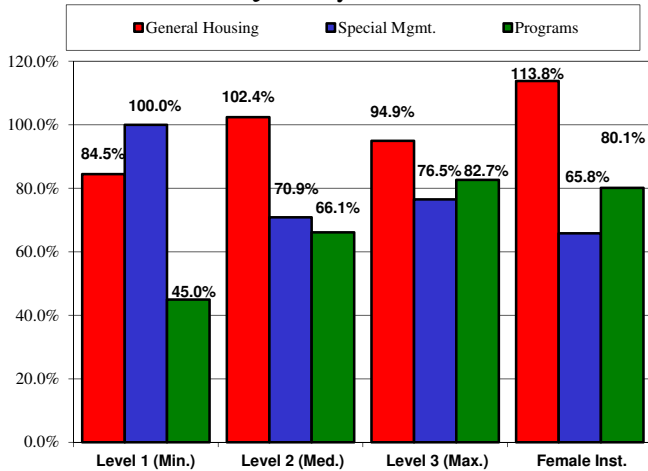
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### SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month February 2015 – January 2017



### Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type January 15, 2017



Average Daily Inmate Population Fiscal Year 2009 - 2016					
Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other <sup>1</sup>	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year
2009	24,017	717	24,734	97	0.4%
2010	24,040	670	24,710	-24	-0.1%
2011	23,293	646	23,939	-771	-3.1%
2012	22,711	623	23,334	-605	-2.5%
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	-1,021	-4.6%

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

### Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2014 - 2016

ADMISSIONS	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>82.53%</b>	<b>7,026</b>	<b>81.20%</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>80.8%</b>
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	608	6.65%	554	6.40%	582	6.6%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	6,896	75.48%	6,459	74.60%	6,493	73.8%
Other Jurisdiction	36	0.39%	13	0.20%	37	0.4%
<b>PROBATION REVOCATIONS***</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>10.20%</b>	<b>1,029</b>	<b>11.90%</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>PAROLE REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>5.20%</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>4.10%</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	236	2.58%	189	2.20%	125	1.4%
NON-YOA	236	2.58%	168	1.90%	165	1.9%
<b>ISS REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1.20%</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0.30%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
SF/EPA REVOCATIONS	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.0%
<b>COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1.18%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1.20%</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
RE-SENTENCED	6	0.07%	8	0.10%	5	0.1%
DEATH ROW	1	0.01%	0	0.00%	0	0.0%
OTHER **	0	0.00%	2	0.00%	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>9,136</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8,656</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>100.00%</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 2014 - 2016

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>DANGEROUS DRUGS</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
<b>BURGLARY</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>
<b>ASSAULT</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
<b>LARCENY</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>TRAFFIC OFFENSE</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>ROBBERY</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>FAMILY OFFENSE</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>ALL OTHERS</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>9,136</b>	<b>8,656</b>	<b>8,798</b>

\* Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each fiscal year. 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. Inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses with the highest severity level).

### Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2014 - 2016

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Average Sentence Length</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 3 Mos.</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 4 Mos.</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 4 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 2014 - 2016

TIME SERVED	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 Months or Less	850	9.0%	794	8.5%	741	8.1%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	1,413	14.9%	1,252	13.4%	1,234	13.5%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	1,222	12.9%	1,184	12.7%	1,133	12.4%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	932	9.8%	897	9.6%	749	8.2%
1 Year 1 Day-5 Years	3,824	40.3%	3,943	42.2%	3,812	41.7%
5 Years 1 Day-10 Years	779	8.2%	819	8.8%	922	10.1%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	276	2.9%	267	2.9%	332	3.6%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	119	1.3%	110	1.2%	140	1.5%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	29	0.3%	42	0.4%	46	0.5%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	25	0.3%	23	0.2%	13	0.1%
Over 30 Years	16	0.17%	23	0.25%	25	0.27%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>9,485</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Average Time Served</b>	<b>2 Years 5 Months</b>		<b>2 Years 5 Months</b>		<b>2 Years 8 Months</b>	

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### Releases from SCDC by Type Fiscal Years 2014 - 2016

RELEASES	FY 2014		FY 2015		FY 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME</b>	<b>4,416</b>	<b>46.6%</b>	<b>3,948</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	<b>3,920</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
MAXOUT - YOA	80	0.8%	57	0.6%	98	1.1%
PLACED ON PROBATION	2,069	21.8%	1,983	21.2%	1,895	20.7%
PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES*	606	6.4%	638	6.8%	552	6.0%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	268	2.8%	198	2.1%	180	2.0%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	431	4.5%	790	8.4%	655	7.2%
RE-SENTENCED	11	0.1%	11	0.1%	15	0.2%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	1,188	12.5%	1,097	11.7%	1,033	11.3%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	312	3.3%	528	5.6%	692	7.6%
DEATH	78	0.8%	72	0.8%	86	0.9%
DEATH-EXECUTED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RELEASED TO EPA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ****	26	0.3%	32	0.3%	21	0.2%
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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

### South Carolina Department of Corrections Cost Per Inmate\* Fiscal Years 2011-2016

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
2011	\$14,409 **	\$39.48 **	\$16,406	\$44.95
2012	\$15,316	\$41.85	\$17,343	\$47.38
2013	\$16,542	\$45.32	\$18,299	\$50.13
2014	\$17,357	\$47.55	\$19,137	\$52.43
2015	\$17,872	\$48.96	\$19,728	\$54.05
2016	\$18,119	\$49.50	\$19,935	\$54.47

\* 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.

\*\* In FY 2010 and FY 2011 SCDC received \$22,000,000 and \$40,480,008, respectively, from funds distributed to the states via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. These funds are included in the State Fund figures shown above. The FY 2010 cost figures have been revised from previous postings.

\*\*\* State, Federal and Special Revenues (Excludes Permanent Improvement, Purchases for Resale, Canteen, Prison Industries, Improvement Enterprise Funds, and Interest and Principle Payments)