

South Carolina Department of Corrections Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2015 - FY 2017			
	Year of Release		
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>9,147</b>	<b>9,305</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCD C:</b>	<b>Recidivism Rate by Year of Release</b>		
	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Within One Year or Less	5.8%	5.5%	5.0%
Within Two Years or Less	15.7%	14.2%	13.8%
Within Three Years or Less	22.3%	21.2%	20.2%
<b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>			
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>
Overall Rate	22.3%	21.2%	20.2%
<b>Gender</b>			
Males	23.1%	21.9%	21.1%
Females	16.2%	15.7%	13.6%
<b>Type of Release</b>			
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	18.6%	17.1%	17.4%
Parole	19.5%	16.8%	19.5%
Probation	31.3%	29.6%	27.0%
Community Supervision	12.9%	12.6%	10.2%
Supervised Reentry	25.1%	27.1%	22.0%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	31.9%	33.7%	36.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	32.8%	24.7%	17.9%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	30.3%	30.6%	28.5%
<b>Age at Release</b>			
Under 25 Years	29.1%	31.4%	27.7%
25-30 Years	24.1%	20.7%	20.7%
31-40 Years	19.7%	21.3%	20.2%
Over 40 Years	19.2%	16.2%	15.7%
<b>Program Participation</b>			
Pre-Release	20.4%	19.9%	19.4%
Work Program	16.3%	15.8%	19.1%
Labor Crew	18.0%	17.4%	19.2%
Labor Crew/Work Program	18.0%	17.3%	19.2%
Prison Industry	13.4%	10.9%	11.7%
GED Earned in SCD C Education Program	17.3%	15.8%	15.3%
<b>Sentence Type</b>			
Youthful Offender Act*	30.8%	30.5%	29.4%
Straight-time	21.4%	20.3%	19.3%
<b>Criminal History</b>			
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	25.4%	22.8%	22.9%
Had Commitment	26.7%	23.4%	23.7%
No Known Priors	17.4%	18.6%	16.1%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>			
Mentally III	24.4%	24.7%	20.6%
Non-Mentally III	22.1%	20.8%	20.1%

\* 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, 2020			
Characteristics	Male Population	Female Population	Total Population
<b>TOTAL Inmates Population</b>	<b>16,169</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>17,318</b>
<b>Current Age</b>			
Average Current Age	39.7	38.8	39.7
21 & Under	555 (3%)	22 (2%)	577 (3%)
22-25	1,244 (8%)	73 (6%)	1,317 (8%)
26-35	5,165 (32%)	431 (38%)	5,596 (32%)
36-55	7,109 (44%)	515 (45%)	7,624 (44%)
56 and Over	2,096 (13%)	108 (9%)	2,204 (13%)
Average Age at Admission	32.4	34.3	32.6
<b>Race</b>			
Black	9,952 (62%)	337 (29%)	10,289 (59%)
White	5,718 (35%)	786 (68%)	6,504 (38%)
Other	499 (3%)	26 (2%)	525 (3%)
<b>Citizenship</b>			
Aliens	389 (2%)	9 (1%)	398 (2%)
Citizens	15,749 (97%)	1,140 (99%)	16,889 (98%)
<b>Sentencing Data/Criminal History</b>			
<b>Admission Type:</b>			
New	13,327 (82%)	1,021 (89%)	14,348 (83%)
Revocator	2,663 (16%)	127 (11%)	2,790 (16%)
Other	179 (1%)	1 (0%)	180 (1%)
With Current Violent Offense	12,222 (76%)	663 (58%)	12,885 (74%)
With Prior Criminal History	9,363 (58%)	405 (35%)	9,768 (56%)
With Prior Commitments	6,467 (40%)	237 (21%)	6,704 (39%)
Average Sentence Length in Years 1	16.1	11.3	15.8
Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2	6.9	4.8	6.7
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	183 (1%)	37 (3%)	220 (1%)
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. Lifers)	3,562 (22%)	163 (14%)	3,725 (22%)
With Life Sentence	1,957 (12%)	72 (6%)	2,029 (12%)
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	359 (2%)	19 (2%)	378 (2%)
On Death Row	37 (0%)	0 (0%)	37 (0%)
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	10,493 (65%)	576 (50%)	11,069 (64%)
TIS Sentences	10,220 (63%)	574 (50%)	10,794 (62%)
<b>Special Needs</b>			
With Children 3	10,739 (66%)	921 (80%)	11,660 (67%)
With Convicted Disciplinary in Last 12 Months	5,305 (33%)	318 (28%)	5,623 (32%)
With Victim Witness Indicator	11,304 (70%)	640 (56%)	11,944 (69%)
Sex Registry	2,956 (18%)	37 (3%)	2,993 (17%)
Required DNA Testing	16,006 (99%)	1,106 (96%)	17,112 (99%)
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4	4,768 (29%)	603 (52%)	5,371 (31%)
<b>Education/Work</b>			
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6	11.2	10.6
Without HS/GED	7,976 (49%)	436 (38%)	8,412 (49%)
<b>Leading Most Serious Offense 5</b>			
Homicide	24%	Homicide	25%
Dang. Drugs	15%	Dang. Drugs	23%
Robbery	12%	Robbery	7%
Burglary	12%	Assault	6%
Sexual Assault	10%	Burglary	6%
Assault	10%	Assault	9%
<b>Top Five Committing Counties</b>			
Greenville	10%	Greenville	13%
Spartanburg	9%	Spartanburg	12%
Charleston	7%	Horry	8%
Richland	7%	York	6%
Horry	6%	Richland	5%
<b>Mental Health Classification</b>			
No Mental Health Problem	12,191 (75%)	343 (30%)	12,534 (72%)
Developmentally Disabled	9 (0%)	1 (0%)	10 (0%)
Mentally III	3,906 (24%)	797 (69%)	4,703 (27%)
Classification Pending	63 (0%)	8 (1%)	71 (0%)

<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, SCD C 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, SCD C 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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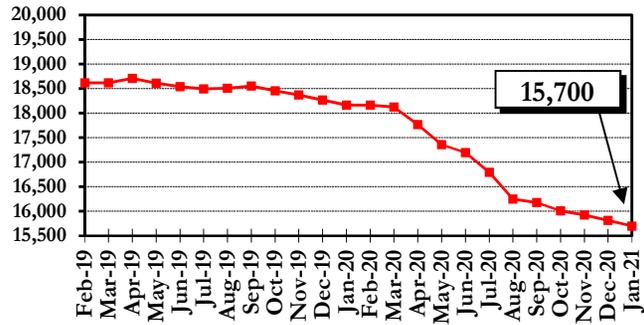
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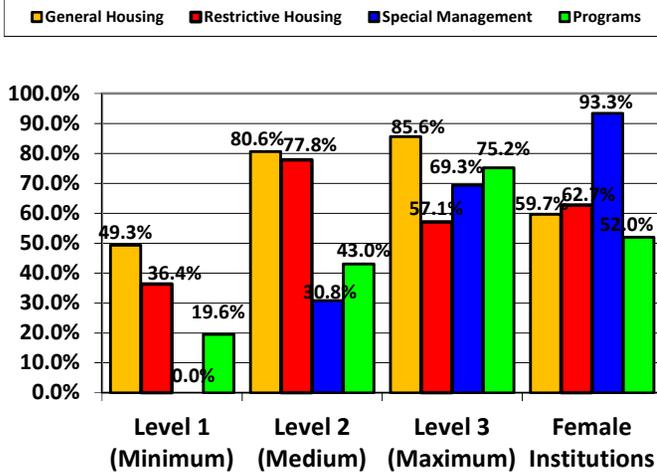
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### SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month February 2019 – January 2021



### Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type January 15, 2021



Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other <sup>1</sup>	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year
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	-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%

### Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2018 – 2020

ADMISSIONS	FY 2018		FY 2019		FY 2020	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT</b>	<b>6,187</b>	<b>81.7%</b>	<b>6,051</b>	<b>82.2%</b>	<b>4,834</b>	<b>82.1%</b>
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	530	7.0%	489	6.6%	342	5.8%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	5,619	74.2%	5,522	75.0%	4,458	75.7%
Other Jurisdiction	38	0.5%	40	0.5%	34	0.6%
<b>PROBATION REVOCATIONS***</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>PAROLE REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	57	0.8%	72	1.0%	25	0.4%
NON-YOA	226	3.0%	238	3.2%	222	3.8%
<b>ISS REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>SF/EPA REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>RE-SENTENCED</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>DEATH ROW</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>OTHER **</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,891</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, 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 2018 - 2020

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
DANGEROUS DRUGS	22.9%	24.5%	25.1%
BURGLARY	14.6%	13.1%	12.6%
ASSAULT	8.9%	8.7%	7.6%
FAMILY OFFENSE	7.6%	8.5%	9.2%
LARCENY	7.8%	7.6%	7.8%
ROBBERY	5.8%	5.8%	5.1%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	4.8%	4.5%	4.4%
ALL OTHERS	27.6%	27.3%	28.2%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>7,363</b>	<b>5,891</b>

### Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2018 - 2020

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>Average Sentence Length</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 10 Mos.</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 8 Mos.</b>	<b>4 Yrs. 8 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 2018 – 2020

TIME SERVED	FY 2018		FY 2019		FY 2020	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 Months or Less	501	5.8%	316	4.2%	300	4.0%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	882	10.3%	686	9.1%	733	9.8%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	941	11.0%	890	11.8%	924	12.4%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	777	9.1%	804	10.7%	831	11.2%
1 Year 1 Day-5 Years	4,214	49.1%	3,740	49.7%	3,573	48.0%
5 Years 1 Day-10 Years	737	8.6%	601	8.0%	588	7.9%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	254	3.0%	256	3.4%	252	3.4%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	135	1.6%	121	1.6%	125	1.7%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	63	0.7%	53	0.7%	60	0.8%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	27	0.3%	22	0.3%	24	0.3%
Over 30 Years	54	0.6%	30	0.4%	35	0.5%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>8,585</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,519</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Average Time Served</b>	<b>2 Years 8 Months</b>		<b>2 Years 9 Months</b>		<b>2 Years 8 Months</b>	

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### Releases from SCDC by Type Fiscal Years 2018 – 2020

RELEASES	FY 2018		FY 2019		FY 2020	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME	3,067	31.3%	2,518	33.5%	2,778	37.3%
MAXOUT - YOA	64	0.8%	83	1.1%	83	1.1%
PLACED ON PROBATION	1,659	20.6%	1,469	19.5%	1,416	19.0%
PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES*	492	6.1%	513	6.8%	455	6.1%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	193	2.4%	135	1.8%	133	1.8%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	1,219	15.2%	1,196	15.9%	931	12.5%
RE-SENTENCED	7	0.1%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	957	11.9%	871	11.6%	900	12.1%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	782	9.7%	621	8.3%	636	8.5%
DEATH	114	1.4%	79	1.1%	82	1.1%
DEATH-EXECUTED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
RELEASED TO EPA	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
OTHER ****	31	0.4%	29	0.4%	31	0.4%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>8,036</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,519</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* 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 2016-2020

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
2016	\$18,119	\$49.50	\$19,935	\$54.47
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