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South Carolina Department of Corrections
Profile of Inmates in Institutional Count
(Including Inmates on Authorized Absence) as of June 30, 2017

Characteristics	Male Population		Female Population		Total Population	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL Inmates Population	18,538		1,451		19,989	
Current Age						
Average Current Age	38.2		37.4		38.1	
21 & Under	846	5%	44	3%	890	4%
22-25	1,952	11%	142	10%	2,094	10%
26-35	6,096	33%	536	37%	6,632	33%
36-55	7,733	42%	634	44%	8,367	42%
56 and Over	1,911	10%	95	7%	2,006	10%
Average Age at Admission	31.9		33.7		32.0	
Race						
Black	11,646	63%	462	32%	12,108	61%
White	6,353	34%	955	66%	7,308	37%
Other	539	3%	34	2%	573	3%
Citizenship						
Illegal Aliens	432	2%	17	1%	449	2%
Citizens	18,096	98%	1,434	99%	19,530	98%
Marital Status (Self-reported)						
Single	10,997	59%	672	46%	11,669	58%
Married	6,061	33%	607	42%	6,668	33%
Divorced	1,239	7%	110	8%	1,349	7%
Widowed	241	1%	62	4%	303	2%
Sentencing Data/Criminal History						
Admission Type:						
New	15,112	82%	1,287	89%	16,399	82%
Revocator	3,265	18%	162	11%	3,427	17%
Other	161	0%	2	0.1%	163	1%
With Current Violent Offense	12,916	70%	678	47%	13,594	68%
With Prior Criminal History	11,095	60%	605	42%	11,700	59%
With Prior Commitments	8,061	43%	401	28%	8,462	42%
Average Sentence Length in Years ¹	14.8		9.6		14.4	
Average Time to Serve before Maxout ²	6.5		4.0		6.3	
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	422	2%	75	5%	497	2%
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)	3,494	19%	153	11%	3,647	18%
With Life Sentence	2,075	11%	77	5%	2,152	11%
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	614	3%	47	3%	661	3%
On Death Row	37	0.2%	0	0%	37	0.2%
Non-Parolable (includes TIS inmates)	10,570	57%	544	37%	11,114	56%
TIS Sentences	10,331	56%	542	37%	10,873	54%
Special Needs						
With Children ³	12,212	66%	1,160	80%	13,372	67%
With Convicted Disciplinary in Last 12 Months	6,508	35%	387	27%	6,895	34%
With Victim Witness Indicator	12,553	68%	808	56%	13,361	67%
Sex Registry	3,213	17%	44	3%	3,257	16%
Required DNA Testing	18,221	98%	1,373	95%	19,594	98%
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS ⁴	6,173	33%	753	52%	6,926	35%
Education ³						
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6		11.0		10.6	
Without HS/GED	9,463	51%	625	43%	10,088	50%

Leading Most Serious Offense ⁵						
	Homicide	20%	Dang. Drugs	21%	Homicide	20%
	Dang. Drugs	15%	Homicide	20%	Dang. Drugs	16%
	Burglary	14%	Larceny	9%	Burglary	14%
	Robbery	13%	Burglary	8%	Robbery	13%
	Sexual Assault	9%	Robbery	8%	Sexual Assault	8%
Top Five Committing Counties						
	Greenville	10%	Spartanburg	14%	Greenville	10%
	Spartanburg	9%	Greenville	11%	Spartanburg	10%
	Richland	8%	Horry	7%	Richland	8%
	Charleston	8%	York	6%	Charleston	8%
	Horry	6%	Lexington	6%	Horry	6%
Medical Classification						
No Medical Problem/No Work Restriction	8,490	46%	115	8%	8,605	43%
Has Medical Problem/No Work Restriction	5,448	29%	748	52%	6,196	31%
Has Medical Problem/Work Restriction	3,906	21%	505	35%	4,411	22%
Severe Medical Problem/Work Restriction	158	1%	2	0%	160	1%
Not Available/Unknown	536	2.9%	81	5.6%	617	3.1%
Mental Health Classification						
No Mental Health Problem	15,332	83%	662	46%	15,994	80%
Developmentally Disabled	18	0.1%	1	0.1%	19	0.1%
Mentally Ill	2,650	14%	709	49%	3,359	17%
Not Available/Unknown	538	2.9%	79	5.4%	617	3.1%

¹ Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOA's

² Includes 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.