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South Carolina Department of Corrections Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2010 - FY 2012			
	Year of Release		
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Number of Releases	12,744	12,024	11,409
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release		
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Within One Year or Less	9.9%	9.5%	8.2%
Within Two Years or Less	20.5%	19.2%	18.0%
Within Three Years or Less	27.5%	25.7%	24.9%
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes			
Attributes	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Overall Rate	27.5%	25.7%	24.9%
Gender			
Males	28.8%	26.7%	26.0%
Females	17.0%	18.1%	16.2%
Type of Release			
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	21.3%	20.5%	20.8%
Parole	19.3%	20.4%	21.1%
Probation	38.4%	35.5%	33.4%
Community Supervision	16.5%	15.7%	14.4%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	44.9%	41.1%	41.0%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	34.6%	34.1%	32.5%
Age at Release			
Under 25 Years	37.9%	35.4%	35.2%
25-30 Years	27.7%	25.1%	26.4%
31-40 Years	24.7%	22.6%	22.1%
Over 40 Years	21.1%	21.4%	18.9%
Program Participation			
Pre-Release	23.0%	20.8%	22.6%
Work Program	21.8%	18.8%	18.0%
Labor Crew	21.1%	19.8%	18.0%
Labor Crew/Work Program	21.0%	19.8%	18.0%
Prison Industry	18.3%	18.3%	15.3%
Sentence Type			
Youthful Offender Act*	44.0%	40.2%	40.1%
Straight-time	25.0%	23.6%	23.1%
Criminal History **			
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	29.1%	27.4%	27.4%
Had Commitment	31.2%	29.8%	29.1%
No Known Priors	24.5%	22.9%	20.6%
Mental Health Classification at time of release			
Mentally Ill	31.5%	29.8%	29.5%
Non-Mentally Ill	26.9%	25.2%	24.2%

* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years.

** 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, 2015			
Characteristics	Male Population	Female Population	Total Population
TOTAL Inmates Population	19,868	1,383	21,251
Current Age			
Average Current Age	37.5	37.7	37.5
21 & Under	991 (5%)	38 (3%)	1,029 (5%)
22-25	2,434 (12%)	130 (9%)	2,564 (12%)
26-35	6,547 (33%)	490 (35%)	7,037 (33%)
36-55	8,151 (41%)	640 (46%)	8,791 (41%)
56 and Over	1,745 (9%)	85 (6%)	1,830 (9%)
Average Age at Admission	31.6	33.8	31.8
Race			
Black	12,734 (64%)	490 (35%)	13,224 (62%)
White	6,577 (33%)	857 (62%)	7,434 (35%)
Other	557 (3%)	36 (3%)	593 (3%)
Citizenship			
Aliens	460 (2%)	19 (1%)	479 (2%)
Citizens	19,404 (98%)	1,364 (99%)	20,768 (98%)
Sentencing Data/Criminal History			
Admission Type:			
New	16,015 (81%)	1,243 (90%)	17,258 (81%)
Revocator	3,589 (18%)	136 (10%)	3,725 (18%)
Other	264 (1%)	4 (0%)	268 (1%)
With Current Violent Offense	13,130 (66%)	690 (50%)	13,820 (65%)
With Prior Criminal History	8,810 (44%)	377 (27%)	9,187 (43%)
With Prior Commitments	8,810 (44%)	377 (27%)	9,187 (43%)
Average Sentence Length in Years 1	14.0	9.5	13.7
Average Time to Serve before Maxout 2	6.1	4.0	6.0
Sentences One Year or Less (excl. YOA)	591 (3%)	110 (8%)	701 (3%)
Sentences More than 20 years (excl. lifers)	3,386 (17%)	141 (10%)	3,527 (17%)
With Life Sentence	2,108 (11%)	83 (6%)	2,191 (10%)
With YOA/Juvenile Sentence	670 (3%)	36 (3%)	706 (3%)
On Death Row	43 (0%)	0 (0%)	43 (0%)
Non-Paroleable (includes TIS inmates)	277 (1%)	1 (0%)	278 (1%)
TIS Sentences	10,375 (52%)	539 (39%)	10,914 (51%)
Special Needs			
With Children 3	13,048 (66%)	1,090 (79%)	14,138 (67%)
With Convicted Disciplinaries in Last 12 Months	6,955 (35%)	307 (22%)	7,262 (34%)
With Victim Witness Indicator	12,910 (65%)	765 (55%)	13,675 (64%)
Sex Registry	3,299 (17%)	36 (3%)	3,335 (16%)
Required DNA Testing	19,537 (98%)	1,290 (93%)	20,827 (98%)
Chemical Dependent per SASSI/TCUDDS 4	7,417 (37%)	696 (50%)	8,113 (38%)
Education/Work			
Average Education Level at Intake	10.6	11.0	10.6
Without HS/GED	10,598 (53%)	610 (44%)	11,208 (53%)
Leading Most Serious Offense 5			
	Homicide 18%	Homicide 20%	Homicide 18%
	Dang. Drugs 17%	Dang. Drugs 18%	Dang. Drugs 17%
	Burglary 15%	Burglary 9%	Burglary 15%
	Robbery 13%	Larceny 9%	Robbery 13%
	Sexual Assault 8%	Robbery 7%	Sexual Assault 7%
Top Five Committing Counties			
	Spartanburg 9%	Spartanburg 13%	Spartanburg 10%
	Greenville 9%	Greenville 10%	Greenville 9%
	Richland 8%	Horry 7%	Richland 8%
	Charleston 7%	Lexington 6%	Charleston 7%
	Horry 6%	York 6%	Horry 6%
Mental Health Classification			
No Mental Health Problem	16,867 (85%)	836 (60%)	17,703 (83%)
Mentally Retarded	21 (0%)	2 (0%)	23 (0%)
Mentally Ill	2,648 (13%)	493 (36%)	3,141 (15%)
Not Available/Unknown	332 (2%)	52 (4%)	384 (2%)

¹ Excludes Lifers, Death-Row & YOA's

² Include 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

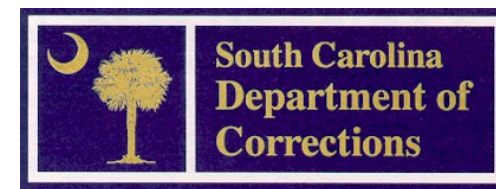
⁴ Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) stopped being used in January 1997. Currently Texas Christian University Drug Dependency Screen (TCUDDS) is used.

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.

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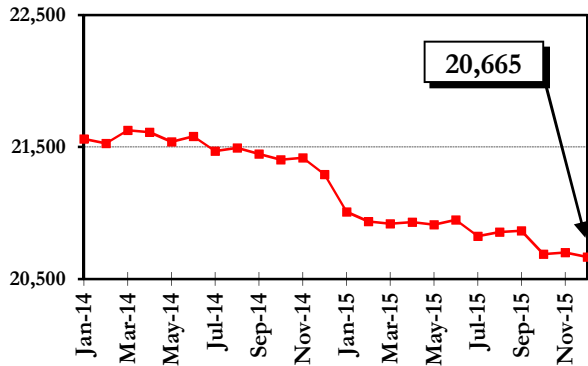
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SCDC Average Daily Facility Count per Month January 2014 – December 2015



Admissions to SCDC Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015

ADMISSIONS	FY 2013		FY 2014		FY 2015	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
NEW ADMISSIONS FROM COURT	7,785	81.40%	7,540	82.53%	7,026	81.20%
Indeterminate Sentence (YOA)*	625	6.50%	608	6.65%	554	6.40%
Straight Sentence (Non-YOA)	7,121	74.40%	6,896	75.48%	6,459	74.60%
Other Jurisdiction	39	0.40%	36	0.39%	13	0.20%
PROBATION REVOCATIONS***	1,008	10.50%	932	10.20%	1,029	11.90%
PAROLE REVOCATIONS	638	6.70%	472	5.20%	357	4.10%
Youthful Offender Act (YOA)	298	3.10%	236	2.58%	189	2.20%
NON-YOA	340	3.60%	236	2.58%	168	1.90%
ISS REVOCATIONS	7	0.10%	70	0.00%	106	1.20%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY REVOCATIONS	1	0.10%	7	0.00%	24	0.30%
SF/EPA REVOCATIONS	1	0.10%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
COMMUNITY SUPV. REVOCATIONS	109	1.10%	108	1.18%	104	1.20%
RE-SENTENCED	19	0.20%	6	0.07%	8	0.10%
DEATH ROW	0	0.00%	1	0.01%	0	0.00%
OTHER **	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.00%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	9,569	100.00%	9,136	100.00%	8,656	100.00%

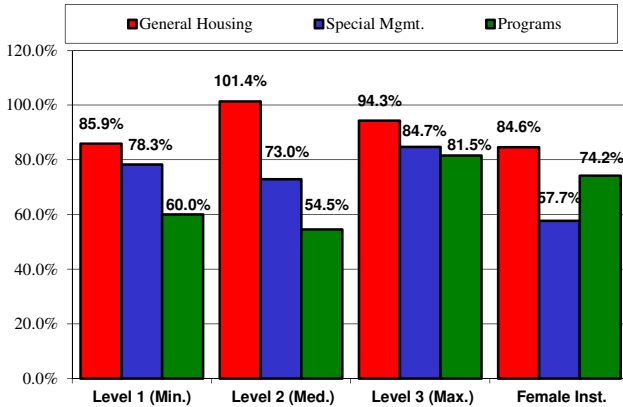
All percentages rounded where possible.
 *The Youthful Offender Act provides for indeterminate sentences of 1-6 years for offenders aged 17-25.
 ** These inmates include appeal bond denied, ICG, and other state inmates.
 *** Death Row admissions figures represent placements to death row, includes new admissions, resentenced and returned inmates.
 *** Includes only those inmates released to probation from SCDC.

Time Served by SCDC Inmates Released Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015

TIME SERVED	FY 2013		FY 2014		FY 2015	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
3 Months or Less	1,073	11.2%	850	11.2%	794	11.2%
3 Months 1 Day-6 Months	1,490	15.5%	1,413	15.5%	1,252	15.5%
6 Months 1 Day-9 Months	1,097	11.4%	1,222	11.4%	1,184	11.4%
9 Months 1 Day-1 Year	1,141	11.9%	932	11.9%	897	11.9%
1 Year 1 Day-5 Years	3,720	38.7%	3,824	38.7%	3,943	38.7%
5 Years 1 Day-10 Years	725	7.5%	779	7.5%	819	7.5%
10 Years 1 Day-15 Years	243	2.5%	276	2.5%	267	2.5%
15 Years 1 Day-20 Years	88	0.9%	119	0.9%	110	0.9%
20 Years 1 Day-25 Years	15	0.2%	29	0.2%	42	0.2%
25 Years 1 Day-30 Years	9	0.1%	25	0.1%	23	0.1%
Over 30 Years	22	0.2%	16	0.2%	23	0.2%
TOTAL RELEASES	9,623	100.0%	9,485	100.0%	9,354	100.0%
Average Time Served	2 Years 2 Months		2 Years 5 Months		2 Years 5 Months	

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.

Bedspace Utilization Rates by Housing Type December 15, 2015



Most Serious Offense of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
DANGEROUS DRUGS	19.3%	19.6%	19.8%
BURGLARY	16.7%	16.5%	15.6%
ASSAULT	8.6%	8.8%	9.7%
LARCENY	8.7%	8.6%	8.5%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	6.9%	6.9%	6.5%
ROBBERY	6.2%	6.1%	6.0%
FAMILY OFFENSE	5.2%	5.1%	5.5%
ALL OTHERS	28.4%	28.4%	28.3%
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	9,569	9,136	8,656

* 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 are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe).

Average Sentence Length of SCDC Admissions Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Average Sentence Length	4 Yrs. 1 Mos.	4 Yrs. 3 Mos.	4 Yrs. 4 Mos.

* 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.

Releases from SCDC by Type Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015

RELEASES	FY 2013		FY 2014		FY 2015	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE/ LESS GOOD TIME	4,751	49.4%	4,416	46.6%	3,948	42.2%
MAXOUT - YOA	91	0.9%	80	0.8%	57	0.6%
PLACED ON PROBATION	2,132	22.2%	2,069	21.8%	1,983	21.2%
PAROLED TO INTENSIVE SUPERVISION SERVICES*	N/A	N/A	606	6.4%	638	6.8%
PAROLED BY YOA PAROLE BOARD**	879	9.1%	268	2.8%	198	2.1%
PAROLED BY DPPPS***	490	5.1%	431	4.5%	790	8.4%
RE-SENTENCED	16	0.2%	11	0.1%	11	0.1%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	1,111	11.5%	1,188	12.5%	1,097	11.7%
SUPERVISED RE-ENTRY	61	0.6%	312	3.3%	528	5.6%
DEATH	61	0.6%	78	0.8%	72	0.8%
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	0.3%	26	0.3%	32	0.3%
TOTAL RELEASES	9,623	100.0%	9,485	100.0%	9,354	100.0%

* 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.

Average Daily Inmate Population Fiscal Year 2008 - 2015					
Fiscal Year	SCDC Facilities	Other ¹	SCDC Jurisdiction	Change over Last Year	% Change over Last Year
2008	23,889	748	24,637	499	2.1%
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%

¹ Other Placements = Special Placements + Designated Facilities

South Carolina Department of Corrections Cost Per Inmate* Fiscal Years 2010-2015				
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
2010	\$14,445 **	\$39.58 **	\$15,963	\$43.73
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

*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)

Based on 365 days per year, except leap year when 366 days are used.