MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2026

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	BLACK MALES		BLACK FEMALES		WHITE MALES		WHITE FEMALES		OTHER MALES		OTHER FEMALES		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DRUG OFFENSES	743	24.6%	37	16.0%	696	29.9%	317	53.0%	45	19.3%	6	33.3%	1,844	28.7%
ASSAULT	336	11.1%	35	15.2%	191	8.2%	26	4.3%	34	14.6%	2	11.1%	624	9.7%
FAMILY OFFENSE	272	9.0%	18	7.8%	193	8.3%	48	8.0%	15	6.4%	1	5.6%	547	8.5%
BURGLARY	213	7.0%	12	5.2%	261	11.2%	27	4.5%	11	4.7%	1	5.6%	525	8.2%
HOMICIDE	291	9.6%	24	10.4%	64	2.8%	13	2.2%	14	6.0%	0	0.0%	406	6.3%
LARCENY	165	5.5%	33	14.3%	154	6.6%	43	7.2%	2	0.9%	2	11.1%	399	6.2%
WEAPON OFFENSE	225	7.4%	1	0.4%	84	3.6%	5	0.8%	11	4.7%	0	0.0%	326	5.1%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	95	3.1%	0	0.0%	159	6.8%	6	1.0%	46	19.7%	0	0.0%	306	4.8%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	132	4.4%	15	6.5%	96	4.1%	24	4.0%	25	10.7%	2	11.1%	294	4.6%
ROBBERY	181	6.0%	11	4.8%	45	1.9%	6	1.0%	7	3.0%	0	0.0%	250	3.9%
SEX OFFENSES	83	2.7%	2	0.9%	80	3.4%	2	0.3%	5	2.1%	0	0.0%	172	2.7%
STOLEN VEHICLE	55	1.8%	4	1.7%	52	2.2%	8	1.3%	4	1.7%	0	0.0%	123	1.9%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	36	1.2%	12	5.2%	46	2.0%	23	3.8%	1	0.4%	1	5.6%	119	1.9%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	51	1.7%	3	1.3%	52	2.2%	6	1.0%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%	114	1.8%
KIDNAPPING	31	1.0%	3	1.3%	19	0.8%	2	0.3%	4	1.7%	0	0.0%	59	0.9%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	15	0.5%	5	2.2%	15	0.6%	15	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	50	0.8%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	16	0.5%	0	0.0%	24	1.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	41	0.6%
ARSON	11	0.4%	3	1.3%	11	0.5%	5	0.8%	1	0.4%	1	5.6%	32	0.5%
STOLEN PROPERTY	8	0.3%	0	0.0%	18	0.8%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	28	0.4%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	8	0.3%	0	0.0%	16	0.7%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	25	0.4%
PROPERTY CRIME	6	0.2%	3	1.3%	12	0.5%	0	0.0%	3	1.3%	0	0.0%	24	0.4%
SMUGGLING	8	0.3%	1	0.4%	7	0.3%	6	1.0%	1	0.4%	1	5.6%	24	0.4%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	11	0.4%	4	1.7%	6	0.3%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	23	0.4%
PUBLIC PEACE	13	0.4%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	20	0.3%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.1%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	3	0.1%	2	0.9%	3	0.1%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.1%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.1%
CONSERVATION	4	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	0.1%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	0	0.0%	2	0.9%	1	0.0%	3	0.5%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	7	0.1%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
EXTORTION	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
GAMBLING	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
LICENSE VIOLATION	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
TOTAL	**3,022**	**100.0%**	**231**	**100.0%**	**2,327**	**100.0%**	**598**	**100.0%**	**233**	**100.0%**	**18**	**100.0%**	**6,429**	**100.0%**

*Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. 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. 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.