MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF INMATES
ADMITTED FISCAL YEARS 2022 - 2026

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024		FY 2025		FY 2026	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
DRUG OFFENSES	**1,452**	**26.1%**	**1,641**	**28.6%**	**1,606**	**28.3%**	**1,725**	**28.3%**	**1,844**	**28.7%**
BURGLARY	**630**	**11.3%**	**581**	**10.1%**	**588**	**10.4%**	**512**	**8.4%**	**525**	**8.2%**
ASSAULT	**485**	**8.7%**	**560**	**9.8%**	**543**	**9.6%**	**609**	**10.0%**	**624**	**9.7%**
FAMILY OFFENSE	**479**	**8.6%**	**523**	**9.1%**	**513**	**9.0%**	**571**	**9.4%**	**547**	**8.5%**
LARCENY	**353**	**6.4%**	**326**	**5.7%**	**346**	**6.1%**	**380**	**6.2%**	**399**	**6.2%**
HOMICIDE	301	5.4%	306	5.3%	323	5.7%	347	5.7%	406	6.3%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	284	5.1%	246	4.3%	263	4.6%	298	4.9%	294	4.6%
WEAPON OFFENSE	210	3.8%	258	4.5%	243	4.3%	300	4.9%	326	5.1%
ROBBERY	259	4.7%	269	4.7%	243	4.3%	239	3.9%	250	3.9%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	217	3.9%	211	3.7%	213	3.8%	236	3.9%	306	4.8%
STOLEN VEHICLE	153	2.8%	139	2.4%	137	2.4%	170	2.8%	123	1.9%
SEX OFFENSES	135	2.4%	120	2.1%	144	2.5%	143	2.3%	172	2.7%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	98	1.8%	99	1.7%	91	1.6%	114	1.9%	114	1.8%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	86	1.5%	102	1.8%	78	1.4%	102	1.7%	119	1.9%
KIDNAPPING	66	1.2%	59	1.0%	49	0.9%	35	0.6%	59	0.9%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEIT	59	1.1%	45	0.8%	51	0.9%	46	0.8%	50	0.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	46	0.8%	35	0.6%	34	0.6%	29	0.5%	28	0.4%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	32	0.6%	33	0.6%	35	0.6%	27	0.4%	25	0.4%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	34	0.6%	35	0.6%	24	0.4%	33	0.5%	23	0.4%
ARSON	19	0.3%	23	0.4%	35	0.6%	31	0.5%	32	0.5%
INVASION OF PRIVACY	27	0.5%	14	0.2%	24	0.4%	26	0.4%	41	0.6%
PUBLIC PEACE	27	0.5%	21	0.4%	17	0.3%	31	0.5%	20	0.3%
SMUGGLING	20	0.4%	22	0.4%	17	0.3%	13	0.2%	24	0.4%
PROPERTY CRIME	18	0.3%	17	0.3%	12	0.2%	23	0.4%	24	0.4%
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	20	0.4%	11	0.2%	10	0.2%	13	0.2%	9	0.1%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	12	0.2%	14	0.2%	16	0.3%	7	0.1%	9	0.1%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	13	0.2%	8	0.1%	3	0.1%	11	0.2%	4	0.1%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	3	0.1%	4	0.1%	5	0.1%	5	0.1%	9	0.1%
CRIME AGAINST PERSON	1	0.0%	8	0.1%	3	0.1%	5	0.1%	7	0.1%
CONSERVATION	1	0.0%	3	0.1%	1	0.0%	5	0.1%	7	0.1%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	3	0.1%	5	0.1%	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	4	0.1%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	4	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
EXTORTION	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%
GAMBLING	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
LICENSE VIOLATION	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TAX REVENUE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
COMPUTER CRIMES	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
COSMETIC ADULTERATED	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	**5,553**	**100%**	**5,743**	**100%**	**5,675**	**100%**	**6,093**	**100%**	**6,429**	**100%**

* 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. 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.