South Carolina Department of Corrections
Cost Per Inmate*
Fiscal Years 1988 - 2026

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
1988	$12,213	$33.37	$12,421	$33.94
1989	$12,925	$35.41	$13,237	$36.27
1990	$12,414	$34.01	$12,707	$34.81
1991	$12,336	$33.80	$12,451	$34.11
1992	$12,274	$33.54	$12,467	$34.06
1993	$12,107	$33.17	$12,296	$33.69
1994	$12,382	$33.92	$12,574	$34.45
1995	$12,899	$35.34	$13,219	$36.22
1996	$12,849	$33.83	$13,315	$36.38
1997	$13,141	$36.00	$13,857	$37.96
1998	$13,845	$37.93	$14,318	$39.23
1999	$14,210	$38.93	$15,336	$42.02
2000	$15,142	$41.37	$16,024	$43.78
2001	$15,968	$43.75	$17,076	$46.78
2002	$13,023	$35.68	$14,975	$41.03
2003	$12,353	$33.84	$13,962	$38.25
2004	$12,170	$33.25	$13,590	$37.13
2005	$12,096	$33.14	$13,988	$38.32
2006	$13,170	$36.08	$15,156	$41.52
2007	$14,093	$38.61	$16,432	$45.02
2008	$14,344	$39.19	$16,462	$44.98
2009	$14,545	$39.85	$16,312	$44.69
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
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
2021	$27,883	$76.39	$30,187	$82.70
2022	$30,044	$82.31	$32,247	$88.35
2023	$34,570	$94.71	$37,758	$103.45
2024	$36,553	$99.87	$40,429	$110.46
2025	$34,673	$95.00	$37,503	$102.75
2026	$34,938	$95.72	$36,989	$101.34

*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.

**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.