Average Daily Inmate Population
Fiscal Years 1970 - 2026

FISCAL YEAR	SCDC FACILITIES	SPECIAL PLACEMENTS[1]	DESIGNATED FACILITIES[2]	SCDC JURISDICTION[3]	ABSOLUTE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR	PERCENT CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS YEAR
1970	2,537	--	--	2,537	182	7.7%
1971	2,859	--	--	2,859	322	12.7%
1972	3,239	--	--	3,239	380	13.3%
1973	3,341	--	--	3,341	102	3.1%
1974	3,517	25	--	3,542	201	6.0%
1975	4,557	25	36	4,618	1,076	30.4%
1976	5,671	25	568	6,264	1,646	35.6%
1977	6,392	27	748	7,167	903	14.4%
1978	6,677	32	738	7,447	280	3.9%
1979	6,761	149	713	7,623	176	2.4%
1980	7,003	184	682	7,869	246	3.2%
1981	7,190	236	652	8,078	209	2.7%
1982	7,635	353	614	8,602	524	6.5%
1983	8,151	683	558	9,392	790	9.2%
1984	8,182	1,051	556	9,789	397	4.2%
1985	8,539	1,081	501	10,121	332	3.4%
1986	9,299	978	478	10,755	634	6.3%
1987	10,320	993	473	11,786	1,031	9.6%
1988	11,069	1,104	487	12,660	874	7.4%
1989	12,426	1,162	461	14,049	1,389	11.0%
1990	14,417	1,292	440	16,149	2,100	14.9%
1991	15,810	1,376	455	17,641	1,492	9.2%
1992	16,328	1,815	438	18,581	940	5.3%
1993	16,669	1,601	434	18,704	123	0.7%
1994	17,182	1,540	428	19,150	446	2.4%
1995	17,704	1,233	391	19,328	178	0.9%
1996	18,736	987	399	20,122	794	4.1%
1997	20,146	380	404	20,930	808	4.0%
1998	20,656	341	404	21,401	471	2.3%
1999	20,957	505	394	21,855	454	2.1%
2000	20,979	638	436	22,053	198	0.9%
2001	20,973	567	406	21,946	-107	-0.5%
2002	21,710	529	404	22,643	697	3.2%
2003	22,845	525	403	23,773	1,130	5.0%
2004	23,130	490	405	24,025	252	1.1%
2005	22,905	447	408	23,760	-265	-1.1%
2006	22,897	417	372	23,686	-74	-0.3%
2007	23,375	391	372	24,138	452	1.9%
2008	23,889	373	375	24,637	499	2.1%
2009	24,017	347	370	24,734	97	0.4%
2010	24,040	310	360	24,710	-24	-0.1%
2011	23,293	273	373	23,939	-771	-3.1%
2012	22,711	252	371	23,334	-605	-2.5%
2013	22,088	237	355	22,680	-654	-2.8%
2014	21,712	273	330	22,315	-365	-1.6%
2015	21,183	292	298	21,773	-542	-2.4%
2016	20,671	306	317	21,294	-479	-2.2%
2017	20,483	340	312	21,135	-159	-0.7%
2018	19,559	362	324	20,245	-890	-4.2%
2019	18,743	361	312	19,416	-829	-4.1%
2020	18,171	352	312	18,835	-581	-3.0%
2021	15,807	294	300	16,401	-2,434	-12.9%
2022	15,437	248	285	15,970	-431	-2.6%
2023	15,976	271	292	16,539	569	3.6%
2024	16,142	287	295	16,724	185	1.1%
2025	16,418	246	285	16,949	225	1.3%
2026	17,037	241	281	17,559	610	3.6%

1 This category of inmates does not take up bedspace in SCDC facilities due to placement in diversionary programs. These programs include Extended Work Release, Supervised Furlough, and Provisional Parole. Special Placements include inmates assigned to hospital facilities, as well as Interstate Corrections Compact, and authorized absences. Special placements includes inmates serving South Carolina sentences concurrently in other jurisdictions-for FY 2018 this number averaged 266.

2 Suitable city, county, and state facilities have been designated to house State inmates as a means of alleviating overcrowded conditions in SCDC facilities, and facilitating work at the facilities and in the community.

3 The jurisdiction count on this table does not include YOA parolees or inmates conditionally released under the Emergency Prison Overcrowding Powers Act (EPA); (S.C. Code of Laws 1976, Section 24-3-1110) invoked in September, 1983, and EPA II invoked in May, 1987. The average EPA counts were as follows: FY 1984 - 24; FY 1985 - 271; FY 1986 - 574; FY 1987 - 768; FY 1988 - 654(EPA), 126(EPA II); FY 1989 - 377(EPA), 213(EPA II); FY 1990 - 171(EPA), 189(EPA II); FY 1991 - 146(EPA), 164(EPAII); FY1992 - 150(EPA), 160(EPA II); FY 1993 - 145(EPA), 156(EPA II); FY 1994 - 131(EPA), 33(EPAII); FY 1995-124(EPA), 22(EPAII); FY 1996 - 110(EPA), 14(EPA II); FY 1997 - 105 (EPA), 12 (EPA II); FY 1998 - 105 (EPA), 12 (EPA II); FY 1999 - 1 (EPA II); 0 EPA II after 1999.