

# Adult Correctional Systems

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# METHODOLOGY

- A questionnaire was sent to each of the 15 states in the SLC.
- The data collected from the questionnaires were used to compile the report, unless otherwise noted.
- In addition to group reporting of like data, selected data from the states was compiled into a “Corrections State Profile” for each state. These include, but are not limited to, selected characteristics of adult inmates and major state initiatives.
- NOTE: Although identical questionnaires were sent to each state, there might be certain inconsistencies due to differences in interpretation and reporting of corrections data.
- For purpose of this report “N/A” denotes that the requested information was not provided, was unknown, or was not available for reporting.

# Total State Inmates in SLC States

Historical Trend Data of Adult Inmate Population  
(State Facilities)

YEAR	Number of Inmates (in state facilities)	Percent Change Increase/-Decrease
1-Jul-94	352,768	
1-Jul-95	411,746	16.70%
1-Jul-96	444,952	8.10%
1-Jul-97	465,879	4.70%
1-Jul-98	485,399	4.20%
1-Jul-99	508,043	4.70%
1-Jul-00	518,361	2.00%
1-Jul-01	523,683	1.00%
1-Jul-02	534,909	2.10%
1-Jul-03	549,493	2.70%
1-Jul-04	561,007	2.10%
1-Jul-05	569,747	1.60%
1-Jul-06	580,757	1.90%
1-Jul-07	591,261	1.80%
1-Jul-08	606,223	2.50%
1-Jul-09	586,388	0.50%
1-Jul-10	582,961	-0.60%
1-Jul-11	585,804	0.60%
1-Jul-12	580,909	-0.80%
1-Jul-13	577,067	-0.70%
1-Jul-14	576,118	-0.16%
1-Jul-15	569,675	-1.12%
1-Jul-16	564,138	-0.97%

- This reflects historical data (1994-2016) on the number of inmates in the SLC member states.
- A region-wide yearly trend summary of the change of inmates housed in state correctional systems as of July 1 of each year.
- From July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016, the inmate population decreased by 5,537 or 0.97 %.

# Total State Inmates in SLC States

A Comparison of Incarceration Rates (includes federal inmates)

YEAR	SLC Total Population (thousands)	U.S. Population (thousands)	SLC Total State Inmates (incl. jails)	U.S. Inmates in Prisons	SLC State Inmates / 100,000 Pop.	U.S. Inmates / 100,000 Pop.
2006 (a)	106,265	295,517	607,378	1,525,924	571.6	516.4
2016 (b)	119,642	321,419	635,148	1,526,792	530.9	475
% change	12.6%	8.8%	4.6%	0.1%	-7.1%	-8.0%

a) Population figures as of July 1, 2005. Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Inmate population figures as of December 31, 2005. Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prison Inmates at Mid-Year Report Release Date: December 2006.

b) Population figures as of July 1, 2015. Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. Inmate population figures as of December 31, 2015. Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prison Inmates at Mid-Year Report Release Date: December 2016.

Note: For consistency, the data are reported for current SLC member states.

- Between 2006 and 2016 the resident population of the 15 SLC states increased by 12.6% from 106.3 million to 119.6 million.
- During that same time period, the number of SLC inmates (including state inmates housed in local jails) increased by 4.6% from 607,378 to 635,148.
- The incarceration rate in the SLC region, which is the number of inmates per 100,000 inhabitants, decreased from 571.6 in 2006 to 530.9 in 2016 compared to the U.S. incarceration rate, which decreased from 516.4 per 100,000 in 2006 to 475 per 100,000 in 2016.
- The SLC states' incarceration rate is above the U.S. rate (per 100,000).

# Adult Inmate Population Housed in State Correctional Facilities

STATE	Inmate Population (a)		Inmate per 100,000 Pop. (b)	Rank in SLC
	1-Jul-15	1-Jul-16		
ALABAMA	25,447	24,203	497.67	9
ARKANSAS	15,420	16,032	536.50	12
FLORIDA	100,050	99,119	480.87	8
GEORGIA	53,870	54,026	524.00	10
KENTUCKY (c)	12,622	12,654	285.19	1
LOUISIANA	19,268	19,562	417.84	6
MISSISSIPPI	19,071	17,854	597.38	14
MISSOURI (c)	32,299	32,837	538.93	13
NORTH CAROLINA	37,386	36,429	359.02	5
OKLAHOMA	28,490	26,602	678.01	15
SOUTH CAROLINA	21,251	20,951	422.30	7
TENNESSEE	20,358	20,817	312.98	2
TEXAS	147,924	146,985	527.54	11
VIRGINIA	30,379	30,196	358.97	4
WEST VIRGINIA	5,840	5,871	320.63	3
TOTAL	569,675	564,138	467.15	

a) Incarceration population shown for inmates in State Facilities only b) Population data from U.S. Census c) Adjustments to 2015 were made as needed

# Adult Inmate Population Housed in State and Local Jails

STATE	STATE INMATES		Total State Inmates	Total State Inmates Per 100,000 Pop. (a)	Rank in SLC
	State Facilities	Local Jails			
ALABAMA	24,203	1,767	25,970	534.00	9
ARKANSAS	16,032	1,496	17,528	586.56	12
FLORIDA (b)	99,119	0	99,119	480.87	6
GEORGIA	54,026	427	54,453	528.14	8
KENTUCKY	12,654	11,717	24,371	549.27	11
LOUISIANA (c)	19,562	17,668	37,230	795.23	15
MISSISSIPPI	17,854	1,535	19,389	648.74	13
MISSOURI (b)	32,837	0	32,837	538.93	10
NORTH CAROLINA (b)	36,429	0	36,429	359.02	1
OKLAHOMA	26,602	409	27,011	688.43	14
SOUTH CAROLINA	20,951	308	21,259	428.51	3
TENNESSEE	20,817	9,193	30,010	451.20	4
TEXAS (b)	146,985	0	146,985	527.54	7
VIRGINIA	30,196	8,014	38,210	454.24	5
WEST VIRGINIA	5,871	1,160	7,031	383.98	2
TOTAL	564,138	53,694	617,832	511.61	

(a) Population data from U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

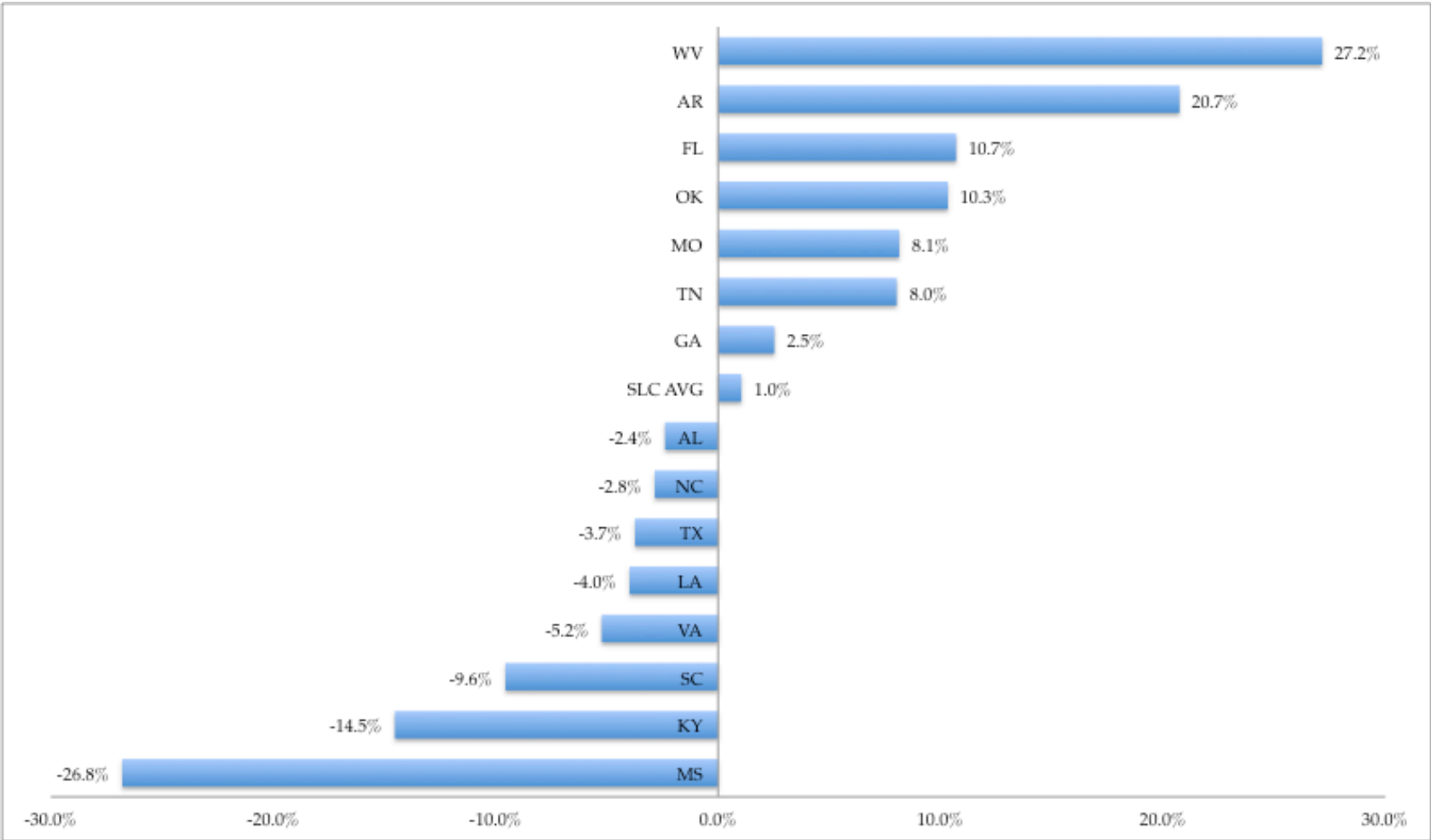
(b) States that do not house state prisoners in local jails.

(c) Louisiana includes 3,113 private prison beds.

# Distribution Of Adult Inmate Population By Type Of Institution

STATE	Level One		Level Two		Level Three		Community Based		Other		Total
	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	
ALABAMA	7,487	30.9%	12,016	49.6%	384	1.6%	3,805	15.7%	511	2.1%	24,203
ARKANSAS	5,909	36.9%	9,208	57.4%	0	0.0%	915	5.7%	0	0.0%	16,032
FLORIDA	5,536	5.6%	90,012	90.8%	0	0.0%	3,571	3.6%	0	0.0%	99,119
GEORGIA	2,352	4.4%	39,692	73.5%	9,347	17.3%	2,622	4.9%	13	0.0%	54,026
KENTUCKY	821	6.5%	9,596	75.8%	1,723	13.6%	514	4.1%	0	0.0%	12,654
LOUISIANA	9,993	51.1%	7,644	39.1%	491	2.5%	1,059	5.4%	375	1.9%	19,562
MISSISSIPPI	3,390	19.0%	10,378	58.1%	3,143	17.6%	943	5.3%	0	0.0%	17,854
MISSOURI	15,587	47.5%	10,887	33.2%	6,357	19.4%	0	0.0%	6	0.0%	32,837
NORTH CAROLINA	6,095	16.7%	17,062	46.8%	11,804	32.4%	30	0.1%	1,438	3.9%	36,429
OKLAHOMA	1,961	7.4%	12,814	48.2%	8,271	31.1%	3,479	13.1%	77	0.3%	26,602
SOUTH CAROLINA	7,197	34.4%	9,538	45.5%	2,245	10.7%	0	0.0%	1,971	9.4%	20,951
TENNESSEE	7,092	34.1%	13,725	65.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	20,817
TEXAS	48,750	33.2%	43,338	29.5%	54,897	37.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	146,985
VIRGINIA	4,461	14.8%	11,426	37.8%	7,847	26.0%	0	0.0%	6,462	21.4%	30,196
WEST VIRGINIA	1,536	26.2%	3,100	52.8%	577	9.8%	548	9.3%	110	1.9%	5,871
TOTAL	128,167	22.7%	300,436	53.3%	107,086	19.0%	17,486	3.1%	10,963	1.9%	564,138

# Percent Change in Adult Inmate Population State Facilities Only 2006 to 2016





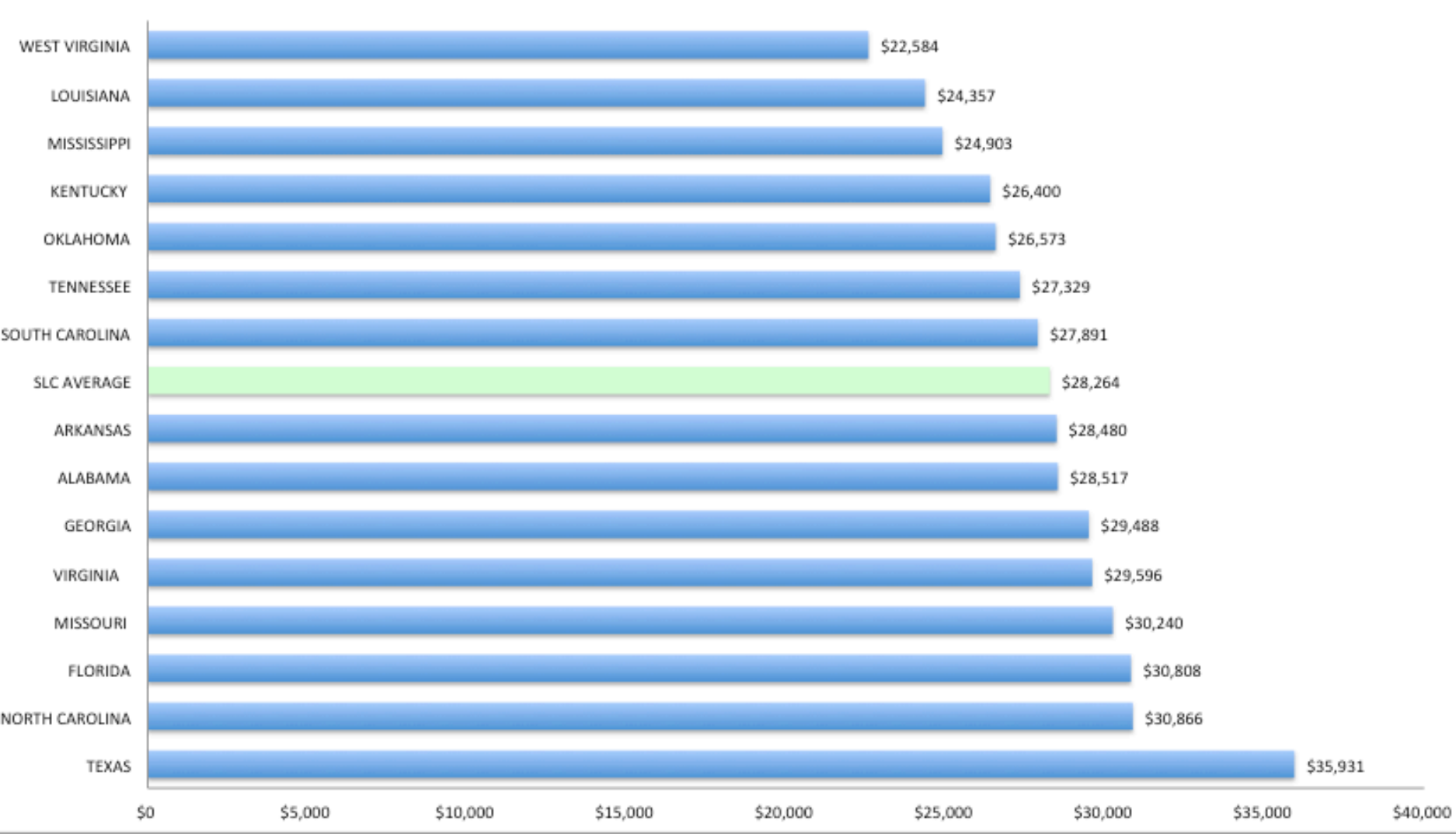
# Population & Capacity of State Correctional Facilities

STATE	Inmate Population	Maximum Design Capacity	Percent of Capacity
ALABAMA	24,203	13,318	182%
ARKANSAS	16,032	14,821	108%
FLORIDA	99,119	100,513	99%
GEORGIA	54,026	59,040	92%
KENTUCKY	12,654	12,034	105%
LOUISIANA	19,562	18,676	105%
MISSISSIPPI	17,854	24,272	74%
MISSOURI	32,837	32,237	102%
NORTH CAROLINA	36,429	41,869	87%
OKLAHOMA	26,602	24,119	110%
SOUTH CAROLINA	20,951	22,828	92%
TENNESSEE	20,817	22,881	91%
TEXAS	146,985	155,702	94%
VIRGINIA	30,196	24,241	125%
WEST VIRGINIA	5,871	5,998	98%
TOTAL / AVERAGE	564,138	572,549	99%

# 2016 System-wide Average Cost Per Inmate Per Day

STATE	Average Cost Per Inmate Day	STATE	Average Cost Per Inmate Day
ALABAMA	\$48	NORTH CAROLINA	\$83
ARKANSAS	\$61	OKLAHOMA	\$45
FLORIDA	\$53	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$50
GEORGIA	\$57	TENNESSEE	\$77
KENTUCKY	\$64	TEXAS	\$62
LOUISIANA	\$38	VIRGINIA	\$79
MISSISSIPPI	\$45	WEST VIRGINIA	\$76
MISSOURI	\$57	<b>SLC AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$60</b>

# 2016 Correctional Officer Average Starting Salary



SALARY (WITHOUT RETIREMENT AND RELATED BENEFITS)

# Recidivism Rate For Total Population Base 3 Years After Release

State	Recidivism Rate	Rank in SLC
ALABAMA	30.9%	9
ARKANSAS	51.8%	15
FLORIDA	25.5%	6
GEORGIA	26.4%	7
KENTUCKY	43%	13
LOUISIANA	34.8%	11
MISSISSIPPI	31.9%	10
MISSOURI	42.5%	12
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1</b>
OKLAHOMA	24.59%	5
SOUTH CAROLINA	23.1%	3
TENNESSEE	48.6%	14
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>1</b>
VIRGINIA	23.4%	4
WEST VIRGINIA	26.8%	8

# Southern Region Profile

## SLC Statistics:

- SLC states spent \$14.4 billion in FY 2016 to incarcerate adults.
- In the last 10 years, corrections expenditures for the SLC states have increased by approximately 25.86% from \$11.4 billion to \$14.4 billion.
- The SLC average age at commitment as of July 2016 is 34 years of age with an average sentence of 5.5 years. The average time served is 3.2 years.
- Based on data from the SLC states, 18.92% (116,901) of the offender population in the SLC are drug offenders.

# Southern Region Profile

## SLC Statistics:

- There are a total of 152,058 inmates in the SLC region serving 20 years or more, compared to 146,868 inmates reported in last year's report.
- There were 24 inmate executions in the SLC Region over the prior 12-month period, compared to 32 reported in FY15.
- SLC states reported a total 19,766 inmates serving life in the SLC Region compared to 25,628 serving life as of FY15. This equates to a net 22.87% decrease.
- There were a total of 26,856 inmates 50 years or older at the age of commitment in the SLC Region compared to 33,381 as of FY 15.
- There were a total of 276,155 inmates released from custody over the prior 12-month period compared to 278,251 released as of FY 15.

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