

# STATE CORRECTIONS PROFILE



## SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF ADULT INMATES (as of July 1, 2007)

<u>PROFILE QUESTION</u>	<u>STATE RESPONSE:</u>
Average Age At Commitment:	32.4 years
Total Number of Inmates 50 Years or Older:	984 inmates
 Average Sentence for New Commitments: (excluding life sentences)	 4.1 years
 Average Time Served By Those Released: (excluding life sentences)	 1.75 years
 The Three (3) Most Frequently Committed Crimes For Which Inmates are Currently Serving Time:	 A. Drugs B. Burglary C. Homicide
 Race and Sex Distribution:	
Percentage White	32.40%
Percentage Black	65.60%
Percentage Hispanic	1.30%
Percentage Other	0.70%
Percentage Male	93.00%
Percentage Female	7.00%
 Number of Inmates Serving Life	 1,295 inmates
Number of Inmates Serving Life (Without Parole)	702 inmates
 New Commitments to Life Sentences:	 53 inmates
 Percentage of inmates that are considered to have mental and/or emotional health conditions:	 10.19%

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<u>PROFILE QUESTION</u>	<u>STATE RESPONSE:</u>
Inmates Serving Death Sentences:	58 inmates
Inmates Executed in FY 2007:	2 inmates
Inmates Serving Twenty (20) Years or More:	2,911 inmates
Inmates That Have Already Served Twenty (20) Years of Their Current Sentence:	632 inmates
Inmates Admitted Who Were Parole Violators:	1,185 inmates
Number of technical parole violators:	857 inmates
Number of new crime parole violators:	328 inmates
Inmates Released from Custody in FY 2007 for the following:	
Expiration of Sentence	7,030 inmates
Parole	2,298 inmates
Goodtime	N/A inmates
Probation	2,874 inmates
Death	77 inmates
<u>Other (Appeal, Community, Remanded, Repentance)</u>	<u>1,220 inmates</u>
Total	13,499 inmates
Method In Which "Goodtime" is Calculated:	N/A
Is Medical-Early or Compassionate Release Allowed:	Yes
The South Carolina Department of Corrections institutes a policy known as the "Medical Furlough Program for Terminally Ill Inmates".	
Number of inmates released in FY 2007 based on the above:	0 inmates
Inmates Between the ages of 17 and 20:	1,289 inmates
Recidivism rate for total population base 3 years after release:	33.00%

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### STATE RESPONSE:

Number of AIDS Cases:  
Number of Inmates Tested for HIV Antibodies

204 inmates  
438 inmates

### Testing of Inmates By Category:

Admission  
Random  
Incident  
High Risk Group

N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

Systems Frequency of Testing:  
Inmates Testing Positive for HIV Antibodies:

Admission, exposure, indication  
234 inmates

Inmates are assigned to a therapeutic community, where services are available and specially tailored for the HIV+ population.

Number of known Hepatitis C Cases:  
Number of Inmates being treated for Hepatitis C:

N/A  
N/A

### Testing of Inmates By Category:

Admission  
Random  
Incident  
High Risk Group

N/A  
N/A  
N/A  
N/A

### Systems Frequency of Testing:

N/A

The South Carolina Department of Corrections does not have a system in place for tracking Hepatitis C and they do no segregate or isolate Hepatitis C inmates. There is an infection control coordinator who monitors Hepatitis C with the help of the medical staff to distribute information to inmates.

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### COURT ORDER REQUIREMENTS



The SC Dept. of Corrections is currently under a federal court order and has been since 1999. The court requires South Carolina to allow certain inmates to have access to literature (but only in Administrative Segregation) and limits the use of drug dogs to search visitors.

### STATE INITIATIVES

#### Elderly or Infirm Inmates

All elderly and infirm inmates committed to the South Carolina Department of Corrections are given a medical and mental health assessment upon admission. A treatment plan is developed and the inmate is assigned to an institution according to his medical or mental health needs. SC has two handicapped units for inmates that have ambulating, hearing, or sight problems, an assisted living unit for inmates that need assistance. There are 3 infirmaries for any inpatient care needed which includes a chronic care infirmary for the inmates that can no longer care for themselves. If the SC DC infirmaries cannot provide the services, the inmates are admitted to a community hospital for more intensive care.

#### Prison Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

The S.C. Department of Corrections has the following substance abuse treatment programs:

*Goodman Addiction Treatment Unit* - 46 bed residential program for female and youthful offenders with 6 months of treatment using the Therapeutic Community Model (\$200,000 State Funds).

*Lee Addiction Treatment Unit* - 256 bed residential program for male adult offenders with 6 months of treatment using Therapeutic Community Model (\$300,000 VOITUS Funds)

*Tuberville Addiction Treatment Unit* - 272 bed residential program for young male offenders with 6-9 months of treatment using the Therapeutic Community Model (\$960,000 RSAT/State Funds).

*Leath Addiction Treatment Unit* - 96 bed residential program for female offenders with 6-9 months of treatment using the Therapeutic Community model (\$459,000 RSAT Funds).

*Watkins Pre-Release* - 56 bed psycho-educational structured group counseling for male adult offenders with 60 days of faith based treatment (\$100,000 State Funds).

*Perry Correctional Institution* - 48 bed psycho-educational structured group counseling for male adult offenders with 90 days of faith based treatment (\$50,000 State Funds).

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### STATE INITIATIVES (continued)



#### Prison Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs (continued)

South Carolina does not have provisions established for a process evaluation of its programs. Substance abuse programs effectiveness are evaluated by monitoring recidivism rates of successful program participants compared to the recidivism rates for those offenders who did not receive treatment.

#### Pre-release/ Post-Release ("Reentry") Programs

South Carolina's Department of Corrections operated a formal re-entry program using federal funds between 2002 and 2006. Subsequent to the termination of the program in June of 2006, South Carolina does not operate a formal re-entry as such; however, it continues to deliver re-entry support functions through its 30-day pre-release and work program preparing inmates for life outside of prison walls.

#### Concerns with Aging Adult Correctional Facilities

The South Carolina Department of Corrections has 28 correctional facilities with the average age of those facilities being over 31 years. The age range is from 10 years to 117 years. Maintaining facilities becomes more difficult as they age due to the deterioration of infrastructure, equipment failure, and loss of energy efficiency. During the past several years, SCDC has been operating on a reduced budget, which has increased the deferred maintenance needs. Maintenance of facilities has never been adequately funded for even the critical items and SCDC is operating on a repair as-needed emergency basis. SCDC is faced with over \$30 million in deferred Critical maintenance needs plus over \$42 million dollars in the five-year deferred maintenance plan.

SCDC is using the following coping strategies:

- Utilize federal funds to place Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing (VOITIS) beds at institutions that require infrastructure upgrades.
- Frequent trips to the state surplus to acquire needed materials/ equipment
- Salvage parts off of equipment being replaced (if one out of three machines break, the broken machine is used for parts on the remaining two functional machines)
- Delay repair of equipment

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