

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	16.70%
1-Jul-95	411,746	
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	564,935	-0.83%
1-Jul-17	555,979	-1.59%

- This reflects historical data (1994-2017) 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, 2016, to July 1, 2017, the inmate population decreased by 8,956 or 1.59%.

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.
2007 (a)	109,477	301,231	638,726	1,598,316	583.4	530.6
2017 (b)	122,064	325,719	630,685	1,505,397	516.7	462.2
% change	11.5%	8.1%	-1.3%	-5.8%	-11.4%	-12.9%

a)U.S. Population figures as of July 1, 2007. Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. (Release Date September 2011) Inmate population figures as of December 31, 2006. Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 2007 Report Revised (Release Date: January 12, 2009).

b)Population figures as of July 1, 2017. Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau. (Release Date December 2017) Inmate population figures as of December 31, 2016. Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 2016 Report (Release Date: January 2018.)

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

- Between 2007 and 2017 the resident population of the 15 SLC states increased by 11.5% from 109.5 million to 122.1 million.
- During that same time period, the number of SLC inmates (including state inmates housed in local jails) decreased by 1.3% from 638,726 to 630,685.
- The incarceration rate in the SLC region, which is the number of inmates per 100,000 inhabitants, decreased by 11.4% from 583.4 in 2007 to 514.7 in 2017 compared to the U.S. incarceration rate, which decreased by 12.9% from 530.6 per 100,000 in 2007 to 462.2 per 100,000 in 2017.
- 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	Inmate Population Change			
	1-Jul-16	1-Jul-17			12 to 13	13 to 14	15 to 16	16 to 17
ALABAMA	24,203	21,868	448.60	8	0.6%	-2.4%	-4.9%	-9.6%
ARKANSAS	16,032	15,889	528.88	12	-0.7%	5.7%	4.0%	-0.9%
FLORIDA	99,119	97,794	466.03	9	-1.7%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-1.3%
GEORGIA	54,026	54,847	525.89	11	9.6%	1.4%	0.3%	1.5%
KENTUCKY (c)	12,606	12,337	276.97	1	-7.9%	-1.6%	0.3%	-2.1%
LOUISIANA	19,562	15,990	341.35	4	2.2%	-2.2%	1.5%	-18.3%
MISSISSIPPI	17,854	17,259	578.37	14	3.0%	-12.6%	-6.4%	-3.3%
MISSOURI (c)	32,837	32,805	536.60	13	0.9%	1.2%	1.7%	-0.1%
NORTH CAROLINA	36,429	36,433	354.63	5	-6.4%	-0.7%	-2.6%	0.01%
OKLAHOMA (c)(d)	27,447	26,565	675.80	15	1.4%	3.2%	-3.7%	-3.2%
SOUTH CAROLINA	20,951	19,989	397.84	7	-4.9%	-3.0%	-1.4%	-4.6%
TENNESSEE	20,817	22,045	328.25	3	-1.2%	-4.0%	2.3%	5.9%
TEXAS	146,985	146,085	516.12	10	-1.8%	-1.8%	-0.6%	-0.6%
VIRGINIA	30,196	30,173	356.23	6	-6.8%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.1%
WEST VIRGINIA	5,871	5,900	324.91	2	1.0%	-0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
TOTAL	564,935	555,979	455.48		-0.8%	-1.2%	-1.0%	-1.6%

a) Incarceration population shown for inmates in State Facilities only b) Population data from U.S. Census c) Adjustments to 2016 were made as needed d) Oklahoma's revised number for 2016 now includes state inmates who were out for court, hospital, etc.

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	21,868	2,169	24,037	493.10	7
ARKANSAS	15,889	1,643	17,532	583.56	12
FLORIDA (b)	97,794	0	97,794	466.03	6
GEORGIA	54,847	604	55,451	531.68	10
KENTUCKY	12,337	11,331	23,668	531.36	9
LOUISIANA (c)	15,990	20,649	36,639	782.15	15
MISSISSIPPI	17,259	1,328	18,587	622.87	13
MISSOURI (b)	32,805	0	32,805	536.60	11
NORTH CAROLINA (b)	36,433	0	36,433	354.63	1
OKLAHOMA	26,565	11	26,576	676.08	14
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,989	323	20,312	404.27	3
TENNESSEE	22,045	8,701	30,746	457.80	5
TEXAS (b)	146,085	0	146,085	516.12	8
VIRGINIA (d)	30,173	7,569	37,742	445.60	4
WEST VIRGINIA	5,900	1,182	7,082	390.00	2
TOTAL	555,979	55,510	611,489	500.96	

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

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

(c) Louisiana includes 2,844 private prison beds.

(d) Virginia includes 1,534 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 (a)	7,092	32.4%	11,115	50.8%	0	0.0%	3,349	15.3%	312	1.4%	21,868
ARKANSAS	5,802	36.5%	9,192	57.9%	0	0.0%	895	5.6%	0	0.0%	15,889
FLORIDA	5,323	5.4%	88,918	90.9%	0	0.0%	3,553	3.6%	0	0.0%	97,794
GEORGIA	5,798	10.6%	39,207	71.5%	7,180	13.1%	2,642	4.8%	20	0.0%	54,847
KENTUCKY (b)	834	6.8%	10,233	82.9%	870	7.1%	400	3.2%	0	0.0%	12,337
LOUISIANA (c)	9,442	59.0%	4,511	28.2%	519	3.2%	1,101	6.9%	417	2.6%	15,990
MISSISSIPPI	3,181	18.4%	10,473	60.7%	2,867	16.6%	738	4.3%	0	0.0%	17,259
MISSOURI	15,714	47.9%	10,884	33.2%	6,207	18.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	32,805
NORTH CAROLINA (d)	6,133	16.8%	16,432	45.1%	12,722	34.9%	30	0.1%	1,116	3.1%	36,433
OKLAHOMA	1,952	7.3%	14,299	53.8%	7,026	26.4%	3,288	12.4%	0	0.0%	26,565
SOUTH CAROLINA (e)	7,030	35.2%	8,929	44.7%	1,896	9.5%	0	0.0%	2,134	10.7%	19,989
TENNESSEE	7,899	35.8%	14,146	64.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22,045
TEXAS	49,193	33.7%	43,399	29.7%	53,493	36.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	146,085
VIRGINIA (f)	4,421	14.7%	11,408	37.8%	8,172	27.1%	0	0.0%	6,172	20.5%	30,173
WEST VIRGINIA (g)	1,537	26.1%	3,136	53.2%	553	9.4%	554	9.4%	120	2.0%	5,900
TOTAL	131,351	23.6%	296,282	53.3%	101,505	18.3%	16,550	3.0%	10,291	1.9%	555,979

(a) Alabama's Other category includes in-transient, records monitor and leased beds.

(b) Kentucky reported its minimum security inmates housed in a medium or maximum security facility with that level.

(c) Louisiana's Other category captures adult reception and diagnostic center inmates.

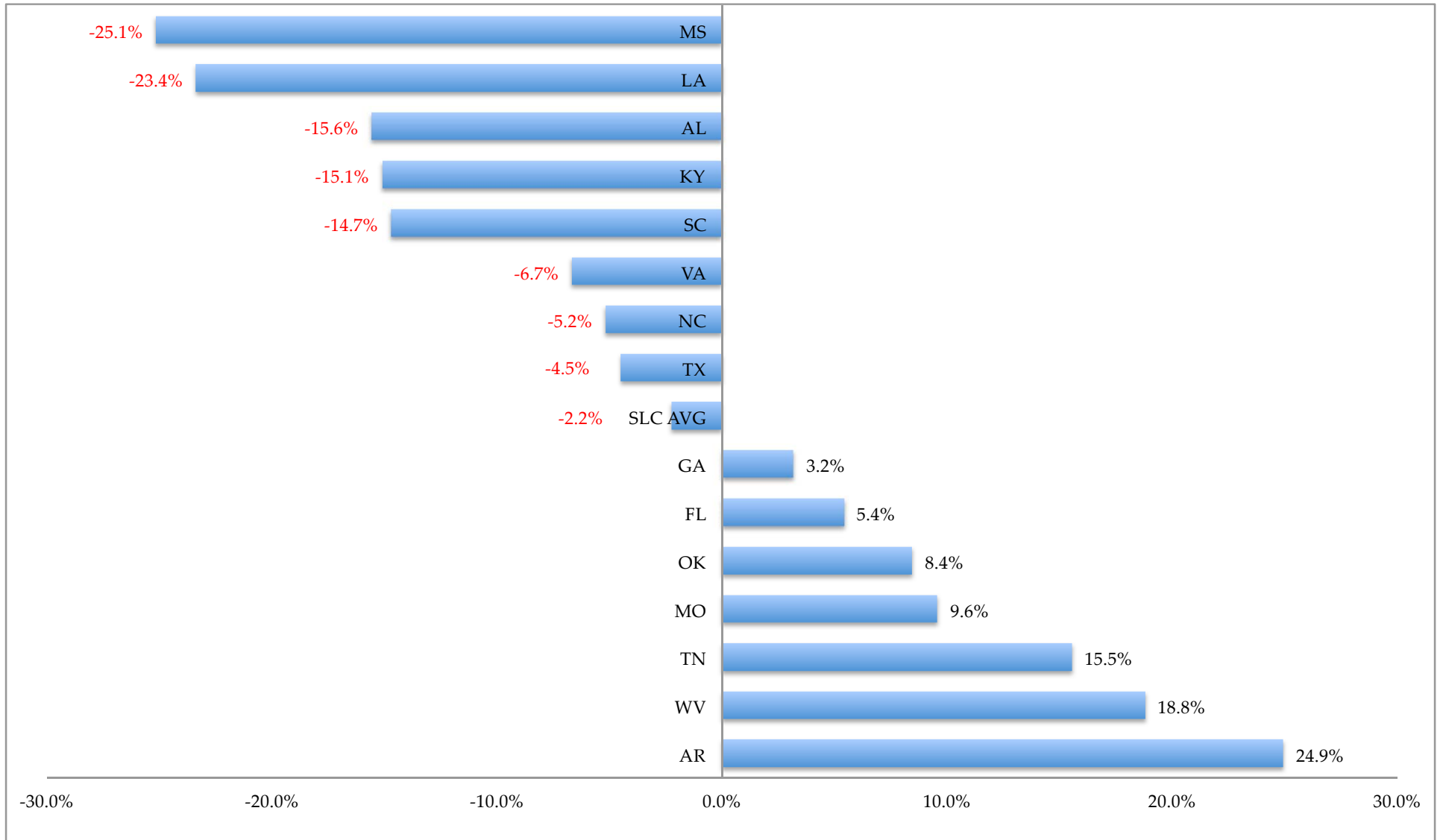
(d) North Carolina's Other category includes safekeepers and unassigned custody.

(e) South Carolina's Other category includes psychiatric hospital, infirmary designations and authorized absences.

(f) Virginia's Other category includes restricted housing, transition, protective custody, death row, hearing impaired and unassigned.

(g) West Virginia's Other category includes receiving and intake.

Percent Change in Adult Inmate Population State Facilities Only 2007 to 2017



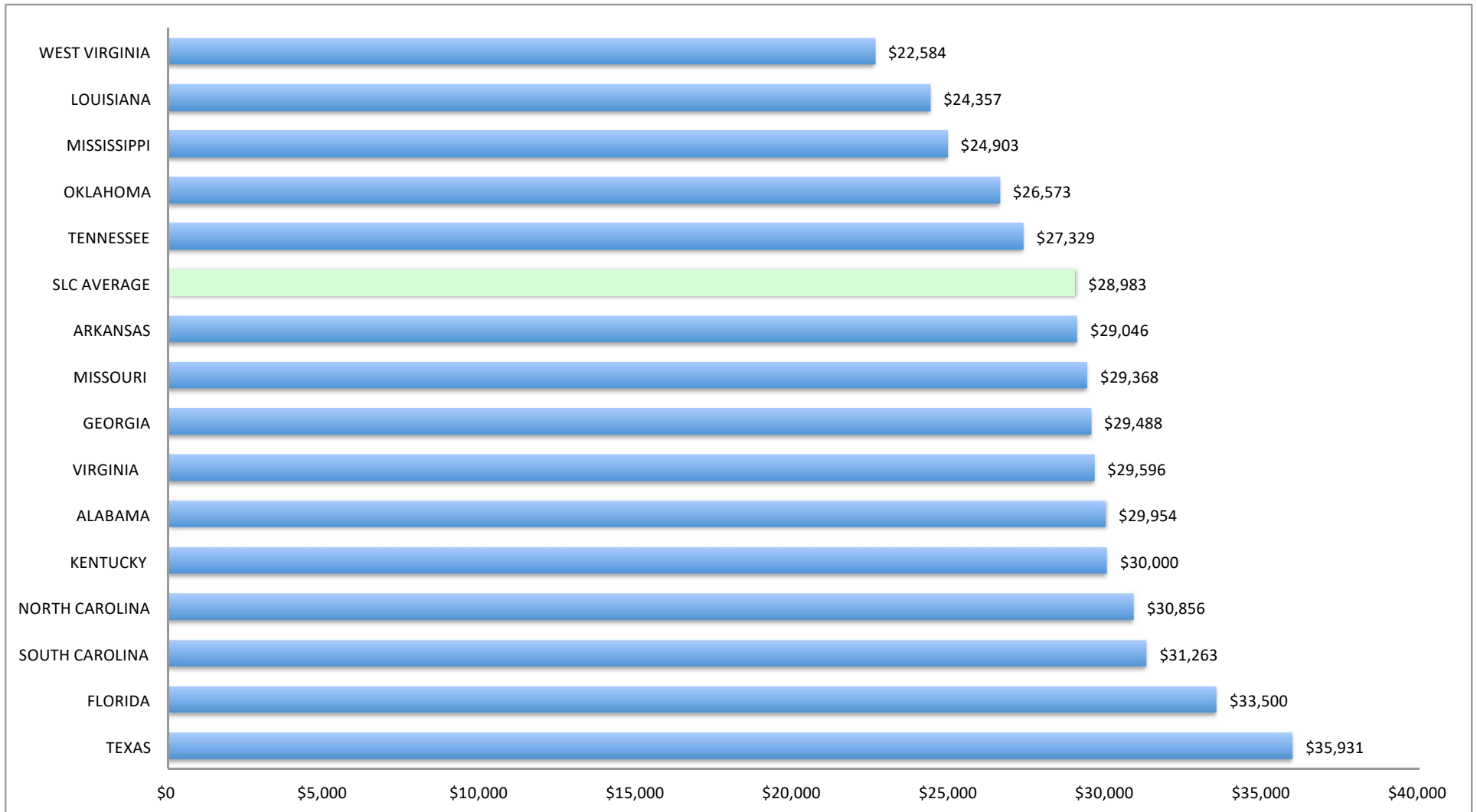
Population & Capacity of State Correctional Facilities

STATE	Inmate Population	Maximum Design Capacity	Percent of Capacity
ALABAMA	21,868	13,318	164%
ARKANSAS	15,889	14,900	107%
FLORIDA	97,794	100,867	97%
GEORGIA	54,847	59,565	92%
KENTUCKY	12,337	12,236	101%
LOUISIANA	15,990	19,276	83%
MISSISSIPPI	17,259	24,223	71%
MISSOURI	32,805	29,361	112%
NORTH CAROLINA	36,433	37,617	97%
OKLAHOMA	26,565	25,298	105%
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,989	22,147	90%
TENNESSEE	22,045	23,873	92%
TEXAS	146,085	152,916	96%
VIRGINIA	30,173	24,250	124%
WEST VIRGINIA	5,900	5,989	99%
TOTAL / AVERAGE	555,979	565,836	98%

2017 System-wide Average Cost Per Inmate Per Day

STATE	Average Cost Per Inmate Day	STATE	Average Cost Per Inmate Day
ALABAMA	\$48.00	NORTH CAROLINA	\$89.00
ARKANSAS	\$61.00	OKLAHOMA	\$44.10
FLORIDA	\$55.80	SOUTH CAROLINA	\$52.00
GEORGIA	\$59.15	TENNESSEE	\$77.81
KENTUCKY	\$70.00	TEXAS	\$62.85
LOUISIANA	\$39.00	VIRGINIA	\$82.00
MISSISSIPPI	\$49.97	WEST VIRGINIA	\$71.45
MISSOURI	\$58.85	SLC AVERAGE	\$61.40

2017 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	31.9%	10
ARKANSAS	51.8%	15
FLORIDA	25.4%	7
GEORGIA	27%	8
KENTUCKY	47.7%	14
LOUISIANA	34.8%	11
MISSISSIPPI	31.4%	9
MISSOURI	42.9%	13
NORTH CAROLINA	21%	1
OKLAHOMA	24.75%	5
SOUTH CAROLINA	22.7%	4
TENNESSEE	40.2%	12
TEXAS	21%	1
VIRGINIA	22.4%	3
WEST VIRGINIA	25.0%	6

Southern Region Profile

SLC Statistics:

- SLC states spent \$14.5 billion in FY 2017 to incarcerate adults.
- In the last 10 years, corrections expenditures for the SLC states have increased by approximately 19.33% from \$12.1 billion to \$14.5 billion.
- The SLC average age at commitment as of July 2017 is 33.9 years of age with an average sentence of 6.6 years. The average time served is 3.1 years.
- Based on data from the SLC states, 18.3% (111,920) of the offender population in the SLC are drug offenders.

Southern Region Profile

SLC Statistics:

- There are a total of 169,589 inmates in the SLC region serving 20 years or more, compared to 152,058 reported for 2016 and 146,868 reported for 2015 inmates. The 2017 number represents 27.73% of the total inmate population.
- There were 19 inmate executions in the SLC Region over the prior 12-month period, compared to 24 reported for 2016 and 32 reported for 2015.
- There were a total of 27,596 inmates 50 years or older at the age of commitment in the SLC Region compared to 26,856 reported for 2016 and 33,381 reported for 2015. The 2017 number represents 4.5% of the total inmate population.
- There were a total of 276,084 inmates released from custody over the prior 12-month period compared to 276,155 reported in 2016 and 278,251 reported in 2015.

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