

Disparities in South Carolina's Criminal Justice System

Data Prepared by South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs' Research Division¹

Table 1. South Carolina Census of Jails, 2019

Geography	Total Population	White	Minority	Share Minority	Black	Hispanic	AAPI	Two or More	Admissions	Releases
South Carolina	11,875	5,074	6,801	57.3%	5,013	298	12	9	173,760	170,217
Charleston	1,116	386	730	65.4%	706	18	2	0	16,970	17,192
Greenville	1,295	691	604	46.6%	529	62	2	0	19,428	19,458
Richland	1,086	136	950	87.5%	573	22	2	2	11,829	11,883
Spartanburg	1,231	481	750	60.9%	393	22	6	0	12,515	12,366

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Census of Jails, 2019

Table II. South Carolina Correctional Facilities Data for Fiscal Year 2023

Geography	Total Population	White	Minority	Share Minority	Black	O ther	Admissions	Releases
South Carolina	16,396	6,360	10,036	61.2%	9,553	483	5,743	5,731
Charleston	1,057	187	870	82.3%	853	17	236	274
Greenville	1,566	639	927	59.2%	841	86	569	619
Richland	1,095	144	951	86.8%	927	24	249	283
Spartanburg	1,458	686	772	52.9%	701	71	560	597

Source: South Carolina Department of Corrections, FY2023 Data for Daily Average Population, Admissions, and Releases.

Table III. Incarceration Rates by Race/Ethnicity (per 100,000 people)

Geography	Total Population	White	Minority	Black	O ther
South Carolina	535	346	850	1,109	120
Charleston	518	210	1,097	1,613	75
Greenville	522	366	830	1,488	162
Richland	517	166	751	752	93
Spartanburg	778	512	1,289	1,697	185

Source(s): Table I and II. Population estimates from the 2022 American Community Survey, One-Year Summary File.

Note: Rates derived from estimates of prison and jail populations from Tables I and II, divided by the estimated population for each group at the geographical level provided.

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