

Administrative Segregation in Federal Corrections:

Current Population and Trends

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The following tables show data and trends related to the use of administrative segregation in federal corrections. Data derived from the Correctional Service of Canada's Offender Management System (OMS) and is current as of January 13, 2019. An offender is considered to be in segregation if that person has a segregation admission date but no release date.

Table 1: Current Segregation Population by Reason

| | Jeopardise Inst. | Inmate Safety | Interfere Investigation | Discipline | Total |
|-------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|
| Total | 179 | 213 | 10 | 4 | 406 |

- As of January 13, 2019, there were 406 offenders in administrative segregation.
- The majority of offenders are segregated for personal safety reasons.

Table 2: Current Segregation Population by Race

| | Total | % of Seg Population |
|------------|-------|---------------------|
| Indigenous | 160 | 39.4% |
| Black | 38 | 9.4% |
| White | 166 | 40.9% |
| Other | 42 | 10.3% |
| Total | 406 | |

- Indigenous and Black offenders are overrepresented within the segregation population. Indigenous offenders comprise 28% of the total inmate population, whereas Black offenders comprise 8.4%.

Table 3: Current Segregation Population by Gender and Reason

| | Jeopardise Inst. | Inmate Safety | Interfere Investigation | Discipline | Total |
|--------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|-------|
| Female | 2 | 1 | | | 3 |
| Male | 177 | 212 | 10 | 4 | 403 |
| Total | 179 | 213 | 10 | 4 | 406 |

- As of January 13, 2019, there were three women in segregation.

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Table 4: Current Segregation Population by Number of Days in Segregation

| | Total | % |
|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 1-29 Days | 232 | 57.14% |
| 30-59 Days | 92 | 22.66% |
| 60-89 Days | 48 | 11.82% |
| 90-119 Days | 18 | 4.43% |
| 120 Days + | 16 | 3.94% |
| Total | 406 | 100.00% |

- The longest serving segregation inmate has been in 570 days.
- The next longest serving inmates have been in 324, 230 and 206 days.
- Two of these offenders are Caucasian and two are Indigenous.
- The longest serving female inmate has been in segregation 13 days.

Table 5: Five-Year Segregation Admissions Trend

This table shows the total number of segregation admissions by fiscal year and reason.

| | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Jep. Inst. | 5,507 | 5,715 | 4,545 | 4,094 | 3,346 |
| Inmate Safety | 2,302 | 2,271 | 2,010 | 1,665 | 1,709 |
| Interfere Invest. | 325 | 336 | 237 | 276 | 239 |
| Discipline | 184 | 204 | 198 | 226 | 163 |
| Total | 8,318 | 8,526 | 6,990 | 6,261 | 5,457 |

- The number of segregation admissions has been trending down.
- There have been 4,510 segregation admissions in FY 2018-19 thus far.

Table 6: Five-Year Segregation Releases Trend

This table shows the total number of segregation releases by fiscal year and reason.

| | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Jep. Inst. | 5,569 | 5,762 | 4,630 | 4,103 | 3,420 |
| Inmate Safety | 2,279 | 2,332 | 2,106 | 1,688 | 1,729 |
| Interfere Invest. | 333 | 325 | 256 | 272 | 240 |
| Discipline | 184 | 205 | 196 | 223 | 170 |
| Total | 8,365 | 8,624 | 7,188 | 6,286 | 5,559 |

- The number of releases from segregation has been trending down.
- There have been 4,416 releases from segregation this fiscal year.

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Table 7: Average Length of Stay in Segregation by Fiscal Year

| | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2015-2016 | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Jeopardise Inst. | 29.4 | 28.1 | 24.1 | 20.7 | 20.7 | 20.3 |
| Inmate Safety | 52.4 | 52.2 | 39.3 | 32.3 | 28.0 | 26.9 |
| Interfere Investigation | 31.9 | 28.5 | 23.2 | 19.1 | 18.4 | 21.2 |
| Discipline | 11.4 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 8.4 |
| Total | 35.4 | 34.2 | 28.1 | 23.3 | 22.5 | 22.3 |

- The average length of stay in segregation has declined significantly since 2014-15, and seems to have stabilized.

Table 8: Segregation Population at Fiscal Year End

This table shows the total segregation populations on April 1st from 2014 to 2018 and January 13, 2019. An offender is considered to have been in segregation on that date if he/she had a segregation admission date before April 1st and a segregation release date on or after April 1st of each year.

| | 2014-04-01 | 2015-04-01 | 2016-04-01 | 2017-04-01 | 2018-04-01 | 2019-01-13 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| National | 735 | 636 | 439 | 414 | 310 | 406 |

- The segregation population has been declining because of fewer admissions to segregation and shorter stays in segregation.
- The current fiscal year has seen an increase in the segregation population.