

# Adult Correctional Systems

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# Methodology

- A questionnaire was sent to each of the 15 states in the SLC.
- The information reported in this survey is taken directly from the returned surveys, unless so noted.
- In addition to group reporting of like data, selected data from the states has been 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 surveys were sent to each state, there might be certain inconsistencies due to differences in interpretation of corrections data.

# Total State Inmates in SLC States

Year	Number of Inmates (in state facilities)	% 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	576,609	-0.30%

- Inmate population housed throughout the SLC region decreased by 1,617 (-0.3%) from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2014.
- The change in population for each varied widely from a 9.8% increase in West Virginia to a 7.3% decrease in Mississippi .

# Total State Inmates in SLC States

- Between 2004 and 2014 the resident population of the 15 SLC states increased from 110.3 million to 118.3 million (7.2% increase).
- During that same time period, the number of SLC inmates (including state inmates housed in local jails) increased by 2.3% from 615,800 to 629,807.
- The incarceration rate in the SLC region, which is the number of inmates per 100,000 inhabitants decreased from 558.2 in 2004 to 487.6 in 2014 compared to the U.S. incarceration rate, which decreased from 508.8 per 100,000 in 2004 to 493.8 per 100,000 in 2014.
- The SLC states' incarceration rate is now below the U.S. rate (per 100,000).

# Adult Inmate Population Housed in State Correctional Facilities

STATE	Inmate Population (July 2013)	Inmate Population (July 2014)	Inmates per 100,000	Rank in SLC
ALABAMA	26,618	26,060	537.4	4
ARKANSAS	14,089	14,582	491.6	8
FLORIDA	100,884	100,942	507.4	7
GEORGIA	55,245	53,018	525.1	6
KENTUCKY	12,663	12,099	274.1	15
LOUISIANA	20,241	19,695	423.6	10
MISSISSIPPI	23,550	21,828	729.0	1
MISSOURI	31,408	31,889	525.9	5
NORTH CAROLINA	37,469	37,652	378.6	11
OKLAHOMA	25,904	27,608	711.9	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	22,168	21,904	453.3	9
TENNESSEE	20,455	21,203	323.7	13
TEXAS	150,931	150,645	558.8	3
VIRGINIA	30,087	30,445	365.6	12
WEST VIRGINIA	5,355	5,880	317.8	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>577,067</b>	<b>575,450</b>	<b>486.6</b>	

# Adult Inmate Population Housed in State and Local Jails

STATE	STATE INMATES		Total State Inmates	Inmates per 100,000	Rank in SLC
	State Facilities	Local Jails			
ALABAMA	26,060	1,875	27,935	576.1	5
ARKANSAS	14,582	2,663	17,245	581.4	4
FLORIDA	100,942	0	100,942	507.4	9
GEORGIA	53,018	0	53,018	525.1	8
KENTUCKY	12,099	9,181	21,280	482.2	13
LOUISIANA	19,695	20,214	39,909	858.3	1
MISSISSIPPI	21,828	1,710	23,538	786.2	2
MISSOURI	31,889	0	31,889	525.9	7
NORTH CAROLINA	37,652	0	37,652	378.6	15
OKLAHOMA	27,608	573	28,181	726.7	3
SOUTH CAROLINA	21,904	303	22,207	459.5	11
TENNESSEE	21,203	9,210	30,413	464.4	10
TEXAS	150,645	0	150,645	558.8	6
VIRGINIA	30,445	7,754	38,199	458.8	12
WEST VIRGINIA	5,880	874	6,754	365.0	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>575,450</b>	<b>54,357</b>	<b>629,807</b>	<b>532.5</b>	

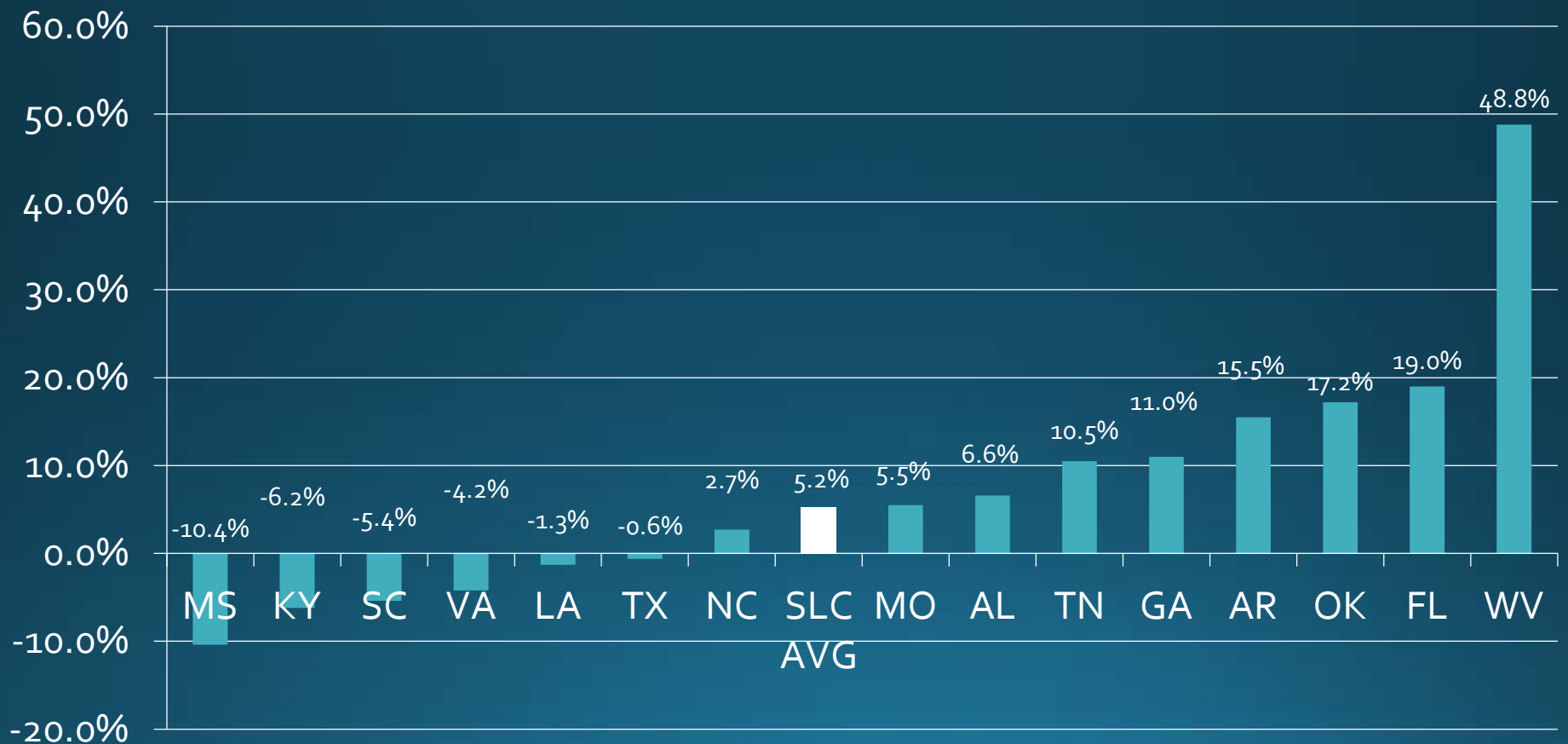
# Distribution Of Adult Inmate Population By Type Of Institution

	Level One		Level Two		Level Three		Community Based		Other		
STATE	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Inmates	%	Total
ALABAMA	7,962	30.6%	12,543	48.1%	402	1.5%	3,954	15.2%	1,199	4.6%	26,060
ARKANSAS	5,838	40.0%	8,088	55.5%	0	0.0%	656	4.5%	0	0.0%	14,582
FLORIDA	4,383	4.3%	92,758	91.9%	0	0.0%	3,801	3.8%	0	0.0%	100,942
GEORGIA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	53,018	100.0%	53,018
KENTUCKY	2,148	17.8%	7,305	60.4%	1,426	11.8%	1,113	9.2%	107	0.9%	12,099
LOUISIANA	10,086	51.2%	7,692	39.1%	529	2.7%	932	4.7%	456	2.3%	19,695
MISSISSIPPI	3,688	16.9%	10,905	50.0%	3,277	15.0%	1,120	5.1%	2,838	13.0%	21,828
MISSOURI	15,093	47.3%	10,809	33.9%	5,987	18.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31,889
NORTH CAROLINA	7,262	19.3%	17,529	46.6%	10,842	28.8%	30	0.1%	1,991	5.3%	37,654
OKLAHOMA	2,105	7.6%	11,541	41.8%	8,937	32.4%	3,752	13.6%	1,273	4.6%	27,608
SOUTH CAROLINA	7,335	33.5%	9,944	45.4%	2,887	13.2%	0	0.0%	1,738	7.9%	21,904
TENNESSEE	8,500	40.1%	12,703	59.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21,203
TEXAS	49,116	32.6%	45,575	30.3%	55,954	37.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	150,645
VIRGINIA	5,065	16.6%	10,478	34.4%	7,936	26.1%	0	0.0%	6,966	22.9%	30,445
WEST VIRGINIA	1,553	26.4%	3,135	53.3%	573	9.7%	495	8.4%	124	2.1%	5,880
<b>TOTAL/AVERAGE</b>	<b>130,134</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>261,005</b>	<b>45.4%</b>	<b>98,750</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>15,853</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>69,710</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>575,452</b>

# Growth of Adult Inmate Population Housed in State Facilities

2004 to 2014

Percent Change



# Projected Adult Inmate Population Housed in State Facilities

- Each year states are asked to project adult offender populations for 5 year and 10 year intervals.
- The 5 year population projection responses from the 2009 survey were compared to the 2014 actual population responses.
- The actual 2014 adult population of those 14 states is 582,941. In 2009, 14 states projected a total adult population in 2014 of 658,648, an overestimation of 75,707.
- Louisiana was closest to projecting the 2014 population by over-projecting by 564. Florida over-projected by 20,167. Oklahoma was the only state that under-projected the population (1,144).

# Population & Capacity of State Correctional Facilities

STATE	PERCENT of CAPACITY
ALABAMA	194%
ARKANSAS	106%
FLORIDA	92%
GEORGIA	89%
KENTUCKY	103%
LOUISIANA	99%
MISSISSIPPI	84%
MISSOURI	101%

STATE	PERCENT of CAPACITY
NORTH CAROLINA	97%
OKLAHOMA	104%
SOUTH CAROLINA	93%
TENNESSEE	95%
TEXAS	96%
VIRGINIA	98%
WEST VIRGINIA	99%
<b>SLC AVERAGE</b>	<b>97%</b>

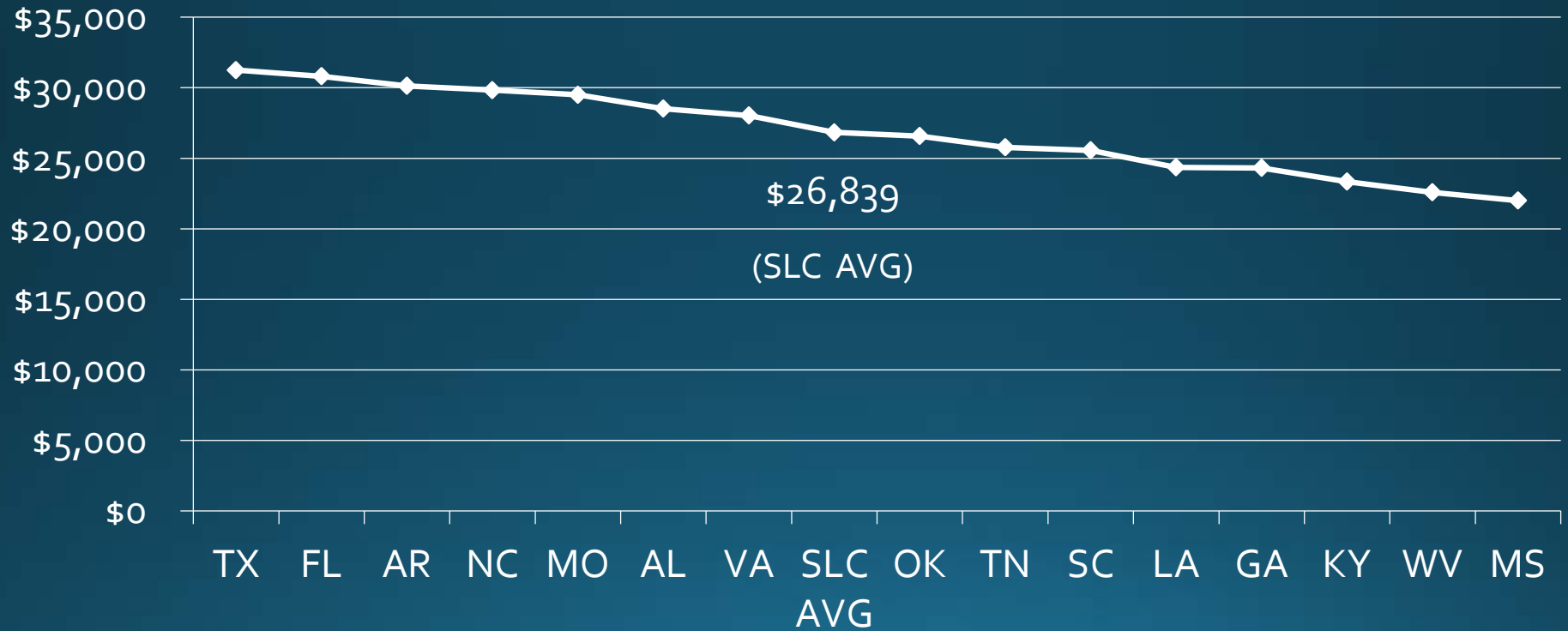
# Average Cost Per Inmate Per Day

STATE	Ave. Cost Per Inmate Day
ALABAMA	\$49.16
ARKANSAS	\$63.26
FLORIDA	\$49.49
GEORGIA	\$53.78
KENTUCKY	\$60.38
LOUISIANA	\$36.72
MISSISSIPPI	\$45.07
MISSOURI	\$57.42

STATE	Ave. Cost Per Inmate Day
NORTH CAROLINA	\$80.29
OKLAHOMA	\$42.07
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$47.55
TENNESSEE	\$74.05
TEXAS	\$50.31
VIRGINIA	\$75.24
WEST VIRGINIA	\$77.25
<b>SLC AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$57.47</b>

# Correctional Officer Starting Salary

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# Recidivism Rate For Total Population Base 3 Years After Release

State	Recidivism Rate	Rank in SLC
ALABAMA	32.1%	10
ARKANSAS	43.2%	14
FLORIDA	26.3%	6
GEORGIA	26.9%	7
KENTUCKY	30.0%	9
LOUISIANA	34.8%	11
MISSISSIPPI	37.9%	12
MISSOURI	41.1%	13
NORTH CAROLINA	21.9%	1
OKLAHOMA	22.0%	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	25.7%	5
TENNESSEE	49.1%	15
TEXAS	22.6%	3
VIRGINIA	22.8%	4
WEST VIRGINIA	28.3%	8

# Southern Region Profile

## SLC Statistics:

- SLC states spent \$13.8 billion in FY 2014 to incarcerate adults.
- In the last 10 years, corrections expenditures for the SLC states have increased by approximately 35% from \$10.2 billion to \$13.8 billion
- The SLC average age at commitment as of July 2014 is 33.9 years of age with an average sentence of 6.3 years and 3.0 years average time served. As of July 2013, the average age at commitment was 33.6 years of age with an average sentence of 6.0 years and 3.2 years average time served.
- Based upon the results of the survey, 17.7% of the offender population in the SLC are drug offenders. The SLC average per state is 7,204 inmates.

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## SLC Statistics:

- There are a total of 148,236 inmates in the SLC region serving more than 20 years, compared to 149,444 inmates reported in last year's report.
- As of July 2014, there were 40 inmate executions in the SLC Region, compared to 31 reported in July 2013.
- As of July 2014, there are a total 25,558 inmates serving life in the SLC Region compared to 24,281 serving life as of July 2013. This equates to a net 5% increase in inmates serving life.
- As of July 2014, there are a total of 29,548 inmates 50 years or older in the SLC Region compared to 27,144 as of July 2013.
- As of July 2014, there were a total of 282,438 inmates released from custody compared to 280,799 released as of July 2013.

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