

## SIU Authorizations: April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Quarterly Report Q1 & Q2)

*SIU authorizations were most common in the Prairie and Quebec regions. Overall, SIU authorizations under 34.1 A (security) slightly outnumbered SIU authorizations under 34.1 B (safety).*

### Background

Structured Intervention Units (SIUs) were incorporated into the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Such units are intended to provide intervention-focused accommodations to offenders who cannot be safely managed in the mainstream offender population. Since implementation, several improvements have been made to the SIU record management system (the SIU-LTE Application) so as to contribute to accurate and detailed reporting.

The current report examines trends in SIU authorizations between April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (two fiscal quarters). The report represents the first in a quarterly series highlighting trends in SIUs.

### Overview of Authorizations

Between April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, there was a total of 874 authorizations to an SIU. The average monthly authorization count was 146, representing approximately 1.2% of the in-custody population. Monthly counts included a low of 117 in May, and a high of 201 in August (See Table 1). By comparison, there were 1,437 authorizations in FY 21/22 (monthly average = 120) and 2,262 authorizations in FY 20/21 (monthly average = 189).

Authorizations were most common in the Quebec region (27%) and the Prairie region (26%), and least common in the Pacific region (11%).

**Table 1. SIU Authorization Count per Month by Region, April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	Total
April	17	51	13	36	16	133
May	21	35	11	35	15	117
June	22	37	31	28	16	134
July	23	45	17	35	12	132
Aug.	38	38	52	44	29	201
Sept.	18	33	48	48	10	157
Total	139	239	172	226	98	874

### Authorization Reason

In the current reporting period, 51% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#), while 46% were justified under 34.1 B (safety). Authorizations justified under 34.1 C (investigation) were uncommon (i.e., accounting for 3% of cases).

There was regional variation with respect to trends in reason (e.g., 34.1 A authorizations were most common in Quebec; See Table 2).

**Table 2. SIU Authorization Reasons by Region, April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	Total
34.1 A	60	157	64	110	55	446
34.1 B	64	82	97	112	43	398
34.1 C	15	-	11	4	-	30
Total	139	239	172	226	98	874

### Discussion

SIU authorization counts fluctuate by month and are shaped by regional variation. Ongoing monitoring and reporting of SIU trends promotes a cumulative knowledge base to inform operational practices.

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