

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA

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Research Year in Review: 2022-2023

The Research Year in Review highlights the excellent work done by the research team and ensures that the findings are broadly disseminated, including outside of our organization and the Canadian federal correctional context.

Introduction

The Research Branch of the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) is a centralized research unit operating within the Policy Sector at National Headquarters. As an in-house research unit, CSC's Research Branch is uniquely positioned to provide relevant, operationally meaningful and applied correctional research in support of CSC's mandate and corporate priorities.

The Branch strives to produce research that is timely, agile and that responds quickly and efficiently to urgent and priority requests while also balancing the need for and importance of more in-depth long-term projects.

The impact of our research continues to expand with better engagement of our stakeholders and closer partnerships with our operational counterparts. Increased demand for research within the organization has meant more frequent and meaningful engagement at all levels and the use and application of research findings in various contexts, including to inform policy, operations, strategic planning, and training.

Research Plan

An annual Research Plan is developed to provide information on research commitments and activities planned for each fiscal year. It provides CSC staff, managers, and senior executives information about ongoing and upcoming research that can support evidence-informed decision-making at all levels of the organization.

Research commitments include studies designed to address recommendations from various external stakeholder including the Office of the Correctional Investigator as well as the Auditor General. Commitments also include a number of ongoing and continuous data tracking, analysis and reporting functions. As such, research projects included in the Plan may involve quick literature reviews or may involve recurring annual publications, multi-year initiatives spanning across several

fiscal years (e.g., multiphase studies or studies with data maturation requirements) and/or emerging research commitments.

Key areas of focus for the 2022-2023 fiscal year included tracking and analysis of trends in Sexual Coercion and Violence (SCV) reporting in federal custody, research on Security Threat Groups (STG), validation of the Custody Rating Scale (CRS) for Black offenders and revalidation of the scale for Indigenous and women offenders, as well as ongoing tracking and trend analysis on Structured Intervention Units (SIUs).

What you will find

The 2022-2023 Research Year in Review, provides a complete list of research summaries published in fiscal year 2022-2023, organized under the following subject areas:

- Substance use
- Security Threat Groups
- Population Trends During the Pandemic Era
- General Population Trends
- Healing Lodges
- Correctional Programs
- Ethnocultural Offender Population
- Other Research Topics

It also provides information on academic and research partnerships that have been established through Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) as well as highlights conference presentation offered by Research Branch staff. This special report highlights the significant volume of research produced by the Research Branch over the course of a fiscal year.

For more information

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