

# SIU Authorizations: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Quarterly Report Q2)

*SIU authorization counts in the second quarter of 2023-2024 were highest in the Quebec region. Overall, there were slightly more transfers tied to security reasons relative to safety reasons.*

## 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. As part of a quarterly series highlighting trends in SIUs, the current analysis examines SIU stay-level data drawn from CSC's data warehouse for the second quarter of 2023-2024 (i.e., July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

## Overview of Authorizations

Between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, there were 740 authorizations to an SIU, with a monthly average of 247 authorizations (representing approximately 1.9% of the in-custody population). The monthly count was 214 in July, 246 in August, and 280 in September (See Table 1). By comparison, the monthly average was 250 in the first quarter of 2023-2024.

Authorizations were most common in the Quebec region (32%, representing 2.7% of the in-custody population in this region) and least common in the Pacific region (10%, representing 1.5% of the in-custody population).

## Authorization Reason

In the current reporting period, 52% 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) remained uncommon (i.e., accounting for 2% 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 1. SIU Authorization Count per Month by Region, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Month	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
July	27	67	59	43	18	214
August	25	66	63	60	32	246
Sept.	32	101	60	62	25	280
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>740</b>

**Table 2. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Reason	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
34.1 A	33	149	75	91	37	385
34.1 B	51	85	89	72	38	335
34.1 C	-	-	18	2	-	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>740</b>

## Discussion

SIU authorization counts continue to 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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