

# SIU Authorizations: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (Quarterly Report Q4)

*National SIU authorization counts declined slightly in Q4, though shifts were subject to regional variation.*

## 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 fourth quarter of 2023-2024 (i.e., January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024).

## Overview of Authorizations

In Q4 of 2023-2024:

- There were 694 new authorizations to an SIU, compared to 702 in Q3, 740 in Q2, and 750 in Q1.
- The average number of monthly authorizations in Q4 was 231 (representing approximately 1.7% of the in-custody population).

## Regional Trends

In Q4, there was a decline in SIU authorizations in the Atlantic, Quebec, and Pacific Regions, relative to Q3. In contrast, there was an increase in the Ontario and Prairie Regions. Across the fiscal year quarters, authorizations counts were highest in the Quebec Region.

By region, SIU authorizations in Q4 represented roughly 1.7% of the in-custody population in the Atlantic Region, 2.6% in the Quebec Region, 1.7% in the Ontario Region, 1.2% in the Prairie Region, and 1.1% in the Pacific Region.

## Authorization Reason

In Q4, 54% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#), while 41% were justified under 34.1 B (safety). Authorizations justified under 34.1 C (investigation) remained uncommon.

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 Counts by Quarter and Region, 2023-2024.**

Quarter	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
Q1	78	269	172	150	81	750
Q2	84	234	182	165	75	740
Q3	75	253	180	121	73	702
Q4	65	229	199	144	57	694

**Table 1. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, Q4, 2023-2024 (January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024).**

Reason	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
34.1 A	33	162	84	74	24	377
34.1 B	32	67	84	68	33	284
34.1 C	-	-	31*	2	-	33
Total	65	229	199	144	57	694

\*Significant increase due to two similar incidents at a single institution in the month of January, 2024.

## Discussion

SIU authorization counts declined throughout 2023-2024, though shifts were subject to regional variation. Authorizations remained highest in the Quebec Region, with the majority justified under 34.1 A (security) of the CCRA.

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