

SIU Authorizations: January 1st, 2025 to March 31st, 2025 (Quarterly Report Q4)

National SIU authorizations continued to increase in the fourth quarter of the 2024 to 2025 fiscal year.

Background

As part of a quarterly series highlighting trends in Structured Intervention Units (SIUs) within the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), the current analysis examines SIU authorizations in the fourth quarter of the 2024 to 2025 fiscal year (i.e., January 1st, 2025, to March 31st, 2025).

Overview of Authorizations

In Q4 of the 2024 to 2025 fiscal year:

- There were 740 new authorizations to an SIU, an increase from the past three quarters (and an increase the quarterly average of 722 in the 2023 to 2024 fiscal year).
- The average number of new monthly authorizations in Q4 was 247, representing around 1.7% of the in-custody population.
- Most (94%) authorizations occurred at men’s institutions.

Regional Trends

Average monthly SIU authorizations in Q4 represented 1.7% of the in-custody population in the Atlantic region, 2.4% in the Quebec region, 1.7% in the Ontario region, 1.3% in the Prairie region, and 1.2% in the Pacific region.

A majority of SIU authorizations in all regions except Ontario commenced at an SIU site rather than a Restricted Movement (RM) site.¹ In the Ontario region, 61% of authorizations commenced at a RM site (compared to 9% to 24% in other regions).

Authorization Reason

In Q4, 43% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#); a decrease from the three previous quarters, while 51% were justified under 34.1 B (safety). Authorizations justified under 34.1 C (investigation) remained relatively uncommon (5%). Regional variation with respect to trends in transfer reason is presented in Table 2.

¹ Not all institutions have an SIU. Inmates who are incarcerated at a non-SIU site who have been authorized to transfer to an SIU can be

Table 1. SIU Authorization Count per Month by Region, 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year Q4.

Month	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
Jan.	27	85	82	46	26	226
Feb.	20	74	67	59	18	238
March	19	67	64	63	23	236
Total	66	226	213	168	67	740

Table 2. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, 2024 to 2025 Fiscal Year Q4.

Reason	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
34.1 A	14	135	79	65	27	320
34.1 B	52	91	96	102	40	381
34.1 C	0	0	38	1	0	39
Total	66	226	213	168	67	740

Discussion

SIU authorization counts continued to increase in the fourth quarter of the 2024 to 2025 fiscal year; trends remained marked by regional variation. Consistent with ongoing trends, authorizations remained highest in the Quebec region, with the majority justified under 34.1 A (security) of the CCRA.

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