

SIU Authorizations: July 1st, 2024 – September 30th, 2024

[Quarterly Report Q2]

National SIU authorizations decreased in the second quarter of 2024-2025.

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 second quarter of 2024-2025 (i.e., July 1st, 2024, to September 30th, 2024).

Overview of Authorizations

In Q2 of 2024-2025:

- There were 612 new authorizations to an SIU, a decrease from 745 in quarter one (and the quarterly average of 722 in 2023-2024).
- The average number of new monthly authorizations in Q2 was 204, representing around 1.5% of the in-custody population.
- Most (97%) authorizations occurred at men's institutions.

Regional Trends

Average monthly SIU authorizations in Q2 represented 1.9% of the in-custody population in the Atlantic region, 2.3% in the Quebec region, 1.1% in the Ontario region, 1.0% in the Prairie region, and 1.3% 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, 68% of authorizations commenced at a RM site.

Authorization Reason

In Q2, 53% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#); the same percentage as in Q1), while 46% were justified under 34.1 B (safety). Authorizations justified under 34.1 C (investigation) remained relatively uncommon. Regional variation with respect to trends in transfer reason is presented in Table 2.

Table 1. SIU Authorization Count per Month by Region, 2024-2025 Q2.

Month	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
July	24	68	53	43	30	218
August	27	65	38	27	16	173
Sept.	23	78	42	56	22	221
Total	74	211	133	126	68	612

Table 2. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, 2024-2025 Q2.

Reason	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
34.1 A	35	145	62	55	26	323
34.1 B	39	66	68	69	40	282
34.1 C	-	-	3	2	2	7
Total	74	211	133	126	68	612

Discussion

SIU authorization counts decreased in the second quarter of 2024-2025; 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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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 subject to restricted movement for up to five working days. See: [Commissioner's Directive 711](#).