

SIU Authorizations April 1st, 2025 to June 30th, 2025
(Quarterly Report Q1)

National SIU authorizations decreased in the first quarter of the 2025 to 2026 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 first quarter of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year (i.e., April 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2025).

Overview of Authorizations

In Q1 of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year:

- There were 727 new authorizations to an SIU, a decrease from the previous quarter (740; although an increase from the quarterly average of 701 in the 2024 to 2025 fiscal year).
- The average number of new monthly authorizations in Q1 was 242, representing around 1.6% of the in-custody population.
- Most (95%) authorizations occurred at men's institutions.

Regional Trends

Average monthly SIU authorizations in Q1 represented 1.3% of the in-custody population in the Atlantic region, 2.7% in the Quebec region, 1.6% in the Ontario region, 1.1% in the Prairie region, and 1.1% in the Pacific region.

There has been an increase in the number of SIU authorizations that commence at a Restricted Movement (RM) site rather than an SIU site¹ (i.e., 45% in Q1 compared to 38% in fiscal year 2024 to 2025). Stays that commenced at RM sites were more common in the Ontario region (80%) and the Pacific region (60%) relative to other regions (10% to 36%).

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](#).

Authorization Reason

In Q1, 49% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#); an increase from the previous quarter, while 47% were justified under 34.1 B (safety). Authorizations justified under 34.1 C (investigation) remained relatively uncommon (3%). Regional variation with respect to trends in transfer reason is presented in Table 2.

Table 1. SIU Authorization Count per Month by Region, 2025 to 2026 Fiscal Year Q1.

Month	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
April	15	86	70	52	22	245
May	20	97	64	54	23	258
June	17	81	70	38	18	224
Total	52	264	204	144	63	727

Table 2. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, 2025 to 2026 Fiscal Year Q1.

Reason	Region					Total
	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie	Pacific	
34.1 A	24	153	92	65	25	359
34.1 B	28	110	88	79	38	343
34.1 C	0	1	24	0	0	25
Total	52	264	204	144	63	727

Discussion

SIU authorization counts decreased in the first quarter of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year relative to the prior quarter. Authorizations remained highest in the Quebec region, with the majority justified under 34.1 A (security) of the CCRA.

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