

SIU Authorizations July 1st, 2025, to September 30th, 2025

(Quarterly Report Q2)

National SIU authorizations increased in the second 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 second quarter of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year (i.e., July 1st, 2025, to September 30th, 2025).

Overview of Authorizations

In Q2 of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year:

- There were 789 new authorizations to an SIU, an increase from the previous quarter (727), and from the quarterly average of 701 in the previous fiscal year.
- The average number of new monthly authorizations in Q2 was 263, representing around 1.7% of the in-custody population.
- Most (95%) authorizations occurred at men's institutions.

Regional Trends

Average monthly SIU authorizations in Q2 represented 1.7% of the in-custody population in the Atlantic region, 3.1% in the Quebec region, 1.6% in the Ontario region, 1.0% in the Prairie region, and 1.4% in the Pacific region.

There was a small decrease in the number of SIU authorizations that commence at a Restricted Movement (RM) site rather than an SIU site¹ (i.e., 40% in Q2 compared to 45% in Q1). Stays that commenced at RM sites were more common in the Ontario region (77%) relative to other regions (10% to 40%).

Authorization Reason

In Q2, 49% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#), while 47% were justified under 34.1 B (safety). Authorizations justified under 34.1 C (investigation) remained uncommon.

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 Q2.

Month	Atlantic region	Quebec region	Ontario region	Prairie region	Pacific region	Total
July	23	97	55	49	26	250
August	15	108	68	36	29	256
Sept	29	100	83	43	28	283
Total	67	305	206	128	83	789

Table 2. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, 2025 to 2026 Fiscal Year Q2.

Reason	Atlantic region	Quebec region	Ontario region	Prairie region	Pacific region	Total
34.1 A	31	169	82	60	41	383
34.1 B	36	135	86	68	42	367
34.1 C	0	1	38	0	0	39
Total	67	305	206	128	83	789

Discussion

SIU authorization counts increased in the second quarter of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year relative to the prior quarter. In line with ongoing trends, authorization counts 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. Individuals 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](#).