

SIU Authorizations October 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2025
[Quarterly Report Q3]

National SIU authorizations decreased in the third 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 third quarter of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year (i.e., October 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2025).

Overview of Authorizations

In Q3 of the 2025 to 2026 fiscal year:

- There were 765 new authorizations to an SIU, a decrease from the previous quarter (789), but an increase from the quarterly average of 701 in the previous fiscal year.
- The average number of new monthly authorizations in Q3 was 242, representing around 1.6% of the in-custody population.
- Most (93%) authorizations occurred at men's institutions.

Regional Trends

Average monthly SIU authorizations in Q3 represented 1.7% of the in-custody population in the Atlantic region, 3.3% in the Quebec region, 1.2% in the Ontario region, 1.0% in the Prairie region, and 1.3% in the Pacific region.

There was an increase in the number of SIU authorizations that commenced at a Restricted Movement (RM) site rather than an SIU site¹ (i.e., 44% in Q3 compared to 40% in Q2). Stays that commenced at RM sites were more common in the Ontario region (81%) relative to other regions (9% to 46%), consistent with prior periods.

Authorization Reason

In Q3, 53% of authorizations were justified under 34.1 A (security) of the [Corrections and Conditional Release Act \(CCRA\)](#), while 44% 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 Q3.

Month	Atlantic region	Quebec region	Ontario region	Prairie region	Pacific region	Total
Oct.	29	134	61	54	33	311
Nov.	21	109	45	35	20	230
Dec.	21	95	43	41	24	224
Total	71	338	149	130	77	765

Table 2. SIU Authorization Reason by Region, 2025 to 2026 Fiscal Year Q3.

Reason	Atlantic region	Quebec region	Ontario region	Prairie region	Pacific region	Total
34.1 A	47	189	65	63	39	403
34.1 B	24	146	69	61	38	338
34.1 C	0	3	15	6	0	24
Total	71	338	149	130	77	765

Discussion

SIU authorization counts decreased in the third 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](#).