



Corrections and Community Supervision

Unusual Incident Report

January – December 2023, with Ten-Year Trends from 2014 - 2023

Introduction

The Unusual Incident System maintains information on incidents that occur within the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS). Unusual incidents are serious occurrences that may impact upon or disrupt facility operations, have the potential for disrupting the Department's public image, or might arouse widespread public interest. All unusual incidents are reported by telephone to the DOCCS Communication Control Center located in Albany and entered into the computer system via terminals at correctional facilities.

The reporting system is capable of recording information on more than one type of unusual incident that occurs as part of an event. This system can also identify all incarcerated individuals and staff listed in incidents, along with information about them, such as whether an injury was sustained by an incarcerated individual or a staff member, whether an incarcerated individual used a weapon, or whether a staff member used force.

This report includes information on unusual incidents that occurred during the current reporting year (January – December 2023), along with comparisons to trends in unusual incidents in the past ten years (2014 - 2023). This report includes incidents at all DOCCS facilities, including drug treatment and parole diversion facilities. Previous versions of this report excluded those facilities, so historical data presented has changed slightly.

Table 1 displays the number of unusual incidents by type from 2014 through 2023. Between 2022 and 2023, the number of unusual incidents increased 18% from 13,656 in 2022 to 16,060 in 2023.

Table 1. Unusual Incident Type by Year: 2014 - 2023

Incident Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022-2023 Change (%)
Accident	583	533	544	572	581	589	372	403	395	430	9%
Assault on Incarcerated Individuals	864	919	1,138	1,227	1,166	1,267	1,206	1,107	1,488	2,112	42%
Assault on Other	8	7	13	9	11	12	5	3	10	10	0%
Assault on Staff	755	906	771	825	990	1,043	1,052	1,177	1,473	1,671	13%
Contagious Disease	0	0	0	0	0	14	263	622	554	185	-67%
Contraband	3,640	4,766	4,765	5,257	5,363	6,153	5,681	4,576	3,080	4,078	32%
Death	132	124	152	158	143	118	130	147	118	111	-6%
Disruption of Facility	10	7	11	14	19	19	33	17	23	36	57%
Disruptive Behavior	516	572	636	957	1,282	1,754	1,724	1,841	2,237	2,394	7%
Employee Job Action	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	-100%
Employee Misconduct	118	117	109	94	103	94	70	57	57	75	32%
Escape	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0%
Escape Attempt	2	1	1	2	5	4	5	2	6	5	-17%
Fire	16	30	24	25	22	25	55	44	32	33	3%
Incarcerated Individual Disturbance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
Mass Demonstration	1	0	2	1	1	2	5	3	16	7	-56%
Narcans Use	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	282	432	529	475	717	51%
Property Destroyed	3	4	3	8	5	10	9	8	11	19	73%
Property Lost or Stolen	57	70	80	86	96	73	43	71	69	77	12%
Self-Inflicted Injury	93	73	77	114	116	78	58	56	55	60	9%
Sexual Misconduct	58	70	39	40	45	34	15	16	15	28	87%
Suicide Attempt	182	157	188	146	149	206	178	178	175	143	-18%
Temp Release Related	28	17	23	43	32	20	144	47	18	18	0%
Visitor Arrest	126	172	393	475	410	409	202	193	391	421	8%
Weapons Used by Staff	191	205	293	714	1,217	1,847	1,930	1,934	2,511	2,908	16%
Other Incidents	415	433	583	415	421	417	323	441	444	522	18%
Total	7,798	9,185	9,846	11,184	12,179	14,470	13,937	13,472	13,656	16,060	18%

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Table 2 presents the specific unusual incident types that are combined together under the category of “Other” incidents in Table 1. There were 522 other incidents in 2023, compared to 444 in 2022. The largest category among other incidents was spit net use, followed by AED use.

Table 2. Other Unusual Incidents by Type and Year: 2014 - 2023

Incident Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AED Use	66	81	128	119	98	101	87	110	130	145
Arrest of Non-Releasee/Non-Employee	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	0
Body Cavity Search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Body Fluid/Human Waste- Attempted Assault	2	4	5	7	7	9	1	6	2	4
Drone	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	4	5	3
Employee Order of Protection	0	0	0	0	0	15	11	12	19	24
Erroneous Release	1	6	4	1	1	2	2	1	2	10
DNA Use of Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Family Reunion Visit Other	6	3	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	2
Family Reunion Visit Termination	5	5	11	8	11	7	2	1	5	1
Hunger Strike	24	30	26	33	26	23	20	18	12	11
Medical Emergency	9	7	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	3
Overall Facility Search	6	8	9	5	6	6	1	7	7	3
Planned Area Search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	25
Pregnant Incarcerated Individual Shackled	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	1
Pregnant Incarcerated Individual- Staff in Delivery Room	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
Restraint Chair Use	7	3	6	12	5	3	5	9	1	6
Significant Exposure	38	46	49	42	56	61	64	66	94	110
Spit Net Use	65	81	85	81	108	113	83	127	123	153
Visitor Limited Visual Search	165	144	222	74	82	56	33	65	12	3
Visitor Strip Search	1	3	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Other	19	11	28	27	13	10	5	9	5	16
Total	415	433	583	415	421	417	323	441	444	522

Table 3. Select Incidents by Facility, January - December 2023

Correctional Facility	Assault on Incar. Indiv.	Assault on Staff	Contraband	Disruptive Behavior	Weapons Used by Staff	All Other	Total Incidents
Adirondack	1	0	0	4	4	24	33
Albion	20	25	8	23	21	58	155
Altona	4	13	14	6	8	8	53
Attica	56	68	205	96	122	95	642
Auburn	72	54	227	116	138	87	694
Bare Hill	41	30	50	37	52	52	262
Bedford Hills	16	50	24	32	33	63	218
Cape Vincent	29	11	54	21	31	18	164
Cayuga	52	25	50	41	55	87	310
Clinton	119	37	185	100	121	102	664
Collins	88	48	144	72	97	93	542
Coxsackie	26	64	80	59	64	90	383
Eastern	38	19	86	23	38	42	246
Edgecombe	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Elmira	152	71	166	85	98	84	656
Fishkill	126	96	240	96	154	162	874
Five Points	78	80	148	131	139	116	692
Franklin	89	24	106	82	107	62	470
Gouverneur	33	17	55	41	45	39	230
Great Meadow	48	106	212	244	268	101	979
Green Haven	72	101	208	90	129	159	759
Greene	129	72	106	74	98	127	606
Groveland	98	21	76	24	21	42	282
Hale Creek	0	0	3	0	1	4	8
Hudson	2	4	14	7	8	25	60
Lakeview	9	47	16	44	44	32	192
Marcy	67	95	111	65	128	65	531
Mid-State	90	75	171	118	128	61	643
Mohawk	93	42	144	82	91	128	580
Orleans	13	37	73	84	108	67	382
Otisville	10	15	31	9	20	25	110
Queensboro	1	0	1	2	1	26	31
Riverview	21	28	64	29	47	34	223
Shawangunk	10	13	26	12	10	42	113
Sing Sing	136	59	278	41	62	133	709
Sullivan	20	27	98	43	33	58	279
Taconic	1	8	3	9	11	9	41
Ulster	12	18	46	32	33	41	182
Upstate	28	61	89	187	182	132	679
Walkkill	13	13	95	6	4	21	152
Washington	95	36	76	27	52	37	323
Wende	21	30	92	45	42	121	351
Woodbourne	15	8	36	20	23	59	161
Wyoming	68	23	167	35	37	56	386
Central Office	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Total	2,112	1,671	4,078	2,394	2,908	2,897	16,060

The types of contraband found in DOCCS facilities in the ten-year period from 2014 to 2023 is presented in Table 4A.

New contraband reporting procedures were implemented in August 2021. Suspected drug contraband is no longer reported as a UI until after confirmatory analysis by an outside laboratory. As a result of this change, many potential drug recoveries since that time are not reflected in this report. A Non-UI Contraband report is entered for any suspected contraband drug, as determined by an OSI investigator, which is not sent out for confirmatory testing to an outside laboratory.

Between 2014 and 2023, the total number of contraband incidents increased by 12%. Between 2022 and 2023, the total number of contraband incidents increased by 32%.

Between 2014 and 2023, contraband involving cutting or stabbing weapons increased by 77%. In 2023, this category comprised 69% of all contraband incidents.

Between 2022 and 2023, overall drug contraband increased by 91%. It should be noted that fentanyl was first recorded as a UI category in 2019. In 2023, synthetic drugs accounted for 30% of the drug contraband incidents, an increase from 2022 when synthetic drugs comprised 14% of the drug contraband incidents. In 2023, prescription drugs accounted for 19% of drug contraband incidents, a decrease from 2022 when prescription drugs accounted for 34% of drug contraband incidents.

Table 4B displays the type of contraband recovered at each DOCCS facility during 2023.

Table 4A. Contraband Incidents by Type: 2014 - 2023

Contraband Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2022-2023 Change (%)
Alcohol											
Commercial Alcohol	14	9	5	11	10	15	7	11	11	11	0%
Homemade Alcohol	5	0	3	5	4	13	16	44	18	36	100%
Sub-total	19	9	8	16	14	28	23	55	29	47	62%
Drug											
Cocaine	26	43	50	54	31	58	24	27	5	6	20%
Fentanyl	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	18	56	11	35	218%
Heroin	66	82	78	58	52	38	37	16	0	0	0%
Marijuana	480	523	675	668	557	513	314	233	103	199	93%
Prescription Drug	417	609	800	951	969	984	1,103	747	94	99	5%
Synthetic Drug	678	1,108	838	1,108	1,228	1,919	1,681	916	39	159	308%
Other Drug	62	98	85	102	105	131	401	262	18	16	-11%
Suspected Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	-67%
Suspected Prescription Drug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	400%
Suspected Synthetic Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	300%
Sub-total	1,729	2,463	2,526	2,941	2,942	3,651	3,578	2,257	275	524	91%
Electronic Device											
Cell Phone	62	72	72	56	54	65	36	52	105	161	53%
Media Storage: CD/DVD/USB	17	27	22	26	23	31	7	10	13	10	-23%
Other Electronic Device	32	54	41	35	33	50	28	57	105	197	88%
Sub-total	111	153	135	117	110	146	71	119	223	368	65%
Weapon Cut/Stab											
Can Lid	237	267	216	136	149	150	130	140	157	76	-52%
Cutting Instrument	337	478	457	514	512	452	348	338	484	593	23%
Hardback Razorblade	7	6	11	3	4	6	3	2	2	7	250%
Ice Pick	261	324	279	259	257	252	276	337	327	440	35%
Manufactured Knife	17	32	33	16	26	31	22	18	53	79	49%
Razor Blade	271	323	354	362	345	366	273	262	395	449	14%
Scalpel/Exacto Blade	106	140	193	242	262	224	153	167	168	175	4%
Shank	244	211	205	263	262	343	370	421	407	525	29%
Toothbrush	90	97	101	142	233	261	251	292	329	461	40%
Utility Razorblade	19	20	19	24	20	22	15	23	14	12	-14%
Sub-total	1,589	1,898	1,868	1,961	2,070	2,107	1,841	2,000	2,336	2,817	21%
Weapon Other											
Ammunition	6	9	10	7	9	20	1	3	6	3	-50%
Explosive	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Manufactured Gun	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0%
Weighted Cloth	59	68	56	59	70	56	72	64	107	179	67%
Other Weapons	20	38	24	22	21	27	23	19	21	59	181%
Sub-total	86	116	91	89	101	104	96	87	135	242	79%
Other Contraband											
Cash	60	80	85	88	65	78	43	26	38	41	8%
Escape Paraphernalia	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	8	9	13%
Hypodermic Needle/Syringe	12	11	17	12	14	5	4	3	6	4	-33%
Other	34	36	35	33	47	32	19	26	30	26	-13%
Sub-total	106	127	137	133	126	117	72	58	82	80	-2%
Grand Total	3,640	4,766	4,765	5,257	5,363	6,153	5,681	4,576	3,080	4,078	32%

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Table 4B. Number of Contraband Incidents by Facility: January - December 2023

Facility and Security	Alcohol	Drug	Electronic Device	Weapon Cut/Stab	Weapon Other	Other Contraband	Total
Albion	0	0	3	4	1	0	8
Altona	0	7	0	5	1	1	14
Attica	0	23	12	158	7	5	205
Auburn	0	25	0	191	9	2	227
Bare Hill	0	1	0	42	6	1	50
Bedford Hills	0	0	8	8	1	7	24
Cape Vincent	0	22	0	26	6	0	54
Cayuga	3	15	0	25	7	0	50
Clinton	0	4	0	171	8	2	185
Collins	3	19	11	97	12	2	144
Coxsackie	0	4	5	56	11	4	80
Eastern	11	6	18	49	2	0	86
Elmira	0	5	1	149	7	4	166
Fishkill	8	44	36	135	11	6	240
Five Points	0	14	2	122	5	5	148
Franklin	0	12	0	82	10	2	106
Gouverneur	1	3	0	43	8	0	55
Great Meadow	1	0	0	207	3	1	212
Green Haven	4	10	15	162	11	6	208
Greene	0	14	0	72	18	2	106
Groveland	0	16	1	50	9	0	76
Hale Creek	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
Hudson	0	4	2	6	2	0	14
Lakeview	0	4	0	12	0	0	16
Marcy	0	30	3	65	11	2	111
Mid-State	0	12	0	136	20	3	171
Mohawk	0	24	1	112	5	2	144
Orleans	1	13	0	54	4	1	73
Otisville	6	7	4	11	1	2	31
Queensboro	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Riverview	0	14	0	48	1	1	64
Shawangunk	1	8	7	10	0	0	26
Sing Sing	3	26	153	88	3	5	278
Sullivan	1	9	26	53	5	4	98
Taconic	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Ulster	0	6	1	33	3	3	46
Upstate	0	10	0	75	1	3	89
Walkill	1	17	42	33	0	2	95
Washington	0	3	0	55	16	2	76
Wende	3	2	11	73	3	0	92
Woodbourne	0	15	2	19	0	0	36
Wyoming	0	73	1	79	14	0	167
Total	47	524	368	2,817	242	80	4,078

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Table 5 displays incident type by location for 2023. For most incident types, the most frequent incident location was housing units.

Table 5. Unusual Incident Type by Location: January - December 2023

Incident Type	Admin Areas	Assembly or Gym	Class or Shop	Hospital	Housing Unit	Mental Health Units	Mess Hall	Outside Facility	RRU	SHU	Visit/ Process	Walkway or Corridor	Yard	Other	Total
Accident	5	35	14	24	151	6	14	34	7	3	0	45	75	17	430
Assault on Incarcerated Individuals	1	28	19	11	1,142	38	76	10	71	7	0	333	318	58	2,112
Assault on Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	10
Assault on Staff	9	12	35	129	685	142	57	11	232	50	10	174	29	96	1,671
Contagious Disease	0	1	0	152	9	1	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	185
Contraband	74	24	65	169	2,224	101	82	18	263	51	48	343	188	428	4,078
Death	0	0	0	21	37	4	0	40	4	2	0	1	0	2	111
Disruption of Facility	11	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	2	0	3	2	0	10	36
Disruptive Behavior	1	17	35	91	978	152	166	7	363	50	3	244	186	101	2,394
Employee Misconduct	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	56	0	0	3	0	0	5	75
Escape Attempt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	5
Fire	0	1	0	0	18	6	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	33
Mass Demonstration	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	7
Narcans Use	0	1	7	166	360	34	6	4	65	9	0	13	39	13	717
Property Destroyed	0	0	1	3	5	2	1	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	19
Property Lost or Stolen	14	0	2	24	0	0	2	21	0	1	0	0	0	13	77
Self-Inflicted Injury	0	0	0	6	19	25	0	1	4	4	0	1	0	0	60
Sexual Misconduct	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	15	0	0	2	28
Suicide Attempt	0	0	0	5	63	32	0	0	27	12	0	0	0	4	143
Temp Release Related	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Visitor Arrest	280	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	19	0	104	2	0	14	421
Weapons Used by Staff	3	26	56	94	1,179	163	207	10	369	53	5	338	275	130	2,908
Other Incidents	10	1	11	71	190	40	6	45	78	16	5	22	9	18	522
Total	417	149	250	967	7,074	746	619	301	1,518	259	205	1,522	1,120	913	16,060
Percent	3%	1%	2%	6%	44%	5%	4%	2%	9%	2%	1%	9%	7%	6%	100%

* Mental Health Units include: Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU), Behavioral Health Unit (BHU), Therapeutic Behavioral Unit (TBU), Intermediate Care Program (ICP) and OMH Residential Crisis Treatment Program Units (RCTP, also refers to OMH Satellite Units).

Previous tables in this report were incident-based. This section of the report focuses on all incarcerated individuals involved in incidents.

There were 22,399 instances where incarcerated individuals were associated with unusual incidents in 2023; these are not 22,399 unique incarcerated individuals. Many incarcerated individuals were involved in multiple incidents; the numbers presented here reflect each instance where an incarcerated individual was connected to an incident.

Table 6 details the weapons used by incarcerated individuals in unusual incidents. For DOCCS reporting purposes, use of body, such as fists or kicks, is considered as a type of weapon in classifying incidents.

As shown in Table 6, no weapons were used by 14,690 (66%) of the incarcerated individuals linked to incidents, while weapons were used by 7,709 (34%) of the individuals. Among the 7,597 known weapons used in incidents (excluding the No Weapons Used and Unknown categories), 68% (5,202 out of 7,597) were uses of the body as a weapon.

Table 6. Unusual Incident Type by Incarcerated Individual Weapon Use: January - December 2023

Incident Type	No Weapon Used	Body as Weapon	Clubs	Cut/Stab Weapon	Garrotte	Human Waste/ Fluids	Metal Objects	Other	Unknown	Total Individuals
Accident	390	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	391
Assault on Incarcerated Individuals	1,448	815	124	1,543	0	6	32	126	105	4,199
Assault on Other	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
Assault on Staff	105	1,362	31	13	0	90	11	206	0	1,818
Contagious Disease	496	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	496
Contraband	4,239	21	4	17	0	0	0	1	1	4,283
Death	116	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	124
Disruption of Facility	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
Disruptive Behavior	1,428	2,978	0	5	1	2	1	2	0	4,417
Employee Misconduct	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Escape Attempt	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Fire	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Mass Demonstration	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167
Narcan Use	740	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	740
Property Destroyed	37	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	40
Property Lost or Stolen	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Self-Inflicted Injury	14	8	0	30	0	0	1	3	4	60
Sexual Misconduct	39	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Suicide Attempt	30	1	0	29	83	0	0	5	2	150
Temp Release Related	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Visitor Arrest	422	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	422
Weapons Used by Staff	4,302	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,303
Other Incidents	539	3	0	0	0	13	0	5	0	560
Total	14,690	5,202	159	1,639	90	111	47	349	112	22,399
Percent	66%	23%	1%	7%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	100%

Tables 7 and 8 detail the degree of staff force that was used in unusual incidents. If more than one type of staff force was used in an incident, the most serious type was selected. No staff force was used in 11,968 (75%) incidents.

Table 7 displays the most serious type of staff force used in each of the incident types that occurred in 2023. Force was used in 4,092 (25%) incidents; of these incidents where force was used, 2,681 (66%) involved the use of chemical agents.

**Table 7. Unusual Incident Type by Most Serious Level of Staff Use of Force:
January - December 2023**

Incident Type	No Force	Body Hold	Mechanical Restraint	Shield	Strike	Chemical Agents	Baton	Firearm	Other	Total
Accident	429	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	430
Assault on Incarcerated Individuals	1,718	85	2	0	1	283	23	0	0	2,112
Assault on Other	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10
Assault on Staff	360	541	79	18	165	463	41	0	4	1,671
Contagious Disease	185	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185
Contraband	3,934	109	5	1	6	21	2	0	0	4,078
Death	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
Disruption of Facility	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Disruptive Behavior	276	115	18	37	9	1,885	54	0	0	2,394
Employee Misconduct	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Escape Attempt	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Fire	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Mass Demonstration	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Narcans Use	708	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	717
Property Destroyed	16	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	19
Property Lost or Stolen	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
Self-Inflicted Injury	57	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	60
Sexual Misconduct	27	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	28
Suicide Attempt	135	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	143
Temp Release Related	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Visitor Arrest	420	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	421
Weapons Used by Staff	2,882	1	0	0	0	22	2	1	0	2,908
Other Incidents	456	42	4	1	4	0	0	0	15	522
TOTAL	11,968	908	114	59	187	2,681	123	1	19	16,060
Percent	75%	6%	1%	0%	1%	17%	1%	0%	0%	100%

Note: This table is based upon a count of the total number of incidents and the highest level of force used in each incident and is not a count of all the times that staff used force.

Table 8 displays staff use of force for the ten-year period from 2014 to 2023. In 2014, there were 7,798 unusual incidents, with staff force used in 1,121 (14%) of the incidents. In 2023, the number of incidents where staff force was used increased to 4,092, or 25% of all incidents.

The use of chemical agents comprised 66% of the uses of force in 2023, compared with 5% of the uses of force in 2014. Between 2014 and 2023, the largest increase in staff use of force involved the use of chemical agents.

Table 8. Staff Use of Force in Unusual Incidents by Security Level: 2014 - 2023

Type of Force	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Maximum Security										
No Force Used	3,554	3,939	4,424	5,302	5,705	6,618	6,124	6,177	6,062	6,300
Body Hold	378	415	371	394	466	491	402	566	551	596
Mechanic Restraint	69	88	56	61	58	51	65	55	64	81
Shield	53	59	70	77	84	66	58	72	63	55
Strike	155	165	72	62	57	56	62	89	118	158
Chemical Agents	51	49	180	508	886	1,167	1,168	1,231	1,484	1,417
Baton	120	133	83	106	101	99	91	84	104	114
Firearm	2	6	2	4	0	4	1	1	1	1
Other	19	15	24	25	10	8	7	18	13	18
Sub-total	4,399	4,869	5,282	6,539	7,367	8,560	7,978	8,293	8,460	8,740
Medium Security										
No Force Used	2,902	3,821	4,148	4,102	4,143	4,925	4,905	4,215	3,969	5,546
Body Hold	167	225	180	179	192	168	138	166	213	301
Mechanic Restraint	37	39	24	31	21	29	17	22	23	31
Shield	4	2	3	1	7	6	3	7	10	4
Strike	20	30	17	20	23	10	11	18	17	29
Chemical Agents	1	1	7	41	159	492	560	523	788	1,234
Baton	12	14	6	6	4	6	1	1	6	9
Other	3	5	3	2	6	5	3	4	1	1
Sub-total	3,146	4,137	4,388	4,382	4,555	5,641	5,638	4,956	5,027	7,155
Minimum Security										
No Force Used	156	109	96	142	165	170	230	164	125	112
Body Hold	16	12	5	16	8	16	5	2	10	11
Mechanic Restraint	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2
Shield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Strike	2	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Chemical Agents	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	10	23	29
Baton	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	175	124	104	165	175	187	242	176	162	154
Other										
No Force Used	65	45	63	77	63	69	66	40	7	10
Body Hold	9	5	7	15	17	6	7	1	0	0
Mechanic Restraint	1	3	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	0
Strike	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Chemical Agents	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	0	0
Sub-total	76	55	72	98	82	82	79	47	7	11
All Security Levels										
No Force Used	6,677	7,914	8,731	9,623	10,076	11,782	11,325	10,596	10,163	11,968
Body Hold	570	657	563	604	683	681	552	735	774	908
Mechanic Restraint	108	131	82	96	79	84	83	77	89	114
Shield	57	61	73	78	91	72	61	79	74	59
Strike	178	199	92	88	83	67	73	107	136	187
Chemical Agents	52	50	187	549	1,046	1,660	1,736	1,765	2,295	2,681
Baton	132	147	89	114	105	105	92	85	110	123
Firearm	2	6	2	5	0	4	1	1	1	1
Other	22	20	27	27	16	15	14	27	14	19
Grand Total	7,798	9,185	9,846	11,184	12,179	14,470	13,937	13,472	13,656	16,060

Note: This table is based upon a count of the total number of incidents and the highest level of force used in each incident and is not a count of all the times that staff used force.

Table 9 details the injuries to DOCCS staff members, including both the number of staff members injured and the extent of their injuries. Most of the previous tables in this report have been incident-based; this section and the one that follows are individual-based. Table 9 represents counts of each staff member who was listed in an unusual incident. Staff members can respond to multiple incidents and be counted more than once. This means that instead of the total column representing the total number of incidents, it represents the total number of staff members who were involved in an incident or incident category.

Minor injuries are those that require either no treatment, minimal treatment (scratch, bruise, aches/pain) or precautionary treatment. Moderate injuries are those such as lacerations, concussions, 2nd degree burns, serious sprains, dislocation, and muscle or ligament damage. Serious injuries are those that require transport to an outside hospital but are not considered life-threatening at the preliminary report. Severe injuries are those that cause obvious disfigurement, protracted impairment of health, loss or impairment of organ function, amputation, and injuries that risk cause of death.

Most staff involved in incidents (93%) were not injured. Less than one percent of staff had a moderate, serious, or severe injury. Assaults on staff had the highest number of staff injuries (2,840); of these injuries, 91% (2,592) resulted in minor injuries. Assaults on staff also had the highest number of serious and severe injuries of serious and severe injuries (62) followed by accidents (33).

Table 9. Unusual Incident Type by Degree of Staff Injury: January - December 2023

Incident Type	No Injury		Minor		Moderate		Serious		Severe		Total Staff
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Accident	1,550	96.3%	10	0.6%	17	1.1%	33	2.0%	0	0.0%	1,610
Assault on Incarcerated Individuals	7,560	97.8%	160	2.1%	13	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7,733
Assault on Other	49	98.0%	1	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	50
Assault on Staff	6,721	70.3%	2,592	27.1%	186	1.9%	61	0.6%	1	0.0%	9,561
Contagious Disease	649	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	649
Contraband	12,995	99.0%	122	0.9%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	13,121
Death	1,869	99.7%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1,874
Disruption of Facility	321	96.7%	3	0.9%	6	1.8%	2	0.6%	0	0.0%	332
Disruptive Behavior	10,793	91.3%	979	8.3%	34	0.3%	16	0.1%	0	0.0%	11,822
Employee Misconduct	385	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	385
Escape Attempt	33	89.2%	4	10.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	37
Fire	186	82.7%	39	17.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	225
Mass Demonstration	40	93.0%	3	7.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	43
Narcan Use	3,148	98.8%	33	1.0%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	3,186
Property Destroyed	60	95.2%	3	4.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	63
Property Lost or Stolen	359	99.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	360
Self-Inflicted Injury	267	98.2%	5	1.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	272
Sexual Misconduct	135	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	135
Suicide Attempt	796	97.2%	23	2.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	819
Temp Release Related	69	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	69
Visitor Arrest	2,042	99.9%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2,044
Weapons Used by Staff	6,865	99.9%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	6,870
Other Incidents	2,330	95.8%	68	2.8%	23	0.9%	11	0.5%	0	0.0%	2,432
Total	59,222	93.0%	4,054	6.4%	287	0.5%	126	0.2%	3	0.0%	63,692

Table 10 details the injuries to DOCCS incarcerated individuals, including the number of incarcerated individuals injured and the extent of their injuries. Like section 9, this section is individual based. Each number in Table 10 represents an incarcerated individual who was listed in an unusual incident. Incarcerated individuals can be attached to multiple incidents and be counted more than once. This means that instead of the total column representing the total number of incidents, it represents the total number of incarcerated individuals who were involved in an incident or incident category.

Most incarcerated individuals (74%) involved in unusual incidents received no injuries. Assaults on incarcerated individuals had the highest number of incarcerated individual injuries (2,548) while accidents had the highest number of serious and severe injuries (248).

**Table 10. Unusual Incident Type by Degree of Incarcerated Individual Injury:
January - December 2023**

Incident Type	No Injury	Minor	Moderate	Serious	Severe	Total Individuals
Accident	44	9	90	247	1	391
Assault on Incarcerated Individuals	1,651	1,654	711	176	7	4,199
Assault on Other	9	1	0	0	0	10
Assault on Staff	989	747	44	38	0	1,818
Contagious Disease	496	0	0	0	0	496
Contraband	4,154	120	5	4	0	4,283
Death	120	0	0	1	3	124
Disruption of Facility	77	1	0	0	0	78
Disruptive Behavior	2,736	1,362	115	202	2	4,417
Employee Misconduct	2	0	0	0	0	2
Escape Attempt	5	0	0	0	0	5
Fire	41	5	1	0	0	47
Mass Demonstration	166	1	0	0	0	167
Narcan Use	683	49	6	1	1	740
Property Destroyed	40	0	0	0	0	40
Property Lost or Stolen	28	0	0	0	0	28
Self-Inflicted Injury	4	5	35	16	0	60
Sexual Misconduct	41	0	0	0	0	41
Suicide Attempt	74	50	20	6	0	150
Temp Release Related	18	0	0	0	0	18
Visitor Arrest	421	1	0	0	0	422
Weapons Used by Staff	4,299	4	0	0	0	4,303
Other Incidents	530	22	2	6	0	560
Total	16,628	4,031	1,029	697	14	22,399
Percent	74%	18%	5%	3%	0%	100%

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