

**Public Accounts Committee
Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety
Appearance on September 22, 2025
Requested Follow-up Information**

**Provincial Auditor's 2024 Report – Volume 2, Chapter 16, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety –
Rehabilitating Adult Inmates**

- **How many inmates were waitlisted to attend a program, and were not able to attend a program?**
 - As of March 31, 2025:
 - 393 clients were identified as on a waitlist to attend a cognitive-behavioural program; and
 - 120 clients were identified as on a waitlist to attend an addictions program.
 - Waitlists represent clients who were referred to a program and are awaiting participation as of the date of inquiry (commonly the fiscal year end). Persons on a waitlist might still receive programming prior to their release. Currently, Criminal Justice Information Management System, the inter-ministry database used to log criminal justice information, does not track correctional program participation in a way that can identify the number of people who were on a waitlist but were not able to attend the program prior to their release.

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- **How many times did inmates choose not to attend a program?**
 - Sentenced clients are assigned case managers who develop a case plan based on an assessment to determine rehabilitative needs and identify programs or services to address these needs.
 - Programs and services include structured group rehabilitative programs as well as those provided by case managers through the case management process. All case managers have been trained in effective correctional interaction and intervention skills intended to support offender behaviour change, including strategies to promote inmate readiness to change.
 - Clients will be continually exposed to correctional interaction and intervention skills through their case managers, but clients may choose not to participate in structured group rehabilitative programs. This choice may be noted in the client file for the purpose of case management.
 - Such information is stored in locations or formats that does not allow for reporting how many clients choose not to attend a program.

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- **According to the Ministry, the recidivism rate across all offenders over a two-year period is 46 per cent. What's that rate for the high-risk offenders?**
 - As reported, the recidivism rate for all offenders over a two-year period is 46% percent. The recidivism rate for high-risk offenders for the same time period is 53%.

High Risk 53% (represent 59% of offenders)

Medium Risk 38% (represent 26% of offenders)

Low Risk 17% (represent 3% of offenders)

Unassessed 35% (represent 12% of offenders)

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- **How many inmates are going through the Thinking for Change program in the last few years on an annual basis?**
 - The number of times Thinking for a Change is offered in any given year can be impacted by a variety of factors including, but not limited to: availability of program space, availability of similar alternative programming, and the number of current facilities available to deliver the program.
 - The number of clients who have completed Thinking for a Change over the last four years is as follows:
 - 2024-25 – 47
 - 2023-24 - 61
 - 2022-23 – 99
 - 2021-22 - 78
 - The number of clients who have completed any cognitive-behavioural program, including Thinking for a Change, over the last four years is as follows:
 - 2024-25 – 635
 - 2023-24 – 562
 - 2022-23 – 536
 - 2021-22 – 431

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