

## Inmate Funds/Release – Avg. Amount in Inmate Account When Released

Included in the Department of Corrections' (SCDC) August 22, 2019 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's July 29, 2019 letter to the Department of Corrections: "2. Over the last three years, what is the average amount an inmate has withdrawn to zero out their Cooper Trust Fund Account upon release (i.e., amount with which the inmate leaves the prison)?"

In addition to providing the information in this document, SCDC provided the following response:

- Please see attached spreadsheets, one for calendar year and one for fiscal year. Please note that your request says, "withdrawn to zero out...", but the balance was not stored in archived data, so these reports assume that the withdrawals made would have zeroed out their account. There is no way to verify this without recreating their entire account history and adding up the debits and credits.

**Average Funds Withdrawn from E.H. Cooper  
Account for Release  
by Calendar Year**

CY	Total Withdrawn	Releases that Withdrew Money	
		Count*	Average Withdrawal
2015	\$405,173.20	1,276	\$317.53
2016	\$425,917.85	1,283	\$331.97
2017	\$628,971.47	1,273	\$494.09
2018	\$759,658.07	1,110	\$684.38

\* Excluded inmates "released" due to death.

**Average Funds Withdrawn from E.H. Cooper**  
by Fiscal Year

FY	Total Withdrawn	Releases that Withdrew Funds	
		Count*	Average Withdrawal
2016	\$430,448.16	1,303	\$330.35
2017	\$516,717.87	1,290	\$400.56
2018	\$843,355.08	1,144	\$737.20
2019	\$423,208.54	1,096	\$386.14

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