Highest Educational Degree Reported by Inmates Admitted to SCDC

Included in the Department of Corrections' (SCDC) April 29, 2019 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to question 15(b) in LOC's March 27, 2019 letter to the Department of Corrections. The complete question states: "Please provide charts which show, for each of the last three years separated by male and female inmates, the following information: (a) Number of individuals admitted to a SCDC reception and evaluation center, grouped by length of sentence, and (b) Number of individuals admitted to a SCDC reception and evaluation center, with: No high school diploma; General Educational Development or high school diploma; o Degree from a technical college; and Degree from four-year college or higher degree."

	FISCAL YEAR OF ADMISSION					
	2016		2017		2018	
HIGHEST DEGREE RECEIVED **	MALES	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALES	MALES	FEMALES
NO H.S. DIPLOMA OR GED	3,350	440	3,198	452	2,794	399
H.S. DIPLOMA OR GED	4,045	575	3,728	584	3,504	522
TECHNICAL COLLEGE/ASSOCIATES	141	42	138	48	134	52
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR HIGHER	118	40	113	34	104	26
NOT REPORTED	5	5	10	0	3	1
TOTAL	7,659	1,102	7,187	1,118	6,539	1,000

* These figures exclude SCDC jurisdictional admissions who are serving sentences for both SCDC and another state/federal jurisdiction and are admitted to the other jurisdiction first. Thus, these figures will not exactly match SCDC's published jurisdictional admissions figures.

** Self-reported by inmates during the R&E process.