

Turnover Rates for Circuit Public Defender Offices

The Committee asks the Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID) to provide the turnover rates for each circuit public defender office, excluding the circuit public defender, for each of the past three years. The agency provides the response below in its September 7, 2018 letter to the Committee.¹

How often is a circuit public defender seeking to be re-appointed, not re-appointed?

Only 1 Circuit Public Defender seeking re-appointment was not re-appointed.

What was the turnover rate, during each of the past three years, for attorneys in the circuit public defender offices, excluding the circuit public defender?

See Table 1.

Table 1. Turnover rates in each circuit public defender offices during fiscal years 2015-16 through 2017-18.

Circuit	Attorney Turnover FY15-16	Attorney Turnover FY16-17	Attorney Turnover FY17-18	Average Attorney Turnover - 3 years
1 - Calhoun, Dorchester, Orangeburg	0.0%	6.6%	6.6%	4.4%
2 - Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%	3.7%
3 - Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, Williamsburg	0.0%	47.1%	11.1%	19.4%
4 - Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Marlboro	71.4%	12.5%	46.2%	43.4%
5 - Kershaw, Richland	12.1%	10.5%	22.2%	14.9%
6 - Chester, Fairfield, Lancaster	10.5%	42.1%	21.1%	24.6%
7 - Cherokee, Spartanburg	5.3%	5.3%	17.4%	9.3%
8 - Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry	0.0%	31.6%	21.1%	17.6%
9 - Berkeley, Charleston	12.3%	8.0%	16.0%	12.1%
10 - Anderson, Oconee	44.4%	27.3%	0.0%	23.9%
11 - Edgefield, Lexington, McCormick, Saluda	18.2%	0.0%	20.0%	12.7%
12 - Florence, Marion	12.5%	0.0%	10.0%	7.5%
13 - Greenville, Pickens	21.1%	4.5%	4.4%	10.0%
14 - Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper	0.0%	17.6%	0.0%	5.9%
15 - Georgetown, Horry	7.4%	13.8%	19.4%	13.5%
16 - Union, York	5.9%	17.4%	11.8%	11.7%

¹ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Letter from SCCID to Oversight Subcommittee with attachments (Sept. 7, 2018), Agency’s Response to Oversight Subcommittee’s August 30, 2018 Letter, Questions #1 and 2,” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Indigent Defense, Commission on,” and under “Correspondence,” [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/IndigentDefense/Letter%20from%20SCCID%20to%20Oversight%20Subcommittee%20with%20attachments%20\(Sept.%207,%202018\).pdf](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/IndigentDefense/Letter%20from%20SCCID%20to%20Oversight%20Subcommittee%20with%20attachments%20(Sept.%207,%202018).pdf) (accessed October 12, 2018).