More than **4,500** People Are in Solitary in NYS Prisons Today

**95%** of disciplinary hearings result in guilty findings

DOCCS imposes over **14,000** SHU sentences each year

8,000 sentences of 3 or more months

3,900 sentences of 6 or more months

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**Mental Health Crisis in New York State Prisons**

**24%** of suicides occurred in the SHU.

NYS prison suicide rate is **59%** higher than national average for incarcerated persons.

From 2010-2013 in the 220-bed therapeutic alternative to solitary units for people with serious mental illness:

- 300 People received 6 months SHU time
- 148 People received 1 year SHU time
- 35 People received 5 years SHU time
- 8 People received 10 years SHU time

Over **700** people on the OMH caseload are still in Special Housing Units each day. That’s **19%** of all People in SHU.

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**Racial Disparities in New York State Prisons**

![Bar charts showing racial disparities in New York State Population by Race, New York State Prison Population by Race, and New York State Long Term Solitary Confinement Population by Race.]

Source: DOCCS and OMH Data