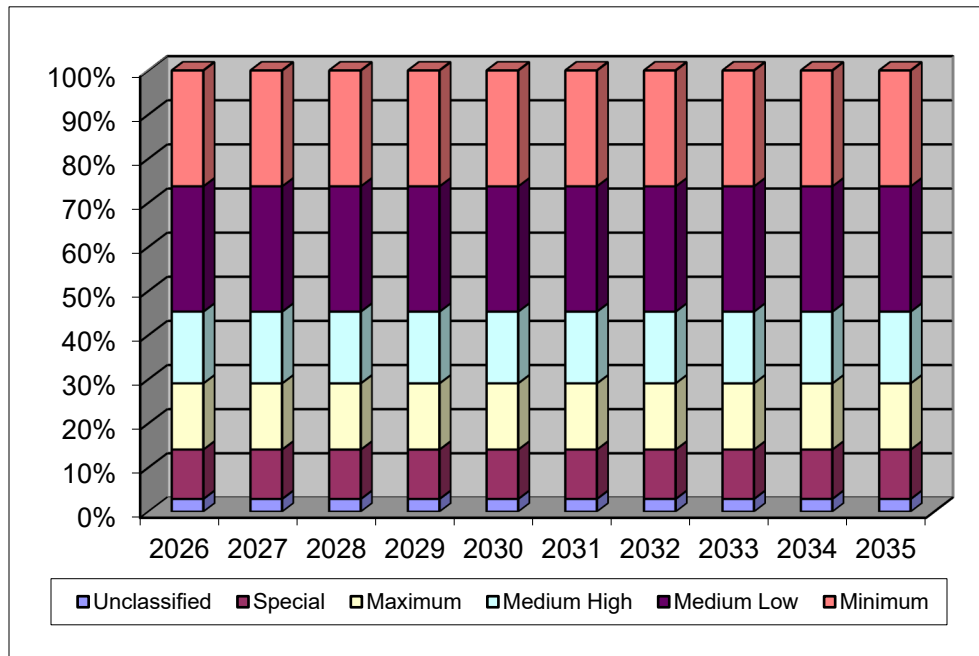


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## Summary of Custody Classification Projections

During fiscal year 2023, the Kansas Department of Corrections began classifying male and female inmates differently. Therefore, the Kansas Sentencing Commission will no longer compile a combined classification total, as they are no longer the same across genders. The male system remained the same, with classifications of unclassified, special management, maximum, medium high, medium low, and minimum. Females, however, now include unclassified, special management, maximum, *medium*, *minimum 2*, and *minimum 1*. Provided below are a breakdown and comparison of percentages across the different classification systems.

As projected in the ten-year prison population projection simulation model, the end of FY 2026 forecasts the total prison population to reach 10,100, including 9,176 males and 924 females. Of the male population, it is projected that 229 unclassified beds, 1,230 special management beds, 284 maximum beds, 1,863 medium high beds, 3,001 medium low beds and 2,569 minimum beds will be needed by the end of FY 2026. By the end of FY 2035, the male prison population is expected to reach 11,166. Of this population, it is projected that 279 unclassified beds, 1,496 special management beds, 346 maximum beds, 2,267 medium high beds, 3,651 medium low beds and 3,127 minimum beds will be needed (Table 1).

Female prison population is projected to reach 924 inmates in FY 2026 and 1,091 inmates in FY 2035. Of this population, it is projected that 50 unclassified beds, 19 special management beds, 29 maximum beds, 171 medium beds, 198 minimum-2 beds and 456 minimum-1 beds will be needed by the end of FY 2026. By the end of FY 2035, it is projected that 59 unclassified beds, 23 special management beds, 34 maximum beds, 202 medium beds, 233 minimum-2 beds and 540 minimum-1 beds will be needed (Table 2).

The percentage distributions of the custody classifications in terms of types of beds needed demonstrate a significant difference between males and females. Males need 2.5% unclassified, 13.4% special management, 3.1% maximum, 20.3% medium high, 32.7% medium low and 28.0% minimum custody beds over the ten-year forecast period (Figure 1). Females need 5.4% unclassified, 2.1% special management, 3.1% maximum, 18.5% medium (compare to medium high), 21.4% minimum 2 (compare to medium low), and 49.4% minimum custody beds over the ten-year forecast period (Figure 2). These percentages are not predicted to change from the previous fiscal year.

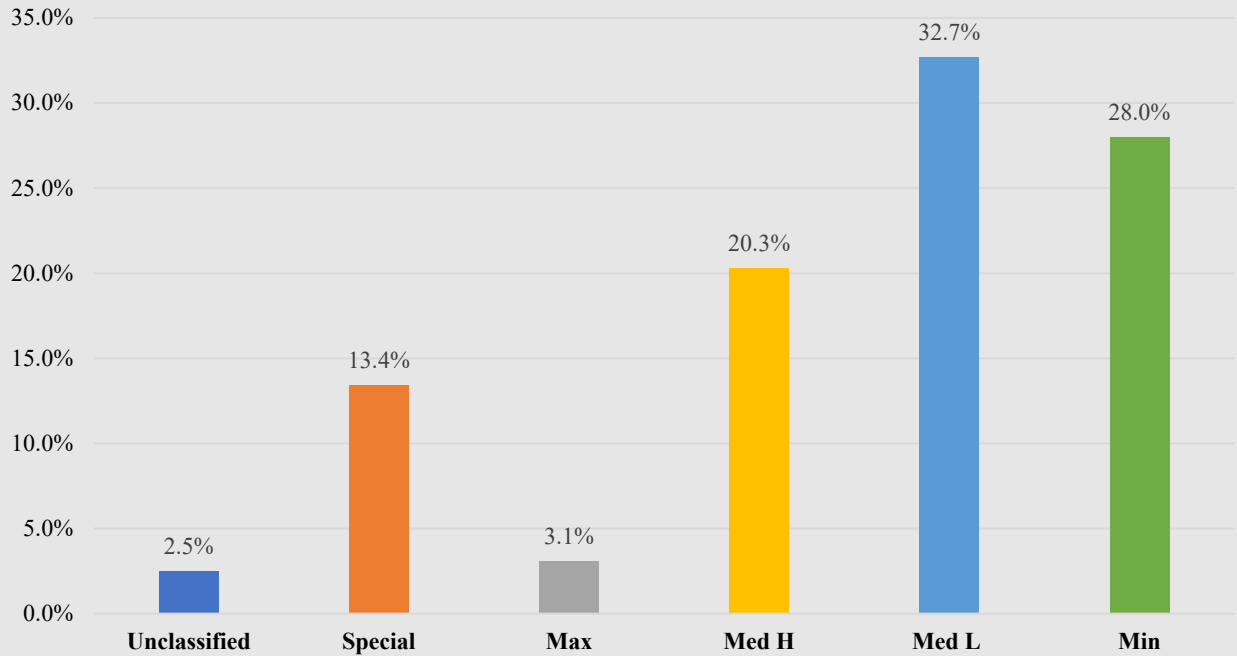
**Table 1: Male Inmate Custody Classification Projections  
FY 2026 through FY 2035**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>Special</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Medium High</b>	<b>Medium Low</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Total</b>
2026	229	1230	284	1863	3001	2569	9176
2027	237	1271	294	1925	3102	2656	9485
2028	244	1309	303	1983	3194	2734	9767
2029	251	1344	311	2036	3279	2807	10028
2030	255	1366	316	2070	3334	2856	10197
2031	259	1390	321	2105	3391	2904	10370
2032	265	1421	329	2153	3468	2970	10606
2033	269	1443	334	2185	3520	3014	10765
2034	274	1470	340	2227	3588	3072	10971
2035	279	1496	346	2267	3651	3127	11166

**Table 2: Female Inmate Custody Classification Projections  
FY 2026 through FY 2035**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>Special</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Min-2</b>	<b>Min-1</b>	<b>Total</b>
2026	50	19	29	171	198	456	924
2027	51	20	30	176	204	471	953
2028	52	20	30	178	206	476	962
2029	52	20	30	180	208	481	971
2030	54	21	31	186	217	499	1008
2031	54	21	31	185	214	495	1000
2032	56	22	32	191	220	509	1030
2033	56	22	32	193	223	515	1041
2034	58	23	33	199	230	532	1075
2035	59	23	34	202	233	540	1091

**Figure 1: FY 2026 Male Custody Classification Percentage Distribution**



**Figure 2: FY 2026 Female Custody Classification Percentage Distribution**

