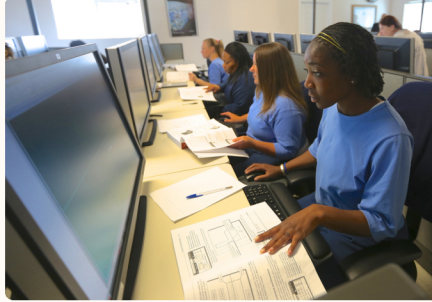


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Reduces Recidivism

Correctional Industries (CI) is a proven program that works. CI's recidivism rate of 14.7% vs. the state rate of 30.8%¹ illustrates that CI workers have a lower recidivism rate than the average incarcerated individual.



Supports Businesses & Economy

CI purchases over \$1.4⁴ Billion in raw materials, supplies, component parts, equipment, and services to support its operations. In doing so, they rely heavily on small businesses in the community, returning much of the revenue to local businesses.



Saves Taxpayers' Money

Ninety percent² of CI Programs are self-funded and operate solely from the revenue they generate from the products and services they provide, without relying on tax-appropriated funds.



Builds Family Ties

Incarcerated Individuals working in CI are able to send a portion of their earnings home to support their families, offsetting the need for additional taxpayer public assistance programs. Over \$57⁵ million has been contributed to Family Support payments through the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIECP).



Keeps Prisons & Communities Safer

CI programs effectively reduce idleness inside our prisons which is proven to decrease violence against staff and incarcerated individuals. CI provides incarcerated individuals with job skills, enabling them to successfully reenter society, obtain employment, and contribute as tax paying citizens.



Provides Victim Restitution

Incarcerated individuals who participate in CI programs are able to contribute to their financial obligations from their earnings. Over \$122⁶ million has been contributed to Victim Compensation and Restitution Funds through PIECP.



Reduces Cost of Incarceration

The existence of self-sustaining CI programs offsets the need to spend additional taxpayer dollars for incarcerated individual supervision and alternative program costs.



Supports Veterans

CI employs veterans in both civilian staff and incarcerated worker positions. CI works with disadvantaged and disabled veteran-owned businesses.



Generates Return on Investment

A Washington State Institute for Public Policy study concluded that CI programs generate significant savings of taxpayer dollars. For every \$1.00 spend on CI, \$4.77³ is saved in future criminal justice costs due to the reduction in recidivism.



Made in the USA

Products manufactured by CI are made in the United States, supporting domestic jobs and our nation's economy. CI serves as a domestic resource to perform work that would otherwise be done outside the United States.

¹National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) 2025 Directory, average recidivism calculated from self-reported statistics submitted by state and federal Correctional Industries agencies.

²NCIA 2025 Directory

³Washington State Institute for Public Policy – Return on Investment: Evidence-Based Options to Improve Statewide Outcomes, February 2015

⁵PIECP Quarterly Statistics, 1st Quarter 2025
<http://www.nationalcia.org/statistical-reports>