

Private Prisons Economic Analysis: Technical Appendix

Figure 1. Number of State and Federal Prisoners Held in Private Prisons, 1999-2014

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Prisoner Survey (1999-2014)

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) defines private prisons as facilities run by private corporations that contract beds and services to state governments or the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). BJS data used in this figure are collected through the National Prisoner Survey (NPS), in which state departments and BOP voluntarily participate each year. The figure shows the number of prisoners held in private prisons under the jurisdiction of state or federal correctional authorities on December 31 of each year.

Jurisdiction is defined as the legal authority of state or federal correctional officials over an inmate, regardless of where the prisoner is held. States and the BOP generally report only prisoners serving a sentence of incarceration of one year or more, although prisoners could be released to privately operated halfway houses and community centers to carry out the remainder of their term. As of December 31, 2001, sentenced felons from the District of Columbia are the responsibility of the BOP.

Figure 2. Percent of State Incarcerated Population in Private Prisons, 2014

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics (2014)

Note: Blank states do not have private prisons.

Percentages were calculated using data from the BJS on the number of inmates in the custody of state correctional facilities and the inmate population held in private prisons under the jurisdiction of the state on December 31, 2014. State prisons are run by state correctional authorities and their counts typically show the number of prisoners serving terms of more than one year, although prisoners could be released to privately operated halfway houses and community centers to carry out the remainder of their term. The states of Connecticut and New Jersey include only inmates in privately operated halfway houses. Twenty states do not contract with private prisons and are left blank in the figure.

Figure 3. Availability of Career Training Programs, by Mississippi Prison

Source: Mississippi Department of Corrections 2015

Data on career training programs offered and program capacity was collected from the Mississippi Department of Corrections' 2015 Annual Report. Career training includes automotive, carpentry, computer, and horticulture training programs, among others. Program capacity is the number of program spots reported, ranging from 10 to 42 for each program. The Mississippi Department of Corrections also reports a monthly inmate population; each facility's population from January 5, 2015 is used to calculate the number of program spots available per 100 inmates.

Market Share Calculations

Sources: States' Department of Corrections; Corrections Corporation of America; The GEO Group; Management and Training Corporation; Community Education Centers; LaSalle; Federal Bureau of Prisons

The private prisons that hold adult prisoners for each state were found through the states' Department of Corrections (DOC) websites. The list of private prisons was supplemented with a 2000 BOP [report](#) on

private prisons in the United States. The number of beds provided by the private prisons is used to calculate the market share for each corporation. These values were obtained either through the DOC website, or through the website of the corporation that operates the prison if the information is unavailable via the DOC. The market share represents that corporation's fraction of all privately operated beds provided at the state level. Through these sources, 98.9 percent of state-level private prisoners [reported](#) by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in 2014 are accounted for.

Company Name	Beds Provided	Share of Beds
Corrections Corporation of America	47,910	53.1%
GEO Group	29,005	32.1%
Management and Training Corporation	10,302	11.4%
Community Education Centers	1,474	1.6%
LaSalle Corrections	1,576	1.7%
<i>Total</i>	90,267	
BJS-Reported Total Number of Private Prisoners	91,244	
Share of Beds Accounted for in Analysis	98.9%	