

Just the FACTS

Washington State Correctional Industries (CI) is a division of the Department of Corrections. CI is a unique blend of business and government, using private industry tools and techniques to operate work training programs in prisons and provide opportunities for incarcerated individuals to learn marketable job skills. The value of CI is to enhance prison and public safety, reduce taxpayer burden, and foster successful workforce development and reentry.

FY24 at a Glance



1,695 incarcerated individuals work at CI as of 6/30/24.

CI incarcerated participants worked a total of **2.6M** programming hours.

349 employment based certifications issued to CI incarcerated participants.

CI contributed **\$68.3M** to the Washington State economy through purchases from local suppliers and staff salaries.

“When I was sentenced I thought prison was going to ruin my life. Little did I know it was going to be what set me free. CI was a huge part in my success and for that, I will be forever grateful.”

— Rachel



It takes an average of **22** days for Community Employment Services participants to find employment.

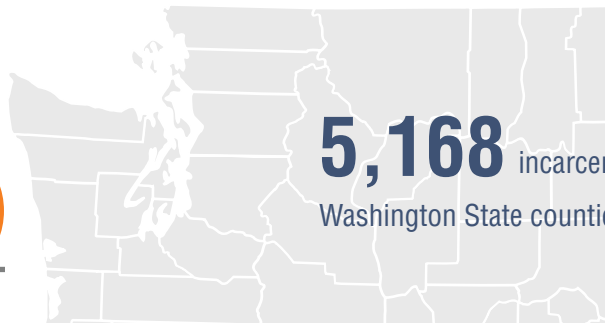
The average wage for a Community Employment Services (CES) participant is **\$19.93 p/hr**



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5,168 incarcerated individuals returned to Washington State counties.

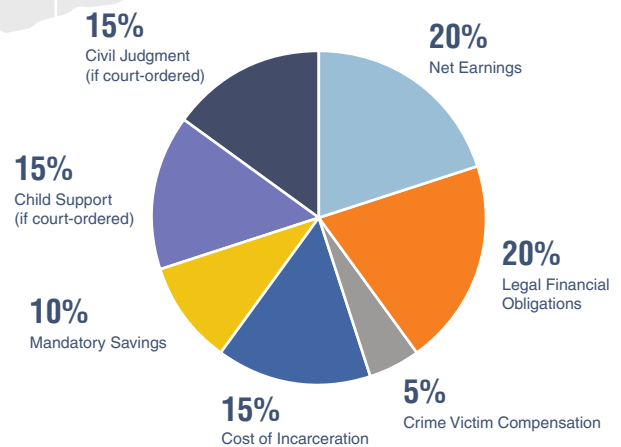


Incarcerated workers contributed approximately

\$1,504,163

from CI earnings to meet financial obligations such as court ordered fines, child support and victim restitution. Many also send a portion of their pay home toward family support.

Paying Their Way



\$355,207 were deposited into incarcerated worker savings accounts from CI earnings.



\$12.68 is saved in future criminal justice costs in relation to each dollar spent on correctional industries programs (taking into account arrest, conviction, incarceration, post-release supervision, and crime victimization costs) due to a reduction in recidivism.*

* Findings based upon a Washington State Institute for Public Policy study.



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