

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL
AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

I. Employment opportunities available to inmates in correctional facilities:

- Food Services
- Laundry
- General Maintenance
- Lawn Care and Landscaping
- Custodial
- Animal Care

Inmate Employment Statistics:

INSTITUTION	CURRENT NUMBER OF EMPLOYED INMATES	AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION YTD FY11
Anchorage Correctional Center	184	908
Anvil Mountain Correctional Center	20	109
Fairbanks Correctional Center	130	282
Hiland Mountain Correctional Center	207	398
Ketchikan Correctional Center	15	61
Lemon Creek Correctional Center	111	225
Mat-Su Pre-Trial	22	105
Palmer Correctional Center	248	501
Pt. MacKenzie Correctional Farm	43	120
Spring Creek Correctional Center	265	548
Wildwood Correctional Center	126	406
Yukon Kuskokwim Correctional Center	48	155
Hudson Correctional Facility (Colorado)	573	929
TOTAL	1,992	4,747

II. Vocational & Education Programs available to inmates in correctional facilities

A. Educational Programs:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Alaska Re-entry Course
- Computer Lab
- Criminal Attitude Program (CAP)
- General Education Development (GED) *Classes & Testing*
- Mavis Bacon Typing
- Parenting Classes

- Post-Secondary Academic Service – *College level courses, which may include correspondence classes, at the inmate's own expense.*
- Workplace & Community Transition Grant Program (WCT)

B. Vocational Programs:

- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Safe Food Handler Program
- Alaska Marine Safety Association (AMSEA) *Marine Survival & Drill Conductor*
- Animal Vocation Certification
- Apprenticeship Programs – *Certified by the US Dept of Labor*
 - Cook
 - Baker
 - Electrician
 - Plumber
 - Building Maintenance
 - Material Management
- Building Trades – *Registered by Associated General Builders and Contractors of Alaska and Certified by the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER)*
 - *Core Requirements*
 - *Carpentry Level I*
 - *Carpentry Level II*
 - *Carpentry Level III*
- Drivers License – *Preparation classes for the written portion of tests*
 - General Drivers License
 - Class A Commercial License
 - Class B Commercial License
- First Aid Certification
- Flagger Certification
- HAZWOPPER Certification
- Master Gardner Certification
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)
- Laundry Services
- Small Engine Repair
- Surface New Miner Certification

III. Transition to Communities/Prison Employment Program

The Department of Corrections is currently implementing the Alaska Re-Entry Manual/Program in all institutions statewide as well as in our contracted facility in Hudson, Colorado. The manual is presented and provided to all inmates prior to release and assists them in obtaining identification, provides them with a resume writing workshop, interview skills and community referral tools such as job centers that have a history of employing convicted felons.

The Department of Corrections previously had a Prisoner Employment Program (PEP). This was a Receipt Supported Services program, i.e. the program was required to be self-sufficient and balance their sales with their receipts, operating as business. PEP was discontinued in FY10 due to insolvency and in favor of vocational education and inmate operations employment. PEP starting falling into arrears in FY08 when energy costs and associated surcharges on commodities skyrocketed. PEP was never able to recover from FY08 and continued to increase their deficit in the subsequent fiscal years. The Department could not in good faith allow this trend to continue and made the difficult decision of discontinuing PEP as of 6/30/10.

Although PEP programs were completely discontinued, the Laundry Services program located at Lemon Creek Correctional Center continues to serve the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) not as a PEP, but rather a vocational education program, employing up to 18 inmates at one time. The program serves only the AMHS at this time and is funded through Interagency Receipt Authority—AMHS is the requesting agency and DOC is the servicing agency.