

# **MDOC Prison Treatment Programs Cut Recidivism Rate by 5%**

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On average, MDOC releases approximately 9,000 individuals per year.

The number of released offenders participating in counseling, training, and education programs has increased from approximately 1,400 in 2005 to 2,400 in 2009.

Of those who participate in programs, the number completing went from 3 percent to approximately 25 percent.

# MDOC Treatment Programs

- FY 2009: Educational programs offered to inmates resulted in 4,156 inmates successfully completing these programs: General Education Development (GED) – 513, Vocational Trades - 499 and Alcohol & Drug programs – 3,144.
- FY 2008: MDOC increased inmate graduations by 16% in Adult Basic Education, Vocational Trades and Alcohol and Drug programs. There were 4,273 inmates awarded certificates for these three programs: General Education Development (GED) – 615 inmate graduates, Vocational Trades – 456 inmate graduates, Alcohol and Drug – 3,202 inmate graduates.
- FY 2007: Over the course of 2007, MDOC increased inmate graduations by 8% in ABE, Vocational Courses and Alcohol and Drug programs. There were 3,773 certificates awarded for these 3 programs: GED 614 inmate graduates, Vocational 524 inmate graduates, and Alcohol and Drug 2,635 inmate graduates.
- FY 2006: MDOC provided effective treatment programs for offenders throughout the year graduating 568 state inmates through GED and Adult Basic Education/Literacy programs, and 354 offenders successfully completed vocational training programs.
- FY 2005: MDOC provided effective treatment programs for offenders throughout the year, graduating 592 state inmates through the agency's GED, Adult Basic Education/Literacy programs, and 826 offenders through vocational training programs.

For the Mississippi Department of Corrections, the three-year recidivism rate has declined from 35 percent in 2005 to 30 percent in 2007.

Nationally, the Bureau of Justice Statistics found high rates of recidivism among released prisoners. Within three years, 52 percent of the released prisoners in a 1994 study were back in prison either because of a new crime or because of a parole violation.\*

In Mississippi, individuals more likely to return to prison are males, those younger than 20 years old, blacks, and those with less than high school education.

The highest recidivism rate is among those reporting that they are single, divorced, separated, or widowed.

Approximately 35 percent are able to find a job within one quarter of release, and 60 percent are able to retain their job for three quarters. They make on average \$17,000 per year.

For those completing any program, their employment retention goes up to 67 percent.

Approximately 45 percent are employed in the service industry.

Approximately 25 percent in the manufacturing industry.

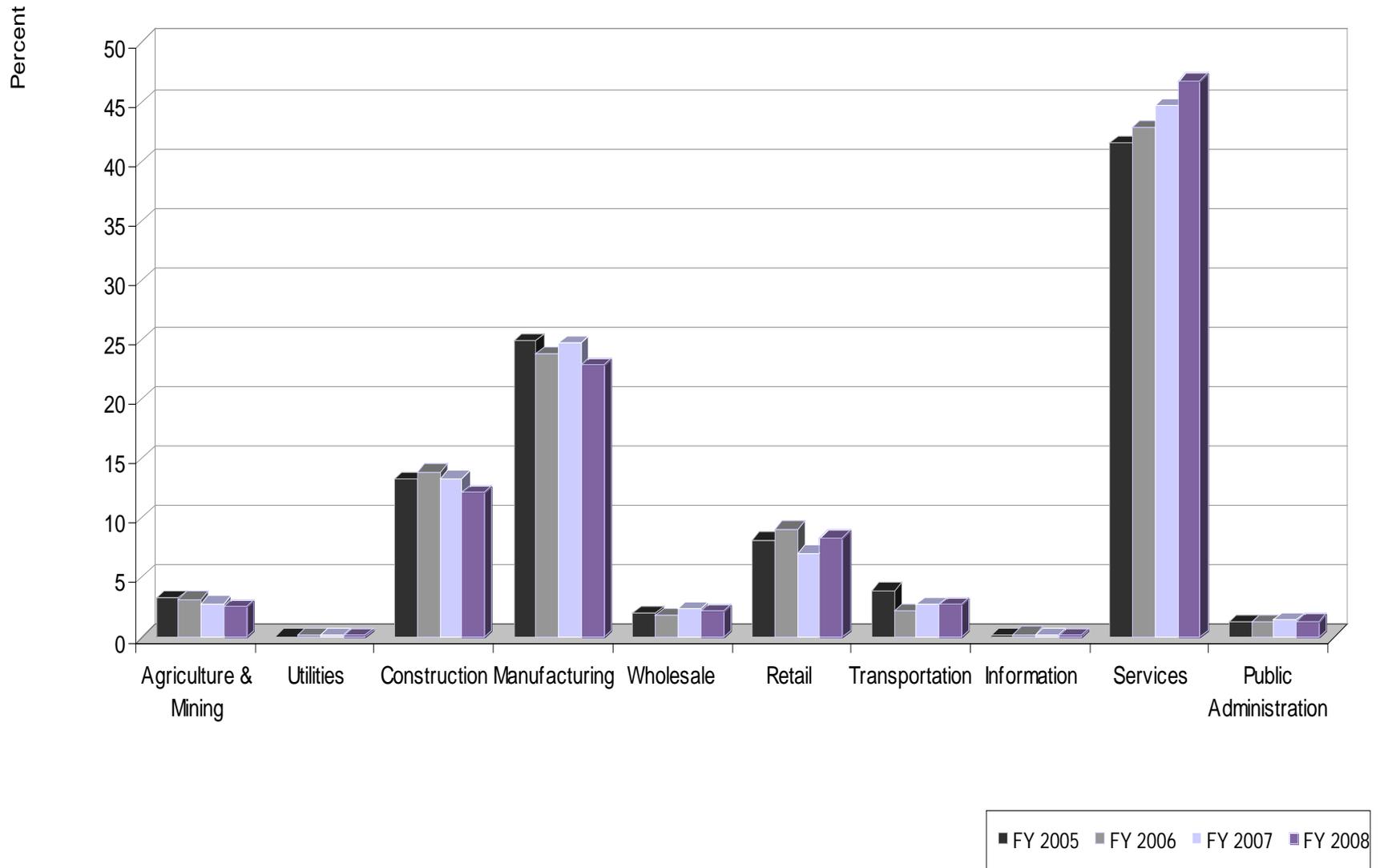
Of those employed in services, they primarily work in the accommodation, food services and administrative and support sub-sectors.

For manufacturing, they primarily work in the furniture and food processing sub-sectors.

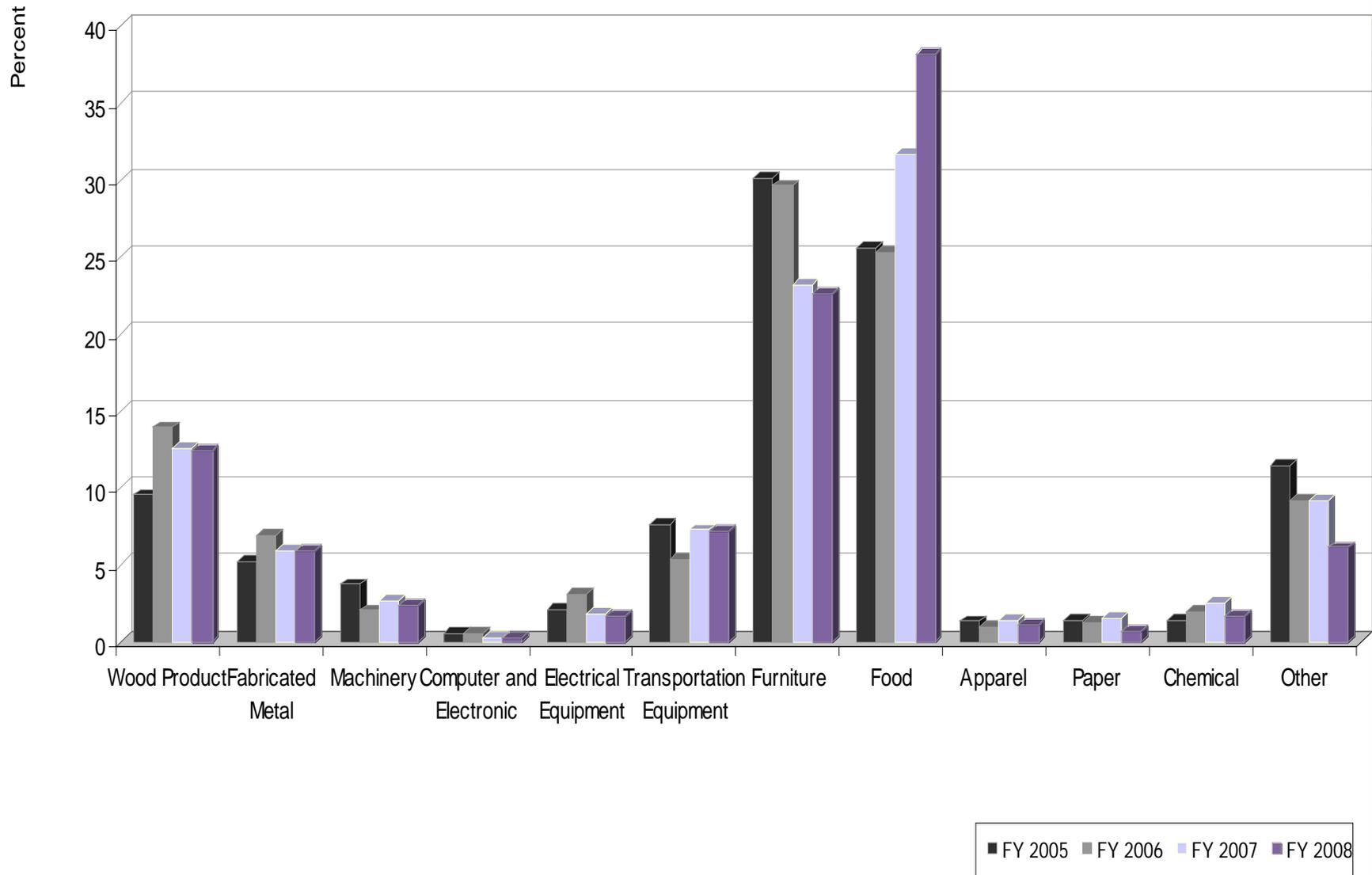
### Employment of Released Offenders by Industrial Sector

	FY 2005		FY 2006		FY 2007		FY 2008	
<b>Industrial Sectors</b>								
Agriculture & Mining	123	3.4	120	3.2	93	2.8	89	2.6
Utilities	3	0.1	6	0.2	4	0.1	5	0.1
Construction	486	13.3	520	13.9	439	13.4	417	12.2
Manufacturing	913	25.0	891	23.8	813	24.8	784	22.9
Wholesale	72	2.0	67	1.8	80	2.4	77	2.2
Retail	300	8.2	341	9.1	233	7.1	288	8.4
Transportation	144	3.9	84	2.2	91	2.8	93	2.7
Information	8	0.2	10	0.3	4	0.1	7	0.2
Services	1,518	41.5	1,602	42.8	1,465	44.6	1,604	<b>46.8</b>
Public Administration	47	1.3	48	1.3	48	1.5	47	1.4
Not Reported	44	1.2	50	1.3	14	0.4	16	0.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,658</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,739</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,284</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>3,427</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Manufacturing</b>								
Wood Product	87	9.5	124	13.9	102	12.5	97	12.4
Fabricated Metal	48	5.3	61	6.8	48	5.9	46	5.9
Machinery	34	3.7	18	2.0	22	2.7	19	2.4
Computer and Electronic	5	0.5	5	0.6	2	0.2	2	0.3
Electrical Equipment	19	2.1	27	3.0	15	1.8	13	1.7
Transportation Equipment	69	7.6	48	5.4	59	7.3	56	7.1
Furniture	275	30.1	264	29.6	189	23.2	177	22.6
Food	234	25.6	225	25.3	258	31.7	299	<b>38.1</b>
Apparel	12	1.3	9	1.0	11	1.4	9	1.1
Paper	13	1.4	11	1.2	12	1.5	5	0.6
Chemical	13	1.4	17	1.9	20	2.5	13	1.7
Other	104	11.4	82	9.2	75	9.2	48	6.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>913</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>891</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>813</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>784</i>	<i>100.0</i>
<b>Services</b>								
Professional, Scientific, and Technical	26	1.7	28	1.7	26	1.8	27	1.7
Management of Companies	1	0.1	3	0.2	2	0.1	4	0.2
Administrative and Support	583	38.4	620	38.7	504	34.4	595	37.1
Educational Services	23	1.5	25	1.6	26	1.8	14	0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	45	3.0	62	3.9	51	3.5	61	3.8
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	41	2.7	22	1.4	29	2.0	33	2.1
Accommodation and Food Services	670	44.1	708	44.2	699	47.7	746	<b>46.5</b>
Other	129	8.5	134	8.4	128	8.7	124	7.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,518</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,602</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,465</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>100.0</i>

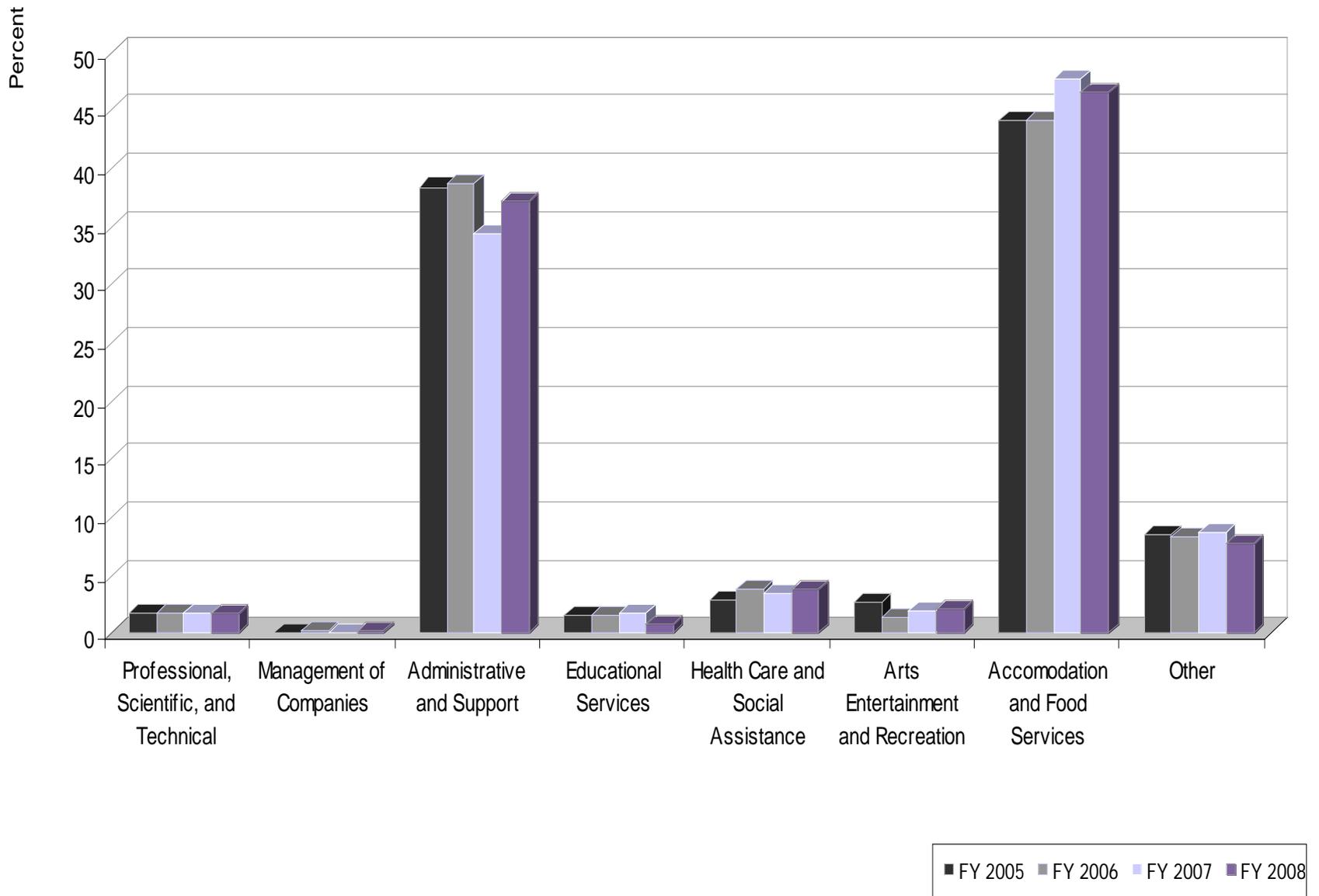
## Employment of Released Offenders By Industry, FY2005-FY2008



## Employment of Released Offenders By Manufacturing Industry Sub-Sector, FY2005-FY2008



## Employment of Released Offenders By Service Industry Sub-Sector, FY2005-FY2008



## Programs offered at Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP) at Parchman include:

Therapeutic Recreation, Alcohol & Drug Treatment, Religious Programs, Independent Study/Tutorial Programs and Vocational Training, including: Agri-Business, Auto Body & Fender, Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Diesel Mechanics, Communications Systems Installer, Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Industrial Electricity, Marine Maintenance, Plumbing & Pipefitting and Welding

Mississippi Prison Industries operates a work program at the MSP and utilizes more than 296,400 inmate man-hours in its textile, metal fabrication, and wood working shops. On a monthly average, 190 inmates work in these shops.

## Programs offered at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility (CMCF) in Pearl include:

Alcohol & Drug Treatment, Adult Basic Education, Pre-Release, Religious Programs, Therapeutic Recreation, and Vocational Programs including Business Technology, Industrial Sewing, Cosmetology, Family Dynamics, Upholstery and Computer Repair

Mississippi Prison Industries (MPIC) operates a print shop at CMCF that employs 36 male inmates. They also operate a furniture and service shop that employs 16 female inmates. MPIC employs a total of 55 inmates monthly. During the month of February 2010, MPIC utilized approximately 14,080 man-hours at these shops.

## Programs offered at South Mississippi Correctional Institution (SMCI) in Leakesville include:

Adult Basic Education, Alcohol & Drug Treatment, Therapeutic Recreation, Religious Programs, and Vocational Programs including Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Electrical, Plumbing and Pipefitting, and Welding.

Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation (MPIC) provides realistic work experience to adult offenders at SMCI by providing employment skills to manufacture their own clothing and clothing for other state agencies. Items manufactured include work shirts, T-shirts, thermal underwear, gym shorts, BDU pants and BDU jackets. Officer uniform shirts are also produced for the State of Mississippi and other agencies.

Private and Regional Correctional Facilities offer a variety of educational and therapeutic programs to include:

Adult Basic Education, Alcohol and Drug Treatment, Basic Computer Skills, Carpentry Skills, Faith Based Programs, Horticulture, GED, Life Skills, Culinary Arts, Welding, and Small Engine Classes.

# Questions/Comments

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