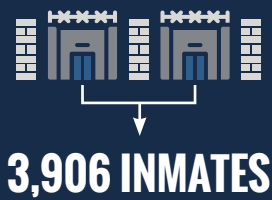


# Private Prison Reform in Indiana

Rather than rewarding rehabilitation and success, Indiana's guaranteed minimum occupancy payments to private prison operators incentivize cutting corners and warehousing inmates at the lowest possible cost.

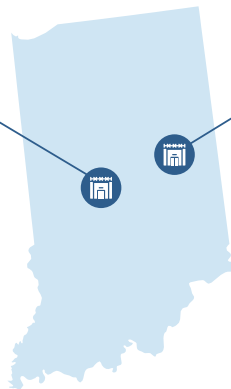


**3,906 INMATES**

Private prisons in Indiana hold **3,906 inmates**, or **15.4 percent of the state's prison population**,<sup>1</sup> in two facilities operated by The GEO Group.<sup>2</sup>

## Private Prisons in Indiana:

■ **Heritage Trail Correctional Facility**  
(Plainfield)–The GEO Group



■ **New Castle Correctional Facility**  
(New Castle)–The GEO Group



The GEO Group and CoreCivic have cornered the market with **anti-competitive laws** and **unaccountable contracts**, all while raking in **\$55 million** in state funds per year.<sup>3</sup>

**It's time to introduce accountability for private prisons through competition and contract reform.**

## THE SOLUTION

Performance-based contracts pay operators more if inmates recidivate less and become employed. Indiana should rebid all contracts to be based on performance, aligning contract incentives with the success of the state correctional system.

## WHY IT MATTERS



Basing contract terms on **measurable outcomes** would refocus criminal justice on effective rehabilitation, which would set incarcerated individuals up for **success and improve community safety**.

## THE BOTTOM LINE:

Indiana's private prison operators need more competition and accountability to better serve the people of the Hoosier State.



### Indiana should:

- Hold prisons accountable by introducing performance-based contracts that pay private prison operators based on the results they achieve.

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