

# 2014



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# facts and stats

## Benefits of Correctional Education

The Federal Bureau of Prisons has estimated that an inmate who participates in GED programming while in prison is 16% less likely to recidivate than an inmate who does not participate in any educational programming.

Studies find that recidivism rates are inversely related to educational program participation while in prison. The more educational programs successfully completed for each 6 months confined, the lower the recidivism rates.

The correctional education association identified correctional education programs as being among the top adult criminal justice programs with the greatest rate of return on investment. For every \$1 spent on basic adult (GED) correctional education yields a benefit of \$6.

- ⇒ 50% of NDOC inmates lack a High School Equivalency (HSE)/ or High School Diploma (HSD).
- ⇒ 86% of eligible inmates were enrolled in education services, compared to 66% in 2013.
- ⇒ A record-breaking 1,488 High School Equivalency (HSE) certificates, Adult Standard High School Diplomas (HSD), Associate of Arts (AA) degrees, Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees, and/or industry-recognized vocational certificates were awarded to NDOC inmates in 2014.
- ⇒ The average recidivism rate of NDOC Education completers is 20%, compared to the national average of 43%.
- ⇒ Education completion increases success even among offender groups that normally have higher recidivism rates.
- ⇒ Cost per student has decreased by 28% from \$1,356.00 in 2013 to \$985.00 in 2014.
- ⇒ For every \$1.00 spent on adult correctional education, it yields a benefit of \$6.24 to the State of Nevada.

*"from cells to classrooms"*