
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

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Iowa State Industries Revolving Fund

Purpose

The purpose of Iowa State Industries, also referred to as Iowa Prison Industries (IPI), is to provide work training opportunities for inmates. IPI oversees traditional Industries' programs, private sector employment, and the prison farms. IPI is self-funded and operates without General Fund support. From FY 2016 to FY 2020, IPI returned on average \$1.1 million annually to the Department of Corrections (DOC) institutions and the State General Fund from private sector offender employment. Products and services are only available for purchase by government agencies, school districts, nonprofit groups, and employees of these organizations. Sales will not generally be solicited from the general public. The vision of IPI is to provide a meaningful work opportunity for every offender, and its mission is to be a self-sufficient program that positively impacts offenders' lives, reduces recidivism, and provides valued products and services to its customers.

Fund Created

Iowa Code section [904.813](#) creates the Iowa State Industries Revolving Fund to maintain and operate IPI work programs. Receipts from the sale of merchandise are deposited in the Fund. Expenditures include operating costs, such as direct payments to vendors for the purchase of raw materials and capital equipment used in manufacturing processes; wages and benefits of IPI staff; stipends paid to offenders; and per diem and expenses of the Iowa Prison Industries Advisory Board. The year-end balance carries forward to the next fiscal year and interest earned on the balance remains in the Fund. Prison farm operation receipts and expenses are not included in the Industries Revolving Fund, but kept in the Revolving Farm Fund created in Iowa Code section [904.706](#).

Traditional Prison Industries

IPI includes the following programs at the institutions:

- Anamosa State Penitentiary: braille transcription, filters, chemicals, graphic arts (printing, binding, and mailing), license plates, metal furniture, wood furniture, and signs. This institution also has the business office for IPI.
- Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility: dorm furniture.
- Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison: wood furniture and lounge furniture.

More Information

Department of Corrections: doc.iowa.gov

Iowa Prison Industries: iaprisonind.com

Fiscal Topic: legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FT/673918.pdf

Iowa Prison Industries Annual Report: iaprisonind.com/downloads/annualrep/IPIAnnualReportFY2020.pdf

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- Newton Correctional Facility: home building and centralized canteen. The canteen is governed by Iowa Code section [904.310](#).
- Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville: chairs, modular systems, CD archiving, textiles, plastics, embroidery, and garment printing.
- North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City: welding, assembly, and painting.
- Fort Dodge Correctional Facility: textiles.

Private Sector Employment

Private sector employment of inmates is managed by IPI in compliance with federal and State law (Iowa Code section [904.809](#)). The Department of Workforce Development establishes the prevailing wage that inmates must be paid. Private sector employment is available at the following locations:

- Newton Correctional Facility: printing.
- Iowa Correctional Institution for Women at Mitchellville: sewing and packaging.
- Clarinda Correctional Facility: cargo trailers.
- North Central Correctional Facility at Rockwell City: packaging and metal products.
- Fort Dodge Correctional Facility: sewing and packaging.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [904](#)

Iowa Code sections [904.310](#), [904.706](#), [904.809](#), and [904.813](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [201](#)

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