



Federal Bureau of Prisons Fact Sheet

Special Releases



The CARES Act and the First Step Act (FSA) provide various avenues for inmates to be granted home confinement or compassionate release. Only the sentencing court has authority to reduce a term of imprisonment (compassionate release) upon motion of the FBOP Director through the U.S. Attorney's Office or upon motion of the inmate. For more information about Compassionate Release trends, visit www.USSC.gov (United States Sentencing Commission).

Inmates on Elderly Home Confinement	All-Time:	1,246
	Current:	23
Compassionate Releases by the FBOP Director	Denied:	17
<i>*The total shown is for the current calendar year</i>	Granted:	5
Compassionate Releases ordered by the Courts		4,811
<i>*The total shown is since the enactment of the First Step Act.</i>		

FSA Programming & Time Credits



The First Step Act (FSA) provides for eligible inmates to earn FSA Time Credits (FTCs) for participating in recommended Evidence-Based Recidivism Reduction (EBRR) Programs and Productive Activities (PAs) that address their assessed needs. Inmates may not earn FTCs if serving a sentence for a disqualifying conviction listed in the statute. FTCs currently apply to inmates convicted in Federal District Court only. They do not apply to military prisoners, state boarders, or inmates with a final order of deportation. At this time, FTCs do not apply to inmates convicted in DC Superior Court.

% of inmate population eligible to earn FTCs:	59.1%
Inmates currently enrolled in curriculum-based EBRRs and PAs: <i>(waitlist + current participants)</i>	117,098
Total program completions of curriculum-based EBRRs and PAs since January 2020:	713,913
Transferred to pre-release custody after the accrual and crediting of earned time credits:	6,002

Employment Levels



One of the FBOP's key priorities is fully staffing our institutions. Hiring and retention of employees remains a priority for the Bureau, as higher employment levels afford the Bureau the flexibility and stability needed to carry out its mission, including the expansion of programs as required by the First Step Act (FSA). Although multiple positions in the FBOP carry out FSA activities, some positions have dedicated FSA funding.

Active Employees in Pay Status	Correctional Officers:	12,754
	All Other Positions:	23,963
Active Employees in Non-Pay Status	Correctional Officers:	181
	All Other Positions:	125
Total Employees		37,717
Authorized Full Time Positions	Correctional Officers:	14,900
	All Other Positions:	27,498
	Total Positions:	42,398
Vacant Positions		2,868

Employee Ratios



The inmate-to-employee ratio is an important factor in maintaining institution safety. The FBOP staffs facilities based on various factors including facility security level, inmate population and facility programs and capabilities.

Inmate to Employee Ratio:	4.25:1
Inmate to Correctional Officer Ratio:	8.98:1

Special Population Census (or Counts)



A statistical snapshot of the number of inmates nationwide that have been placed in the FBOP's various restrictive housing settings.

Number of inmates at the Special Housing Units:	10,785
Number of inmates at the Special Management Units:	0
Number of inmates at the ADX:	352

Notes:



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Overall Population



For 34 years, the FBOP inmate population increased; in 2014, the first population decline was recorded. Declines continued through 2020; however, in 2021 and 2022, FBOP saw increases in the inmate population. The FBOP continues to experience crowding in medium and low facilities.

System-wide:	1.5%
Minimum:	-21.9%
Low:	15.0%
Medium:	13.6%
High:	1.2%

Residential Reentry



The FBOP contracts with Residential Reentry Centers (RRCs), also known as halfway houses, to provide assistance to inmates who are nearing release. During an inmate's release planning, a RRC referral recommendation is made based on release needs, risk factors, and a treatment plan. RRCs help inmates gradually rebuild their ties to the community and facilitate readjustment. Higher risk inmates are the Bureau's first priority. Home confinement monitoring is done by either the RRC or via the Federal Location Monitoring Program with US Probation. An inmate's length of placement could be up to 12 months.

RRC Locations:	155
Total Number of inmates in RRCs:	8,343
RRC Average Stay (in days):	213
Work Release Locations:	12
Monitoring via Federal Probation Contract:	191
Total Number of inmates in Home Confinement:	3,681

Mental Health Care Levels



Mental Health Care Levels (of which there are four) are used to classify inmates based on their need for mental health services. Facility placement ranges from Care Level 1 facilities - which are for inmates who do not require significant mental health care - to Care Level 4 facilities for inmates who require inpatient psychiatric care.

	Male	Female	Total
Level 1:	133,265	9,118	142,383
Level 2:	4,963	726	5,689
Level 3:	664	61	725
Level 4:	502	6	508

Medical Care Levels



Medical Care Levels (of which there are four), are used to align an inmate's medical needs with institution capabilities (including community medical resources). Care Level 1 facilities are assigned to generally healthy inmates, while Care Level 4 facilities are reserved for inmates who require daily nursing care or therapy.

	Male	Female	Total
Level 1:	97,170	5,561	102,731
Level 2:	40,444	3,960	44,404
Level 3:	2,740	303	3,043
Level 4:	1,220	117	1,337

Education Status



Inmates who do not have a verified General Educational Development (GED) credential or high school diploma are required to attend an adult literacy program for a minimum of 240 instructional hours or until a GED is achieved, whichever occurs first. Non-English speaking inmates must take English-as-a-Second-Language.

GED Earned in the Bureau of Prisons:	14,272 (11%)		
Has GED:	70,671 (55%)		
Needs GED:	41,622 (32%)		
↳ (GED Enrolled: 9 %)			
GED Completions:			
FY 2023	Enrolled: 12,686	Earned: 4,380	
FY 2024	Enrolled: 10,874	Earned: 4,423	
FY 2025 (4/24)	Enrolled: 11,411	Earned: 2,055	

Drug Treatment Participants



The FBOP's drug abuse treatment strategy has grown and changed as advances have occurred in the substance abuse treatment field. The FBOP offers a variety of programs to generate positive outcomes (by reducing relapse and criminality), ranging from residential programs, non-residential programs, drug education, and transitional drug treatment in the community.

	Res. Drug Treatment	Non-Res. Drug Treatment	Drug Education	Community Treatment
FY 2022	11,736	19,791	23,525	7,220
FY 2023	12,170	20,939	22,406	8,254
FY 2024	12,064	21,259	22,366	9,317
FY 2025	7,866	12,686	12,174	4,227