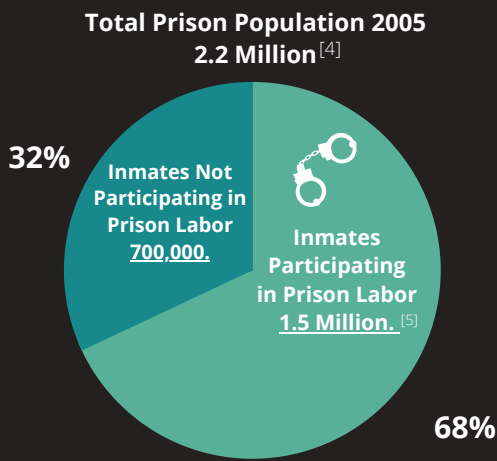


# PRISON LABOR

Prison labor is a multi-billion dollar industry that has been an integral part of the American economy for decades. Working conditions for laborers sourced from prisons are drastically different than the conditions that non-incarcerated individuals in the workforce experience. Wages are significantly lower and there are little to no breaks or benefits.<sup>[1][2]</sup> Currently, only a handful of states still utilize prison labor but this nonetheless emphasizes a problematic element of our criminal justice system.

## PRISON LABOR IN THE UNITED STATES

13th Amendment: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, **except as a punishment for crime** whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States."<sup>[3]</sup>  
**Inmate populations are NOT protected under the 13th Amendment.**<sup>[3]</sup>



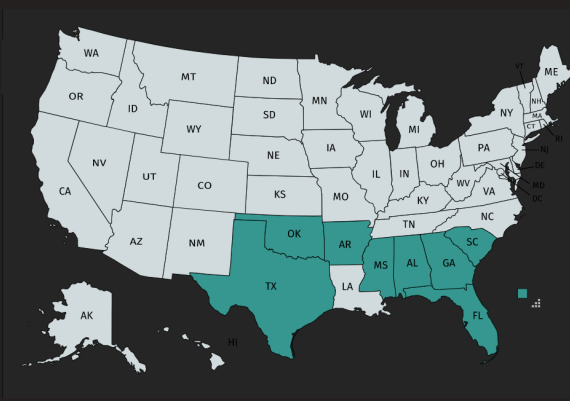
**Racial disparities are evident...**

**1 in 3 African American**      **1 in 6 Latino**      **1 in 17 White**

... boys born today can expect to go to prison in his lifetime.<sup>[6]</sup>

Prison labor is "**legally required**" in the United States.<sup>[7]</sup> Working for inadequate compensation out of fear of punishment, in a system that has perpetuate racial disparities, many inmates (particularly those of color) have labeled prison labor a form of '**modern-day slavery**'.

## PRISON LABOR IN FLORIDA



Currently there are **95,000** jailed.<sup>[8]</sup>

Florida is **1 of 8 states** where labor in government-run prisons goes unpaid.<sup>[8]</sup>

Inmates are not considered employees of the state and **do not qualify for the Workers' Compensation Act.**<sup>[9]</sup>

## PRISON LABOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

UF has utilized over **156,684 hours of prison labor** from 2015-2019.<sup>[10]</sup>

### UF's Ignorance Towards Prison Labor

Upon being asked about the school's use of prison labor or their awareness of the violations of rights many prison laborers experience, **UF spokespeople have declined to comment on three separate occasions in the last year** alone.<sup>[10, 11, 12]</sup>

### UF's Partnerships with Companies Using Prison Labor

UF has **extended their contract** with Aramark, a company that utilizes prison labor and was sued for involuntary servitude in 2019, to provide food in their on-campus dining facilities, until 2022.<sup>[13]</sup> They are looking to **renew their contract** after its expiration.



## CALL TO ACTION

### Help Abolish Prison Labor

#### University of Florida



**Email** UF Administration and express your discontent. Find their information and email template [here](#).



**Boycott** UF Dining Halls and the Reitz Union.



**Follow** the Coalition to Abolish Prison Slavery at UF on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### Florida and Beyond



**Find and Contact** your local Representatives [here](#) and Senators [here](#).



**Sign a Petition** [here](#) to abolish prison labor in the United States.



**Boycott** companies that utilize and profit off of prison labor. [Here](#) is a comprehensive list.

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