

Prisoner employment and training

The employment of prisoners (including work, therapeutic programs, and education) has risen to 87% (9 649 prisoners). According to legal regulation 11 933 prisoners were employable, which represents a 1.6% rise compared to the previous year.

The number of those who performed work was 8 040, a 6.3% rise compared to the previous year. Limited companies employed 4 405 prisoners, compared to 2014 this represents a 6.5% rise. Prisons employed 2 963 prisoners, 7.5% more than in the previous year. Out of these 83% (2 460 people) performed maintenance work (e.g. providing food, repairs, laundry service, and storage related tasks). The other 17% (503 people) were employed at external workplaces by companies based on contracts.

The number of prisoners working for the State increased when the Office of Immigration and Nationality requested staff for refugee camps and related tasks. The Water Management Directorate has been our partner in prisoner employment; this year 120 prisoners worked for them. In PPP prisons employment is a contractual obligation of the

contractor; these institutions employed an average of 672 prisoners.

Prisoners in „other” employment (1 654) either participated in occupational therapy (214) or training only (1 440).

Providing basic education and vocational training remains a key social integration responsibility. With improved education and marketable skills former inmates have better chances of finding employment after release.



EDUCATION LEVEL

2015	Nr.	%
Illiterate	132	0.75%
Elementary 1-4	474	2.68%
Elementary 5-7	1 609	9.08%
Elementary	10 312	58.20%
Vocational school	2 888	16.30%
Secondary	969	5.47%
Secondary vocational	707	3.99%
Specialized vocational	179	1.01%
College	257	1.45%
University	191	1.08%
Total	17 718	100%

In the academic year of 2014/15 1 083 prisoners studied in elementary school and 656 finished a year. Secondary school is available at every institution for convicted prisoners. In the 2015/16 academic year 967 prisoners studied in secondary school.

In the first semester of 2015/16 56 prisoners took college-level courses (in theology and engineering). Four prisoners graduated from Pécs Bishops Theological College.

1 156 prisoners enrolled in vocational training courses and 1 346 graduated (including students starting courses in 2014).

In 2015 the number of prisoners studying or taking training courses increased significantly, to 3 842. 5 772 prisoners were involved in a social integration training program under TÁMOP to study one of 70 vocations; 1 214 of them received certificates. 2 187 prisoners participated in a self-awareness, communication skills and conflict management course, which was the prerequisite for entering the program.

STUDENT NUMBERS

Academic year	Elementary school	Secondary school	Vocational school	Higher education	Total
2013/2014	1 151	819	720	46	2 736
2014/2015	1 083	858	1 131	30	3 102
2015/2016	1 016	967	1 156	56	3 195

