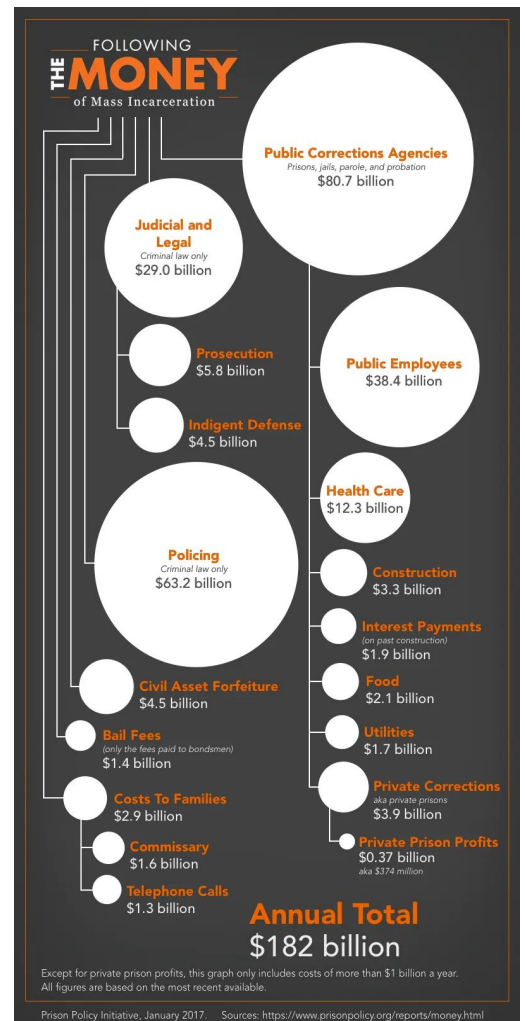


## Georgia Prison Industry

The prison system in Georgia is the fifth largest in the whole United States of America. This makes it one of the most costly systems as well. The total annual cost for mass incarceration in Georgia is around \$182 billion each year. This huge industry requires manpower, therefore there are over 13,000 employees working to keep the prison system functioning. While keeping criminals away from society for obvious reasons, jobs are advantageously created. The Georgia prison system houses close to 60,000 prisoners at any given time. All of these prisoners need to be fed, clothed, given any other necessities. The cost for each prisoner can pile up to as much as \$20,000 per prisoner per year. In comparison, education costs per student per year comes close to the \$8,000 mark. Private prisons also make up some of the incarcerated population in Georgia. Corecivic and GEO corporation are the two major companies that have signed contracts with the state government to house prisoners in order to make profit. In Georgia, the private prison industry was kickstarted in 2010 and given about 8,000 prisoners to accommodate. There are four main private prison facilities in Georgia owned by the two corporations. The revenue for the



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private prison industry peeks at \$4 billion, although only \$370 million of the revenue is profit. This has allowed non government prisons to accumulate a large amount of money throughout the past few years. However, It is possible that legislation could be passed prohibiting the operation and profit of private prisons in Georgia. Legislative bills such as house bill 403 could potentially lead to the bankruptcy and unemployment of private prison.



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