

## Who is CCA?

**\$96,950,000**

Tax dollars the TN Department of Corrections budgeted to pay CCA in 2013 – a payment the state makes every year.

Source: [IDOC 2013 Annual Report](#)

**8238**

Number of beds in CCA facilities in Tennessee, both in state prisons and local city jails. Of course, not all of those beds are filled, but CCA contracts guarantee they still make money on those empty beds.

Source: [CCA website](#)

**\$487,917.27**

Tax dollars Tennesseans were required by contract to pay CCA for empty beds at the Metro Detention Facility in Nashville in 2011.

Source: Brian Haas, *Empty CCA beds cost state*. The Tennessean. October 11, 2013.

**\$1.7 billion**

2012 annual gross revenue for CCA.

Source: [CCA 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K](#)

## What goes wrong at CCA prisons?

**187%**

Increase in prisoner-on-prisoner violence in an Ohio prison in 2010 (before it was sold to CCA) and 2012 (after it was sold to CCA)

Source: [Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Institution Correctional Institution Inspection Committee Report](#)

**300%**

Increase in prisoner-on-staff violence at that same facility between 2010-2012

Source: [Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Institution Correctional Institution Inspection Committee Report](#)

**47**

Number of Ohio state standards a state investigation found CCA violated at the prison

Source: [MSNBC](#)

**\$500,000**

Total penalties CCA was ordered to pay Ohio for these violations, including prisoners being forced to defecate in bags because they lacked access to running water

Source: [Huffington Post](#)

**\$24 mil**

Total compensation for five CCA executive officers from 2010-2012, as violence and violations at the prison skyrocketed

Source: [Corrections Corporation of America, Schedule 14A Proxy Statement, SEC filing, April 5, 2013](#)

### “Gladiator School”

Nickname of a CCA-run facility in Idaho, in reference to its reputation for extreme violence. The facility made international headlines when a shocking video surfaced showing guards passively watching one inmate brutally beat another into a coma. An Idaho Dept. of Corrections report found that the “Gladiator School” had 4 times as many prisoner-on-prisoner assaults than the state’s 7 other prisons combined.

Source: [ACLU blog, “Corrections Corporation of America Loses Four Prison Contracts This Month”](#); [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#)

**44 days**

Length of time prisoners were required to remain in their cells at all times, including 10 consecutive days when they were not allowed out of their cells to bathe, during a lockdown at TN’s South Central Correctional Facility that began on September 1, 2013.

Source: *Letters and reports received from South Central Correction Facility prisoners and their family members*

**24**

Age of CCA guard Catlin Carithers when he was beaten to death during a riot at a facility in Mississippi. The riot started in response to prisoners’ complaints about prison conditions and mistreatment. A Dept. of Justice study found that privately-run facilities have a much higher rate of prisoner-on-staff and prisoner-on-prisoner assaults and other disturbances compared to publicly-run facilities.

Source: [ACLU blog, "Three Reasons to Join Our Protest of 30 Years of Private Prisons Today in D.C.";](#)  
[US Department of Justice](#)

## 26,000

Hours of security post shifts an external audit found that CCA left unstaffed at an Idaho prison in 2012, despite billing the state for these staff hours. Previously CCA had only admitted to reporting 4,800 unstaffed hours. A federal judge held CCA in contempt of court for its repeated lies and evasion about the falsified hours.

Source: [Huffington Post](#)  
[Bloomberg Businessweek](#);  
[United States District Court for the District of Idaho Court Order](#)  
[A.P. Big Story: FBI investigates prison company](#)

## Criminal Investigation

In 2014, the FBI launched a criminal investigation into how CCA ran the "Gladiator School," shortly after the Governor of Idaho called for a state investigation of the facility. The state of Idaho decided not to renew its contract with CCA, and announced it will resume operations of the prison as a better way to "ensure best practices, public safety and the public confidence."

Source: [A.P. Big Story: FBI investigates prison company](#)  
[Gov. Otter's letter to Idaho Board of Correction](#)

## What keeps CCA in business?

### Money

#### \$18+ million

How much CCA spent on federal lobbying from 1999-2009, to ensure that lawmakers are protecting CCA's bottom line.

Source: [Opensecrets.org](#)

#### \$1,121,760

Total amount of campaign contributions CCA provided to state candidates, including Governor Bill Haslam, between 2003-2012.

Source: [Followthemoney.org](#)

### Lobbying

#### 85+

Number of model bills and resolutions requiring tougher criminal sentencing and promoting prison privatization, produced by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) while CCA was a member.

Source: [ACLU's "Banking on Bondage"](#)

### "Truth in Sentencing" laws

During that time, ALEC drafted model legislation requiring prisoners to serve at least 85% of sentences before being eligible for parole, ensuring that private prison companies like CCA made as much money as possible on prisoners who could have been paroled long ago.

Source: [Alecexposed.org](#)

### Secrecy

#### 5 years

Time CCA has spent litigating in Tennessee to shield its prisons from being subject to the Tennessee Public Records Act.

Source: [Tennessee Court of Appeals](#)

#### \$7+ million

Amount CCA spent since 2005 to successfully lobby Congress to stop its for-profit prisons from being subject to the same open records laws as publicly-run prisons.

Source: [Grassrootsleadership.org](#)

### Mass Incarceration

#### 700%

Increase in the United States prison population from 1970-2005. Then, fewer than 190,000 people were incarcerated in federal and state prisons. By 2012, that number had grown to over 1,483,000.

Source: [ACLU Mass Incarceration Facts](#); [PewTrust.org](#);  
[U.S. Department of Justice](#)

**30%**

Increase in Tennessee's prison population from 2000-2013. Disproportionately, Tennessee's total population grew only 13% during that period.

*Source:* Brian Haas, *State's prisons spill over again*. The Tennessean. February 23, 2013.

**"Reductions in crime rates," immigration reform, drug law reform, lower minimum sentences for non-violent crimes, and greater use of cost-saving probation & electronic monitoring in place of incarceration**

"Risk factors" for CCA's business, according to 2012 financial disclosure statements that CCA filed with the SEC

*Source:* [CCA 2012 SEC 10-K Filing Report](#)

**Texas Idaho Kentucky Mississippi**

These states have walked away from their contracts with CCA in the last year.

*Source:* [ACLU blog "Anonymous Exposes U.S.'s Biggest Private Prison Company As a Bad Financial Investment"](#)