

# Companies that Support the Prison Industrial Complex

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1. McDonalds uses inmates to produce frozen foods. Inmates process beef for patties. They may also process bread, milk and chicken products. The world's most successful fast food franchise purchases a plethora of goods manufactured in prisons, including plastic cutlery, containers, and uniforms. The inmates who sew McDonald's uniforms make even less money by the hour than the people who wear them.
2. Wendy's uses prison labor to reduce its cost of operations. Inmates also process beef for patties.
3. Coco Cola is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, which supports and promotes the prison industrial complex.
4. Starbucks uses inmates to cut costs. Starbucks subcontractor Signature Packaging Solutions hired Washington state prisoners to package holiday coffees.
5. Verizon uses inmates provide telecommunication services.
6. American Airlines uses inmates to take reservations.
7. Avis and Budget Car rental companies use inmates to take reservations.
8. Wells Fargo holds shares in GEO Group, a company that operates private prisons and immigration detention centers.
9. Bank of America contracts prison labor inside state prisons at minimum wage or less to make its products. It provides an array of services for the nation's largest prison system, including the provision of money transfers from providing e-messaging, some telephone services, and supplying the prison system with handheld scanners. It also subcontracts with other prison vendors, positioning itself as a hub of prison services that are procured outside any government bidding process.
10. JP Morgan Chase & Co issues high-fee payment cards to inmates upon their release to distribute money from their prison accounts at high rates.
11. JC Penny sells jeans made by inmates in Tennessee prisons.
12. Wal-Mart uses inmates for manufacturing purposes. The company "hires" inmates to clean products of UPC bar codes so that products can be resold. Although their company policy clearly states that "forced or prison labor will not be tolerated by Wal-Mart", basically every item in their store has been supplied by third-party prison labor factories. Wal-Mart purchases its produce from prison farms where laborers are often subjected to long, arduous hours in the blazing heat without adequate sunscreen, water, or food.
13. Target contracts prison labor inside state prisons at minimum wage or less to make its products
14. Kmart uses inmates in Tennessee prisons to manufacture its jeans.
15. Nike contracts prison labor inside state prisons at minimum wage or less to make its products
16. Phillip Morris has used child labor to make it tobacco products.
17. Nestle has used child and slave labor to make it products, like using child slaves to harvest cocoa in Ivory Coast.
18. Monsanto produces genetically engineered foods that are bad for consumers and the environment. It has monopoly control over the food industry.
19. Shell contracts prison labor inside state prisons at minimum wage or less to make its products.
20. Exxon contracts prison labor inside state prisons at minimum wage or less to make its products.
21. Proctor and Gamble contracts prison labor inside state prisons at minimum wage or less to make its products
22. Allstate Insurance is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, which supports and promotes the prison industrial complex.

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