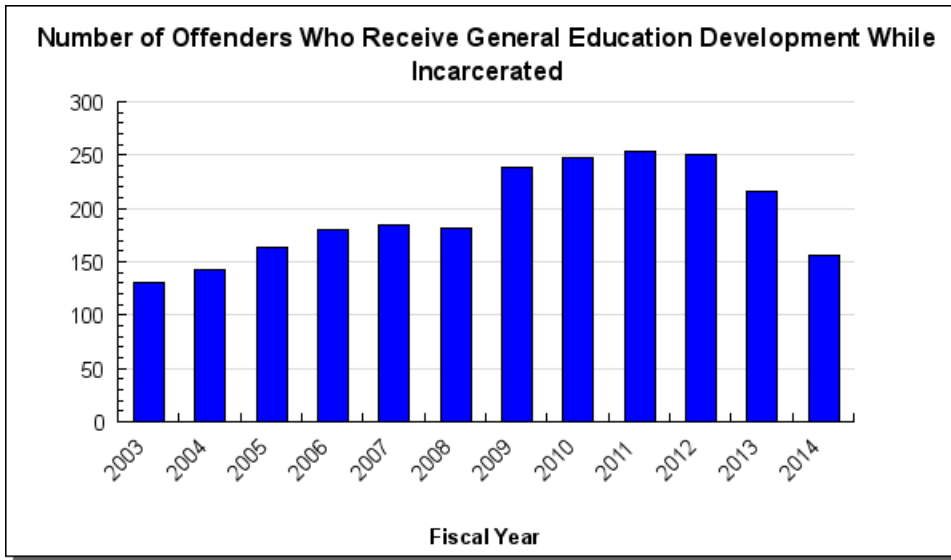


Target #2: Increase the number of offenders who receive a General Education Development (GED) diploma while incarcerated.



Methodology: Information tracked and reported through the Offender Program Manager

Number of Offenders Who Receive General Education Development While Incarcerated

Fiscal Year	Total	% Change
FY-2017	112	14%
FY-2016	98	426%
FY 2015	23	-85%
FY 2014	156	-27%
FY 2013	216	-14%
FY 2012	251	-1.2%
FY 2011	254	2.8%
FY 2010	247	3.4%
FY 2009	239	31.3%
FY 2008	182	-1.6%
FY 2007	185	2.8%
FY 2006	180	9.8%

Analysis of results and challenges: The Department of Corrections increased the number of offenders earning their General Education Development (GED) while incarcerated during FY2017. DOC is the 3rd largest contributor of successful adult GED completions in the state of Alaska.

There was an expected increase in offenders earning their GED since the agency increased its tutoring and prioritized its Administration of the GED Ready Test's. Increasing the Administration of GED Ready Tests enhanced the offenders' abilities to familiarize while navigating 7 different computer item types.

1. Extended response
2. Drag-and-drop
3. Drop-down
4. Fill in the Blank
5. Hot Spot
6. Multiple Choices
7. Short Answer

Students also have to attend computer lab training in order to meet the benchmark typing skill of 40 words a minute in preparation to the timed GED tests.

Each institution provides offenders with education coordinators and the necessary materials to study for and complete the GED computer testing process. Offenders have the opportunity to obtain a GED diploma, however, in most cases this program is voluntary and/or the time an offender has to serve may be insufficient to complete all four tests impacting the offender participation while incarcerated.

However, the efficiency of the computer testing has allowed a better feedback and follow-up data collection system for offenders that do not complete all four GED tests while incarcerated. This capability has fostered greater state wide collaboration with regional testing sites to continue and complete the returning citizens GED testing.

The Department of Corrections is expected to increase the number of GED diplomas for FY 2018.