

**CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTIONS FOR USE IN FISCAL IMPACTS
BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE
2026 SESSION**

Adopted at the February 9, 2026 Criminal Justice Impact Conference

	Growth Rate Of Consumer Price Index	Full Operating Costs Per Inmate	Actual Change	Growth Rate Of Price Index State and Local Construction Spending	Capital Costs Per Bed	Actual Change
2021-22	7.2%	\$27,171	0.6%	11.8%	\$78,664	
2022-23	6.3%	\$29,766	9.6%	10.8%	\$87,160	
2023-24	3.3%	\$33,405	12.2%	1.7%	\$88,642	
2024-25	2.6%	\$34,898	4.5%	1.9%	\$90,326	
2025-26	2.8%	\$35,875		3.2%	\$93,216	
2026-27	2.7%	\$36,843		2.9%	\$95,920	
2027-28	2.4%	\$37,728		3.2%	\$98,989	
2028-29	2.2%	\$38,558		3.1%	\$102,058	
2029-30	2.2%	\$39,406		3.2%	\$105,323	
2030-31	2.3%	\$40,312		3.2%	\$108,694	
2031-32	2.2%	\$41,199		3.2%	\$112,172	
2032-33	2.6%	\$42,270		3.4%	\$115,986	
2033-34	2.4%	\$43,285		3.4%	\$119,929	
2034-35	2.4%	\$44,324		3.3%	\$123,887	

Notes:

CPI from National Economic Estimating Conference held December 15, 2025.

Price index for State and Local Construction Spending from U.S. Economic Outlook forecast prepared by Global Insight, Inc. February 2026.

FY 24-25 full operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC. The \$95.61 per diem (\$34,898 annual cost) is for all department facilities (excluding private institutions and contracted Community Release Centers, CRCs) and includes security operations, health services, and education services. Debt Service costs are not included in the per diem calculation. It also does not include indirect and administrative costs of \$8.33 per inmate (state facilities). Operating costs in future years were increased by the change in the CPI from the National Economic Estimating Conference.

FY 2006-07 capital costs per bed were based on Department of Corrections cost to build Suwanee CI (\$94,000,000 for 2,003 lawful capacity beds) as reported at the Criminal Justice Impact Conference held February 23, 2010. Capital costs in later years were increased by the change in the chained price index for state and local construction spending obtained from Global Insight, Inc.

Variable operating costs apply for 1 to 499 beds. Dorm/Work Camp Operating costs apply for every 500 beds. Full Operating Costs apply for every 1,500 beds.

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Dorm/Work Camp Operating Costs Per Inmate	Variable Operating Costs Per Inmate
2021-22	\$9,946
2022-23	\$11,191
2023-24	\$11,315
2024-25	\$12,111
2025-26	\$12,111
2026-27	\$12,111
2027-28	\$12,111
2028-29	\$12,111
2029-30	\$12,111
2030-31	\$12,111
2031-32	\$12,111
2032-33	\$12,111
2033-34	\$12,111
2034-35	\$12,111

Notes:

FY 2024-25 dorm/work camp operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC. The \$58.57 per diem (\$21,378 annual cost) includes costs such as health care, inmate personal care items, and officers assigned to dorms.

FY 2024-25 variable operating costs per inmate were obtained from DOC. The \$33.18 per diem (\$12,111 annual cost) includes costs such as health care and inmate personal care items.

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