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California State Sheriffs

**Subject: Average Daily Cost to House Inmates in Type II and III Local Detention Facilities**

Dear Sheriffs:

On March 5, 2018, to fulfill the requirements of Penal Code section 6031.2, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) requested data from each Sheriff's Department in the state of California on the average daily cost (ADC) to incarcerate inmates in Type II and III local detention facilities (jails). Ninety percent (N=53) of Sheriff's Departments in California responded to our inquiry. We have completed our survey and attached a copy of the reported findings. The weighted average state ADC to incarcerate an inmate among all Type II and III Jails was \$159.64 per day.

We requested each jail system, using the data for fiscal year 2016-2017, take the total cost to operate their jail system (including all Type II and III facilities within their jurisdiction); divide it by the average daily population (ADP); and divide this number by 365 days. Calculations included, but were not limited to, the following cost:

- salary and benefits for staff;
- food costs;
- inmate clothing and supplies;
- inmate programming;
- medical and mental health services;
- medical supplies;
- contract maintenance;
- inmate transportation;
- the percentage of administration used for jail administration (for example: if a sheriff and/or their staff spend 30% of their time working on jail related issues, then 30% of their salaries and benefits can be used); and
- any other legitimate jail related expense(s).

We sincerely appreciate the effort in helping us compile this information and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,



Kasey Warmuth, Chief of Research  
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Attachment

## Board of State and Community Corrections

Average Daily Cost  
Type II and III Jails  
FY 2016-2017

	Num. of Reporting Agencies	ADP	Weighted Average ADC
<b>All Reporting Agencies</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>72,825</b>	<b>\$159.89</b>
Large	18	62,510	\$162.80
Medium	19	8,804	\$143.87
Small	16	1,511	\$132.91
Mostly Urban	44	72,284	\$160.04
Mostly Rural	7	441	\$136.95
Completely Rural	2	100	\$151.56

Agency	Jail Size	Urban/Rural <sup>1</sup>	ADP	ADC (in \$)
Alameda Sheriff's Dept	L	MU	2,493	\$208.91
Alpine Sheriff's Dept. <sup>2</sup>	S	CR	N/A	N/A
Amador Sheriff's Dept.	S	MR	87	\$151.69
Butte Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	609	\$99.17
Calaveras Sheriff's Dept.	S	MR	94	\$112.86
Colusa Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	82	\$164.09
Contra Costa Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,500	\$148.00
Del Norte Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	107	\$83.26
El Dorado Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	389	\$155.44
Fresno Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	2,950	\$92.49
Glenn Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	107	\$105.00
Humboldt Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	371	\$103.27
Imperial Sheriff's Dept. <sup>3</sup>	M	MU	DNR	DNR
Inyo Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	57	\$152.70
Kern Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	2,263	\$95.47
Kings Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	366	\$108.82
Lake Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	294	\$90.00
Lassen Sheriff's Dept.	S	MR	84	\$180.00
Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.	L	Mu	17,434	\$178.03
Madera Dept. of Corrections	M	MU	405	\$98.00
Marin Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	324	\$194.00
Mariposa Sheriff's Dept.	S	CR	40	\$189.68
Mendocino Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	305	\$115.00
Merced Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	658	\$164.02
Modoc Sheriff's Dept.	S	MR	28	\$84.00
Mono Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	27	\$260.00
Monterey Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	929	\$135.82
Napa Dept. of Corrections	M	MU	223	\$206.00

Agency	Jail Size	Urban/Rural <sup>1</sup>	ADP	ADC (in \$)
Nevada Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	208	\$185.27
Orange Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	6,403	\$145.33
Placer Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	727	\$192.00
Plumas Sheriff's Dept.	S	MR	46	\$124.43
Riverside Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	3,601	\$116.10
Sacramento Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	2,094	\$126.06
San Benito Sheriff's Dept. <sup>3</sup>	S	MU	DNR	DNR
San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	6,199	\$155.50
San Diego Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	5,582	\$177.60
San Francisco Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,274	\$250.11
San Joaquin Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,301	\$143.22
San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	574	\$141.44
San Mateo Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,000	\$261.00
Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	1,004	\$148.12
Santa Clara Corrections Dept.	L	MU	3,578	\$241.12
Santa Cruz Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	441	\$175.90
Shasta Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	339	\$114.26
Sierra Sheriff's Dept. <sup>2</sup>	S	MR	6	\$77.17
Siskiyou Sheriff's Dept.	S	MR	96	\$134.70
Solano Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	1,018	\$168.60
Sonoma Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,081	\$173.50
Stanislaus Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,237	\$123.89
Sutter Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	240	\$97.70
Tehama Sheriff's Dept. <sup>3</sup>	S	MR	DNR	DNR
Trinity Sheriff's Dept.	S	CR	60	\$126.15
Tulare Sheriff's Dept. <sup>3</sup>	L	MU	DNR	DNR
Tuolumne Sheriff's Dept.	S	MU	145	\$135.58
Ventura Sheriff's Dept.	L	MU	1,591	\$111.66
Yolo Sheriff's Dept.	M	MU	389	\$148.94
Yuba Sheriff's Dept. <sup>4</sup>	M	MU	365	\$78.35

**Notes:** <sup>1</sup>Based on U.S. Census Bureau definitions and data from the 2010 Census. See

<https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/urban-rural.html>. <sup>2</sup>Gray denotes Sheriff's Department without a Type II facility.

Sierra County houses inmates with Nevada County. <sup>3</sup>Salmon color denotes the agency did not reply. <sup>4</sup>Reduced cost due to evacuation of jail population.

**Abbreviations:**

ADP	Average Daily Population	S	Small Jail System (1 to 250 APD)
ADC	Average Daily Cost Per Inmate	M	Medium Jail System (251 to 1000 ADP)
MU	Mostly Urban (<50% of pop. living in rural areas)	L	Large Jail System (1001 and above ADP)
MR	Mostly Rural (50-99.9% of county is rural)		
CR	Completely Rural (100% of county is rural)		