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## HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

**TO:** Weston Wamp, County Mayor  
Jeff Eversole, Commission Chairman  
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners  
Sheriff Austin Garrett

**FROM:** Chris McCollough, County Auditor *cm*

**DATE:** March 4, 2024

**SUBJECT:** "Average Daily Cost" to House Prisoners as of 6/30/23

The attached schedule was updated as of June 30, 2023, and shows five years of cost data for housing prisoners in Hamilton County, Tennessee. The "Average Daily Cost" increased approximately \$6,800 daily (from \$76,830 at the end of fiscal year 6/30/22 to \$83,627 at the end of fiscal year 6/30/23). This was primarily due to increased direct operating costs for inmate care and facilities.

We would like to thank Carolyn Catchings for her input, assistance, and review of the attached FY2023 cost calculations. If you have any questions, contact Austin Durall at 209-6211 or me at 209-6212.

cc: Claire McVay, Chief of Staff  
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**Hamilton County Jail & Detention Center**  
**Average Daily Cost to House Inmates**  
**Five Fiscal Years 2019 - 2023**

	<b>Hamilton County Jail &amp; Detention Center</b>				<b>JAIL &amp; SILVERDALE COMBINED</b>					
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Cost Per</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Cost Per</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Cost Per</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Cost Per</b>		
	<b>6/30/2023</b>	<b>Inmate Day</b>	<b>6/30/2022</b>	<b>Inmate Day</b>	<b>6/30/2021</b>	<b>6/30/2021</b>	<b>6/30/2020</b>	<b>6/30/2020</b>		
		<b>6/30/2023</b>		<b>6/30/2022</b>		<b>6/30/2021</b>		<b>6/30/2019</b>		
<b>COST CATEGORIES:</b>										
<b>Direct Costs-Pers. &amp; Benefits</b>	\$ 16,692,988	\$ 43.81	\$ 16,125,999	\$ 43.66	\$ 14,827,413	\$ 38.66	\$ 13,163,504	\$ 29.22	\$ 14,061,751	\$ 27.33
<b>Direct Costs-Inmate Care, Facilities</b>	12,579,554	33.02	10,980,224	29.73	3,049,279	7.95	2,498,716	5.55	2,244,564	4.36
<b>Prorated Costs/Contracts/Consultants</b>	756,075	1.98	736,537	1.99	6,905,318	18.01	3,997,331	8.87	3,767,173	7.32
<b>CORE Civic Contract</b>	-	-	-	-	7,241,166	18.88	15,990,493	35.49	17,027,401	33.10
<b>Equipment Cost</b>	174,655	0.46	241,217	0.65	671,662	1.75	210,312	0.47	190,207	0.37
<b>Building Depreciation</b>	414,584	1.09	610,391	1.65	621,556	1.62	851,646	1.89	972,318	1.89
<b>Indirect Costs</b>	1,814,528	4.76	1,712,581	4.64	1,774,841	4.63	1,828,306	4.06	1,900,488	3.69
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	32,432,384	85.12	30,406,949	82.33	35,091,235	91.51	38,540,308	85.54	40,163,902	78.07
<b>Less: Revenues/Reimbursements</b>	(1,908,678)	(5.01)	(2,364,093)	(6.40)	(3,431,653)	(8.95)	(4,046,411)	(8.98)	(3,383,125)	(6.58)
<b>Net Operating Costs</b>	30,523,706	<b>\$ 80.11</b>	28,042,856	<b>\$ 75.93</b>	31,659,582	<b>\$ 82.56</b>	34,493,897	<b>\$ 76.56</b>	36,780,777	<b>\$ 71.49</b>
<b>Total Inmate Days</b>	389,204		389,088		418,106		495,453		565,945	
<b>Less: Federal Inmate Days</b>	(8,188)		(19,745)		(34,617)		(44,889)		(51,486)	
<b>Net Inmate Days</b>	381,016		369,343		383,489		450,564		514,459	
<b>Avg. Daily Cost per Inmate</b>	<b>\$ 80.11</b>		<b>\$ 75.93</b>		<b>\$ 82.56</b>		<b>\$ 76.56</b>		<b>\$ 71.49</b>	
<b>AVERAGE DAILY COST</b>	<b>\$ 83,627</b>		<b>\$ 76,830</b>		<b>\$ 86,739</b>		<b>\$ 94,505</b>		<b>\$ 100,770</b>	