



**Cost Of Housing Inmates
Jail Recidivism
Jail2Job Pre-Release Program**

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Cost of Housing Inmates in Dyer County Jail

Reimbursement for housing a state inmate sentenced to TDOC is \$ 37 per day.

Average Cost of housing an inmate at the Dyer County Jail is \$ 48.59 per day.

Cost of housing a program inmate at the Dyer County is \$ 53.69 per day

Cost of housing a Re-entry inmate at the Dyer County is \$ 64.72 per day.

Re-Entry Cost Breakdown per day per inmate:

**Salaries, Utilities, etc. 54.74%, Facility Cost 18.37%, Career Services 10.72%,
Transportation 5.63% , Medical 3.95%, Mental Health 3.6%, Food 2.99%**

The average hard bed cost in Tennessee costs anywhere from \$ 49-\$ 73.

(The Way Forward publication, Public Safety Act of 2016, TDOC, Pg 4.)

Pre-Trial Cost of TDOC Sentence to Local Jail

Currently, the Dyer County Jail receives a \$ 37 a day per diem rate for housing a state inmate sentenced to a TDOC sentence.

An inmate received a 3 year TDOC sentence at 30%, or 1095 days @ 30% = 328 days.

The Inmate served 9 months or 270 days pre-trial jail time in our jail before being sentenced, were only paid 58 days out of the 3 year sentence.

The inmate received credit for serving over 9 months on the TDOC sentence but our facility was not paid or compensated in any way for the cost we incurred for the remainder of the TDOC sentence, that is insufficient.

TDOC should pay board and medical expenses for pre-trial detainees that are convicted of felony crimes.

(Beyond Capacity: Issues and Challenges Facing County Jails, Pg 71, 2007 report.)



Pre-Trial Cost of TDOC Sentence to Local Jail

The State recognizes Pre-Trial time in the Local Jails as effective time served on a State sentence as pre-trial credits.

States definition of an State Inmate's Sentence includes Pre-Trial Credits for Pre-Trial time served.

Therefore, the State should issue a post per-diem payment to the local facility to reimburse the facility for all days served on the sentence, to include all costs including transportation costs, medical, & mental health care cost during the sentence.



Since 2013, the Dyer County Jail has been evaluating the Dyer County Jail recidivism rate of Felony Offenders.

<u>Recidivism Rate</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Investment</u>
60 %	Non-program inmate	\$ 48.59 a day Dyer Co. Cost.
20 %	Jail Program Inmate	\$ 53.69 a day Dyer Co. Cost
10 %	Re-Entry Inmate	\$ 64.72 a day Dyer Co. Cost

Its very easy to compare these numbers to a stimulus program.

Again, State of Tennessee's Investment per Inmate per day is \$ 37.00 a day to our jail.

2016 Recidivism Rate - 47.1 % Avg.

2013 Recidivism Rate – 60 % Avg.



- Established, as the Sheriff's Jail-Reentry Program in 2013 with the following program goals:
- Reduce Recidivism
- Return Productive Tax Paying Citizens
- Safer Communities
- August 2015, the program was relocated to a TCI Certified 30 Inmate Bed Facility created by remodeling the old Dyer Co Jail.

DYER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL
WORK CENTER
MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of this facility is to provide for the safety of the public, our employees, as well as all offenders placed in our care by using innovative correctional practices while striving to lower recidivism rates by offering counseling, life skills, educational, and faith-based programs.





Partners

- HERE'S HOPE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
- NORTHWEST TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD
- 29th DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE
- TN DEPT OF MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
- DYERSBURG STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS
- LOCAL INDUSTRY / WORKFORCE
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT



- Phase I Recidivism/Risk Assessment
- Phase II Therapeutic Programming
- Phase III Career Services



- The re-entry program begins with an comprehensive risk & mental health assessment followed by programming with the following approved therapeutic and evidence based programs:
 - Criminal Addictive Thinking
 - Drug and Alcohol Education
 - Moral Reconation Therapy
 - Relapse Prevention
 - Anger Management

Originally started with 9 hours of Intensive Outpatient Therapy each week.

Currently conducting 3 hours of Outpatient Therapy by a Mental Health Professionals with the added programs of NCRC, CPT, Career Services, Pro Social Life Skills, Victim Impact, Safe and a job.

Correction is the action or process of correcting something.

Recovery is a process not a point in time, it is a return to a normal state of health, mind or strength.



Jail2Jobs

Career Services



- In January 2016, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development awarded a matching grant to establish a specialized American Job Center in the Correctional Work Center to provide basic and individualized career services to inmates.
- On-site Specialized American Job Center/TN Career Center
- Provide basic and individualized career services to a minimum of 25 inmates
- Facilitate Job Placement and Retention
- Onsite Career Advisor / Job Developer
- Workshops on topics such as work readiness skills, resume writing, interviewing skills, and sustaining employment
- National Career Readiness Certificate assessments
- Other career readiness assessments
- Access to soft skills training
- Classes in Certified Production Technician
- Paid work experience with GPS monitoring
- Employers that participate in the paid work experience opportunities by hiring newly released participants have access to tax credits and training grants.



- About 40 percent of the inmates incarcerated in the Dyer County Jail are due to revocation of probation or parole for reasons other than commission of a new felony offense.
- Our goal is for inmates being released from our Work Center to have all fines and restitution paid in full, a valid drivers license, a fulltime job, money in the bank and the knowledge to transition to a productive citizen.
- Our staff have started teaching required post parole classes, to assist the transition from jail to Parole.
- We currently have a 90% success rate.

Employers compliment the job performance of our inmates.



Most Local Jails across the State are overcrowded, many of them are new jails that are state mandated construction projects such as our main facility at the Dyer County Jail that was built in 2003 that expenditure added an additional unpaid burden & cost of \$ 13.87 a day to the cost of each inmate we house, so removing all the sentenced state inmates would remove what little funding the local jail receives creating even greater hardships, although removing the most serious Pre-Trial Inmates such as those charged with murder & Felony Probation Violators would lessen that burden. We must have alternative solutions to address different needs.

I believe that re-entry programs have the greatest chance in reducing recidivism in inmates.

I think State Government should encourage Local Jails to hold more prisoners paying the local jail for the cost and burden of the Pre-Trial time served on a State sentence, raise the state rates paid to local jails for TDOC inmates to encourage those jails that have empty beds to hold more TDOC inmates. Earmarking the increased rates to be used to combat the overcrowded local jails.

Other Re-Entry facilities would be created if a program rate per-diem was established , earmarking those rates for Re-Entry and much needed Mental Health Programming, therefore adding program bed space for existing inmates in our overcrowded correctional system and reducing recidivism by returning a productive citizen back into the community.



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