

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE COMMISSION ON CAPITAL CASES

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Daily and Annual Costs of Housing Florida Death Row Inmates

The Commission has reviewed the location and the cost of incarceration¹ for every former death-row inmate who had been resentenced to life since 1984. This information allows for a cost analysis comparing the daily and annual cost of incarceration for death-row inmates, the average adult male custody inmate, and those resentenced to life in prison.

Currently, death-row inmates are housed in one of the four following institutions: Union CI, Florida State Prison, Lake CI, and Lowell Annex. Daily costs per institution and number of inmates housed within are displayed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Daily Housing Costs by Facility

Facility	Daily Cost*	Count²
Union Correctional Institute	\$68.00	323 (84.1%)
Florida State Prison	\$72.89	58 (15.1%)
Lake Correctional Institute	\$65.24	2 (0.5%)
Lowell Annex	\$59.80	1 (0.3%)
Average Daily Cost	\$68.64	--
Total	--	384 (100.0%)

*Costs include Operations, Health Services, Education, and Substance Abuse programming

Florida State Prison maintains highest reported daily operation costs (\$72.89/day) of the four Florida institutions currently housing death row inmates³, but only houses 15.1% of this population. Union Correctional Institute houses the majority of Florida death row inmates (84.1%) and operates at a lower cost. Lake Correctional Institute houses 2 death row inmates while Lowell Annex houses Florida's only female death row inmate. Both of these institutions report lower operations costs than Union and Florida State Prison.

¹ Cost data obtained from the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) Office of Budget report for FY 2004-2005 per diem costs by institution.

² Counts accurate as of 06/10/08.

³ In this analysis, we excluded one inmate from the death-row roster of 385 inmates, as of 10/01/05. William Van Poyk is excluded as he is housed out of state.

Table 2. Daily and Annual Housing Costs: Average Inmate and Total Inmates by Death Row and Adult Male Custody

	Estimated Daily Cost	Estimated Annual Cost
Average Death Row Inmate	\$68.64	\$25,071
Total Death Row Inmates	\$26,3579.76	\$9,627,172
Average Adult Male Custody Inmate*	\$44.91	\$16,403

* Figures obtained by average reported per diem costs of the 34 Adult Male Custody institutions (including private prisons).

The average daily cost of housing a Florida death-row inmate and the reported annual total cost of housing each death row inmate is displayed in Table 2. Per inmate costs are estimated by the average reported cost of the four institutions (Union CI, Florida State Prison, Lake CI, and Lowell CI Annex) currently housing death-row inmates, while total inmate costs are estimated by the summation of total inmates by their respective institution's reported daily cost multiplied by 365.25 days.

According to budget figures concerning the 2004-2005 FY provided by the Florida DOC, Florida spends over \$9.6 million per year housing its capital defendants as they undergo the appeals process. Services provided to the average death-row inmate costs \$68.64 daily and \$25,070.76 annually.

The following table displays counts and costs for all Florida inmates resentenced to life in prison from a previous death sentence since 1984⁴.

Table 3. Daily and Annual Housing Costs: All Inmates Resentenced to Life in Prison from a Previous Death Sentence since 1984, by Institution

Institution	Count	Daily Cost	Annual Cost
Apalachee East Unit	1	\$42.11	\$15,381
Avon Park CI	3	\$42.38	\$15,479
Baker CI	6	\$40.75	\$14,884
Calhoun CI	2	\$37.78	\$13,799
Century CI	1	\$38.02	\$13,887
CFRC Main	1	\$31.60	\$11,542

⁴ In this analysis, we excluded four inmates from the total 274 Florida inmates whose sentences were reduced from a previous death sentence. Excluded inmates and justification are as follows: James D. Hill and Oscar Torres-Arboledo (cannot locate), Tommy L. Randolph (out of department custody by court order), and Carla Ann Caillier (location cannot be disclosed for inmate protection).

Institution	Count	Daily Cost	Annual Cost
Charlotte CI	4	\$54.27	\$19,822
Columbia CI	11	\$53.19	\$19,428
Cross City CI	9	\$43.63	\$15,936
Dade CI	5	\$49.95	\$18,244
Desoto Annex	6	\$49.79	\$18,186
Everglades CI	10	\$45.89	\$16,761
FL State Prison	3	\$72.89	\$26,623
Glades CI	7	\$55.83	\$20,392
Gulf CI	7	\$33.04	\$12,068
Gulf CI Annex	4	\$33.04	\$12,068
Hamilton CI	2	\$36.40	\$13,295
Hamilton CI Annex	4	\$36.40	\$13,295
Hardee CI	20	\$39.85	\$14,555
Hendry CI	2	\$67.56	\$24,676
Holmes CI	1	\$38.75	\$14,153
Homestead CI	1	\$58.43	\$21,342
Jackson CI	3	\$36.32	\$13,266
Jefferson CI	5	\$48.29	\$17,638
Lake CI	5	\$65.24	\$23,829
Liberty CI	2	\$36.18	\$13,215
Lowell CI	2	\$59.80	\$21,842
Madison CI	2	\$38.39	\$14,022
Marion CI	5	\$42.16	\$15,399
Martin CI	7	\$54.78	\$20,008
Mayo CI	6	\$34.25	\$12,510
New River- West Unit	8	\$37.92	\$13,850
Okaloosa CI	4	\$43.07	\$15,731
Okeechobee CI	9	\$34.98	\$12,776
Polk CI	13	\$42.31	\$15,454
R.M.C. Main Unit	1	\$120.96	\$44,181
S.F.R.C SOUTH UNIT	1	\$68.39	\$24,979
Santa Rosa CI	5	\$63.45	\$23,175
Santa Rosa CI Annex	1	\$63.45	\$23,175
Sumter CI	10	\$39.32	\$14,362
Taylor CI	5	\$45.98	\$16,794
Taylor CI Annex	9	\$45.98	\$16,794
Tomoka CI	7	\$50.71	\$18,522
Union CI	39	\$68.00	\$24,837
Wakulla CI	2	\$37.18	\$13,580

Institution	Count	Daily Cost	Annual Cost
Walton CI	2	\$39.50	\$14,427
Washington CI	4	\$44.11	\$16,111
Washington CI Annex	1	\$44.11	\$16,111
Zephyrhills CI	2	\$86.91	\$31,744
Average	--	\$48.84	\$17,840
Grand Total	270	\$13,229.05	\$4,831,911

Inmates resentenced to life from a previous death sentence are housed all over the state with the largest proportions at Hardee CI (7%) and Union CI (14%). All life-sentenced inmates are under close custody. Thus, this analysis excludes those institutions with lesser security management. According to the same budget information source used above, the daily cost of incarceration for the average Florida inmate sentenced to life is \$48.84 (approximately \$18,000 annually), whereas the daily cost of incarceration for the average Florida death-row inmate is \$68.64 (approximately \$25,000 annually). The daily cost of incarceration for life-sentenced inmates is \$19.80 less than for death-row inmates, which represents a difference of over \$7,000 per inmate per year.