



# Maricopa County

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**To:** Maricopa County Detention Billing Agencies  
**From:** Lee Ann Bohn, Assistant County Manager  
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**Subject:** Preliminary Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY2024

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the **preliminary** jail per diem billing rates for FY2024. The following table illustrates the final Jail Per Diem Rates that will be effective July 1, 2023.

Jail Per Diem Rates	FY2024 Rate	FY2023 Rate	Difference	Percent Change
Housing Rate	\$ 127.13	\$ 114.02	\$ 13.11	11.5%
Booking Rate	\$ 608.12	\$ 548.45	\$ 59.67	10.9%

The FY2024 jail per diem billing rates were developed as part of a comprehensive jail per diem rate study performed by MGT Consulting (MGT). MGT is a recognized expert for preparing cost allocation models and has been used in prior years to review the methodology and rate development used in calculating the jail per diem billing rates.

The following provides detail as to the primary impacts on the FY2024 jail per diem billing rates.

The FY2024 jail per diem billing rates consist of housing and booking rates based on the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Correctional Health Services (CHS) FY2023 budgeted direct and indirect costs and the Central Service Cost Allocation (CSCA) charges, which include technology infrastructure, depreciation, facility maintenance, and other allocated costs. The rates are then derived by dividing the budgeted costs by the units of service, man days or bookings for the housing rate and booking rate, respectively. Budgeted costs for the development of the FY2024 rate totaled approximately \$358.8 million, an increase of \$25.0 million or 7.5% from the prior year. Approximately 95% of the budgeted costs are absorbed by Maricopa County while 5% is estimated to be recovered through jail per diem charges to the utilizing jurisdictions.

Of the budgeted costs, MCSO had an increase in housing costs and booking costs of \$14.9 million or 6.5% and \$4.2 million or 12.2%, respectively. CHS had an increase in housing costs of \$7.3 million or 12.5% and a decrease in booking costs of \$1.4 million or 11.0%. The increased costs can primarily be attributed to an increase in budgeted personnel costs for both MCSO and CHS. Specifically, budgeted personnel costs increased for those eligible for pay-for-performance salary adjustments, market adjustments, and an increase in benefits costs.

As noted above, the jail per diem billing rates are derived by dividing the budgeted costs by the units of service, man days or bookings for the housing rate and booking rate, respectively. Thus, a significant contributor to the annual change in booking and housing rates is the change in bookings and man days (housing days). Each year, the bookings and man days fluctuate due to a number of factors and since FY2021, the utilization has also been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. To account for abnormal fluctuations in utilization and to smooth out year-over-year changes in bookings and man days, the County began using a five-year utilization average to calculate the jail per diem billing rates for costing models beginning in FY2023. For FY2024, the five-year average for custody man days decreased from 2,596,110 to 2,507,933 or 3.4%. In addition, the five-year average for number of bookings decreased from 87,053 to 83,125 or 4.5%. As the utilization (bookings or man days) drives the total cost per unit (i.e., bookings or man days), a decrease in the utilization results in the total cost being spread over fewer units. Thus, the decreases in the bookings and man days resulted in an increase in both the booking and housing rates.

Questions regarding Detention Facilities, please contact Jim Prindiville, MCSO Chief Financial Officer, at (602) 876-1614 or via email to: [J\\_Prindiville@MCSO.Maricopa.gov](mailto:J_Prindiville@MCSO.Maricopa.gov).

Questions regarding Correctional Health Services, please contact Cody Johnson, Finance Manager, at (602) 506-1070 or via email to: [Cody.Johnson@Maricopa.gov](mailto:Cody.Johnson@Maricopa.gov).

Maricopa County will publish the preliminary jail per diem rates at the following location: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5167/Financial-Reports>.

If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Harper, Office of Budget and Finance, Deputy Finance Director, at (602) 506-6410 or via email to: [Bridget.Harper@Maricopa.gov](mailto:Bridget.Harper@Maricopa.gov).

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