



# Maricopa County

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**Subject:** Preliminary Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2016-17

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the **preliminary** Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2016-17. The following table illustrates the preliminary Jail Per Diem Rates that will be effective July 1, 2016. As recommended by the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008, Maricopa County will provide the preliminary and final jail per diem rates as early as possible during the fiscal year to assist in the budget planning process.

Jail Per Diem Rates	FY 2016-17	FY 2015-16	Difference	Percent
Housing Rate	\$ 90.37	\$ 85.49	\$ 4.88	5.7%
Booking Rate	\$ 306.84	\$ 285.94	\$ 20.90	7.3%

The allocation methodology for the FY 2016-17 rate calculation remains unchanged from the comprehensive jail per diem rate study that was performed by MGT of America, Inc. (MGT). MGT is the consulting company that extensively reviewed the methodology used to provide the jail rates for the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 budget years which are published at the following link: <http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx>

The FY 2016-17 booking and housing per diem rates are based on the FY 2015-16 budgeted direct and indirect costs for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Correctional Health Services (CHS). MCSO and CHS budgeted costs used to derive the housing and booking rates increased by \$13.8 million or 4.9%.

Cost increases are due to the following:

- The rate for the Correction Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) increased from 21.1% to 23.9%.
- Building and improvement depreciation cost increases of \$1.8 million due to computer system and data storage upgrades to enhance jail facility security.
- Jail facilities major maintenance cost increases totaling \$2.0 million.
- Healthcare staffing increases totaling \$1.7 million.
- Pharmacy cost increases totaling \$2.4 million.
- Emergency medical transportation cost increases of \$1.4 million, which was partially offset by a decrease in inpatient costs due to AHCCCS eligibility expansion.

Questions regarding the Detention Facilities and the Jail Management System (JMS) can be addressed to Dan Campion, Budget and Finance Administrator at [D\\_Campion@MCSO.Maricopa.gov](mailto:D_Campion@MCSO.Maricopa.gov) or (602) 876-3241.

Questions regarding Correctional Health Services can be addressed to Vicki Agnitsch at [V.agnitsch@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:V.agnitsch@mail.maricopa.gov) or (602) 506-5573.

An additional factor contributing to the increase in the booking rate is a reduction in the number of bookings of 4,721 or (4.5%), causing a \$13.65 increase in the booking rate. The number of bookings is used as the denominator in calculating the rate, resulting in an increase in the booking rate as the number of bookings decreases.

Similarly, the number of housing days is used as the denominator in calculating the housing rate. There was a 0.6% decline in housing days year-over-year which contributed to the increase in this rate.

Maricopa County will provide the final jail per diem rates by February 1, 2016, and will be published at the following location:  
<http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx>.

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