



# Maricopa County

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**To:** Maricopa County Cities and Towns

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**Subject:** Final Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2012-13

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the **final** Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2012-13. The following table illustrates the Per Diem Rates effective July 1, 2012. The rates will be presented to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors on February 8, 2012, for consideration of approval. As recommended by the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008, Maricopa County is providing the final jail per diem rates as early as possible during the fiscal year to assist in the annual budget planning process.

Jail Per Diem Rates	FY 2012-13	FY 2011-12	Difference	Percent
Housing Rate	\$ 85.91	\$ 73.54	\$ 12.37	16.8%
Booking Rate	\$ 236.78	\$ 188.48	\$ 48.30	25.6%

The Per Diem Rates for FY 2012-13 were developed as part of a comprehensive jail per diem rate study performed by MGT of America, Inc. This is the same consulting company that extensively reviewed the methodology used to provide the Jail Rates for the FY 2008-09 budget year. The methodology was also presented to the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008. Since this time period, the County has continued to use the same methodology in developing the rates.

The FY 2012-13 booking and housing per diem rates are based on the FY 2011-12 budgets for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and Correctional Health Services. Sheriff's Office expenditures decreased by 10% while Correctional Health Services expenditures increased by 11%. The increase in Correctional Health Services costs is primarily the result of additional intake staffing, including 24/7 licensed physician care coverage, and additional mental health staffing. However, as the Sheriff's Office expenditures represent 78% of the total budget in determining the rates, overall costs decreased 5%.

It is important to note that in determining the rates, budgeted expenditures are divided by the booking and housing days. Booking and housing days used in the calculation are based on the most current data available at the time the rates are developed. So, despite the overall reduction in detention and intake costs, rates will increase as a result of substantial reductions in both bookings (down 15%) and housing days (down 17%).

In addition to the annual jail per diem calculation, MGT of America, Inc. reviewed the Sheriff's Office expenditures and prior per diem charges for the period FY 2004-05 through FY 2010-11. Based upon the consultants' review, the cities and towns will receive repayment of per diem charges that were incurred by Sheriff's Office spending of detention funding for non-detention related purposes for this time period. A total repayment of approximately \$7 million was calculated by MGT of America, Inc. Cities will receive reimbursement less any past due amounts owed to Maricopa County for jail detention within the next 30 days, pursuant to approval by the Board of Supervisors on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Maricopa County will publish the final reports (anticipated to be available in February 2012) and rate calculations as prepared by MGT of America, Inc. at <http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx>.

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c: City/Town Manager