



repeat offenders. Louisville-specific data reflects the program has benefitted Jefferson County financially saving them \$43 per day per participant. Per day cost of incarceration to Jefferson County was \$65 per participant. The day reporting program cost was \$18 per day per participant.

Looking at this proposal from a state-wide perspective, a smaller cost savings than what LMDOC experienced can be identified. In addition to other intake requirements, eligible participants are those individuals convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony who are eligible to serve all or part of his or her sentence in the county jail.

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to one year. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 78 full service jails or five life safety jails.

When a court denies bail to a Class D or Class C felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 78 full service jails or five life safety jails. Upon sentencing, a Class D felon is housed in one of Kentucky's full service jails for the duration of his or her sentence. Class C felons are ineligible for placement in local jails until they are classified at the lowest custody level with 18 months or less to their minimum expiration date or parole eligibility date.

While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.24 per day. The Department of Corrections pays a jail \$31.24 per day to house a class D or C felon. Since the per diem pays for the estimated average cost of housing a Class D or C felon, the per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

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