

bail, until disposition of their 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. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.34 per day. The Department of Corrections pays a jail \$31.34 per day to house a Class D felon. Since the per diem pays for the estimated average cost of housing a Class D felon, the per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

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