



Other States Facility Costs

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The Wisconsin Department of Corrections surveyed juvenile corrections administrators throughout the country requesting information on recent construction of new secure juvenile facilities in their respective states. Recipients were asked to provide information on projects within the last 10 years including:

- when construction was completed;
- total cost of design and construction;
- operating capacity; and
- any additional information that would be relevant to making cost comparisons.

We received 7 responses and followed-up to the extent possible to verify factors included in the estimates. Of the seven responses three were considered reasonably similar in terms of scope and age. We excluded 4 responses that were either renovation projects, were constructed more than 10 years ago, or were not comparable in size and scope.

Please note, the below table includes reasonably comparable projects. Additional factors impacting costs such as construction location, existing infrastructure, land acquisition, building materials, age, and others would need to be considered for a more thorough comparison.



Table: Survey Responses

State/ Jurisdiction	When was construction completed	Total cost of design and construction	Capacity (Youth)	Additional Information
Louisiana	2019	\$21,000,000	72	Construction included the following areas: administration, housing, admissions, health services, behavioral health, food services, security and control, visitation/staff training, education, recreation, supply, and laundry. Land and site preparation was donated from local government entity.
Maryland	2016	\$59,000,000 Facility square footage: 103,000 gross	72	Construction included the following areas: administration, housing, admissions, health services, behavioral health, food services, security and control, visitation/staff training, education, recreation, supply, and laundry. In addition to the 72 - single occupancy sleeping rooms, the center also has an 8 - bed infirmary.
Massachusetts	2016	\$47,000,000 Facility square footage: 77,000 gross	45 total / 15 per unit	Construction included the following areas: administration, housing, admissions, health services, behavioral health, food services, security and control, visitation/staff training, education, recreation, supply, and laundry.



Excluded Responses:

- Alaska: Included only renovation costs and focused on housing only.
- Kentucky: Construction occurred over 10 years ago and did not indicate comparable scope, e.g. inclusion of classrooms, health and mental health services, etc.
- Ohio: Most recent construction included a 144 bed facility.
- Oregon: Costs included the design and construction of six housing units along with accompanying landscape and site improvements. Response did not indicate inclusion of comparable functions such as health and mental health services.