NYC Department of Correction
FYs 2010-20 OPERATING EXPENDITURES, JAIL POPULATION, COST PER INCARCERATED PERSON, STAFFING RATIOS, PERFORMANCE MEASURE OUTCOMES, AND OVERTIME

New York City Comptroller’s Office
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Average Daily Jail Population Fell 26% in FY 2020

Note: In October 2018, New York City transferred 16- and 17-year-olds from DOC facilities to the Horizon Juvenile Detention Center, operated by the Administration for Children’s Services, as required under the state Raise the Age law. However, DOC provided temporary staffing for the center in FY 2019 and FY 2020. For purposes of comparability with previous analyses, DOC costs related to staffing the youth center have been excluded.

Full Cost per Incarcerated Person Doubled since FY 2015

- Annual Non-DOC Costs per Incarcerated Person (Fringe Benefits, Pensions, and Medical Services)
- DOC Costs

Full cost excludes debt service, judgments and claims, and legal services. DOC costs related to staffing the Horizon Juvenile Detention Center were also excluded. In FY 2019, debt service added daily costs of $60 per incarcerated person, and tort claim settlements and judgments added $13 per incarcerated person per day. Fringe benefits include the cost of retiree health insurance.

DOC has Employed More Correction Officers than the Average Jail Population Since FY 2016

Correction Officers to Incarcerated Individuals Ratio

Note: DOC uniformed employees assigned to the Horizon Juvenile Detention Center in FY 2019 and FY 2020 were excluded.
Overtime Spending Has Fallen Every Year Since 2016

Note: DOC overtime costs related to staffing the Horizon Juvenile Detention Center in FY 2019 and FY 2020 were excluded. Overtime per incarcerated individual represents the total overtime expense divided by the average daily jail population. The average overtime payment earned by uniformed DOC employees was $13,869 in FY 2020.

Rate of Fight/Assault Infractions Increased 27% in FY 2020

Rate of Assaults on Staff up 26% in FY 2020

Assaults on Staff
(per 1,000 Average Daily Population)

Source: Mayor’s Management Reports for FYs 2010 through 2020.
Rate of Use of Force Incidents & Allegations up 36% in FY 2020

Use of Force by Correction Officers
(Incidents and Allegations per 1,000 Average Daily Population)

Personal Injury Tort Claims Fell 4% in FY 2019

Tort ClaimsFiled for Personal Injury at a City Correction Facility*

*Includes claims by incarcerated persons, visitors, or employees of City correction institutions or facilities who were allegedly injured by the actions of City employees or incarcerated persons.