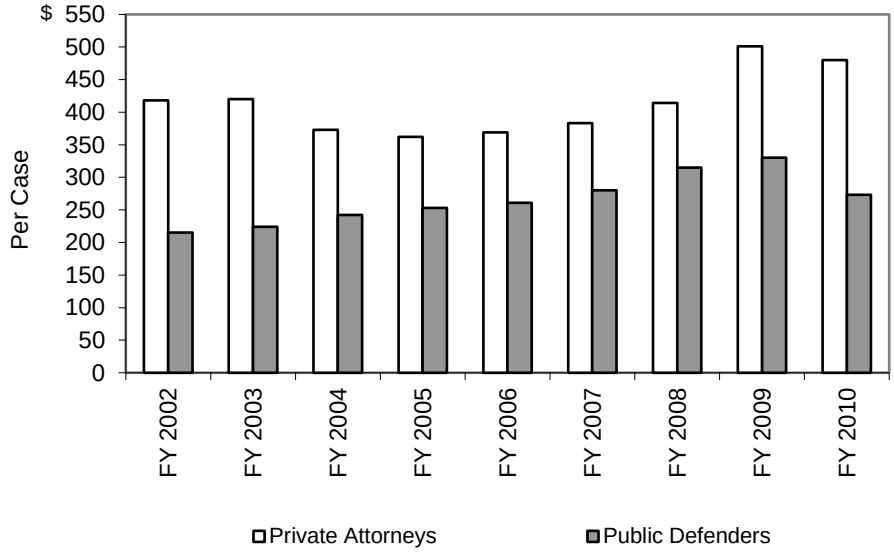
INDIGENT DEFENSE IN IOWA
AVERAGE CASE COSTS



	Cost Per Case	
Fiscal Year	Private Attorney	Public Defender
2002	$ 418	$ 215
2003	420	224
2004	373	242
2005	362	253
2006	369	261
2007	383	280
2008	404	313
2009	501	330
2010	480	273

Notes:

1) All costs are averages.
2) The average for private attorneys includes juvenile cases and payments made to private nonprofit organizations at a flat rate per case.
3) The average cost for private attorneys is a cost per claim. The average cost for public defender is a cost per case.
4) The average cost for public defender cases is based on the entire operating budget.

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