

Indigent Defense in Iowa — Average Claim and Charge Costs

Fiscal Year	Cost Per Claim Private Attorney		Cost Per Charge Public Defender	
2014	\$	495	\$	299
2015		516		398
2016		459		314
2017		470		305
2018		462		304
2019		467		333
2020		486		292
2021		548		307
2022		528		294
2023		547		336

Notes:

1) All costs are averages.

2) The average cost for a private attorney is a cost per claim. The average cost for a public defender is a cost per charge. Public defender cost average is measured by number of charges filed against a client that are closed. Private attorneys file a single claim for all charges that arise out of the same incident, and the average is based on the number of claims.

3) The average cost for public defender cases is based on the operating budget.

