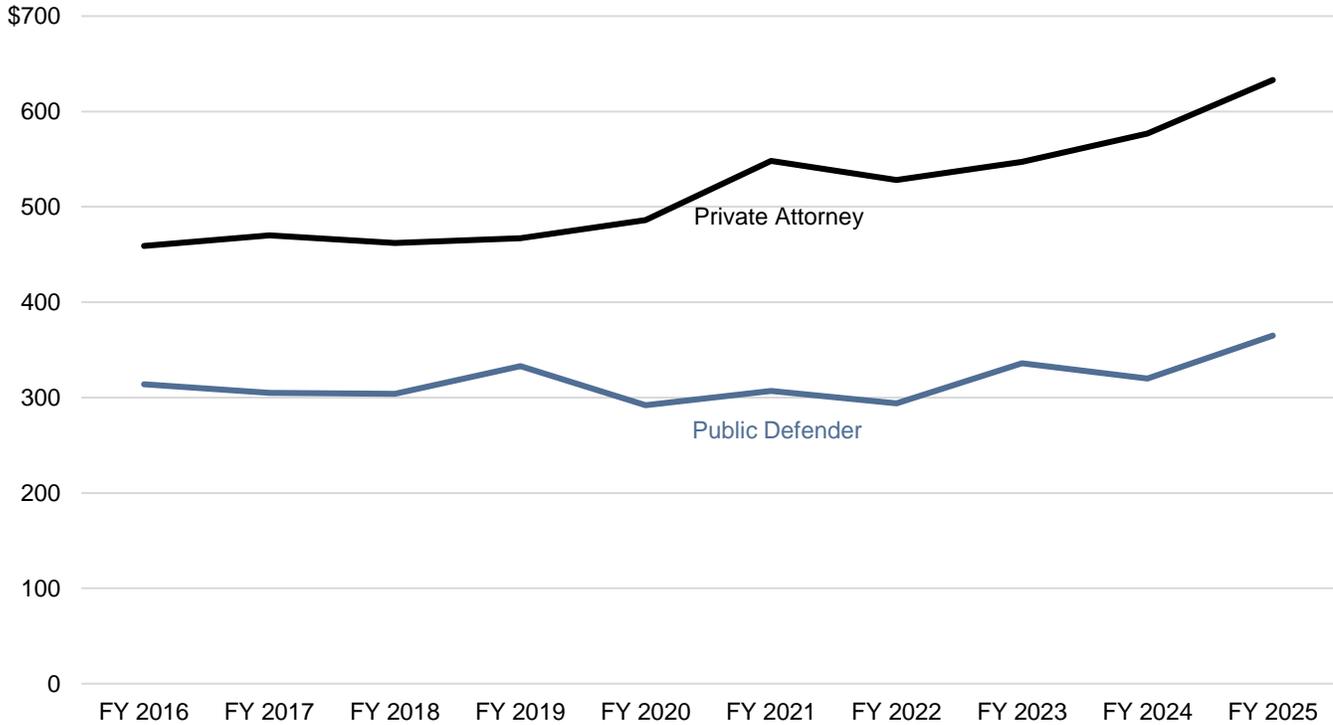


Indigent Defense in Iowa — Average Claim and Charge Costs



Fiscal Year	Cost Per Claim Private Attorney	Cost Per Charge Public Defender
2016	\$ 459	\$ 314
2017	470	305
2018	462	304
2019	467	333
2020	486	292
2021	548	307
2022	528	294
2023	547	336
2024	577	320
2025	633	365

Notes:

- 1) All costs are averages.
- 2) The public defender cost average is determined by the number of charges filed against a client that are closed in a fiscal year. The private attorney cost average is based on the number of claims paid in a fiscal year. A public defender employee works on a cost per charge. Private attorneys may file a single claim for all charges that arise out of the representation of a client except where interim billing is allowed. For juvenile related cases, multiple claims may be filed in a case in the same fiscal year.
- 3) The average cost for public defender cases is based on the operating budget.