## **Comparing the Cost of Direct Supervision with Traditional Jails**

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This study examines several direct supervision jails and several traditional supervision jails. It evaluates the two types of operation and their associated costs to see if cost should be a determining factor in the selection of a particular type of supervision. The economic hard times that face local, state, and federal governments heightens the importance of the cost factor in making decisions on which type of jail the taxpayer is willing to support.