The Cost Per Shooting
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Homicide Cost

CRIME SCENE
$6,948
- $3,282 Police Response
- $2,500 Scene Cleanup
- $1,166 Fire/EMT Transport

HOSPITAL
$50,400
- $5,164 EMR/Trauma Center
- $45,200 Gunshot Surgery

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
$83,191
- $6,834 Police Investigation
- $68,481 DA & Public Defender
- $7,876 Court Process

INCARCERATION
$885,600
- $59,860 Pre-Trial Incarceration
- $825,740 Prison Placement

VICTIM SUPPORT
$36,004
- $2,500 Corner's Office
- $15,000 Victim of Crimes
- $18,504 Receiving Social Service Benefits

LOST REVENUE
$136,858
- $136,858 Sales Tax Revenue
- $45,200 Gunshot Surgery

$1.2M
Per Homicide Shooting
Per one suspect

$2.2M
Per Homicide Shooting
Per one suspect

Injury Shooting Cost

CRIME SCENE
$5,164
- $1,358 Police Response
- $2,500 Scene Cleanup
- $1,166 Fire/EMT Transport

HOSPITAL
$123,600
- $5200 EMR/Trauma Center
- $90,400 Gunshot Surgery
- $28,000 Rehabilitation

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
$16,714
- $5,916 Police Investigation
- $9,724 DA & Public Defender
- $1,074 Court Process

INCARCERATION
$490,010
- $59,860 Pre-Trial Incarceration
- $430,150 Prison Placement

VICTIM SUPPORT
$24,252
- $15,000 Victim of Crimes
- $9,252 Receiving Social Service Benefits

LOST REVENUE
$39,221
- $39,221 Sales Tax Revenue

$698k
Per Injury Shooting
Per one suspect

$1.2M
Per Injury Shooting
Per one suspect

Total cost based on two suspects

Total cost based on two suspects

$2.2M
Per Homicide Shooting
Per one suspect

$1.2M
Per Injury Shooting
Per one suspect

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### Data Sources

#### CRIME SCENE

**Subject:** Police Response  
- Interviews with top officials of the Indianapolis Police Department.  
- Indianapolis Employee Salaries (Link)  
- Indianapolis Police Salaries (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Initial police response to a homicide scene typically includes 4 patrols, 3 detectives, 1 Sgt, 1 Lt, 2 CSIs and 1 Forensic tech. They remain on the scene for 6 hours. Initial police response to an injury shooting scene typically includes 4 officers, 3 detectives, 1 Sgt, 1 Lt, and 1 CSI Tech. They remain on the scene for 3 hours.

**Fire/EMT Transport**  
- Fire & EMT Budget = $196,611,107  
- Total Responses = 168,591  
- Average cost per response = $1,166

**Scene Clean Up**  
- Average cost among competitive vendors to clean up crime scenes involving blood = $2,500

#### HOSPITAL

**Subject:** ER/ Surgery for Gun-Shot Victim  
- Interview with Trauma Center employees.  
- National Emergency Room Database. (Record of 30 million emergency department visits in 950 hospitals in the U.S.)  
- Cost of Gun Violence: John Hopkins study of Emergency Room Admissions

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Average cost of gun-shot victims treated and released the same day = $5200 (ER base Cost)  
- Average cost of gun-shot victims requiring surgery and hospital stay = $95,867 (Surgery Cost)  
- 1/3 of gun-shot victims who required surgery were released to rehab centers where average total medical bill = $179,000 (ER cost, Surgery & Rehabilitation Cost)

**Formula for this study:** (ER base cost + Surgery Cost + 1/3 Rehabilitation Cost) = $123,660 per shooting victim requiring surgery.

- 1/2 of all homicide victims receive surgery before they die, so we use $45,200 to represent half of all homicide victims.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Subject:** Police Investigation  
- Interviews with top officials of the Indianapolis Police Department.  
- Indianapolis Police Salaries (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Injury shooting Investigation: 56 hours of investigation time x 3 detectives @ $34/hour = $5,916  
- Homicide Investigation: 67 hours of investigation time x 3 detectives @ $34/hour = $8,834

**DA & Public Defender**  
- Estimates of Time Spent in Capital and Non-Capital Murder Cases (Link)  
- Interview with Public Defenders Office  
- Deputy District Attorney: (Link)  
- Deputy Public Defender: (Link)

**Court Process**  
- Survey of Judicial Salaries (Link)  
- Judicial Weighted Caseload Measurement (Link)  
- Marion County Salaries: (Link)

**Subject:** Pre-Trial Incarceration  
- Article on County Jail cost (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Average daily population of county jail = 2500  
- Average Daily Cost Per inmate: $82/day

- Average 2 year period of pre-trial incarceration in the county upon sentencing and placement into State Prison: $59,860

**State Prison (Attempted Murder)**

**Subject:** Victim of Crimes  
- Crime Victims Compensation Program (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Homicide Victim:  
  - $5,000 for burial expenses  
  - $7,000 for victim lost wages  
  - $3,000 for grief counseling  
  - Total = $15,000  

- Injury Shooting Victim:  
  - $12,000  
  - $3,000 mental health  
  - Total = $15,000

**Social Service Assistance**  
- TANF: Eligibility and Benefit Amounts in State Cash Assistance Programs (Link)

**Medical Examiner’s Office**

**Subject:** Victim Support  
- National Average of Medical Examiner’s Autopsy (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Cost per autopsy = $2,500

**Medical Examiner’s Office**

**Subject:** Incarceration  
- 2018 Annual IDOC Report ($55.18/day per diem) (Link)  
- Attempted Murder 75% of 30 years (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Annual Cost of $20,140 to incarcerate an adult in the Indiana state prison system.

- Convictions involving injury shootings serve an average of 22.5 years in state prison.  
  - (75% of 30 year advisory sentence)  
  - ($20,140 x 22.5 years) = $453,150

**State Prison (Murder Case)**

**Subject:** Victims of Crimes  
- State Cash Assistance Programs (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- TANF: Eligibility and Benefit Amounts in State Cash Assistance Programs (Link)

**Medical Examiner’s Office**

**Subject:** Pre-Trial Incarceration  
- 2018 Annual IDOC Report ($55.18/day per diem) (Link)  
- Murder (55 years) (Link)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- Annual Cost of $20,140 to incarcerate an adult in the Indiana state prison system.

- Average inmate serves 41 years (75% of 55 year advisory sentence) for murder.  
  - ($20,140 x 41 years) = $825,740

**Medical Examiner’s Office**

**Subject:** Lost Revenue (One person going to jail)  
- State income tax = 3.23%  
- State Sales tax = 7% (No local Sales/Income Tax)

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- If person earns $30,000, then total income tax = $969. If person spends 1/3 of income, then sales tax = $700. Total combined tax = $1,669

- But if person has to serve a 22.5 years sentence for attempted murder, then ($1,669 x 22.5 years) = $37,552 of missed combined tax revenue.

**Total Loss Tax Revenue = $39,221**

**Lost Tax Revenue (Murder: Loss Revenue for 2 people)**

**Source**  
- Indianapolis Fire Dept 2017 Annual Report (Link)

**Notes**  
- State income tax = 3.23%  
- State Sales tax = 7% (No local Sales/Income Tax)

- If person earns $30,000/year, then total income tax = $969. If person spends 1/3 of income, then total sales tax = $700. Total combined tax = $1,669

- Average murder sentence is 41 years. But if a person has to serve a 41 years sentence and the victim is dead, then ($1,669 x 41 years x 2 people), for a combined loss revenue of $136,858

**Total Loss Revenue for both suspect & murder victim = $136,858**