

Incremental Annual Impact of Death Penalty – State and Local

Below please find, per your request, an estimate of costs associated with capital punishment. This is not an official fiscal note. It is given as an informal estimate of potential impacts to state and local governments. Additional information and further research may change this estimate.

This estimate is calculated for the incremental average annual impact of 10 death penalty offenders compared to an offender sentenced to life without parole in Utah.

Total State Impact	\$ 626,200
Total Local Impact	\$ 1,108,700
Total State & Local Impact	\$ 1,735,000

Breakdown

State Impact	
Ongoing	
Att. General (appeals costs)	\$ 445,000
Courts (trial costs, post-conviction review)	\$ 45,000
Finance - Post-Conviction Indigent Defense Fund (def. costs)	\$ 100,800
Subtotal, Annual Costs	\$ 590,800
One-time costs where execution is realized	
Corrections (preparation, execution)	\$ 165,000
Board of Pardons (case review, hearings)	\$ 22,400
Public Safety (evidence review)	\$ 7,500
Total, One-time costs	\$ 194,900
	÷ 5.5 <i>years, frequency of</i>
Subtotal, One-time costs - annualized	\$ 35,400 <i>executions</i>
Total State Impact	\$ 626,200
note: for every offender executed before age 76, there is a projected \$28,000 savings per year	

Local Government Impact	
Ongoing (x 1.84 cases/year)	
County Prosecution/Defense	\$ 731,400
Incarceration Costs	\$ 14,300
Avg. amt. paid annually to State Indigent Defense Capital Trust Fund	\$ 363,000
Total Local Impact	\$ 1,108,700

Incremental Impact for One Death Penalty Offender to Execution - State and Local

Below please find, per your request, a revised estimate of costs associated with capital punishment. This is not an official fiscal note. It is given as an informal estimate of potential impacts to state and local governments. Additional information and further research may change this estimate.

This estimate is calculated for the incremental impact of one death penalty offender from trial to execution in compared to an offender sentenced to life without parole in Utah.

Total State Impact	\$ 527,100
Total Local Impact	\$ 1,133,800
Total State & Local Impact	\$ 1,660,000

Breakdown

State Cost	
Att. General (appeals costs)	\$ 44,500
Courts (trial costs, post-conviction review)	\$ 4,500
Finance - Post Conviction Indigent Defense Fund (defense costs)	\$ 10,080
Total Annual Costs	\$ 59,080
	x 20 years
Annual Costs over 20 years	\$ 1,181,600
less cost avoided of extra 31 years in prison	\$ (849,400)
Subtotal annual cost over time	\$ 332,200
other one-time death penalty costs (realized on execution)	
Corrections (preparation, execution)	\$ 165,000
Board of Pardons (case review, hearings)	\$ 22,400
Public Safety (evidence review)	\$ 7,500
Total State Impact, one-time costs & annual costs	\$ 527,100

Local Cost	
County Post-Conviction (appeals) costs	\$ 36,300
	x 20 years
Subtotal, Post-Conviction appeals costs	\$ 726,000
other one-time costs	
County Prosecution/Defense pretrial/trial costs (1 case)	\$ 400,000
Incarceration Costs	\$ 7,800
Total Local Impact	\$ 1,133,800