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## **MDOC Reduces Inmate Costs for Second Consecutive Year**

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Jackson - For the second consecutive year, the Mississippi Department of Corrections has successfully reduced the composite average daily and annual inmate costs. The incarceration cost for an inmate housed in a state operated facility is \$168 less than a year ago.

	<u>FY 2000</u>	<u>FY 2001</u>	<u>FY 2002</u>
Composite Average Cost Per Inmate Day	\$42.91	\$38.34	\$37.88
Composite Average Annual Cost Per Inmate	\$15,662	\$13,994	\$13,826

“We are constantly looking for ways to reduce costs for the Mississippi Department of Corrections,” said Commissioner Chris Epps. “However, although we do strive to reduce expenses we have to do so without comprising our mission of providing public safety.”

The figures represent the composite average of all custody levels of incarcerated inmates housed in MDOC operated facilities. MDOC operated facilities include the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl, Miss; Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Miss.; and South Mississippi Correctional Institution in Leakesville, Miss.

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