



Since taking office in June 2018, the Ford government has announced plans to build 1,626 new provincial jail beds. There are cheaper and more effective ways to enhance our collective well-being and safety than more imprisonment.

		Average Daily Cost (per person)	Average Monthly Cost (per person)	Average Annual Cost (per person)	Resources that could be funded on an annual basis instead of operating the 1,626 new jail beds announced by the Ford government
<b>Average Cost to Imprison a Person in a Provincial Jail in Ontario (2023/2024)</b>		<b>\$357</b>	<b>\$10,858.75</b>	<b>\$130,305</b>	<b>\$211,875,930</b>
<b>Investing in Youth and Families</b>	<b>Early childhood educator and assistant</b>	\$168.08*	\$3,541.67	\$43,700	n = 4,848
	<b>Elementary school teacher</b>	\$369.23*	\$8,000	\$96,000	n = 2,207
	<b>Secondary school teacher</b>	\$384.62*	\$8,333.33	\$100,000	n = 2,118
	<b>Mentoring for youth</b>	\$5.48	\$166.67	\$2,000	n = 105,937
	<b>Leadership training for youth</b>	\$2.74	\$83.33	\$1,000	n = 211,875
	<b>Full-time summer jobs for college and university aged youth (16 weeks x \$25/hour x 40 hours / week)</b>	\$200*	\$4,000	\$16,000	n = 13,242
	<b>Nutritional food baskets for a family of four</b>	\$40.91	\$1,244.44	\$14,933.28	n = 14,188
<b>Investing in Housing</b>	<b>Permanent and supportive housing</b>	\$131.51	\$4,000	\$48,000	n = 4,414
	<b>Emergency housing</b>	\$68.49	\$2,083.33	\$25,000	n = 8,475
	<b>Rent supplement</b>	\$16.44	\$500	\$6,000	n = 35,312
<b>Investing in Health Care</b>	<b>Harm reduction</b>	\$42.81	\$1,302.08	\$15,625	n = 13,560
	<b>Drug treatment and recovery (35 days + 1 year of aftercare)</b>	\$54.79	\$1,666.67	\$20,000	n = 10,593
	<b>Intensive case management for mental health issues</b>	\$68.49	\$2,083.33	\$25,000	n = 8,475
	<b>Therapy session with a psychologist</b>	-	-	\$250/hour	n = 847,503
	<b>Peer support worker</b>	\$240*	\$5,200	\$62,400	n = 3,395

\* Daily cost during a 5-day work week

**Contact Premier Ford by phone (416-325-1941) or email ([doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org))  
and tell him we can do better than “jail, not bail”.**

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