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South Dakota Cost Comparison Between Death Penalty and Life Sentence

Average cost for Life Sentence is 10% of what it costs for the Death Penalty.

Death Penalty cases cost SD almost 10 times more than the average Life Sentence.

AVERAGE COST PER CASE TO DATE

Death Penalty

\$394,438.52

Life Sentence

\$41,334.82

Death Penalty Costs for 1st Degree Murder Charges by County

Name	Name	Date of Conviction	Sentence	Execution Date	Execution Costs	Date of Death	Total Costs
Lawrence	Elijah G Page	2/16/2001	Death	7/11/2007	\$55,000.00		\$269,154.45
Lawrence	Briley Wayne Piper	8/5/2011	Death				\$696,365.10
Lincoln	Donald Eugene Moeller	6/4/1997	Death	10/30/2012	\$60,620.64		\$789,441.76
McCook	Robert Leroy Anderson	5/4/1999	Death			02/30/2003	\$825,863.22
Minnehaha	Eric Robert	10/27/2011	Death	10/15/2012	\$60,527.87		\$181,743.89
Minnehaha	Rodney Scott Berget	2/6/2012	Death				\$63,948.83
Minnehaha	James Vernon McVay	5/13/2014	Death				\$219,498.03
Pennington	Charles Russell Rhines	1/29/1993	Death				\$109,492.89

AVERAGE COST PER CASE: \$394,438.52

Life Sentence Costs for 1st Degree Murder Charges by County

County	Name	Date of Conviction	Total Costs
Brookings	Robert M Zimmerman	2/27/1989	\$20,946.77
Brown	Todd Miller	6/9/1986	\$52,173.63
Brown	Gary White	7/27/1993	\$7,186.00
Brown	Patrick Jon Thielsen	11/21/2002	\$197,448.59
Butte	Tory Tiegen	4/1/2009	\$18,081.50
Day	Michael Kaiser	11/3/1993	\$74,823.93
Day	John Dale Trutman	8/16/2006	\$41,733.26
Douglas	Lewis Ashker	6/10/1986	\$38,843.99
Lawrence	J. "Tex" Elliott	4/4/1987	\$22,934.30
Lawrence	Michael "Leprechaun" Jenner	4/4/1987	\$45,396.39
Lawrence	Daniel John Halveson	8/10/1988	\$37,050.68
Lawrence	Daniel R Cobb	1/2/1992	\$26,993.40
Lawrence	Darrell Robert Hoadley	6/1/2001	\$173,160.76
Lincoln	James Elmer Smith	3/28/1990	\$105,912.84
McCook	Joseph P Kerkhove	10/3/1986	\$56,975.09
Meade	Welsey Todd Goff	4/22/1988	\$5,935.00

Meade	Dawn Marie Frazier	6/20/2001	\$32,221.70
Meade	Daniel Neil Charles	4/28/2000	\$33,746.90
Meade	Lawrence Wilson	12/5/2002	\$8,942.76
Minnehaha	Howard Joseph Adams	12/10/1986	\$114,301.18
Minnehaha	Jimmy Lee Boykin	1/30/1987	\$87,192.29
Minnehaha	David Ray Bradley	4/2/1987	\$66,291.35
Minnehaha	Jeffrey Allen Bennis	4/17/1989	\$14,818.49
Minnehaha	Donald James Galland	5/19/1989	\$37,241.85
Minnehaha	Mark Neely Peters	5/24/1990	\$1,710.03
Minnehaha	Scott William Davi	6/11/1991	\$33,739.12
Minnehaha	Kelly Michael Venengelenhoven	9/13/1991	\$16,109.54
Minnehaha	David Gene Stansbury	9/17/1993	\$21,093.52
Minnehaha	David Keith White Jr	6/28/1996	\$25,201.91
Minnehaha	Jose Angle Garza	9/11/1995	\$78,216.94
Minnehaha	Robert Joseph Power	3/29/1996	\$24,319.39
Minnehaha	Robert Dale Poppen	3/29/1996	\$30,553.80
Minnehaha	Eric James Coon	3/29/1996	\$30,926.61
Minnehaha	Michael Lee Smith	6/17/1996	\$45,597.16
Minnehaha	Charles Eugene Sisney	4/10/1997	\$4,671.00
Minnehaha	Lavance Owens	6/7/2000	\$68,181.02
Minnehaha	Christopher Michael Fonseca	5/16/2003	\$35,569.32
Minnehaha	John Stevenson Lewis	11/15/2004	\$27,700.15
Minnehaha	Joseph Wayne Thinelk	12/10/2004	\$19,476.97
Minnehaha	Murray James Jones	9/20/2005	\$12,295.52
Minnehaha	Daphne Antoinette Wright	4/18/2007	\$41,247.42
Minnehaha	Brian Lawrence Leingang	2/15/2007	\$63,140.30
Minnehaha	Michael Joseph Nordman	2/9/2012	\$31,203.08
Minnehaha	Eugene Edward Martin	1/9/2014	\$53,783.52
Pennington	Edwin Charles Swallow	2/24/1986	\$44,371.95
Pennington	Jimmy Donald Weatherford	10/14/1986	\$36,435.61
Pennington	Jerry Morris Menard	7/1/1987	\$7,161.02
Pennington	Jonathon W Shaw	9/11/1989	\$19,721.92
Pennington	Ronnie Gale Larsen	9/9/1991	\$6,469.31
Pennington	William Joseph Helmer	7/8/1994	\$99,580.18
Pennington	Kevin Scheer	3/19/2001	\$15,572.00
Pennington	Kenneth L Martin	9/25/2002	\$9,194.00
Pennington	Neil Frame	9/13/2004	\$2,148.00
Pennington	Joseph J Roubideaux	5/25/2007	\$25,324.00
Roberts	Lance Owen	1/23/2005	\$59,299.62
Yankton	Ernst Benjamin Tupper III	6/23/2009	\$4,383.25

AVERAGE COST PER CASE: \$41,334.82

There was missing or incomplete data from the following counties at the time this was compiled: Beadle, Codington, Custer, Hughes, Hyde, Lake, Lawrence, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Perkins, Stanley, Walworth, Yankton.