



Average Cost of Incarceration:

- Average sentence length - 42.5 months
- Average cost per day to incarcerate - \$112.96
- Total cost per individual - \$146,023.39

**The STAR Project serves on average
119 people per year**

The STAR Project's
Recidivism Rate

14.0%



This predicts **17**
people will recidivate

Cost to incarcerate 17 people:
\$2,482,397.63

Washington State
Recidivism Rate

30.7%



This predicts **37**
people will recidivate

Cost to incarcerate 37 people:
\$5,402,865.43

**The STAR Project saves Washington State taxpayers
\$2,920,467.80 in incarceration costs every year!**

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Average cost per day to incarcerate - \$112.96

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Washington state recidivism rate - 30.7%

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STAR's average recidivism rate - 14.0%

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Math check:

42.5 months = approximately 1292.7 days

(\$112.96 cost of incarceration per day) x
(1292.7 days average felony sentence length) =
\$146,023.39 cost per each case of felony recidivism