

2. The general pattern nationally in financing capital costs for these institutions for juveniles and related types of other child welfare institutions is for some kind of special funding.

Regarding the voluntary institutions, a capital fund drive is generally conducted whereas for the government, bonds are usually issued. There are reportedly only a few States or local governments which use the general fund for capital costs of public institutions.

C. TREND OF CAPITAL OUTLAYS

1. TREND

Capital expenditure data for detention homes are not available on a national basis and consequently trends cannot be accurately determined. However, some indication of construction costs and capacities of detention homes built during 1949-56 can be gained from the selected data shown in table 9. This table shows the average cost of construction per bed during that period to be \$8,153. Since it is estimated that about 85 percent of the 281 detention homes (total capacity 12,000) were built since 1941, then on the basis of the cost of construction of \$8,153 per bed, it is roughly estimated that 239 detention homes (total capacity of 10,200) were built since 1941 at a total capital outlay of about \$83.2 million or an average of \$5.5 yearly.

(The source documents for the cost data do not specify whether they include components of costs such as land acquisition, site development, built-in and movable equipment and furnishings.)

TABLE 9.—Costs of construction for selected detention homes, 1949-56

Location	Year of construction	Cost of construction	Capacity	Cost per bed
Calif. ¹	1955	\$4,850,000	585	\$8,290
Idaho, Wash. ¹	1952	1,250,000	80	15,625
Idaho	1950	600,000	35	17,142
Fla. ¹	1950	500,000	124	4,032
Idaho	1955	180,000	16	11,250
Ohio ¹	1955	150,000	22	6,818
Va. ¹	1953	125,000	30	4,167
County, Ind. ¹	1953	185,000	14	13,214
Idaho, Pa. ¹	1950	50,000	10	5,000
Idaho	1955	128,000	35	3,657
County, Kans. ¹	1954	170,000	33	5,152
Idaho, Ariz. ¹	1955	175,000	38	4,605
Idaho, Utah ¹	1952	125,000	16	7,813
Idaho, Calif.	1952	327,230	95	3,444
Idaho, Calif.	1951	466,000	60	7,766
Idaho, Calif.	1947	250,000	41	6,098
Idaho County, Calif.	1950	659,000	84	7,845
Idaho, Calif.	1956	450,000	55	8,182
Idaho, Calif.	1955	142,000	20	7,100
Idaho, Calif.	1955	100,000	15	6,667
Idaho County, Calif.	1954	1,250,000	160	7,812
Idaho County, Calif.	1950	4,500,000	190	23,684
Idaho County, Calif.	1949	400,500	66	6,068
Idaho County, Calif.	1949	53,000	10	5,300
Idaho, Ind.	1952	325,000	19	17,105
Average, 25 detention homes				8,153

¹ 12 States from various regions of the United States (1950-55) detention homes construction—average per bed.

Source: Children's Bureau, Welfare Administration, 1966.