



Court Security Officers

2022 KACo Legislative Priority:

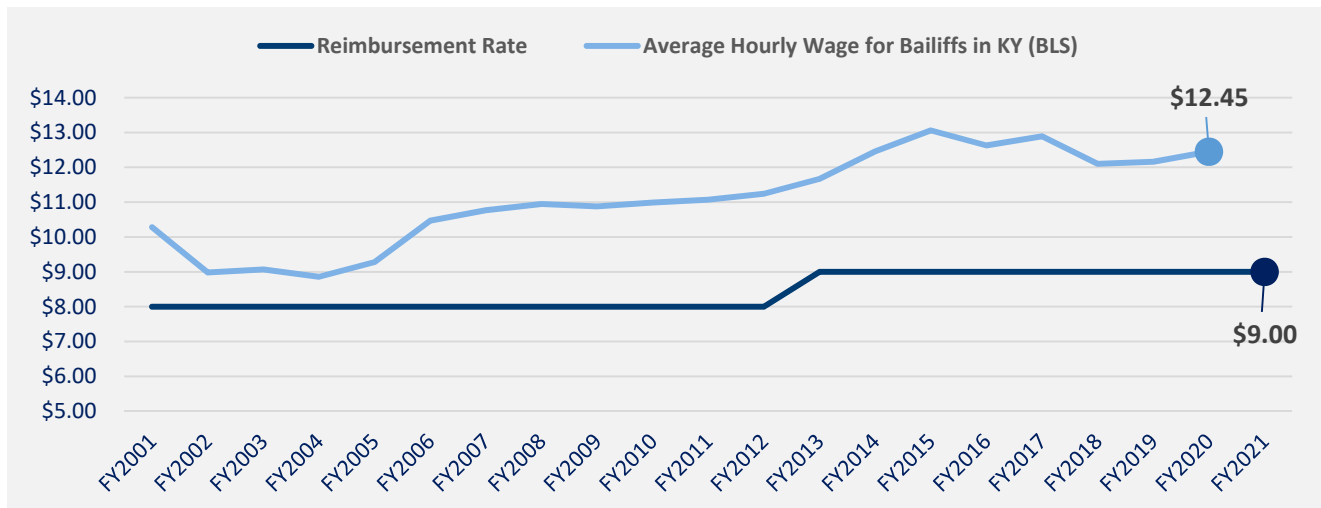
Advocate for an increase in the hourly reimbursement rate for Court Security Officers, which is currently at \$9.00 per hour.

State law requires that counties provide court security officers for Circuit Court and District Court. The reimbursement rate for court security officers has been set in the Executive Branch Budget at \$9.00 per hour since the 2012 Regular Session. The average hourly wage paid to court security officers is much higher than the \$9.00 per hour reimbursed, leaving counties to pick up the difference.

Summary:

- Counties are required to provide court security officers for Circuit Court and District Court. The state reimburses counties \$9.00 per hour for court security officers.
- The reimbursement rate is set in the Executive Branch Budget and has been \$9.00 per hour since the 2012 Regular Session. If that \$9.00 per hour rate had been adjusted for inflation, it would be approximately \$11.00 per hour.
- In 2020, the average hourly wage for bailiffs¹ in Kentucky was \$12.45.² This wage does not include retirement contributions, health insurance costs or payroll taxes.
- Counties must make up the difference between what court security officers are paid and the amount the state reimburses. Each year that the state reimbursement rate is not increased to keep up with inflation and rising wages, the cost shifted to counties continues to grow.

Court Security Officer Reimbursement Rate



¹ Bailiff is the most closely related job title to court security officer for which statewide data are available.

² Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) Survey. Kentucky (May 2001 to May 2020).