

VAMC COST GUIDE - BUILDING TYPE

VISN 4: VA Star & Stripes Healthcare Network

**CURRENT BUILDING ONLY CONSTRUCTION UNIT COST PER SQUARE FOOT
USE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY - NOT FOR BUDGETING**

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Medical Center				Ambulatory Care				Clinical Improvements			
		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$419	\$327	\$213	\$112	\$363	\$283	\$184	\$97	\$408	\$316	\$206	\$108
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$428	\$334	\$217	\$114	\$370	\$289	\$188	\$99	\$417	\$323	\$210	\$110
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$428	\$334	\$217	\$114	\$370	\$289	\$188	\$99	\$417	\$323	\$210	\$110
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$512	\$400	\$260	\$136	\$443	\$346	\$225	\$118	\$499	\$386	\$251	\$132
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$413	\$322	\$210	\$110	\$358	\$279	\$181	\$95	\$402	\$312	\$203	\$106
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$400	\$313	\$203	\$107	\$347	\$270	\$176	\$92	\$390	\$302	\$196	\$103
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$512	\$400	\$260	\$136	\$443	\$346	\$225	\$118	\$499	\$386	\$251	\$132
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$428	\$334	\$217	\$114	\$370	\$289	\$188	\$99	\$417	\$323	\$210	\$110
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$512	\$400	\$260	\$136	\$443	\$346	\$225	\$118	\$499	\$386	\$251	\$132
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$426	\$333	\$216	\$113	\$369	\$288	\$187	\$98	\$415	\$321	\$209	\$110
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Bed Tower Replacement				Domiciliary				Stand Alone Outpatient Clinic			
		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$433	\$346	\$225	\$118	\$251	\$172	\$112	\$59	\$346	\$266	\$173	\$91
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$442	\$353	\$230	\$121	\$256	\$176	\$114	\$60	\$353	\$272	\$177	\$93
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$442	\$353	\$230	\$121	\$256	\$176	\$114	\$60	\$353	\$272	\$177	\$93
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$529	\$423	\$275	\$144	\$306	\$210	\$137	\$72	\$423	\$325	\$212	\$111
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$427	\$341	\$222	\$116	\$247	\$170	\$110	\$58	\$341	\$262	\$171	\$90
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$414	\$331	\$215	\$113	\$239	\$164	\$107	\$56	\$331	\$254	\$165	\$87
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$529	\$423	\$275	\$144	\$306	\$210	\$137	\$72	\$423	\$325	\$212	\$111
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$442	\$353	\$230	\$121	\$256	\$176	\$114	\$60	\$353	\$272	\$177	\$93
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$529	\$423	\$275	\$144	\$306	\$210	\$137	\$72	\$423	\$325	\$212	\$111
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$440	\$352	\$229	\$120	\$255	\$175	\$114	\$60	\$352	\$271	\$176	\$92
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Acute Psychiatric				Mental Health				Polytrauma			
		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$430	\$343	\$223	\$117	\$355	\$277	\$180	\$94	\$409	\$323	\$210	\$110
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$439	\$350	\$228	\$119	\$363	\$282	\$184	\$96	\$418	\$329	\$214	\$112
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$439	\$350	\$228	\$119	\$363	\$282	\$184	\$96	\$418	\$329	\$214	\$112
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$525	\$419	\$273	\$143	\$434	\$338	\$220	\$115	\$500	\$394	\$256	\$135
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$424	\$338	\$220	\$115	\$350	\$273	\$177	\$93	\$403	\$318	\$207	\$109
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$411	\$328	\$213	\$112	\$339	\$264	\$172	\$90	\$391	\$308	\$200	\$105
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$525	\$419	\$273	\$143	\$434	\$338	\$220	\$115	\$500	\$394	\$256	\$135
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$439	\$350	\$228	\$119	\$363	\$282	\$184	\$96	\$418	\$329	\$214	\$112
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$525	\$419	\$273	\$143	\$434	\$338	\$220	\$115	\$500	\$394	\$256	\$135
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$437	\$349	\$227	\$119	\$361	\$281	\$183	\$96	\$416	\$328	\$213	\$112
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)				Nursing Home Care Unit (NHCU)				Blind Rehabilitation			
		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$374	\$304	\$197	\$104	\$343	\$273	\$177	\$93	\$372	\$284	\$184	\$97
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$382	\$310	\$201	\$106	\$350	\$278	\$181	\$95	\$379	\$290	\$188	\$99
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$382	\$310	\$201	\$106	\$350	\$278	\$181	\$95	\$379	\$290	\$188	\$99
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$457	\$371	\$241	\$127	\$419	\$333	\$217	\$114	\$454	\$347	\$225	\$118
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$369	\$299	\$195	\$102	\$338	\$269	\$175	\$92	\$366	\$280	\$182	\$95
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$357	\$290	\$189	\$99	\$328	\$260	\$169	\$89	\$355	\$271	\$176	\$93
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$457	\$371	\$241	\$127	\$419	\$333	\$217	\$114	\$454	\$347	\$225	\$118
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$382	\$310	\$201	\$106	\$350	\$278	\$181	\$95	\$379	\$290	\$188	\$99
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$457	\$371	\$241	\$127	\$419	\$333	\$217	\$114	\$454	\$347	\$225	\$118
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$380	\$309	\$201	\$105	\$349	\$277	\$180	\$95	\$378	\$288	\$187	\$98
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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Research - Heavy; Wet labs & Animals				Surgery and PACU				Research - Normal; Mix Heavy & Offices			
		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$649	\$552	\$359	\$188	\$576	\$471	\$306	\$161	\$468	\$397	\$258	\$136
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$663	\$563	\$366	\$192	\$588	\$481	\$313	\$164	\$478	\$406	\$264	\$138
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$663	\$563	\$366	\$192	\$588	\$481	\$313	\$164	\$478	\$406	\$264	\$138
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$793	\$674	\$438	\$230	\$704	\$576	\$375	\$197	\$573	\$486	\$316	\$166
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$640	\$544	\$353	\$186	\$567	\$465	\$302	\$159	\$462	\$392	\$255	\$134
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$620	\$527	\$343	\$180	\$550	\$450	\$293	\$154	\$448	\$380	\$247	\$130
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$793	\$674	\$438	\$230	\$704	\$576	\$375	\$197	\$573	\$486	\$316	\$166
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$663	\$563	\$366	\$192	\$588	\$481	\$313	\$164	\$478	\$406	\$264	\$138
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$793	\$674	\$438	\$230	\$704	\$576	\$375	\$197	\$573	\$486	\$316	\$166
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$660	\$561	\$365	\$191	\$585	\$479	\$312	\$164	\$476	\$404	\$263	\$138
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Administration Space; Housed in Main Hospital				Parking Garage				Surface Parking - Priced Per Parking Space			
		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New Space			
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$264	\$207	\$134	\$70	\$61	\$27	\$18	\$9	\$3,436	\$0	\$0	\$0
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$270	\$211	\$137	\$72	\$62	\$28	\$18	\$9	\$3,506	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$270	\$211	\$137	\$72	\$62	\$28	\$18	\$9	\$3,506	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$323	\$252	\$164	\$86	\$75	\$33	\$22	\$11	\$4,199	\$0	\$0	\$0
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$260	\$204	\$132	\$69	\$60	\$27	\$17	\$9	\$3,386	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$252	\$197	\$128	\$67	\$58	\$26	\$17	\$9	\$3,283	\$0	\$0	\$0
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$323	\$252	\$164	\$86	\$75	\$33	\$22	\$11	\$4,199	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$270	\$211	\$137	\$72	\$62	\$28	\$18	\$9	\$3,506	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$323	\$252	\$164	\$86	\$75	\$33	\$22	\$11	\$4,199	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$268	\$210	\$136	\$72	\$62	\$28	\$18	\$9	\$3,493	\$0	\$0	\$0
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		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation								
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$206	\$149	\$97	\$51	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$211	\$152	\$99	\$52	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$211	\$152	\$99	\$52	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$252	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$203	\$147	\$95	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$197	\$142	\$92	\$49	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$252	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$211	\$152	\$99	\$52	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$252	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$210	\$151	\$98	\$52	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Demolition Cost for an Existing Building				Leased Space - Need To Provide Specific Build-Out				Operating and Mothball Costs			
		Demolition Cost Only	Haul & Dump			Yearly Rate Per Square Foot				"Full" Operational Costs	Adjacent Mothball Costs	Stand Alone Mothball Costs	
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$11.11	\$12.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.47	\$14.28	\$6.57	\$0.00
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$11.34	\$12.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.98	\$14.58	\$6.71	\$0.00
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$11.34	\$12.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.98	\$14.58	\$6.71	\$0.00
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$13.58	\$15.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.91	\$17.45	\$8.03	\$0.00
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$10.95	\$12.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.12	\$14.08	\$6.48	\$0.00
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$10.62	\$12.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.38	\$13.65	\$6.28	\$0.00
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$13.58	\$15.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.91	\$17.45	\$8.03	\$0.00
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$11.34	\$12.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.98	\$14.58	\$6.71	\$0.00
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$13.58	\$15.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.91	\$17.45	\$8.03	\$0.00
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$11.30	\$12.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.88	\$14.52	\$6.68	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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"Demolition Costs Only" is based on razing the entire structure and disposing of the waste material on-site. Haul & Dump is not included. Hazardous material abatement is not included.

"Haul & Dump" includes cost for a 20 mile haul and the appropriate dump fees for construction materials. Disposal of hazardous materials is not included. Additional funds should be included for known adverse conditions, length of haul, inflated dump fees, closed dump and refuge facilities

To calculate savings for mothballed structures, subtract which type of "Mothballing" is being utilized (Adjacent or Stand Alone) from the "Full" Operating Costs. The "Full" Operating Costs include: Electric, water, gas, sewage, major systems maintenance, building shell maintenance, janitorial, and security

Based on the type of "Mothballing" to be used, percentages have been utilized to account for maintaining the integrity of the building envelope, maintaining non-freezing conditions for sprinklers & utilities, maintenance, security, and ensuring JHCO compliance

Leasing yearly rates only includes: land, site improvements, building shell, taxes, utilities, insurance, shell and outside maintenance - Similar to a sole occupancy of a "Spec" building - HOUSEKEEPING COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED - Assumes normal operating days and hours - NOT 24/7 Lease cost does not include initial build out (tenant improvement) of space for the specific function. To calculate build out cost, use "Total Renovation" cost for the specific building type.

MARKET CONDITIONS:

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CURRENT BUILDING ONLY CONSTRUCTION UNIT COST PER SQUARE FOOT

USE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY - NOT FOR BUDGETING

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Roof Replacement				Modernize Restrooms for UFAS/ADA				Fire Alarms			
		EDPM	Built Up	Shingles	Metal	Total Renovation				New	Total Renovation		
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	\$10.63	\$10.14	\$6.51	\$8.56	\$265.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.13	\$10.74	\$0.00	\$0.00
Butler, PA	3,075.8	\$10.84	\$10.35	\$6.65	\$8.73	\$270.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.32	\$10.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	\$10.84	\$10.35	\$6.65	\$8.73	\$270.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.32	\$10.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	\$12.99	\$12.39	\$7.96	\$10.46	\$324.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.16	\$13.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Erie, PA	2,970.3	\$10.47	\$9.99	\$6.42	\$8.43	\$261.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$10.58	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	\$10.15	\$9.69	\$6.22	\$8.18	\$253.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.72	\$10.26	\$0.00	\$0.00
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	\$12.99	\$12.39	\$7.96	\$10.46	\$324.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.16	\$13.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	\$10.84	\$10.35	\$6.65	\$8.73	\$270.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.32	\$10.96	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	\$12.99	\$12.39	\$7.96	\$10.46	\$324.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.16	\$13.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	\$10.80	\$10.31	\$6.62	\$8.70	\$269.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.28	\$10.92	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Roof replacement costs do not include asbestos removal or disposal. Verify presence of asbestos in existing roof and include additional funds as necessary.

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Escalation Rates				
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Altoona, PA	3,014.0	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Butler, PA	3,075.8	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Clarksburg, WV	3,075.8	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Coatesville, PA	3,683.4	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Erie, PA	2,970.3	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Lebanon, PA	2,879.6	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Philadelphia, PA	3,683.4	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Pittsburgh, PA	3,075.8	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,683.4	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Wilmington, DE	3,063.9	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

NOTES:

When using the above Escalation Rates over a number of years. These will need to be compounded to show true escalation.

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