



# RESTORATION ROI CALCULATOR

Restoring the Ecosystem: Quantifying the Cost of Systemic Blight

## Step 1: Calculate the cost of systemic blight (status quo)

Expense	Annual Cost Per Person/Case	Total Annual Community Cost
Reactive Costs (e.g., incarceration, ER visits, policing, crisis shelters)	\$	\$
Administrative Overhead (e.g., legal fees, administrative processing, repeated intakes)	\$	\$
Lost Opportunity (e.g., unrealized tax revenue, lost wages, future earnings)	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL COST OF FAILURE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Step 2: Calculate the cost of restoration (intervention)

Expense	Initial Launch Cost	Ongoing Annual Cost
Program (e.g., staff, facilities, specialized materials)	\$	\$
Administrative Overhead (e.g., implementation, oversight, evaluation, reporting)	\$	\$
Preventative Services (e.g., counseling, housing, preventative health)	\$	\$
<b>TOTAL RESTORATION COST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

## Step 3: Determine the break-even point

**Net Savings:** (Total Cost of Failure) – (Total Restoration Cost) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Efficiency Ratio:** (Total Cost of Failure) / (Total Restoration Cost) = \_\_\_\_\_ : 1

**Example:** An efficiency ratio of 4:1 means that for every \$1 spent on restoration, the community saves \$4 previously wasted on reactive, failure-based costs.

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