

Polk County's Architect HDR designs new courthouses in other cities for far less size per capita.

	Sq. Feet New Courthouse	Population ⁽⁴⁾	Sq. Ft. per Person ⁽⁷⁾	
Clark County, Nevada ⁽¹⁾	717,000	1,711,000	0.419	Opened new Regional Justice Center in 2005
Mecklenburg County, NC ⁽²⁾	568,000	796,372	0.713	Opened new in Jan. 2007
Polk County, Iowa (Proposal)⁽³⁾	435,000	401,000	1.085	Proposed new and remodeled.
	Adjusted Proposed Polk County Courthouse			
Polk County if Clark Size Sq. Ft.p/Person ⁽⁵⁾	168,040			
Polk County if Mecklenburg Size Sq. Ft.p/Person ⁽⁶⁾	286,007			

Polk County's Proposal is
158.9% larger than what was needed per sq. foot for new courthouse in Nevada
52.1% larger than what was needed per sq. foot for new courthouse in North Carolina

(1) http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/newsletters/sand_m/Oct_2005/Oct_judiciary.html

(2) http://www.wausauwindow.com/resources/pressReleases/NC_MecklenburgCoCrths.pdf

(3) http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/Supervisors/PDFs/Option5a_12.20.07.pdf

(4) Populations all came from www.city-data.com

(5) 168,040 is calculated by $(401,000 \times 0.419)$ and 158.9% is calculated by $((435,000/168,040)-100\%)$

(6) 286,007 is calculated by $(401,000 \times 0.713)$ and 52.1% is calculated by $((435,000/286,007)-100\%)$

(7) Calculated by using sq. ft. new courthouse / county population for all three counties