

# VISN COSTING GUIDE - BUILDING TYPE

## VISN 4: STAR & STRIPES Veterans Healthcare Network

**CURRENT BUILDING ONLY CONSTRUCTION UNIT COST PER SQUARE FOOT  
USE FOR STRATEGIC 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	2,705.2	\$369	\$288	\$187	\$98	\$319	\$249	\$162	\$85	\$359	\$278	\$181	\$95
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$368	\$287	\$187	\$98	\$319	\$249	\$162	\$85	\$359	\$278	\$181	\$95
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$368	\$287	\$187	\$98	\$319	\$249	\$162	\$85	\$359	\$278	\$181	\$95
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$442	\$345	\$224	\$118	\$382	\$298	\$194	\$102	\$430	\$333	\$217	\$114
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$359	\$280	\$182	\$95	\$310	\$242	\$157	\$83	\$349	\$271	\$176	\$92
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$336	\$262	\$170	\$90	\$291	\$227	\$147	\$77	\$327	\$254	\$165	\$87
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$442	\$345	\$224	\$118	\$382	\$298	\$194	\$102	\$430	\$333	\$217	\$114
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$368	\$287	\$187	\$98	\$319	\$249	\$162	\$85	\$359	\$278	\$181	\$95
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$442	\$345	\$224	\$118	\$382	\$298	\$194	\$102	\$430	\$333	\$217	\$114
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$369	\$288	\$187	\$98	\$320	\$249	\$162	\$85	\$360	\$279	\$181	\$95
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Ambulatory Care is considered a "9 to 5" soft clinic - few heavy labs, diagnostic areas, or beds. Functions consist of those found in exam rooms, minor surgery, small radiology suites, clinics, etc.

Clinical Improvements include intensive clinical space - diagnostics, labs, surgical suites. These represent the most expensive departments.

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		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	2,705.2	\$381	\$305	\$198	\$104	\$221	\$151	\$98	\$52	\$305	\$234	\$152	\$80
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$380	\$304	\$198	\$104	\$220	\$151	\$98	\$52	\$304	\$234	\$152	\$80
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$380	\$304	\$198	\$104	\$220	\$151	\$98	\$52	\$304	\$234	\$152	\$80
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$456	\$365	\$237	\$124	\$264	\$181	\$118	\$62	\$365	\$281	\$182	\$96
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$370	\$296	\$192	\$101	\$214	\$147	\$96	\$50	\$296	\$228	\$148	\$78
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$347	\$278	\$180	\$95	\$201	\$138	\$90	\$47	\$277	\$214	\$139	\$73
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$456	\$365	\$237	\$124	\$264	\$181	\$118	\$62	\$365	\$281	\$182	\$96
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$380	\$304	\$198	\$104	\$220	\$151	\$98	\$52	\$304	\$234	\$152	\$80
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$456	\$365	\$237	\$124	\$264	\$181	\$118	\$62	\$365	\$281	\$182	\$96
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$381	\$305	\$198	\$104	\$221	\$152	\$99	\$52	\$305	\$235	\$153	\$80
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	2,705.2	\$378	\$302	\$196	\$103	\$313	\$244	\$158	\$83	\$360	\$284	\$185	\$97
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$378	\$302	\$196	\$103	\$312	\$243	\$158	\$83	\$360	\$284	\$184	\$97
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$378	\$302	\$196	\$103	\$312	\$243	\$158	\$83	\$360	\$284	\$184	\$97
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$453	\$362	\$235	\$123	\$374	\$292	\$190	\$100	\$431	\$340	\$221	\$116
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$368	\$294	\$191	\$100	\$304	\$237	\$154	\$81	\$350	\$276	\$179	\$94
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$345	\$275	\$179	\$94	\$285	\$222	\$144	\$76	\$328	\$259	\$168	\$88
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$453	\$362	\$235	\$123	\$374	\$292	\$190	\$100	\$431	\$340	\$221	\$116
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$378	\$302	\$196	\$103	\$312	\$243	\$158	\$83	\$360	\$284	\$184	\$97
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$453	\$362	\$235	\$123	\$374	\$292	\$190	\$100	\$431	\$340	\$221	\$116
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$379	\$302	\$197	\$103	\$313	\$244	\$159	\$83	\$361	\$284	\$185	\$97
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation	New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation
Altoona, PA	2,705.2	\$329	\$267	\$174	\$91	\$302	\$240	\$156	\$82	\$327	\$250	\$162	\$85
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$329	\$267	\$173	\$91	\$301	\$240	\$156	\$82	\$327	\$249	\$162	\$85
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$329	\$267	\$173	\$91	\$301	\$240	\$156	\$82	\$327	\$249	\$162	\$85
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$394	\$320	\$208	\$109	\$361	\$287	\$187	\$98	\$392	\$299	\$194	\$102
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$320	\$260	\$169	\$89	\$293	\$233	\$152	\$80	\$318	\$243	\$158	\$83
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$300	\$244	\$158	\$83	\$275	\$219	\$142	\$75	\$298	\$227	\$148	\$78
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$394	\$320	\$208	\$109	\$361	\$287	\$187	\$98	\$392	\$299	\$194	\$102
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$329	\$267	\$173	\$91	\$301	\$240	\$156	\$82	\$327	\$249	\$162	\$85
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$394	\$320	\$208	\$109	\$361	\$287	\$187	\$98	\$392	\$299	\$194	\$102
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$330	\$268	\$174	\$91	\$302	\$240	\$156	\$82	\$328	\$250	\$163	\$85
		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Research - Heavy; Wetlabs & 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	2,705.2	\$571	\$486	\$316	\$166	\$507	\$415	\$270	\$142	\$412	\$350	\$227	\$119
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$570	\$485	\$315	\$165	\$506	\$414	\$269	\$141	\$412	\$349	\$227	\$119
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$570	\$485	\$315	\$165	\$506	\$414	\$269	\$141	\$412	\$349	\$227	\$119
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$684	\$581	\$378	\$198	\$607	\$497	\$323	\$170	\$494	\$419	\$272	\$143
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$555	\$472	\$307	\$161	\$492	\$403	\$262	\$138	\$401	\$340	\$221	\$116
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$520	\$442	\$288	\$151	\$462	\$378	\$246	\$129	\$376	\$319	\$207	\$109
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$684	\$581	\$378	\$198	\$607	\$497	\$323	\$170	\$494	\$419	\$272	\$143
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$570	\$485	\$315	\$165	\$506	\$414	\$269	\$141	\$412	\$349	\$227	\$119
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$684	\$581	\$378	\$198	\$607	\$497	\$323	\$170	\$494	\$419	\$272	\$143
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$572	\$486	\$316	\$166	\$507	\$415	\$270	\$142	\$413	\$350	\$228	\$120
		\$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	2,705.2	\$232	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$54	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$3,024	\$0	\$0	\$0
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$232	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$54	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$3,019	\$0	\$0	\$0
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$232	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$54	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$3,019	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$278	\$218	\$141	\$74	\$64	\$29	\$19	\$10	\$3,620	\$0	\$0	\$0
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$226	\$177	\$115	\$60	\$52	\$23	\$15	\$8	\$2,939	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$212	\$166	\$108	\$57	\$49	\$22	\$14	\$7	\$2,754	\$0	\$0	\$0
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$278	\$218	\$141	\$74	\$64	\$29	\$19	\$10	\$3,620	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$232	\$182	\$118	\$62	\$54	\$24	\$16	\$8	\$3,019	\$0	\$0	\$0
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		New	Total Renovation	Medium Renovation	Light Renovation								
Altoona, PA	2,705.2	\$182	\$131	\$85	\$45	\$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	2,705.2	\$9.78	\$11.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.54	\$12.57	\$5.78	\$0.00
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$9.76	\$11.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.51	\$12.55	\$5.77	\$0.00
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$9.76	\$11.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.51	\$12.55	\$5.77	\$0.00
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$11.71	\$13.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.79	\$15.05	\$6.92	\$0.00
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$9.51	\$10.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.94	\$12.22	\$5.62	\$0.00
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$8.91	\$10.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.62	\$11.45	\$5.27	\$0.00
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$11.71	\$13.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.79	\$15.05	\$6.92	\$0.00
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$9.76	\$11.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.51	\$12.55	\$5.77	\$0.00
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$11.71	\$13.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.79	\$15.05	\$6.92	\$0.00
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$9.79	\$11.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21.57	\$12.59	\$5.79	\$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.

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# VISN COSTING GUIDE - BUILDING TYPE

## VISN 4: STAR & STRIPES Veterans Healthcare Network

### CURRENT BUILDING ONLY CONSTRUCTION UNIT COST PER SQUARE FOOT

### USE FOR STRATEGIC 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	2,705.2	\$9.35	\$8.93	\$5.73	\$7.53	\$233.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.04	\$9.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Butler, PA	2,701.1	\$9.34	\$8.91	\$5.72	\$7.52	\$233.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.02	\$9.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	\$9.34	\$8.91	\$5.72	\$7.52	\$233.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.02	\$9.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	\$11.20	\$10.69	\$6.86	\$9.02	\$279.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.62	\$11.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Erie, PA	2,629.3	\$9.09	\$8.67	\$5.57	\$7.32	\$226.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.81	\$9.19	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	\$8.52	\$8.13	\$5.22	\$6.86	\$212.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7.32	\$8.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	\$11.20	\$10.69	\$6.86	\$9.02	\$279.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.62	\$11.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	\$9.34	\$8.91	\$5.72	\$7.52	\$233.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.02	\$9.44	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	\$11.20	\$10.69	\$6.86	\$9.02	\$279.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.62	\$11.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	\$9.36	\$8.94	\$5.74	\$7.54	\$233.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.05	\$9.46	\$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				Escalation Rates				Escalation Rates			
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016				
Altoona, PA	2,705.2	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Butler, PA	2,701.1	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Erie, PA	2,629.3	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%				

**NOTES:**

Escalation rates sheet has been updated on January 7, 2009 per current market/economic conditions.

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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### RELATIVE COST FACTOR COMPARISONS BETWEEN VAMCs

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Location	Boeckh Indexes	Cost Factor	EXPLANATION
Altoona, PA	2,705.2	1.12	Example: Wilkes-Barre, PA is 1.32 higher than Lebanon, PA.
Butler, PA	2,701.1	1.12	To calculate, use Wilkes-Barre, PA's factor of 1.35
Clarksburg, WV	2,701.1	1.12	and divide Lebanon, PA's factor of 1.02 into it.
Coatesville, PA	3,239.0	1.35	That is $1.35/1.02 = 1.32$ .
Erie, PA	2,629.3	1.09	If one dollar (1.00) was spent in Lebanon, PA
Lebanon, PA	2,464.3	1.02	then to get the equivalent building in Wilkes-Barre, PA
Philadelphia, PA	3,239.0	1.35	one dollar and thirty-two cents (\$1.32) would be required.
Pittsburgh, PA	2,701.1	1.12	
Wilkes-Barre, PA	3,239.0	1.35	Example: Altoona, PA is 0.83 of Coatesville, PA.
Wilmington, DE	2,708.6	1.13	This is calculated by dividing Altoona, PA's cost factor of 1.12
		0.00	by Coatesville, PA's cost factor of 1.35 or $1.12/1.35 = 0.83$ .
		0.00	That means that for every dollar (\$1.00) spent in Coatesville, PA
		0.00	it would cost eighty-three cents (\$0.83)
		0.00	for an equivalent building in Altoona, PA.
		0.00	
		0.00	These relative cost factors are based on
		0.00	the Boeckh Indexes for MAY-JUN 2008,
		0.00	and are useful to obtain quick rough ideas of
		0.00	probable costs relative from one city to another.
		0.00	
		0.00	REMINDER: Each project is unique.
		0.00	This document - for strategic planning only

In addition, local economic market conditions can significantly impact costs.

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