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For 2011, the average daily census was 45 and the average daily cost was $238. For 2018, the average daily census was 162 and the average daily cost was $95.

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