

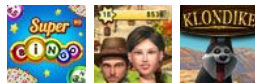
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Here's How Much Real Housewife Teresa Giudice Could Profit From Prison Sentence

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Do not expect any cameras to document Teresa Giudice's time in the relatively plush confines of the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution. **That's illegal, unless a warden gives special permission, and, in the words of celebrity tax attorney Dennis Brager, "I can't imagine in my wildest dreams the Bureau of Prisons will allow that kind of a circus."**

However, you can bet that Giudice stands to make a heck of a lot of cash once she gets out.

For those of you unfamiliar with Giudice's gelato-and-bellini-fueled



reality empire: The star of *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* **has reported** to a minimum-security jail to serve a 15-month term for fraud. Once she gets out — and many expect she'll get sprung early — she's easily looking at seven figures worth of earnings.

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Let's start with paid interviews. The couple **already has sat down** with Bravo's Andy Cohen to discuss their sentencing — a chat that may have earned them five, even six, figures. But even if that

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interview was unpaid, there will likely be a second sit-down once Giudice goes free. And that payday will likely bring in quite a lot.

"That alone is going to be a six-figure deal," predicts Ariel Stepp, whose firm, [Lucey Stepp](#), matches high-end companies with celebrity influencers. "I'm thinking \$100,000 to \$200,000. I would hope a news outlet would not pay more than that."

Then there's the possibility of a spin-off reality series, and a tell-all book deal — you know, recalling her harrowing experience in the same dungeon that once terrorized Martha Stewart. Giudice has sold plenty of cookbooks, so she already has relationships with publishers and knows how to promote a book.

"And that'll be another six-figure deal," Stepp predicts. Stepp has heard whispers of a \$3 million advance, but suspects that the initial payday will likely come closer to "\$500,000 or a million. It depends on whether she owes her current publisher any books under her current contract."

Plus, there are still people who actually want to be in the same room with Giudice. And those folks will pay thousands for the chance. Rita Tateel of the booking agency [The Celebrity Source](#) says she wouldn't be surprised to see Giudice command "somewhere in the low- to mid-five-figures."

"I bet you she is going to be making bundles with personal appearances," Tateel says.

Corporations are the ones who usually pay the biggest fees to wrangle celebs for their employee gatherings. But another talent booker, Bruce Merrin, who has a [self-named firm](#) in Las Vegas, says that in Giudice's case, it'll more likely be "private clubs — country clubs have a lot of money. And they like to meet celebrities."

(If it makes you feel any better, Merrin doesn't think that Giudice will get as much as the mid-five-figures for appearances — more like \$10,000 to \$15,000. And another talent booker, Robert Tuchman of [Goviva](#), says he would likely pay Giudice closer to \$5,000 to \$15,000 for a two-hour event. Bethenny Frankel, in comparison, commands closer to \$50,000.)

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Giudice could even score an endorsement deal or two... if she affiliates with a charity after her release.

"If she were affiliated with the right charity, a company could offer her \$100,000, or less if she takes equity in the company," Stepp suggests.

Whatever Giudice earns, she'll probably get to keep it; she has [already paid back](#) her share of the more than \$400,000 that she and her husband, Joe, owe in restitution. As for where that money came from, a family attorney has said most of it came from — where else? — an advance on a contract.



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