

# 2021 COST OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

A REPORT BY THE UTAH TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION





# 2021 Cost of County Government Based on 2020 Revenue Figures

This report is based on 2019/20 data and shows the relationship between city government revenue and citizen income in Utah's 29 counties.

This data provides a snapshot on average of how much of each thousand dollars earned by a citizen is consumed by the county government.

In interpreting the cost of government in these various counties, readers should keep in mind that each county provides a different mix of services.

To see where your county ranks, head to the table on the last page.

## Sources:

**Population Data:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Redistricting Figures

**Per Capita Income:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 5-year estimates

**Government Revenue:** Utah State Auditor, 2020 audited county financial reports

# County Government Revenue Per Capita

County Government Revenue from Taxes and Fees Per Capita	
Best 5	
Washington	\$347.99
Cache	\$409.12
Sanpete	\$460.08
Iron	\$469.12
Utah	\$472.54
Worst 5	
Daggett	\$2,610.59
Kane	\$2,111.87
Garfield	\$2,105.87
Grand	\$1,886.76
Summit	\$1,869.36
State Average: \$1,025.79	

This metric, revenue from taxes and fees per capita, shows how much revenue the county collects in taxes and fees per resident.

This figure is especially useful in comparing different counties and indicates the level of fiscal restraint exercised by elected officials.

On average, Utah counties collected **\$1,025.79**, an increase of \$46 from 2018 in per capita in taxes and fees.

# Revenue per \$1,000 of Citizen Income

County Government Revenue from Taxes and Fees per \$1,000 of Citizen Income	
Best 5	
Washington	\$12.00
Davis	\$15.57
Cache	\$17.25
Utah	\$18.03
Morgan	\$19.27
Worst 5	
Daggett	\$88.27
Garfield	\$83.41
Kane	\$81.01
Beaver	\$79.91
Grand	\$68.78
State Average: \$39.11	

This second metric, revenue from taxes and fees per \$1,000 of citizen income, shows the individualized burden on taxpayers by controlling for income.

This figure indicates how much a taxpayer's consumption ability is impacted by the county government and illustrates the personal impact of government spending on individuals.

This can be used to compare government spending in counties with similar resident income.

On average, Utah cities collected **\$39.11** per \$1,000 in citizen income.

	County	Population	Rank	County Government Revenue from Taxes and Fees	Rank	County Per Capita Income	Rank	County Gov. Revenue from Taxes & Fees Per Capita	Rank	County Gov. Revenue from Taxes and Fees Per \$1000 of Citizen Income	Rank
1	Daggett	935	29	\$ 2,440,902	27	\$ 29,574	6	\$ 2,610.59	1	\$ 88.27	1
2	Kane	7,667	23	\$ 16,191,693	16	\$ 26,070	11	\$ 2,111.87	2	\$ 81.01	3
3	Garfield	5,083	25	\$ 10,704,115	22	\$ 25,247	14	\$ 2,105.87	3	\$ 83.41	2
4	Grand	9,669	22	\$ 18,243,120	14	\$ 27,431	9	\$ 1,886.76	4	\$ 68.78	5
5	Summit	42,357	10	\$ 79,180,336	5	\$ 56,575	1	\$ 1,869.36	5	\$ 33.04	14
6	Beaver	7,072	24	\$ 13,213,225	20	\$ 23,382	23	\$ 1,868.39	6	\$ 79.91	4
7	Emery	9,825	21	\$ 15,967,824	17	\$ 23,705	20	\$ 1,625.22	7	\$ 68.56	6
8	Duchesne	19,596	16	\$ 26,148,308	13	\$ 24,573	17	\$ 1,334.37	8	\$ 54.30	7
9	Rich	2,510	26	\$ 3,188,141	26	\$ 23,464	22	\$ 1,270.18	9	\$ 54.13	8
10	Millard	12,975	18	\$ 14,296,653	19	\$ 25,225	15	\$ 1,101.86	10	\$ 43.68	9
11	Wasatch	34,788	12	\$ 32,943,625	9	\$ 35,641	2	\$ 946.98	11	\$ 26.57	17
12	Wayne	2,486	27	\$ 2,159,521	28	\$ 22,038	26	\$ 868.67	12	\$ 39.42	11
13	Uintah	35,620	11	\$ 30,356,868	10	\$ 25,759	13	\$ 852.24	13	\$ 33.09	13
14	Piute	1,438	28	\$ 1,148,076	29	\$ 19,012	28	\$ 798.38	14	\$ 41.99	10
15	Salt Lake	1,185,238	1	\$ 919,241,666	1	\$ 33,238	3	\$ 775.58	15	\$ 23.33	20
16	Sevier	21,522	14	\$ 16,299,368	15	\$ 23,514	21	\$ 757.34	16	\$ 32.21	15
17	Carbon	20,412	15	\$ 15,293,337	18	\$ 23,862	18	\$ 749.23	17	\$ 31.40	16
18	San Juan	14,518	17	\$ 9,458,647	23	\$ 18,987	29	\$ 651.51	18	\$ 34.31	12
19	Weber	262,223	4	\$ 170,740,717	4	\$ 27,828	8	\$ 651.13	19	\$ 23.40	19
20	Morgan	12,295	19	\$ 7,517,103	24	\$ 31,732	4	\$ 611.40	20	\$ 19.27	25
21	Juab	11,786	20	\$ 6,752,557	25	\$ 22,830	25	\$ 572.93	21	\$ 25.10	18
22	Tooele	72,698	7	\$ 40,876,595	8	\$ 25,949	12	\$ 562.28	22	\$ 21.67	22
23	Box Elder	57,666	8	\$ 30,047,836	11	\$ 24,797	16	\$ 521.07	23	\$ 21.01	23
24	Davis	362,679	3	\$ 176,222,234	3	\$ 31,205	5	\$ 485.89	24	\$ 15.57	28
25	Utah	659,399	2	\$ 311,590,260	2	\$ 26,215	10	\$ 472.54	25	\$ 18.03	26
26	Iron	57,289	9	\$ 26,875,349	12	\$ 22,909	24	\$ 469.12	26	\$ 20.48	24
27	Sanpete	28,437	13	\$ 13,083,428	21	\$ 20,056	27	\$ 460.08	27	\$ 22.94	21
28	Cache	133,154	6	\$ 54,475,673	7	\$ 23,713	19	\$ 409.12	28	\$ 17.25	27
29	Washington	180,279	5	\$ 62,735,486	6	\$ 29,010	7	\$ 347.99	29	\$ 12.00	29
Median		20,412		\$ 16,299,368		\$ 25,225		\$ 775.58		\$ 32.21	
Average		112,814		\$ 73,358,368		\$ 26,674		\$ 1,025.79		\$ 39.11	

\*Note: At the time of publication, Rich and Summit counties did not have audited reports available. Therefore, the prior year's county revenue was used.



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