

2022 COST OF CITY GOVERNMENT

A REPORT BY THE UTAH TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION



2022 Cost of City Government Fiscal Year 2021

This report is based on FY 2021 data and shows the relationship between city government revenue and citizen income in Utah's 50 largest cities.

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

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

In addition, some cities receive public safety services through a special district that directly levies a property tax. Tax collection from these public safety districts are included in our calculations.

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

Sources:

Population Data:

US Census Bureau, 1-Year Estimates from data.census.gov

Per Capita Income Data:

US Census Bureau, 5-Year Estimates from data.census.gov

Government Revenue Data:

Utah State Auditor's Office, audited city financial reports

City Government Revenue Per Capita

City Government Revenue from Taxes and Fees Per Capita	
<u>Best 5</u>	
Clinton	\$433.12
Taylorsville	\$459.30
Bountiful	\$461.24
Roy	\$496.61
Centerville	\$497.45
<u>Worst 5</u>	
Salt Lake City	\$1,756.44
American Fork	\$1,296.94
South Salt Lake	\$1,280.28
Washington	\$1,110.30
St. George	\$1,086.81

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

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

Salt Lake City's revenue per capita increased \$112 from the prior year. American Fork increased by \$220, and South Salt Lake increased by \$28 over FY 2019.

On average, Utah cities collected **\$741.96** per capita in taxes and fees.

Revenue per \$1,000 of Citizen Income

City Government Revenue from Taxes and Fees per \$1,000 of Citizen Income	
<u>Best 5</u>	
Holladay	\$10.04
Centerville	\$12.35
Bountiful	\$12.87
Cottonwood Heights	\$13.49
Millcreek	\$14.41
<u>Worst 5</u>	
South Salt Lake	\$50.77
American Fork	\$45.23
Salt Lake City	\$44.89
Logan	\$38.00
Hurricane	\$37.31

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 city government and illustrates the personal impact of government spending on individuals.

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

On average, Utah cities collected **\$24.94** per \$1,000 in citizen income.

City	Population	Rank	City Government Revenue from Taxes and Fees	Rank	City Per Capita Income	Rank	Revenue from Taxes and Fees Per Capita	Rank	Revenue from Taxes, Fees Per \$1000 of Citizen Income	Rank
Salt Lake City	200,478	1	\$352,127,236	1	\$39,126	9	\$1,756.44	1	\$44.89	3
American Fork	34,422	29	\$44,643,267	13	\$28,676	30	\$1,296.94	2	\$45.23	2
South Salt Lake	26,166	36	\$33,499,723	20	\$25,216	39	\$1,280.28	3	\$50.77	1
Washington	31,035	35	\$34,458,189	19	\$35,137	12	\$1,110.30	4	\$31.60	9
St. George	99,958	5	\$108,635,395	2	\$29,671	26	\$1,086.81	5	\$36.63	6
Bluffdale	18,835	46	\$20,259,336	34	\$34,766	15	\$1,075.62	6	\$30.94	12
Murray	49,729	18	\$49,713,194	11	\$35,046	13	\$999.68	7	\$28.52	17
South Jordan	80,139	10	\$79,222,870	5	\$39,681	8	\$988.57	8	\$24.91	24
Hurricane	21,808	41	\$21,093,128	31	\$25,926	37	\$967.22	9	\$37.31	5
Heber	17,290	48	\$14,906,650	41	\$30,100	23	\$862.15	10	\$28.64	16
Sandy	95,050	7	\$79,545,999	4	\$40,649	6	\$836.89	11	\$20.59	31
Lehi	79,978	11	\$66,183,349	8	\$30,488	22	\$827.52	12	\$27.14	20
Draper	51,749	16	\$41,176,021	15	\$46,360	3	\$795.69	13	\$17.16	40
Herriman	58,198	14	\$45,911,114	12	\$32,262	20	\$788.88	14	\$24.45	25
Tooele	37,104	26	\$28,626,104	23	\$24,884	40	\$771.51	15	\$31.00	11
North Salt Lake	22,300	39	\$17,123,508	37	\$35,165	11	\$767.87	16	\$21.84	29
Eagle Mountain	49,738	17	\$36,895,231	18	\$21,383	49	\$741.79	17	\$34.69	7
Brigham City	19,998	43	\$14,829,435	42	\$24,590	41	\$741.55	18	\$30.16	14
West Valley City	139,110	2	\$102,497,698	3	\$23,578	44	\$736.81	19	\$31.25	10
Logan	54,436	15	\$40,028,497	16	\$19,353	50	\$735.33	20	\$38.00	4
Ogden	86,798	8	\$63,671,873	9	\$26,858	34	\$733.56	21	\$27.31	19
Cedar City	37,206	25	\$27,279,065	24	\$21,540	48	\$733.19	22	\$34.04	8
Saratoga Springs	44,164	21	\$32,353,868	21	\$27,297	33	\$732.58	23	\$26.84	21
Midvale	35,938	28	\$25,405,211	27	\$29,262	28	\$706.92	24	\$24.16	26
Highland	19,611	45	\$13,480,838	43	\$45,550	4	\$687.41	25	\$15.09	44
Springville	36,135	27	\$24,735,717	28	\$23,868	43	\$684.54	26	\$28.68	15
Clearfield	32,238	33	\$21,837,945	29	\$24,517	42	\$677.40	27	\$27.63	18
South Ogden	17,541	47	\$11,782,610	46	\$32,759	18	\$671.72	28	\$20.50	32
Provo	114,084	4	\$75,468,930	6	\$21,607	47	\$661.52	29	\$30.62	13
Riverton	45,148	20	\$29,632,151	22	\$33,179	17	\$656.33	30	\$19.78	35
West Jordan	116,541	3	\$73,821,505	7	\$29,679	25	\$633.44	31	\$21.34	30
Cottonwood Heights	32,864	32	\$20,675,384	33	\$46,632	2	\$629.12	32	\$13.49	47
Millcreek	64,110	12	\$39,883,101	17	\$43,165	5	\$622.10	33	\$14.41	46
Orem	97,861	6	\$60,743,179	10	\$27,460	32	\$620.71	34	\$22.60	28
Farmington	24,775	37	\$15,076,839	40	\$34,781	14	\$608.55	35	\$17.50	39
Santaquin	36,747	39	\$8,606,275	49	\$22,151	46	\$587.66	36	\$26.53	22
North Ogden	21,528	42	\$12,642,449	44	\$29,579	27	\$587.26	37	\$19.85	34
Spanish Fork	43,870	22	\$25,506,549	26	\$25,279	38	\$581.41	38	\$23.00	27
West Haven	19,880	44	\$11,457,109	47	\$31,976	21	\$576.31	39	\$18.02	38
Payson	22,142	40	\$12,441,639	45	\$22,424	45	\$561.90	40	\$25.06	23
Pleasant Grove	37,949	24	\$21,128,828	30	\$30,070	24	\$556.77	41	\$18.52	37
Layton	83,291	9	\$44,485,691	14	\$26,858	34	\$534.10	42	\$19.89	33
Kaysville	32,976	31	\$17,434,810	36	\$34,514	16	\$528.71	43	\$15.32	43
Holladay	31,390	34	\$15,867,686	39	\$50,328	1	\$505.50	44	\$10.04	50
Syracuse	33,331	30	\$16,793,284	38	\$32,331	19	\$503.83	45	\$15.58	42
Centerville	16,785	40	\$8,349,757	50	\$40,284	7	\$497.45	46	\$12.35	49
Roy	39,358	23	\$19,545,694	35	\$26,668	36	\$496.61	47	\$18.62	36
Bountiful	45,438	19	\$20,957,802	32	\$35,839	10	\$461.24	48	\$12.87	48
Taylorsville	59,242	13	\$27,209,865	25	\$27,658	31	\$459.30	49	\$16.61	41
Clinton	23,597	38	\$10,220,283	12	\$28,918	29	\$433.12	50	\$14.98	45
Median	37,155		\$26,358,207		\$29,675		\$685.97		\$24.31	
Average	50,801		\$40,797,438		\$31,102		\$741.96		\$24.94	

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