

# 2024 Cost of County Government Report



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This report is based on 2022/23 data and shows the relationship between county government revenue and citizen income in Utah's 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.

While these calculations are based on the county's resident population, some taxes and fees, such as sales tax and traffic fines, are also paid by non-residents. Counties which see a large number of tourists or out-of-county visitors may therefore be slightly disadvantaged by the methodology.

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

Note that Rich and Summit Counties have not yet published their Annual Reports and so are not included in this report.

## Sources

*Population Data:*

*US Census Bureau, 1-Year Estimates from [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov)*

*Per Capita Income Data:*

*US Census Bureau, 5-Year Estimates from [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov)*

*Government Revenue Data:*

*Utah State Auditor's Office, audited county financial reports*

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# County Government Revenue Per Capita



## Best 5

Cache	\$451.28
Iron	\$500.26
Utah	\$524.85
Washington	\$526.03
Sanpete	\$530.68

## Worst 5

Daggett	\$2,923.01
Garfield	\$2,658.00
Kane	\$2,531.07
Grand	\$2,217.16
Beaver	\$2,153.00

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 \$1,189.44 in per capita in taxes and fees.

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# Revenue per \$1,000 of Citizen Income



## Best 5

Davis	\$4.93
Utah	\$5.20
Cache	\$5.39
Washington	\$6.66
Tooele	\$6.80

## Worst 5

Daggett	\$47.72
Garfield	\$47.06
Grand	\$37.47
Kane	\$35.99
Beaver	\$31.02

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.

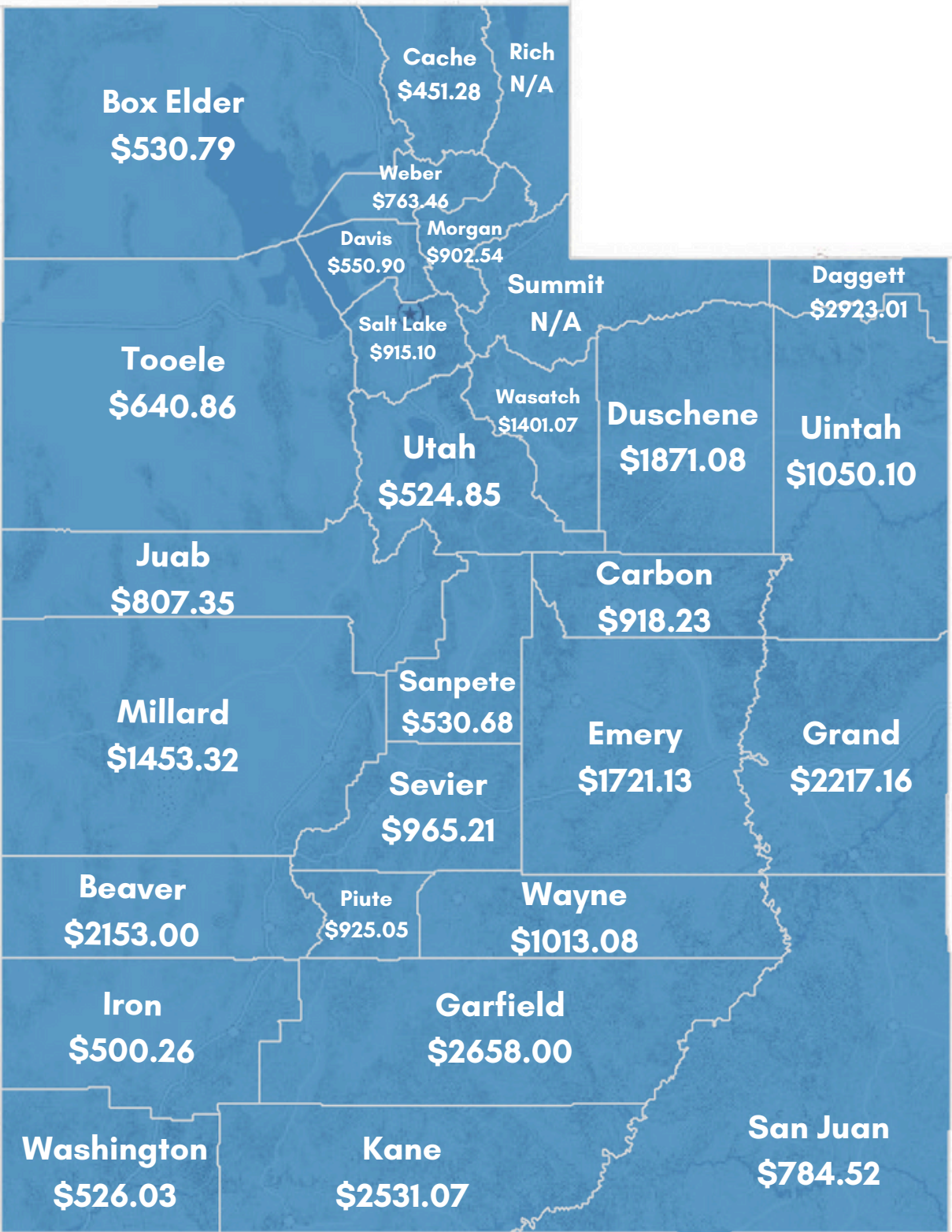
This can be used to compare government spending in counties with similar resident income.

On average, Utah counties collected \$17.67 per \$1,000 in citizen income.

# County Summary

County	Population	Average Income	Government Revenues	Per \$1000	Rank	Per Capita	Per Capita Rank
Davis County	373,207	\$ 111,778	\$ 205,598,222	\$ 4.93	1	\$ 550.90	7
Utah County	719,174	100,895	377,458,729	5.20	2	524.85	4
Cache County	142,393	83,695	64,258,602	5.39	3	451.28	2
Washington County	202,452	77,480	104,470,655	6.66	4	526.03	1
Tooele County	82,051	94,201	52,583,525	6.80	5	640.86	8
Box Elder County	62,684	72,769	33,272,091	7.29	6	530.79	6
Morgan County	13,000	120,854	11,733,084	7.47	7	902.54	12
Iron County	64,211	63,005	32,122,117	7.94	8	500.26	3
Sanpete County	30,277	64,356	16,067,389	8.25	9	530.68	5
Weber County	271,926	87,565	207,604,981	8.72	10	763.46	9
Juab County	13,023	88,048	10,514,117	9.17	11	807.35	11
Salt Lake County	1,185,813	94,439	1,085,135,802	9.69	12	915.10	13
Wasatch County	37,144	104,855	52,041,509	13.36	13	1,401.07	19
Sevier County	22,344	66,972	21,566,618	14.41	14	965.21	16
San Juan County	14,358	52,108	11,264,147	15.06	15	784.52	10
Uintah County	37,747	67,983	39,638,306	15.45	16	1,050.10	18
Wayne County	2,614	64,870	2,648,189	15.62	17	1,013.08	17
Carbon County	20,609	53,734	18,923,701	17.09	18	918.23	14
Millard County	13,437	69,403	19,528,247	20.94	19	1,453.32	20
Emery County	10,144	67,056	17,459,156	25.67	20	1,721.13	21
Duchesne County	20,477	70,821	38,314,035	26.42	21	1,871.08	22
Piute County	1,550	33,359	1,433,831	27.73	22	925.05	15
Beaver County	7,233	69,403	15,572,617	31.02	23	2,153.00	23
Kane County	8,425	70,327	21,324,299	35.99	24	2,531.07	25
Grand County	9,706	59,171	21,519,739	37.47	25	2,217.16	24
Garfield County	5,314	56,481	14,124,627	47.06	26	2,658.00	26
Daggett County	992	61,250	2,899,622	47.72	27	2,923.01	27

# Cost Per Capita Map



# Cost Per \$1,000 of Income Map

