

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The Grand Junction City Council and I are proud to present the 2023 Calendar and Annual Report. The love our community shares for the natural beauty that surrounds us is reflected in the amazing photographs selected by the Arts and Culture Commission for this year's calendar. The calendar also includes important holidays, City meetings, and special events. We hope this information makes it easier for you to engage in your local government's work on behalf of our city. As the City's Annual Report, you will also find financial information and a directory for accessing City services. We hope you enjoy this year's collection of breathtaking photographs.



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The City of Grand Junction's 2022 Adopted Budget, totaling \$237 million, reflects the City Council's key priorities in the areas of Housing, Mobility and Infrastructure, Public Safety, Quality of Life, and Economic Development. The City has begun embarking on several steps to address housing and homelessness issues in the community, including the development of a Housing Needs Assessment, and a Housing Strategy adopted by the City Council. Increasing environmental pressures such as drought and fire potential in our region have also highlighted the importance of creating a citywide Sustainability Plan. The City continues to identify opportunities for improved transit, trail, and mobility options, including the creation of a Pedestrian and Bike Plan and support for the development of a downtown mobility hub utilizing grant funding secured by the Colorado Department of Transportation. Additionally, there is an added focus on increased community engagement through our public engagement platform, GJSpeaks.org, and improved access to translation and interpretation services. Funding is also planned to improve fire and police service through expanded parks patrol, improvements to the Co-Responder program and continued capital and equipment investments to support fire and EMS services.

Grand Junction was recently highlighted by Red Bull in a five-page feature article in their September 2022 newsletter noting GJ as a hidden gem. Additionally, the City is proud to have been named one of Kiplinger's Best Places to Retire in 2022, which was based upon having access to high-quality health care, abundant activities, and a lively downtown.

As a resident and passionate ambassador of our community, I am proud of how the awe-inspiring natural beauty of our valley makes Grand Junction an amazing place for anyone to live as well as visit. The photography in this year's calendar serves to remind me just how grateful I am to live in such a stunning area.

On behalf of your City Council, I wish you joy and fulfillment in 2023, and hope you join me in celebrating the New Year with appreciation for this beautiful place we are so fortunate to call home.

Mayor Anna Stout

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Stout', with a stylized flourish at the end.



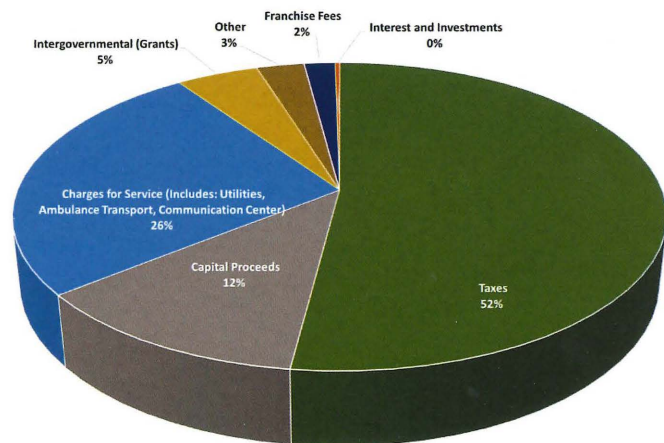
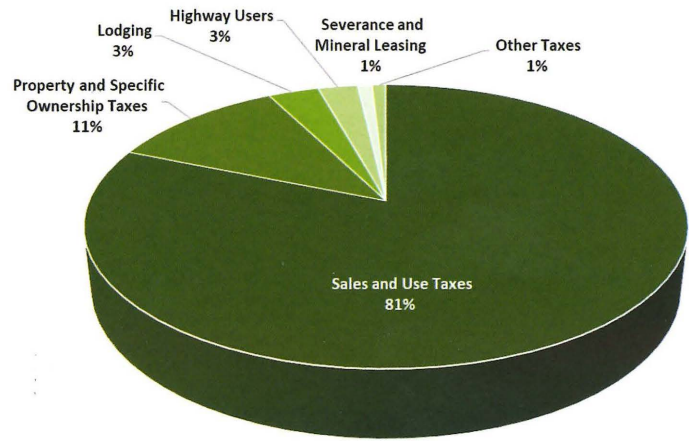
City Council (listed left to right):

Councilmember Rick Taggart, District A;
Councilmember Chuck McDaniel, District At-Large;
Councilmember Abe Herman, Council President Pro Tem;
Councilmember Anna Stout, Council President;
Councilmember Randall Reitz, District At-Large;
Councilmember Dennis Simpson, District D;
Councilmember Phillip Pe'a, District B

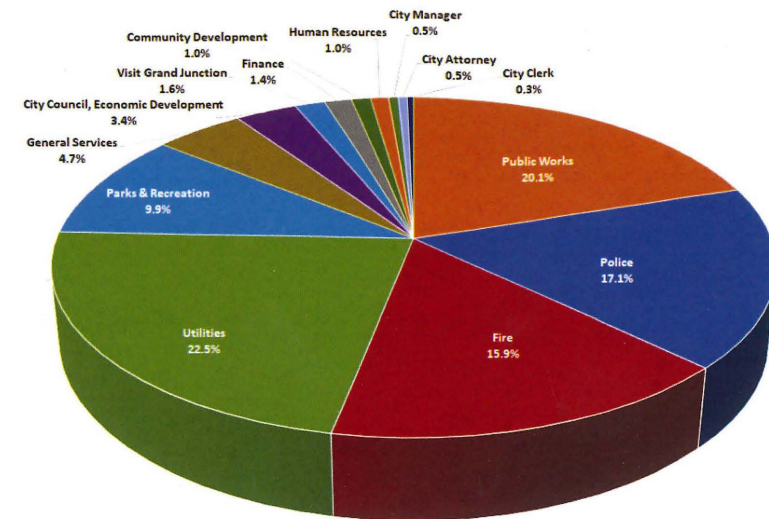
Financial Information

The following charts, unless otherwise stated, are based on the 2022 City of Grand Junction budget as adopted by City Council. For more information on the budget, please visit gjcity.org.

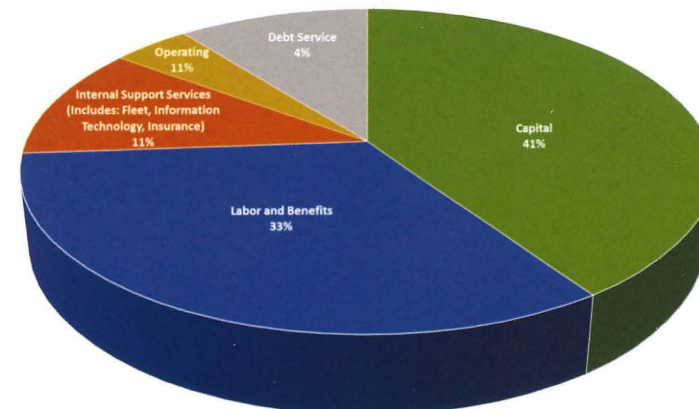
City Revenue Sources



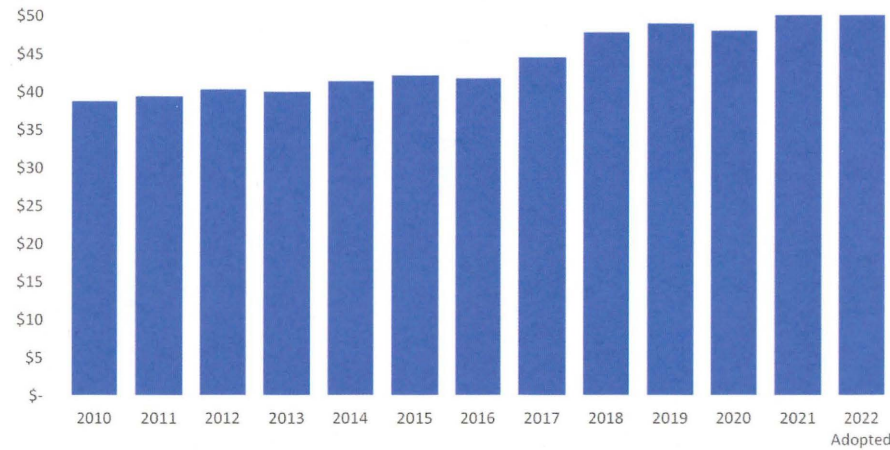
How the Revenues are Spent by Department



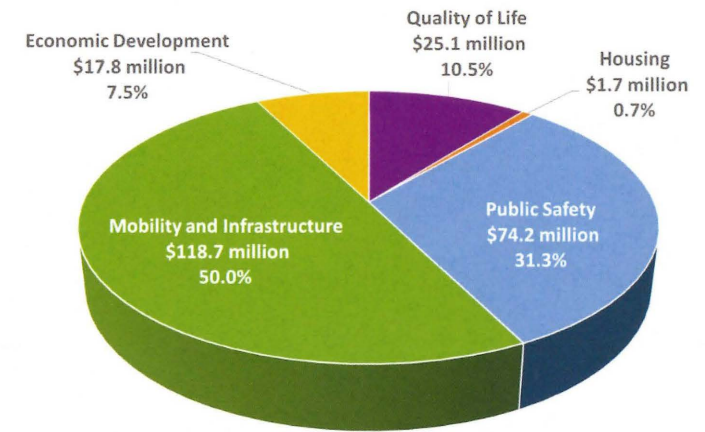
How the Revenues are Spent by Category



Historical Sales Tax Collections (in millions)



Budget by Strategic Priority



Sales Tax Revenue by Industry

NOTE: Gasoline, groceries, and prescription medicines are exempt from sales tax.

(1) Miscellaneous Retail - furniture, electronics & appliances, sporting goods, clothing & accessories, and other specialty retail stores.

(2) General Merchandise - department stores, warehouse clubs, and superstores.

