

CITIZENS BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
SARATOGA SPRINGS, UTAH



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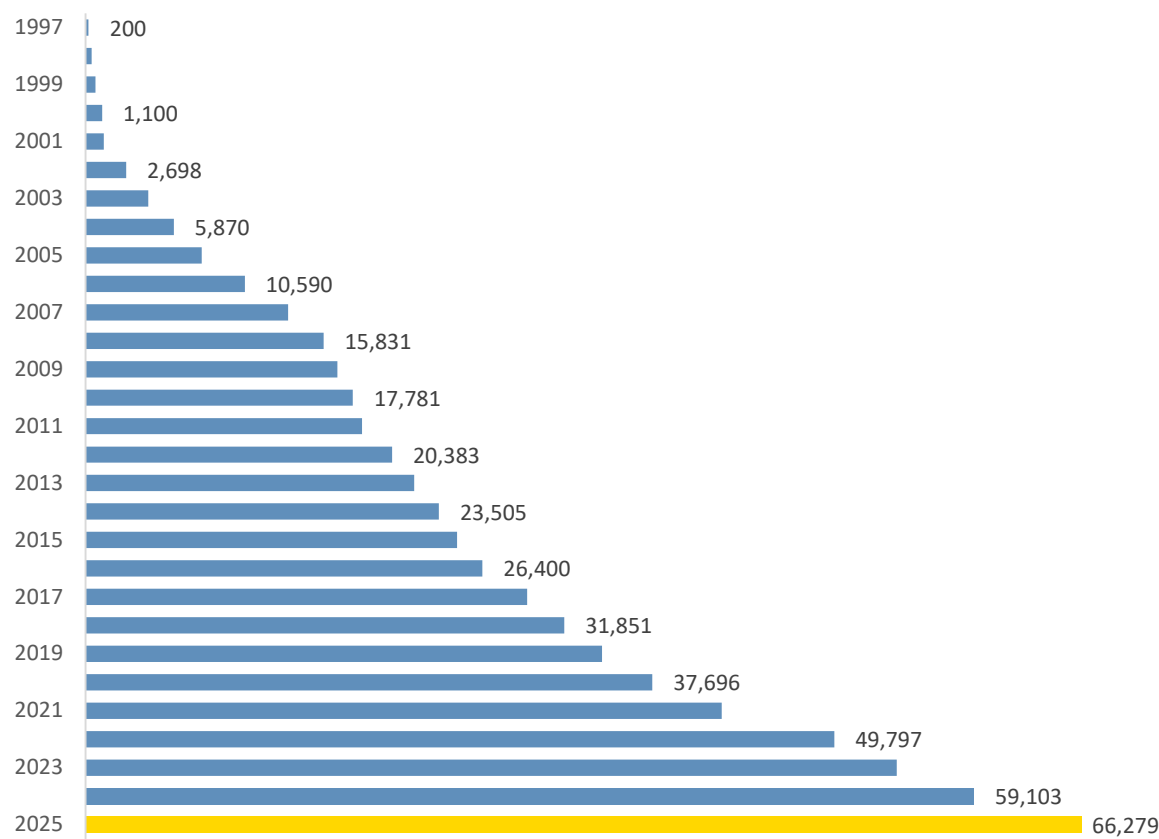
SARATOGA SPRINGS AT A GLANCE

Saratoga Springs was incorporated in 1997 with an estimated population of approximately 200 residents. Since that time, Saratoga Springs has rapidly grown to a population of 66,279 residents (current estimate). Saratoga Springs has been defined by this rapid, and continuous growth as one of the fastest growing cities in Utah for the last two decades.

The City of Saratoga Springs continues to be in a strong financial position, due to a combination of conservative budgeting along with a growing revenue base. Due to the Mayor and Council’s commitment to conservative budgeting, the City has been able to maintain one of the lowest property tax rates in Utah County while still addressing the growing needs of the community.

The goal of the Citizens Budget is to highlight some of the key points of the 2025-2026 budget including; the General Fund, Major Capital Projects, other major budgetary changes, and a quick summary on how property taxes work in Utah.

POPULATION GROWTH



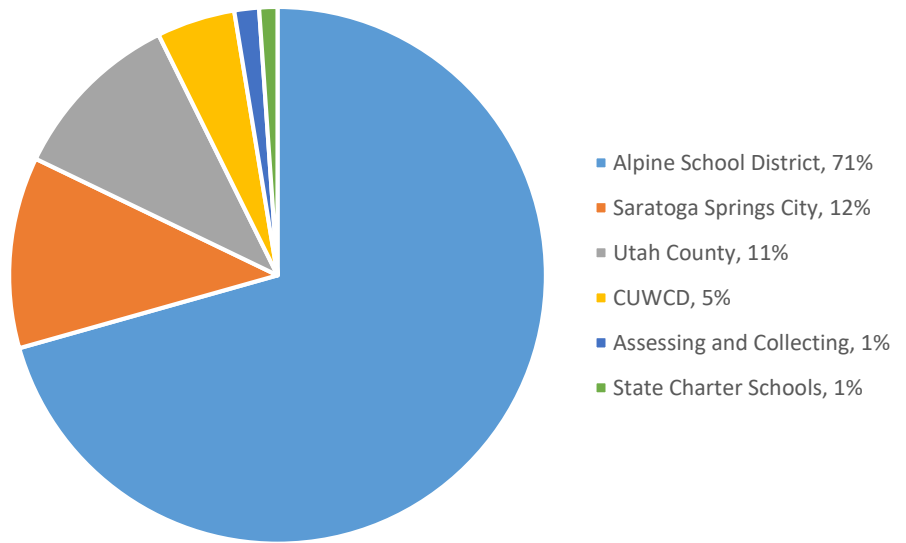
PROPERTY TAXES EXPLAINED

Property taxes help fund services provided in the community by multiple agencies, including; Alpine School District, Charter Schools, Utah County, the City of Saratoga Springs, and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD).

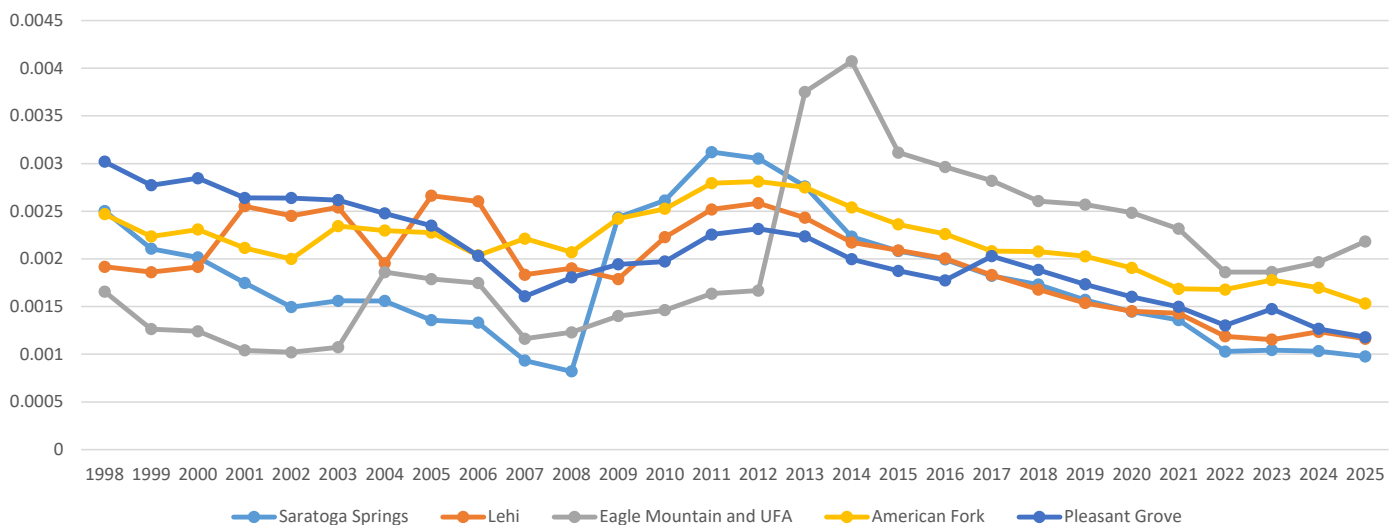
The Utah County Assets sets the value of properties, residential properties are given a 45% exemption on the value of the property (2nd homes are taxable at the full value of the property). The median home value in Saratoga Springs is approximately \$588,000. Properties receiving a 45% exemption of that value are assessed at \$323,400.

For a home of that value, a total of \$2,728 is paid in property taxes. \$1,934, or 71% of that property tax is paid to Alpine School District. \$288 or 11% is paid to Utah County. Saratoga Springs receives \$316 or 12% which is used to fund public safety, parks, roads, and other essential services.

Property Tax Distribution



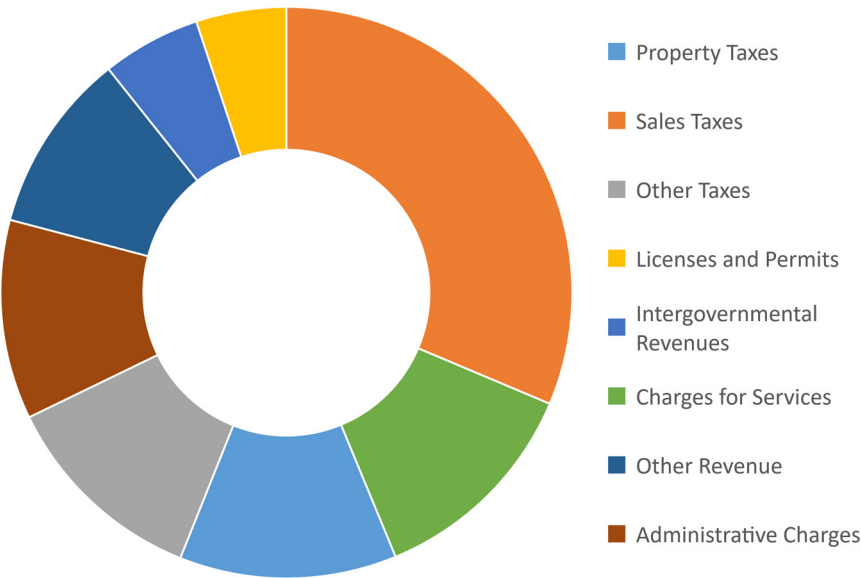
Comparative Property Tax Rates



The City currently has a Property Tax rate of 0.000976, this is down from last years rate of 0.001033, and is one of the lower rates in Utah County (Lehi has a proposed rate of 0.001136, Eagle Mountain and UFA has a rate of 0.002184, American Fork has a rate of 0.001532, and Pleasant Grove has a rate of 0.001179).

REVENUES

GENERAL FUND REVENUE



EXAMPLES OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES

SALES TAXES

Taxes set on retail sales within the City and population

31%

PROPERTY TAXES

See description on prior page

12%

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Development related fees, recreation fees, and other misc. fees

12%

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES

Charges to other City funds for services provided by the General Fund

11%

OTHER TAXES

Energy Tax, Fee in lieu of taxes, and Franchise tax

10%

OTHER REVENUE

Bluffdale Police Services Contract, Fines, and Interest earnings

10%

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Grants, Road Funds, and State Liquor Enforcement

6%

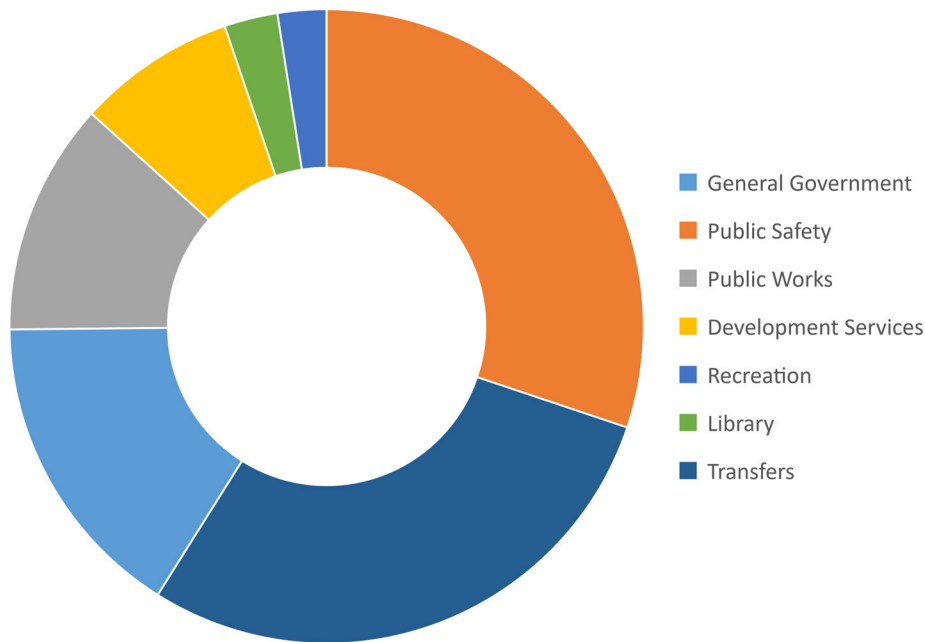
LICENSES AND PERMITS

Business Licenses, Liquor Licenses and Building Permits

5%

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



EXAMPLES OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

<div>PUBLIC SAFETY</div> <div>Police, Bluffdale Police Service Contract, Fire, and Justice Court</div> <div>30%</div>	<div>TRANSFERS</div> <div>Transfers to other City Funds including; Capital Project funds, Debt Service, Local Building Authority, and Utility funds, etc.</div> <div>29%</div>	<div>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</div> <div>General Administration, Attorney, HR, Facilities Maintenance, IT, Treasurer, Recorder and Utility Billing</div> <div>16%</div>
<div>PUBLIC WORKS</div> <div>Parks, Public Improvements, and Streets(Storm Drain, Water, Sewer, Fleet, and Street Lighting are not included as they are in their own separate funds)</div> <div>12%</div>	<div>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</div> <div>Building Inspection, Economic Development, Engineering and Planning</div> <div>8%</div> <div>LIBRARY</div> <div>Library Services and Programs</div> <div>3%</div>	<div>RECREATION</div> <div>City Recreation Services such as: Baseball, Basketball, Pickle-ball, Soccer, Softball, Summer Camps, Tennis, Volleyball, and other Recreation Programming</div> <div>2%</div>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

To better serve a growing City, the following are examples of Capital Projects the City is currently working on (other projects can be viewed in the full budget)

CEMETERY	The City is currently working on the final stages of the first phase of the cities new cemetery.
MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRIDOR WIDENING	The City is working on widening Mountain View Corridor from SR-73 south to Pony Express Parkway.
SARATOGA ROAD WIDENING	The City is widening Saratoga Road and Pony Express Parkway to improve traffic flow and connectivity (east of the Jordan River)
400 EAST WIDENING	The City is widening 400 East to improve traffic flows and connectivity
SOUTH ELEMENTARY UNDERPASS	The City constructed an underpass beneath Redwood Road at the south end of the City to improve pedestrian connectivity
NEW CITY HALL AND LIBRARY	The City began construction of a new City Hall and Library in March 2024. The building is expected to be finished in 2025 and will replace and expand our current City Hall and Library.
LINE PONDS 1 & 3 WITH CONCRETE	The City will be upgrading Ponds 1 & 3 with concrete liner. This upgrade will provide more durability, eliminate potential leakage, and make upkeep easier for staff.
RTU REHAB	The City will be updating Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) at various pump-houses.
REC STORAGE	The City will be purchasing CXT units for storage of Recreation and Civic Events equipment and supplies.
NORTH MARINA PHASE 1	The Saratoga Springs North Marina Project Phase 1 includes dredging, a jetty, and a public boat launch. Future phases will add docks, a beach, trails and amenities, supporting the Cities broader lakefront goals.
LAKESHORE TRAIL	The Utah Lake Shoreline Trail will connect the missing segments from the SSD Marina to Sunrise Circle and from Eagle Park to just past Amanda Lane to enhance public access. The project also includes shoreline restoration and invasive species removal.
GRANDVIEW BLVD WATERWISE LANDSCAPING	Reducing outdoor water use by replacing all turf in the center median with rock mulch and an efficient drip irrigation system for the trees.

LOOKING FORWARD

To better serve a growing City, the City of Saratoga Springs has made some operational changes to the General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026*.

2 POLICE OFFICERS	The City is hiring 2 additional Police Officers to increase police coverage, allow for more patrols, enhance traffic enforcement, and provide additional community services.
2 FIRE BATTALION CHIEFS	The City is hiring 2 additional Battalion Chiefs to enhance the supervision, training and coverage of the fire department.
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION	The City is splitting HR staff off from the Administration Department into their own department.
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION	The City is splitting Facilities Maintenance staff off from the Administration Department into their own department.
INCREASE LIBRARY STAFFING	The City will be increasing the staff in the Library Department to better serve the Cities new and larger library.
NEW FLEET DEPARTMENT	The City is creating a new Fleet department that will allow the City to do maintenance work on City vehicles in-house.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR	The City will be hiring a Emergency Management Coordinator to more fully prepare the City for potential emergencies and to better facilitate coordination with the County, State, and Federal Governments.
NEW CEMETERY STAFF	The City will be hiring staff to run and maintain the Cities new cemetery.

*The City has made additional changes throughout the budget beyond those listed above including; various position reclasses, changes to training budgets, payplan market adjustments, increase in office supplies budgets, which are not highlighted in this summary.

The full budget document and additional financial information can be found at this page www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/finance