



# Syracuse City, Utah

## A Report to Our Citizens 2017-2018

### SYRACUSE CITY MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality, affordable services for its citizens, while promoting community pride, fostering economic development, and preparing for the future.



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## Overview and Highlights

Syracuse City is a vibrant city with a population of approximately 30,000 residents. It has grown steadily since 2010 when the population was 24,331 residents. Syracuse is a place where residents enjoy a high quality of life in a safe, family oriented community. Syracuse has a strong sense of community which makes it an attractive place to live.

Syracuse was ranked 15 out of 96 cities in Utah for being one of the safest places to live by Niche.com. The City was also recognized by the National Association of Town Watch for having one of the top National Night Out Against Crime programs in 2017.

Syracuse City has experienced steady economic growth over the past year. Our sales tax revenue was up 9.6%. New construction was strong with 361 new single family homes permits and 4 new commercial permits in 2018. The unemployment rate dropped to 2.9% from 3.1% a year ago. The Consumer confidence index remains high at 113.9. Home prices continue to rise because of higher demand due to population increases and migration from out of state.

## Demographic Information

	2016	2017	2018
Population	27,395	28,407	29,507
Per Capita Income	\$26,687	\$26,703	\$26,867
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.1%	2.9%
Full-Time City Employees	75	80	84
Antelope Island Visits	398,197	431,190	496,023

# How We Have Progressed

*Fiscal year 2018*



## 2018 Highlights

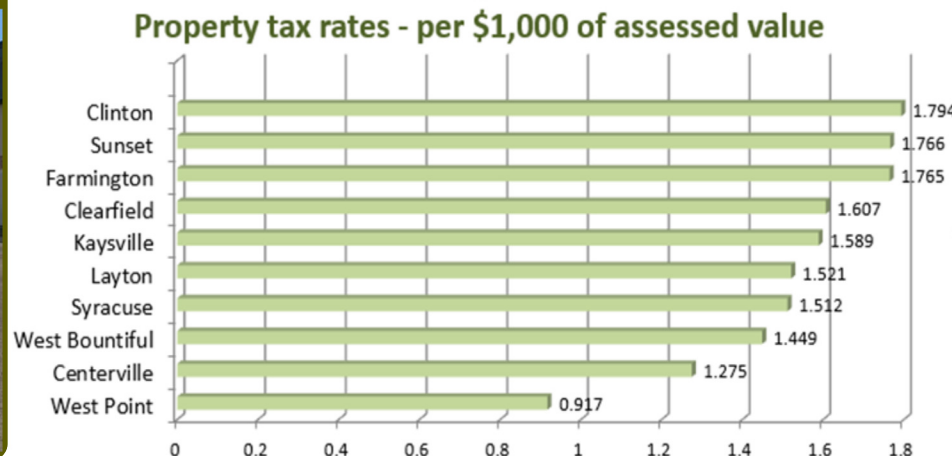
- The City began construction on the Syracuse ISLAND water feature and splash pad at Centennial Park. The grand opening will occur in May 2019. The new park includes new pavilions and a restroom.
- The City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 8th year in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- The City enjoyed planning Special Events throughout the year for our citizens. These events included the Easter egg hunt, Syracuse Days, the Pumpkin Walk, and Santa riding on top of the fire truck.



## Service Level Statistics & Performance

Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018
<b>Police</b>			
Total Incidents reported	17,158	14,905	16,041
Citations written	1,430	1,423	1,428
Total violations on citations	1,963	2,077	2,329
Theft Incidents	270	252	242
Assault incidents	79	86	68
<b>Fire</b>			
Number of calls dispatched	982	1002	987
Average response time	5:42	5:43	5:25
<b>Streets</b>			
Street sweeping miles	1180	1005	1665
Street sweeping hours	438	358	560
<b>Water</b>			
Service connections	7,540	7,853	8,184
Average daily consumption (gallons)	1,661,331	1,730,984	1,768,077
<b>Recreation</b>			
Community Center memberships	924	932	760
Sports program participants	4,709	5,520	5,957
<b>Community Development</b>			
Number of new homes	299	304	361

## Property Taxes - How do we stack up?



The measures reported on this page were included based on information collected by the City. What would you like to see reported on in this page? Please let us know by contacting Stephen Marshall at 801-614-9621 or by email at [smarshall@syracuseut.com](mailto:smarshall@syracuseut.com).

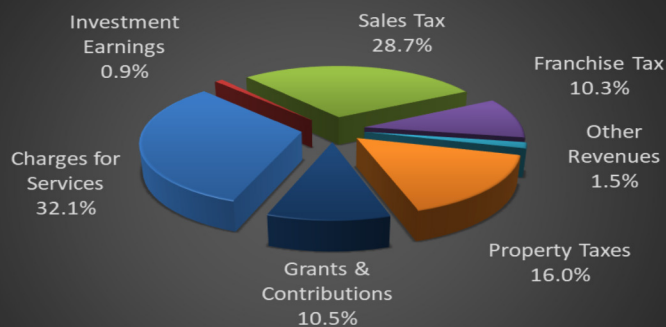
# Our Finances - Revenues vs. Expenses

## What are the costs for servicing the citizens and how are those costs paid?

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. It exists to account for the resources used to pay for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police and fire protection, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration of the City, and any other activity for which a special fund has not been created. For a complete review of all City Funds please refer to the website below.

## Revenues by Source - General Fund

FY2018 Revenues



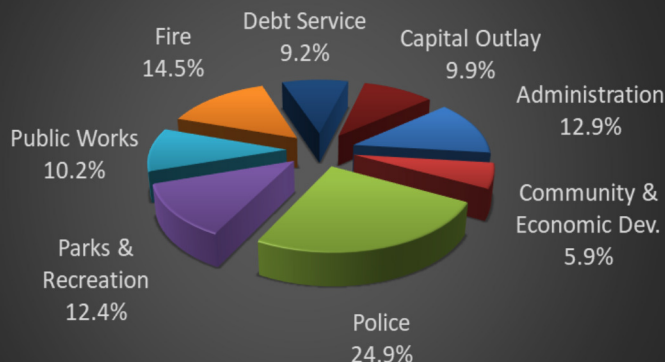
Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018
Sales Tax	\$3,519,586	\$3,768,733	\$4,627,327
Franchise Tax *	1,448,961	1,544,870	1,483,372
Charges for Services	4,135,722	4,003,439	4,627,327
Property Taxes	2,027,159	2,148,882	2,302,917
Grants & Contributions **	2,608,490	1,412,688	1,509,301
Other Revenues	211,920	206,828	215,917
Investment Earnings	49,737	79,402	131,620
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,001,575</b>	<b>\$13,164,842</b>	<b>\$14,399,025</b>

\* Starting in fiscal year 2016, the City elected to recognize franchise taxes in the General Fund instead of the Capital Projects Fund.

\*\* This large increase can be attributed to a one-time grant received from Wasatch Front Regional Council for a road expansion project totaling 3.1 million dollars.

## Expenses by Service Area - General Fund

FY2018 Expenses



Fiscal Year	2016	2017	2018
Police	\$2,378,992	\$2,604,117	\$2,939,702
Administration	1,288,889	1,319,065	1,526,272
Fire	1,615,208	1,587,338	1,716,959
Public Works **	3,533,813	1,488,659	1,206,550
Parks & Recreation	1,442,742	1,335,993	1,464,258
Community & Econ. Dev.	593,635	672,746	691,217
Debt Service	1,185,573	946,554	1,089,112
Capital Outlay ***	0	887,960	1,171,247
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,038,852</b>	<b>\$10,842,432</b>	<b>\$11,805,317</b>

\*\*\* Starting in fiscal year 2017, the City began showing capital outlay as a separate expense instead of showing those costs in the respective departments.

## Independent Audit

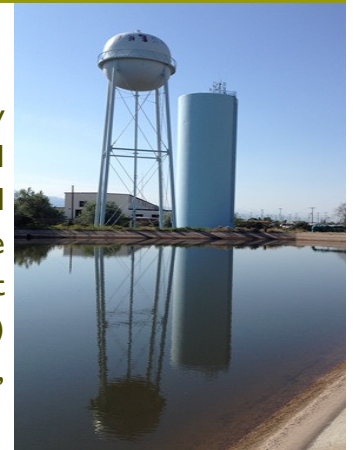
An Independent audit of the City's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information, including the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, can be found at [www.syracuseut.com](http://www.syracuseut.com).



# What's Next? Future Projects and Challenges.

## Construction of New Water Tank

The City Council approved the construction of a new three million gallon culinary water tank. This tank is needed to keep up with growth in the city. The estimated cost of the new tank is roughly 4.7 million dollars. The water tank will be funded by issuing water bonds that will be paid back over 10 years. The funding will come from impact fees charged on new development and culinary water utility fees that each resident pays. The existing one million gallon culinary water tank (pictured) will be converted into a secondary water tank at the completion of the project, which will enhance the water delivery in our secondary system.



## Syracuse Island Interactive Water Feature

We are excited to announce the opening of the Syracuse ISLAND interactive water feature in May 2019. It is a specially designed, nature inspired, all-abilities interactive water feature called the Syracuse I.S.L.A.N.D (Interactive Splash Lovers All-abilities Native Destination) located at 1800 South 2000 West in Centennial Park next to Chloe's Sunshine Playground. Features in the park include branching streams, enclosed areas for ground seating, water fountains, shade structures with wildlife cutouts, waterfalls, canyons, waterjets, geysers, decorative rock, and decorative buffalo. The City also built two additional pavilions and a restroom with this project to provide a complete park that we are sure all of our residents will enjoy.



## Website Redesign

The City is currently working on redesigning our City website. We are excited to present a new and fresh look to our website that will be simple to use and provide information about each department and all of our services. We anticipate the new site to be up and functional by the end of April 2019. There will be new capabilities for residents to sign up for notifications, download and sync the city calendar and events, or be alerted to city news or announcements. Residents will also be able to pay their utility bills online and register their children for recreation programs through our new recreation system.

### We want to hear from you.

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Stephen Marshall @ 801-614-9621 or by email at [smarshall@syracuseut.com](mailto:smarshall@syracuseut.com). You can also follow us on Facebook at Syracuse City, Utah or on Twitter at @syracusecity. For more information on City services, visit our website at [www.syracuseut.com](http://www.syracuseut.com).

