

Mission: To serve, promote and support, in a fiscally responsible manner, an outstanding community that values quality of life, a well-balanced tax base, historic preservation with a vision to the future, and professionalism in volunteer and public service.

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Our Community



#1

Hudson is the #1 school district in Summit County and #8 in Ohio.

Top 9%

Hudson is safer than 91% of cities in America.



Top 7

Hudson is named one of the Top 7 intelligent communities in the world.

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Hudson is ranked #1 Best Place to live in Summit County.



22,250 people call Hudson home



	Hudson	Summit County	Ohio
Median Age	45.9	40.8	39.3
Median Household Income	128k	55k	54k
Median Property Value	329k	144k	144k
Poverty Rate	3%	14%	15%
Bachelors or Higher	73%	32%	26%

Our Achievements in 2019

By the Numbers

First EMS arrival on scene was

1.33



minutes *FASTER* than the target

15,925
cubic yards



of leaves collected

9.5% increase



in Income Tax Revenue

39,280

square feet



reduction in roads with low pavement ratings

Response to all call types was

1-4



minutes *FASTER* than the target

450,709
unique visitors



to the City website

5 day improvement



in processing time for residential permits

11,417
people



provided with Fire Safety Education

Enhanced park connectivity to ensure that you have desirable spaces for outdoor leisure and community gatherings.



Attracted more smaller, higher-paying companies, which will help reinforce our tax base. Pictured to the left is Hudson Crossing Business Park, 2018.



Analyzed our communications strategy to determine how we can best reach each of our residents with the information that you want.



Increased infrastructure technologies to create efficiencies in travel across the City. Example: adaptive traffic signals; self-dimming lighting.



Explored creative financing options to keep City assets in better shape for longer so you can enjoy the highest quality amenities.



Our Fiscal Strategy

Hudson uses conservative budgeting to protect the **40% average fund balance** in the General Fund. The balance is essentially a "rainy day" fund, which keeps Hudson prepared even for unexpected expenses. The balance recently dipped below 40% due to carefully calculated investments that will drive the balance up even more over the next 5 years.

General Fund 2019

Revenues: **\$24,991,215**

The largest contribution to City operations is Hudson's 2% **income tax**. Only those who both live & work here pay the full 2% to Hudson.

Did You Know? **55% of residents** pay *no* income tax to Hudson. City services are largely funded by *non-residents*.

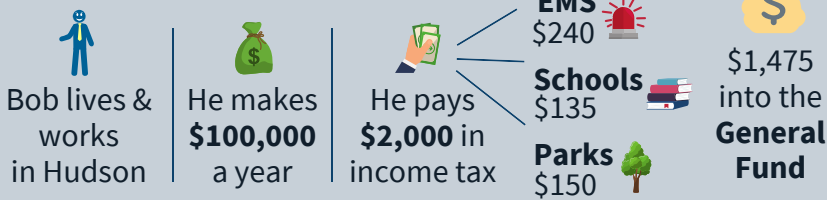
If you work in a city where the tax is *lower than 2%*...



If you work in a city where the tax is *equal to or higher than 2%*...



Income Tax Example



Expenditures: **\$23,513,508**



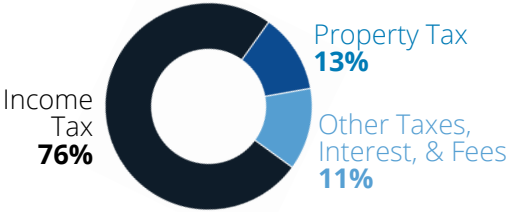
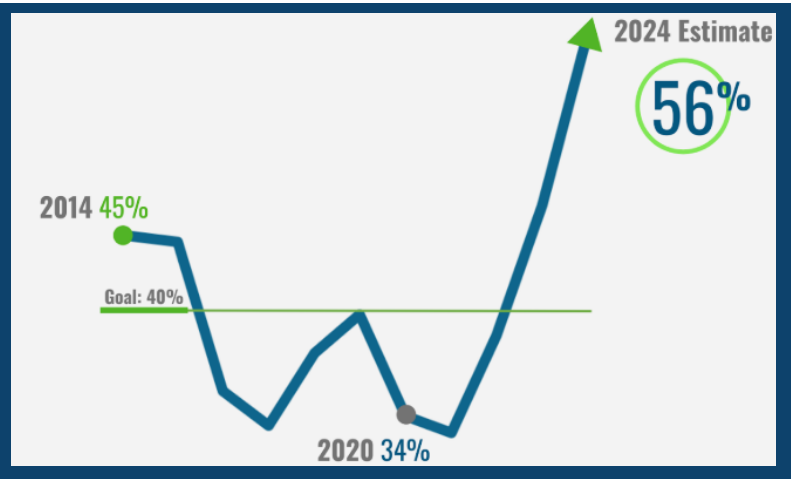
\$1.5 M Storm water improvements to increase drainage

\$3 M Street maintenance and repair (ex. pothole fills)

\$3.6 M Street & sidewalk construction (ex. concrete overlays to make roads last)

Accountability

AAA bond rating & clean audits. View our full [5-Year Financial Plan](#) for more details.



Hudson has adopted a more business-friendly approach that helped attract **39** new businesses & increase income tax revenue by **9.4%**, which allowed us to make more City improvements.

If you paid income tax to Hudson, **12%** went directly to Fire & EMS services.



Your income tax helps care for **1,128** acres of active & passive park space.



70% of your property tax supports Hudson's top-rated schools & another **5%** supports the library. **20%** goes to Summit County & the metro parks. The **5%** that goes to the City helps cover general operations, cemetery maintenance, & police pensions.



Our Future

Exciting Opportunities

Communicating with you, our residents, through more media types than ever.

Finding creative ways to meet emergency service demand, which is increasing with our aging population.

Introducing technologies that help you find information about the City even faster.

Partnering with Bath Township to utilize virtual dispatch at our 911 call center, which will enhance reliability.

Improving our cyber security to ensure your information stays protected in a changing environment.

Upcoming Projects

Using our own brine well for water softening as well as snow and ice control.



Extensive improvements to Hudson Public Power to further improve reliability.



Installing smart street lights that enhance safety and reduce costs.



Finding best-fit tenants for the few remaining commercial properties in the City.



Continuing to improve the parks and increase connectivity.



Implementing the 5-year accelerated plan to get ahead of road wear & tear, which means keeping roads in better shape for longer.



YOUR Role in Hudson

Have a question? **Ask it!** Have a concern? **Share it!**
Have a suggestion? **Offer it!**
We want to hear from you!

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