The city of Denver’s vision is to create a city that is equitable, affordable, and inclusive for all citizens. Our mission is to lead an inclusive and innovative economy for all Denver residents and businesses by supporting local and global business development, workforce development programs, and stabilization efforts in diverse neighborhoods.

Vision and Mission Statement

Statement from Mayor Hancock

“We’ve made historic investments to resolve homelessness, increase our stock of affordable housing, improve public safety, and address the community’s behavioral health and substance misuse needs... Our recovery efforts have afforded Denver an unprecedented chance to level the playing field so that every resident has the opportunity to come back better than before.

We’re seizing this opportunity to think big and make decisions that can move Denver forward with conviction. As we close the books on 2022, I am proud of what we’ve done.”

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Looking Forward
In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Denver has been able to rebuild using proven investment strategies to resolve homelessness, increase affordable housing, and improve public safety.

**2021 to 2022 Trends**

**Community**

- 560 Low Income Affordable Housing Units Created
- $1,2% Decrease in Poverty
- 4.3% Decrease in Unsheltered
- 5.9% Increase in Median Household Income
- 1.2% Decrease in Denver Public Schools Enrollment
- 89,213 Students Enrolled
- 729,239 Total Denver Population

**Economy & Parks**

- +1,145 New Park Acres
- +18 New Parks Opened
- 33% Decrease in Unemployment
- 5.9% Increase Business Permits Issued

**Safety**

- 12.2% Increase in Emergency Responses
- 11.1% Increase Low Priority 911 Calls*
- 15.8% Increase High Priority 911 Calls*

*2020-2021 Data

- 2.3% Increase in Physical Arrests

**Parks & Rec**

- 1,327 tons of Recyclables Collected

**Sustainability**

- Denver is offering $300 rebate vouchers on e-bikes for Denverites

**Safety**

- Increased investment in public safety has resulted in overall increase in emergency response including 911 calls and physical arrests.

**Community**

- Through the investments in affordable housing we have seen over 500 housing units created along with a decrease in unsheltered individuals. We have also seen a decrease in poverty.

**Economy & Parks**

- In 2022, Denver saw a decrease in unemployment from 4.2% to 2.8%. We also issued 62,250 business permits and maintained 21,619 park acres.

**Sustainability**

- The City of Denver promotes sustainability through routine collection of recyclables and rebates toward alternative modes of transportation.
The city government employs 11,503 people, making us the second largest employer in Denver behind Denver Public School District #1!

Revenues

Revenues in 2022 were $4.1 billion, a 0.2% increase from 2021. Collections on Lodgers tax saw the largest increase of 52%, likely due to increased use of lodging facilities after COVID-19. The significant decreases in Contributions and investment income and Other revenue were likely caused by decreased COVID-19 relief funding.

Expenses

Expenses in 2022 were $3.7 billion, a 0.1% decrease from 2021. Spending increased the most for the Denver airport system and cultural activities. Spending in public safety saw the largest decrease of 22%, largely because the city’s COVID-19 response costs have diminished.

Denver’s 2022 financial statements received a “clean” opinion from auditors at BDO.
What’s Next?

Citizen’s Values

In a recent survey of Denver residents, Economy, Safety, and Parks were selected as the top three values for the city. Looking ahead here are the resources the government plans to invest in those values.

Safety & Wellbeing for the Community

Housing Stability & Unsheltered Support

Building an Inclusive, Stable Economy

2023 and Beyond

9 out of 10 value safety & economy

8 out of 10 value parks and recreation

City’s Actions

To invest in our citizen’s values, we’ve budgeted the following amounts in these proven programs for fiscal year 2023. Our taskforces are working diligently to address these issues.

$1.5 Million to increase and enhance training for Denver Police Department

$1.6 Million to reduce repeat criminal offenses

$1.7 Million to support nonprofit partners providing youth violence prevention work

$43 Million to increase shelter capacity and affordable housing.

New Ballot Initiative to blunt rising property taxes for the next 10 years

$214 Million to support climate protection

$48 Million to support behavioral health services and address food insecurity

$36.5 Million to increase and improve capital infrastructure

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City and County of Denver Government

Learn more about our city’s plans for 2023 here in our budget!

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