



# DENVER

## THE MILE HIGH CITY

## CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

### 2022

Founded in November 1858, Denver stands as the capital of Colorado as well as the cultural, financial, and entertainment hub of the Rocky Mountain Region. The “Mile High City” is at an elevation of 5,280 feet with a cool, sunny climate attracting outdoor enthusiasts from across the country. The mayor and 13-member council, elected in non-partisan elections, govern Denver. The mayor is the chief executive, exercising all administrative and executive powers granted to the City, except as otherwise delegated by the City Charter. All elected officials’ terms are concurrent and last four years, and each position is subject to term limits of 12 years.

## Vision and Mission Statement

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.



## 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.”

  
Michael B. Hancock

**729,239**  
2022 Population

**\$50,642**  
Per Capita  
Personal Income

**\$37,936**  
2021 Total  
Reported Personal  
Income (Millions)

**11.1%**  
Poverty Rate

**2.80%**  
Unemployment  
Rate

**89,213**  
Public School  
Enrollment

**365**  
Number of Parks



# How are we Doing?

## 2021 to 2022 Trends

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

### Economy

33% Decrease in Unemployment



5.9 % Increase Business Permits Issued



**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.

### Parks & Rec

+1,145 New Park Acres



+18 New Parks Opened

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

### Safety



12.2% Increase in Emergency Responses

11.1% Increase Low Priority 911 Calls*	15.8% Increase High Priority 911 Calls*
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\*2020-2021 Data



2.3% Increase in Physical Arrests

### Community

560

Low Income Affordable Housing Units Created



4.3 % Decrease in Unsheltered



1.2% Decrease in Poverty

5.9% Increase in Median Household Income



1.2% Decrease in Denver Public Schools Enrollment



89,213 Students Enrolled



729,239 Total Denver Population

2.7% Decrease in Denver Population



**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.

### Sustainability



1,327 tons of Recyclables Collected

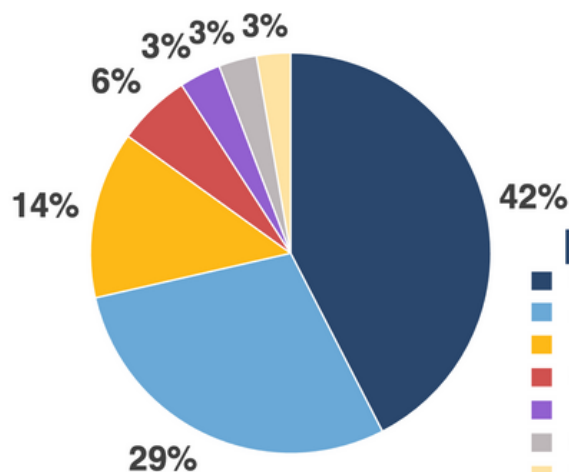
Denver is offering \$300 rebate vouchers on e-bikes for Denverites



**Sustainability:** The City of Denver promotes sustainability through routine collection of recyclables and rebates toward alternative modes of transportation.

# Revenues and Expenses

Fiscal Year 2022



## Revenues

(In thousands)

	2022	2021	% change
Charges for services	\$1,755,023	\$1,467,523	20%
Sales and use tax	1,199,536	1,079,287	11%
Property tax	558,707	533,823	5%
Contributions and investment income	244,619	524,783	-53%
Lodgers tax	138,250	90,696	52%
Other revenue	127,086	323,020	-61%
Other taxes	113,470	109,205	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,136,691</b>	<b>\$4,128,337</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

The city government employs 11,503 people, making us the second largest employer in Denver behind Denver Public School District #1!

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.

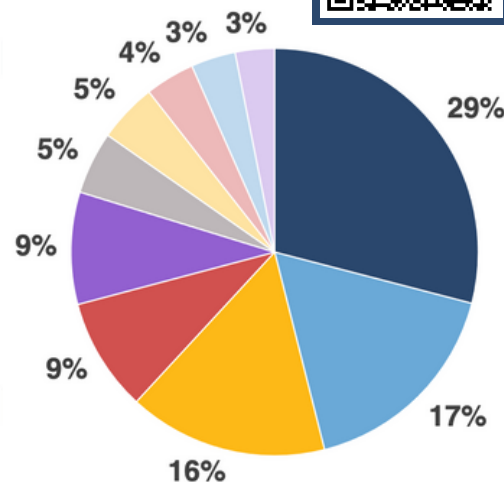
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## Expenses

(In thousands)

	2022	2021	% change
Denver airport system	\$1,075,889	\$921,608	17%
Public safety	630,018	805,223	-22%
Central government	585,790	651,338	-10%
Health and human services	332,859	294,494	13%
Transportation and infrastructure	329,635	351,142	-6%
Community development	183,775	172,452	7%
Cultural activities	173,674	147,593	18%
Wastewater management	145,527	150,482	-3%
Parks and recreation	131,187	114,000	15%
Other expenses	115,412	99,667	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,703,766</b>	<b>\$3,707,999</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>



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.

### 2023 and Beyond

9 out of  
10 value  
safety &  
economy



8 out of  
10 value  
parks and  
recreation



Safety & Wellbeing for the Community

Housing Stability & Unsheltered Support

Building an Inclusive, Stable Economy

## 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 increase and improve capital infrastructure

**\$48 Million**

to support climate protection

**\$36.5 Million**

to support behavioral health services and address food insecurity

Engage with your city!



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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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