



CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT | FISCAL YEAR 2016

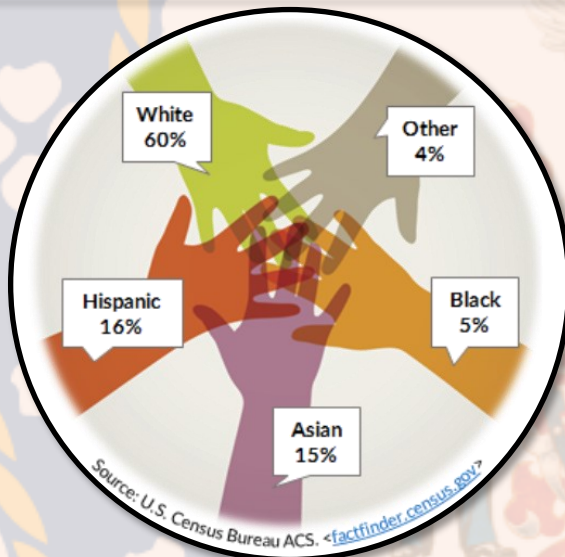
CITY OF FAIRFAX

Fairfax City is a vibrant, livable 21st century community with a strong, sustainable economy that supports walkable, safe, and convenient access to the natural and built environment.

– WHO WE ARE –

Originating in 1805 as the Town of Providence, Fairfax gained prominence for its courthouse, which played a significant role in one of the first Civil War Battles. In 1961, Fairfax City was recognized as an independent city in the Commonwealth Virginia. Since then, we have been supporting the small town atmosphere by creating a vibrant city that welcomes all generations and people. We are a Council/Manager government in which 6 councilmembers and the mayor are elected every 2 years on a non-partisan basis (current terms end 6/30/2018).

– DIVERSITY & DEMOGRAPHICS –



Year	Population	Per Capita Income	Median Household Income	Unemployment Rate	Average Housing Cost
2016	24,164	\$45,545	\$105,297	3.4%	\$564,065
2014	23,537	\$44,747	\$100,584	3.8%	\$560,758
2012	23,141	\$45,157	\$98,563	3.7%	\$515,251

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau ACS: <factfinder.census.gov>; Northern Virginia Realtors <nvar.com/realtors>



STRATEGIC GOALS >>>



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Strengthen the prosperity of our business community.



GOVERNANCE

Embrace citizens' participation through transparent governing system.



NEIGHBORHOODS

Build and secure safe, sustainable living spaces.



TRANSPORTATION

Develop safe, healthy, and efficient transportation alternatives.



REDEVELOPMENT

Preserve a sense of place while designing transportation-friendly roads.

More information available at <http://www.FairfaxVA.gov/>

KEY PERFORMANCES

Ranked #17 of Top 20 Safest Cities in Virginia by SafeWise.com

— GRADUATION RATE —

94.0%



Fiscal Year
2014

95.5%



Fiscal Year
2015

94.5%



Fiscal Year
2016

— CRIME STATISTICS —

33,406

Total Crimes



Fiscal Year
2014

33,129

Total Crimes



Fiscal Year
2015

33,777

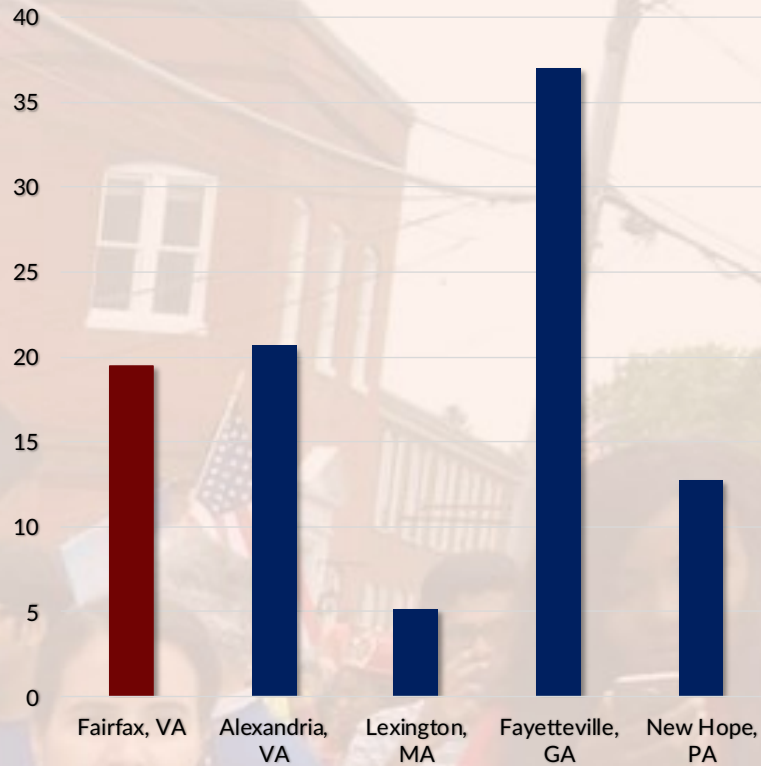
Total Crimes



Fiscal Year
2016

These graphics show the inverse correlation between crime and punctual graduation rates. Crime increases as graduation decreases and vice versa. In 2015, as graduation rates reached their peak, crime rates fall. The change is small but noticeable. Keeping our graduation rates up and our crime rates down go hand-in-hand as we work towards creating a safer and more educated future for our posterity.

CRIMES PER 1,000 PEOPLE



CASE CLEARANCE

	2014	2015	2016
Cases Assigned	234	201	209
Cases Cleared	175	159	164
Clearage Percentage	74.80%	79.10%	78.50%

Sources: [Fairfax Crime Statistics](#); City of Fairfax Police Department 2016 Annual Report; Questions for Fairfax City from Case Challenge 2017 Competitors; [CUE Bus Data](#)

ROAD SAFETY

We maintained a total of 71.56 miles of roads in 2016. We also introduced new helmet laws to protect our young ones on the road.



CUE BUS

Our CUE Bus system has been steadily improving, with about 900,000 rides provided last year and 85% on time pickup.

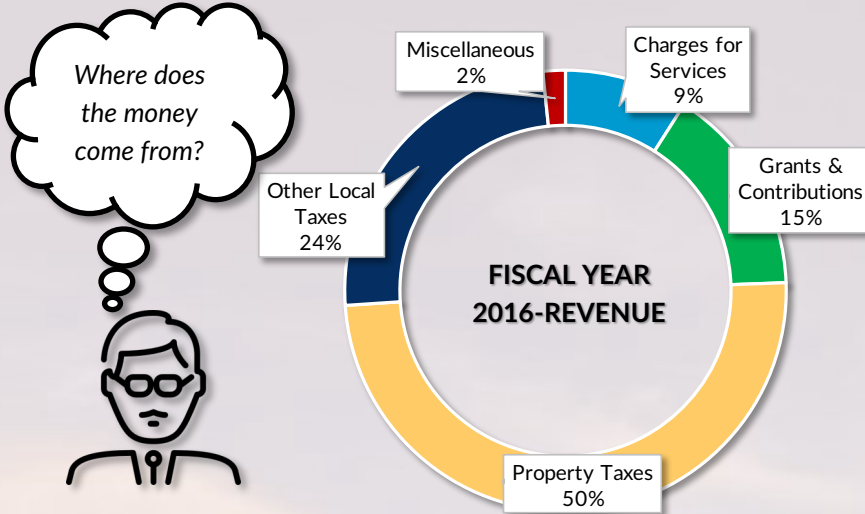
FIRE SAFETY

Last year our fire department saved \$10,379,898 worth of building infrastructure from 15 fires.



FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (since 1979)



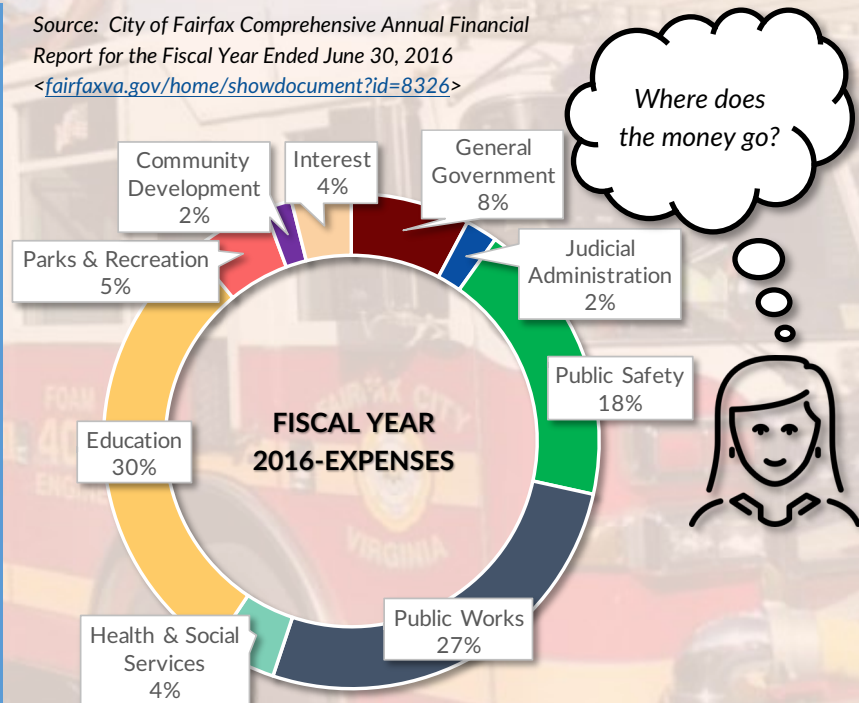
Source	FY 2015 (Millions)	FY 2016 (Millions)	Percent Change
Property Taxes	\$68.9	\$72.4	5.08%
Other Local Taxes	\$32.0	\$35.7	11.56%
Grants & Contributions	\$17.6	\$22.5	27.84%
Charges for Services	\$12.9	\$13.2	2.33%
Miscellaneous	\$3.4	\$2.4	-29.41%
Total Revenue	\$134.8	\$146.2	8.46%

For the fiscal year ending in 2016, total revenue increased by 8.46%. This net increase was driven largely by an increase in assessments of taxable property and an increase in the Commercial and Industrial tax rate. Fairfax was also the beneficiary of several federal and state transportation-related grants, which contributed to an impressive 27.84% jump in total grants and contributions.

Source: City of Fairfax Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 <fairfaxva.gov/home/showdocument?id=8326>

Activity	FY 2015 (Millions)	FY 2016 (Millions)	Percent Change
Education	\$42.2	\$39.7	-5.92%
Public Works	\$28.1	\$35.7	27.05%
Public Safety	\$24.8	\$24.9	0.40%
General Government	\$10.2	\$10.4	1.96%
Parks & Recreation	\$8.1	\$7.1	-12.35%
Health & Social Services	\$5.6	\$5.7	1.79%
Interest	\$5.2	\$5.2	0%
Judicial Administration	\$2.6	\$2.8	7.69%
Community Development	\$2.4	\$2.4	0%
Total Expenses	\$129.2	\$133.9	3.64%

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Total expenses increased by 3.64% from the fiscal year ending in 2015. This net increase was caused by major storm costs and an increase in utilities and contract services. In addition, a 3.5% merit increase in salaries was awarded to eligible government employees for their exemplary service to our people.

An independent audit was conducted by Cherry Bekaert LLP, resulting in a clean audit opinion on our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Complete financial information can be found on our website at <http://www.FairfaxVA.gov/>.

CHALLENGES & THE FUTURE

“Fairfax has a wonderful past and present, and an even greater future.” — John C. Wood, First Mayor of Fairfax



HIGH RESIDENTIAL TAXES

We rely too heavily on property tax as a source of funding for government services. **To change this, we are supporting our growing business community by implementing the Technology Zone BPOL (Business, Professional, and Occupation License) and by awarding grants to businesses through the Old Town Fairfax Improvement Program.**



RISING HOUSING COSTS

The housing sector is experiencing an overall increase in costs, especially in senior housing. **We are researching contemporary city planning to make more efficient use of our resources by interweaving living spaces with new businesses to conserve space and energy.**



TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Major intersections like Old Town have the highest vehicle crash rates and are extending the average workers' commute to 31.7 minutes (compared to the national average of 26). **To help, we are developing a Multimodal Transportation Plan along with implementing transportation-oriented designs when constructing new roads.**



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

In an effort to protect our planet and its resources, Fairfax has joined an initiative to preserve water quality at the Chesapeake Bay, our city's watershed. **In addition, we are currently working on Storm-water and Waste Management projects to monitor and protect stream health in Fairfax City.**

How You Can Help!

[CUE Bus & Map Schedule](#)

[Provide Input on the Multimodal Transportation Plan](#)

[Provide Input on the 2-year Transportation Program](#)

[Become a Fairfax Sustainability Volunteer](#)

[Apply for the Homeowner's Conservation Assist Program](#)

[Help Preserve Our City's Environmental Health](#)

Check on Our Progress!

[Development Review Projects Map](#)

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