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**DENVER
COLORADO**
THE MILE-HIGH CITY

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

Calendar Year 2022 | January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022



DEMOGRAPHICS

Population
729,239

**Per Capita Personal
Income**
\$75,722

School Enrollment
89,213

**High School
Graduation Rate**
76.5 %

Unemployment Rate
2.80 %

Principal Employers

1. Denver Public School District
2. City & County of Denver
3. State of Colorado Central Payroll
4. Denver Health & Hospital Authority
5. United Airlines, Inc.

ABOUT DENVER

Denver was named after Governor James W. Denver and is nicknamed the Mile High City due to the official elevation being exactly one mile above sea level. It is the most populous city in the state of Colorado and in 2016 was named the best place to live in the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*. In Denver, you'll find the great outdoors mixed with the luxuries of the city.



City and County of Denver flag

OUR VISION

Denver has a 20-year plan in place to create a better Denver by 2040. The vision for Denver's comprehensive plan has six parts; to be an equitable, affordable, and inclusive community, to have strong and authentic neighborhoods, to be connected by safe and accessible transportation options, to be economically diverse and vibrant, to be a sustainable and environmentally resilient city, and to be a healthy and active community.

THE MAYOR



Michael B. Hancock served as Denver's 45th mayor since 2011. Previous to being sworn in as mayor, he was a part of the Denver city council for eight years, representing the 11th district. Mayor Hancock grew up in Denver and even took a turn performing as Bronco's mascot "Huddles".

Michael Hancock's platform as mayor stood on serving the people of Denver by standing solid and pushing for growth in the city's economy, transportation, sustainability, and equity.

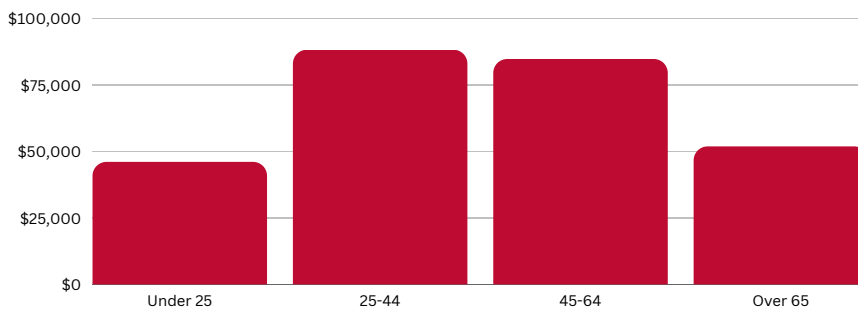
"Denver is rebuilding, with a renewed sense of purpose about who we want to be as a city."

HOW ARE WE DOING?

The measures of wealth, quality of life, and public safety are used to determine city performance. The wealth section gauges the income across different age groups, while public safety looks at trends spanning five years.

Wealth

Average Income By Age



Quality of Life



The Regional Transportation District bus, a part of Denver's public transportation system



Bike Lanes completed from Denver's Vision Zero Action Plan, with 30 miles of new bikeways and upgraded seven miles of existing bikeways across 24 different projects

Public Safety

Trend (Five Years)

2022

Violent Crime
(aggravated assault, robbery, sexual assault, murder)

6,912

Property Crime
(theft from vehicle, automobile theft, larceny, burglary)

44,347

Other Crime
(public disorder, drug/alcohol crime, other people-crime)

27,620

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Vision Zero Action Plan:
 - Broadway Multimodal Improvements
 - Five Points safety improvements
 - Bike lanes
- Colorado Avalanche wins the 2022 Stanley Cup in the NHL
 - Denver held a parade and rally in celebration

NEW IN DENVER

- Completed pedestrian crossing improvements at Ruby Hill, Hampden Heights, Maxwell Elementary School and DCIS at Ford Elementary School.
- Launched two travel plan studies: Evie Dennis Campus (six schools) and Mar Lee Harvey Park Schools (six schools).

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CITY FINANCES

The City and County of Denver is proud to have been recognized with an award for Outstanding Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award offered by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)

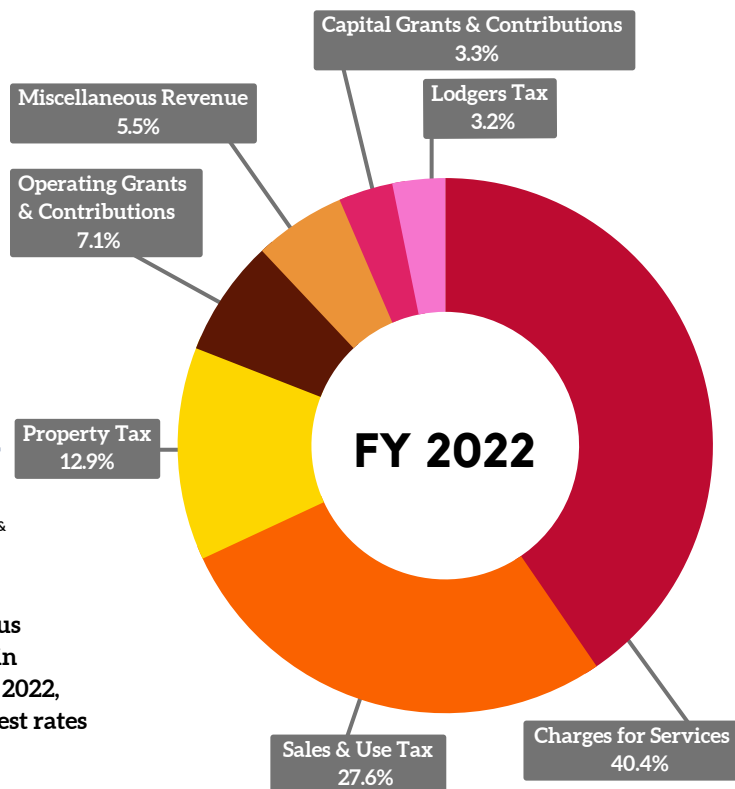
Independently audited by BDO where it was found the financial statements were fairly presented.



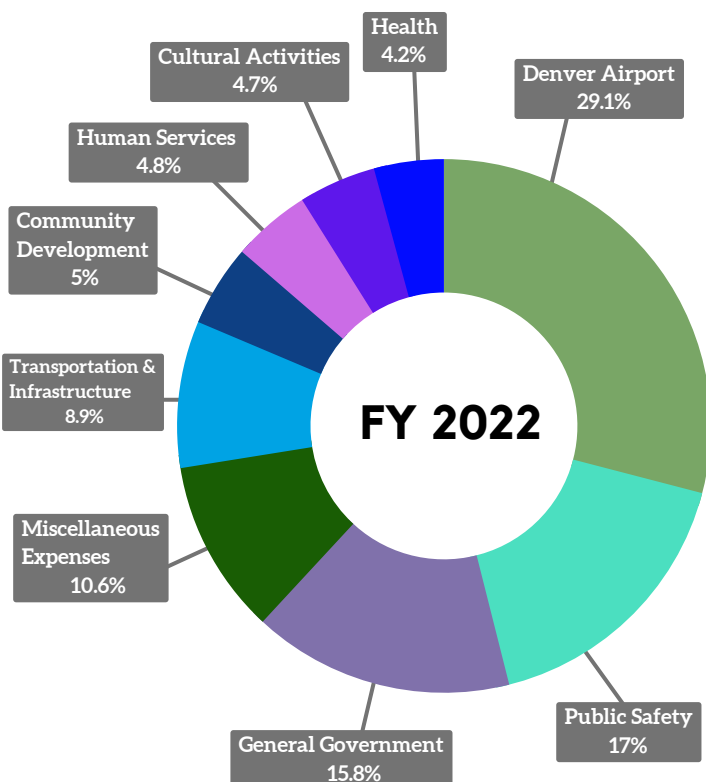
REVENUES (in thousands)

Source	FY 22	FY 21	Percent Change
Charges for Services	\$1,755,023	\$1,467,523	+19.59%
Sales & Use Tax	1,199,536	1,079,287	+11.14%
Property Tax	558,707	533,823	+4.66%
Operating Grants & Contributions	306,318	411,790	-25.61%
Miscellaneous Revenue*	36,268	398,100	-90.89%
Capital Grants & Contributions	142,589	147,118	-3.08%
Lodgers Tax	138,250	90,696	+52.43%
Total Revenues	\$4,136,691	\$4,128,337	+0.20%

* Miscellaneous Revenue includes Other Revenues, Occupational Privilege Tax, Motor Vehicle Ownership Fee, Facilities Development & Admissions Tax, Telephone Tax, Specific Ownership Tax, & Investment Income (loss)



The biggest change from year to year by line item comes from Miscellaneous Revenue* where the main reason for the 90.89% decline comes from a loss in investments. In 2021 the city saw a gain in investment income, whereas in 2022, investment income was at a loss. This loss is mainly due to increasing interest rates starting in 2021 and continuing into 2022.



EXPENSES (in thousands)

Source	FY 22	FY 21	Percent Change
Denver Airport	\$1,075,889	\$921,608	+16.74%
Public Safety	630,018	805,223	-21.76%
General Government	585,790	651,338	-10.06%
Miscellaneous Expenses*	392,126	364,149	+7.68%
Transportation & Infrastructure	329,635	351,142	-6.12%
Community Development	183,775	172,452	+6.57%
Human Services	176,068	165,061	+6.67%
Cultural Activities	173,674	147,593	+17.67%
Health	156,791	129,433	+21.14%
Total Expenses	\$3,703,766	\$3,707,999	-0.11%

* Miscellaneous Expenses includes Wastewater Management, Parks & Recreation, Interest on Long-Term Debt, Other Enterprise, & Economic Opportunity

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LOOKING AHEAD

The City and County of Denver have been striving to reach their goals by launching new projects in different areas like economy, infrastructure, and environment to promote economic development and improve people's lifestyles.

This CCR will be distributed to the people of Denver via email and published on the city website.

BUSINESS PROTECTION

With the difficulties encountered by several legacy companies, the city will launch the Denver Economic Development & Opportunity in 2023. This is Denver's first-ever Legacy Business program and the goal is to recognize and support long-standing, independent businesses that have contributed to community character and vitality, and hold cultural significance. Legacy Businesses will show on the city's official Legacy Business registry and receive networking opportunities, marketing collateral, technical assistance and training resources, and customized referrals to city and state programs. Based on the success of the pilot, the city will assess the potential to expand the program.

ENHANCING TRAFFIC SAFETY

vehicle crashes are one of the biggest challenges in Denver. In 2017, the mayor launched the Denver Vision Zero Action Plan, which is a plan for achieving zero traffic deaths and severe injuries by 2030. The plan is the result of extensive collaboration between municipal departments, state partners, community partners, and Denver citizens. The plan looks to save lives through improving processes and teamwork, street design, safe speeds, a safety-conscious culture, and data and transparency. In 2023, construction for improvement begins on the McAuliffe International Safe Routes to School Project with sidewalk and pedestrian refuge islands along 3rd Ave., 25th Ave., 26th Ave., and Kearney Street.

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

To address crime issues in Denver, the City and County of Denver plan to increase its 2024 budgets in public health and safety. The City and County of Denver plan to spend \$8.2 million to add 167 new police recruits, which is the largest number of new officers they have brought on in nearly 20 years. They will also spend \$15 million to help people suffering a mental health crisis, limit their interactions with police, and provide them with alternatives to jail, and an additional \$1.8 million will be spent on a second Wellness Winnie, which is a mobile unit that offers mental health services.



2022 DENVER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Top row (left to right): Stacie Gilmore, Robin Kniech, Deborah Ortega, Amanda Sandoval
 Second row: Kevin Flynn, Jamie Torres, Kendra Black, Amanda Sawyer, Paul Kashmann
 Third row: Jolon Clark, Christopher Herndon, Candi CdeBaca, Chris Hinds

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

Air pollution is one of the biggest challenges in Denver and transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gases. Beginning in 2022 and continuing in 2023, the Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency's (CASR) electric bike (e-bike) rebate program has given Denver citizens access to nearly 5,000 e-bikes. According to a recent Ride Report, e-bikes purchased with the help of this rebate program will lower greenhouse gas emissions by 2,000 tons annually and save Denver residents close to \$1 million in fuel expenses.



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