



Report to You, Our Citizens:

City and County of Denver, Colorado

Fiscal Year 2022



City Overview

Denver, a consolidated city-county in central Colorado, is known for its beautiful vistas of Cherry Creek, South Platte River, and the Rocky Mountains. With a thriving social scene, promoted by Denver Arts and Venues, it is easy to see why Denver is routinely listed as one of America's happiest cities. Recent government commitments to expand services (see "Strategic Priorities" below) contribute to the City and County's appeal to current and future Denverites.

Strategic Priorities:

- 1. Affordable Housing**
Add 25,000 units by 2032
- 2. Housing for All**
Provide housing for 1,000 people in 2024
- 3. Safe Neighborhoods**
Add 167 to police force in 2024
- 4. Vibrant Downtown**
Create pedestrian-friendly spaces
- 5. Greener Denver**
Expand electric vehicle infrastructure

At a Glance: Denver's Demographics

Population: 729,239

White: 80.2%

African American: 9.9%

Other: 9.9%

Income Levels:

Median Household: \$78,177

Per Capita: \$50,642

Education:

High School Graduate: 90.0%

College Graduate: 52.5%



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Denver's **community values** include **equity**, access to opportunity, **environmental stewardship**, diversity, community **engagement**, an entrepreneurial spirit, and cultural heritage; these values demonstrate Denver's commitment to **creating a thriving and harmonious city and county for all!**



Michael Hancock, 45th Mayor of Denver

"Our residents look to us...[to improve] the future prosperity and quality of life in Denver...I look forward to working with you as we move our city toward better years ahead."

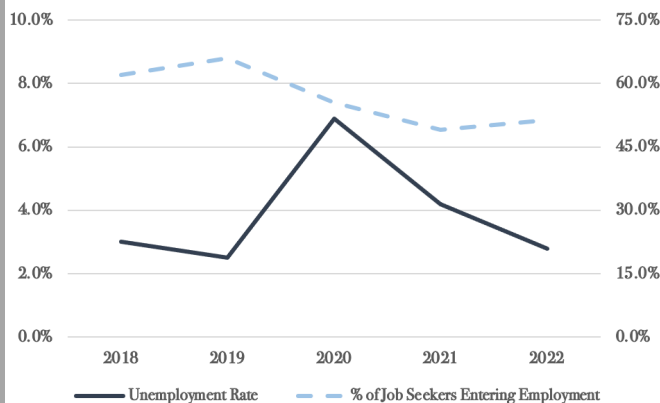
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Performance

Employment Statistics

Principal Employers	# Employees	% Employment Growth over 2021
Denver Public School District #1	12,644	2.3%
City and County of Denver	11,503	7.0%
State of Colorado Central Payroll	9,503	-4.8%
Denver Health & Hospital Authority	8,139	12.9%
United Airlines, Inc.	7,669	12.5%

Unemployment and Employment Entry, FY2018-2022



Affordable Housing

1,611 affordable city-financed housing units are **under construction**

541 income-restricted units are in the **planning stage**



Transportation & Infrastructure

Metric		% Change
Parking Tickets Issued	428,442	2.8%
Recyclables Collected (tons)	39,288	-10.3%
Refuse Collected (tons)	173,323	4.2%



1,327 Tons of Asphalt Used to **Repair Potholes!**

Business Licenses



39,239 business license transactions in FY2022...



... a 54 percent increase over FY2021, resulting from COVID-19 recovery!

Denver Police and Fire Department

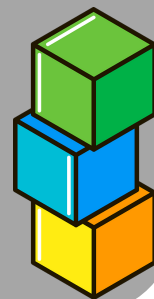
Metric	2022	2021	% Change
Physical Arrests by Police*:	27,605	26,982	2.31%
Traffic Violations:	30,878	48,576	-36.43%
Emergency Responses:	128,129	114,196	12.20%

* A "physical arrest" is defined as the taking of an individual into custody and transporting said individual to a police station.




Youth Programs

1,047 children served by the **Denver Great Kids Head Start Program**, which provides preschoolers with the skills needed for school success

MY Denver Card provides youth aged 5-18 with free access to **recreation centers** and **cultural facilities** year round



Denver International Airport

# Passengers		# Airport Employees	1,052
		# Runways	6
 Departures	20,398,020		
 Arrivals	20,340,453		
 Transfers	28,547,988		
Total	69,286,461		
Rank	Airline	Market Share	
1	United	48%	
2	Southwest	28%	
3	Frontier	10%	
4	Delta	5%	
5	American	4%	

Library

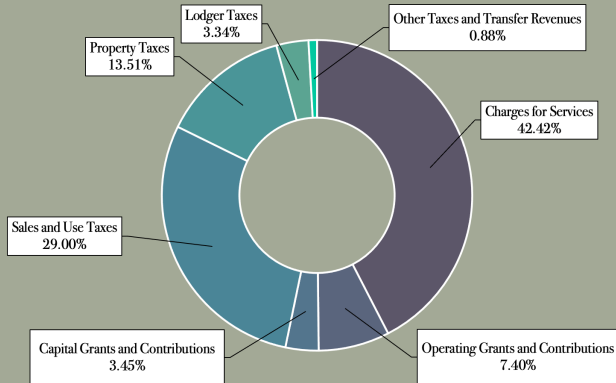
Library Usage Statistics		
Total Volumes Borrowed	6,788,153	
Volumes in Collection	1,646,583	
		% Change
Physical Volume Circulation per Capita	1.42	11.8%
Download Volume Circulation per Capita	0.97	9.0%
In-Person Visits per Capita	2.46	60.8%
Online Visits per Capita	7.19	-4.6%

Financials

**note: dollar amounts in thousands*

Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Revenues

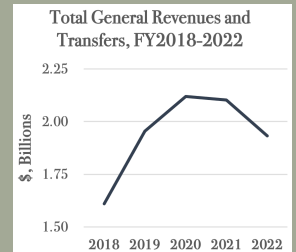


Revenues

Category	2022	2021	% Change
Charges for Services *	1,755,023	1,467,523	19.59%
Operating Grants	306,318	411,790	-25.61%
Capital Grants	142,589	147,118	-3.08%
Sales and Use Taxes	1,199,536	1,079,287	11.14%
Property Taxes	558,707	533,823	4.66%
Lodger Taxes	138,250	90,696	52.43%
Other Taxes and Transfer Revenues **	36,428	398,100	-90.85%

* Charges for Services include revenues from the airport system, convention center authority, golf courses, and wastewater management, among others

** Other Taxes and Transfer Revenues include those associated with facilities development admissions, motor vehicle ownership fees, occupational privilege taxes, specific ownership taxes, telephone taxes, net investment and interest losses, and other revenues



Changes to **Charges for Services**, **Operating Grants**, and **Capital Grants** arose from the return of pre-pandemic activity levels and the expiration of various COVID-era grant programs.

Sales and Use Taxes increased as a result of increased retail and services consumer spending.

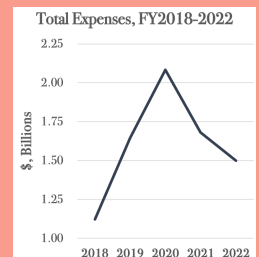
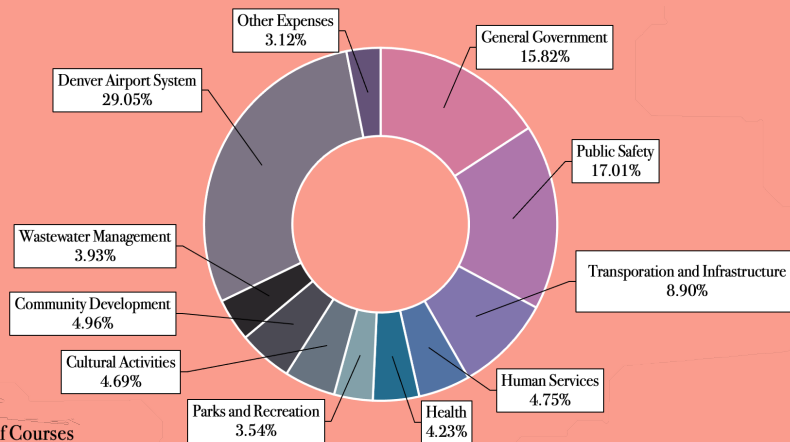
Assessed property values increased in 2022, leading to additional **Property Taxes**.

Lodger Taxes increased due to **elevated levels of leisure travel**, **low unemployment**, and a **10% increase in lodging occupancy rates**.

Expenses

Category	2022	2021	% Change
General Government	585,790	651,338	-10.06%
Public Safety	630,018	805,223	-21.76%
Transportation and Infrastructure	329,635	351,142	-6.12%
Human Services	176,068	165,061	6.67%
Health	156,791	129,433	21.14%
Parks and Recreation	131,187	114,000	15.08%
Cultural Activities	173,674	147,593	17.67%
Community Development	183,775	172,452	6.57%
Wastewater Management	145,527	150,482	-3.29%
Denver Airport System	1,075,889	921,608	16.74%
Other Expenses ***	115,412	99,667	15.80%

*** Other Expenses include those associated with Economic Opportunity, Interest on Long-Term Debt, Environmental Services, and Denver's Golf Courses



Increased **Economic Opportunity** expenses were associated with the expansion of affordable housing.

Health-related expenses increased in FY2022 in part due to coverage for employee insurance plans.

Cost savings for **Public Safety** arose as COVID expenses, such as those for PPE, were discontinued.

As Denverites entered post-pandemic normalcy, COVID-related **General Government** expenses decreased.

Audit

BDO USA, P.A. provided an unmodified opinion on Denver's ACFR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

Awards

Denver submitted its FY2022 ACFR to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) with hopes of earning their forty-first consecutive *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*.

What's Next

In 2019, the Denver City Council approved **Comprehensive Plan 2040**, a strategic report detailing visions for a re-invigorated Denver community. Six **vision elements** drive this plan: Economically Resilient; Equitable, Affordable, and Inclusive; Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods; Connected, Safe, and Accessible Places; Economically Diverse and Vibrant; and Healthy and Active.

full report available at:
<https://shorturl.at/fmLXY>



Current Progress

- **Economically Resilient:** 2021 greenhouse gas **emissions were 36% lower** than 2005 levels
- **Equitable, Affordable, and Inclusive:** **4% reduction** in cost-burdened households since 2017
- **Strong and Authentic Neighborhoods:** 50% of households in **2 new neighborhoods** (since 2016) have access to **quality transport, jobs, and retail** within walking distance
- **Connected, Safe, and Accessible Places:** **7% reduction** in commuters driving to work in a **single-occupancy vehicle** (since 2016)
- **Economically Diverse and Vibrant:** **2.2% increase** in jobs within **diverse, innovative, and growing economic sectors** (since 2019)
- **Healthy and Active:** no updated or new data available in fiscal years 2021 or 2022

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Current Challenges

- While Denver is committed to increasing affordable housing (see “Strategic Priorities” on page one), and some progress has been made in the area (see “Performance” on page two), more citizens need housing faster than accommodations can be built, as evidenced by:
 - **Inundation of city shelters** with new individuals and families
 - Denver is among the **worst cities** on **homelessness**
- Commercial vacancy rates are **eighth highest** in the nation for 2022
- Denver’s average monthly crime rate in 2022 was **43% higher** than in 2019
 - **Third highest car theft rate** nationwide in 2022
 - FBI ranks Denver as **15th most dangerous place to live** nationwide

City Council

District 1: Amanda Sandoval
District 2: Kevin Flynn
District 3: Jamie Torres
District 4: Kendra Black
District 5: Amanda Sawyer
District 6: Paul Kashmann
District 7: Jolon Clark
District 8: Christopher Herndon
District 9: Candi CdeBaca
District 10: Christopher Hinds
District 11: Stacie Gilmore
At-Large: Robin Kniech
At-Large: Deborah Ortega

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