
CITY OF OREM CITIZENS' BUDGET FY 2026

Orem City Hall
56 North State Street
Orem, UT 84057



FAMILY CITY USA

Family City USA



At a Glance

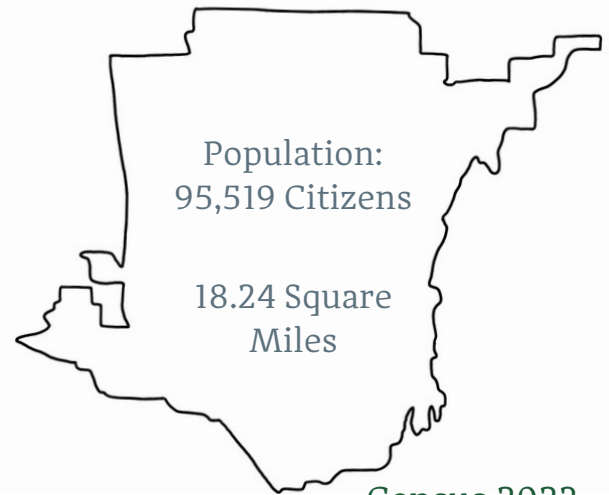


Orem was incorporated in 1919 and is proud to call itself **Family City USA**.



Orem ACFR

32,787 Households
Median Household Income:
\$94,564



Census 2023

What makes Orem special?



Orem has over 20 scenic parks.
No matter where you are in Orem,
a park will be within 1 mile of you.



Orem hosts Oremfest, a weeklong
celebration for all things Orem,
every June.



Orem is home to Utah Valley
University, the largest public
university in Utah.



Orem is home to University Place, the
place to shop and dine in Orem.

Local Leaders



The City of Orem’s Manager Council form of government allows for a full-time City Manager and part-time Mayor. The Mayor and Council members serve staggered four-year terms. The City Council consists of the Mayor and six Council members who are all elected at large. Although the Mayor leads the City Council, this position carries one vote – equal to the rest of the City Council.



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City Attorney	Steve Earl
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Finance Director	Brandon Nelson
Fire Chief	Marc Sanderson
Library & Recreation Director	Bryce Merrill
Police Chief	BJ Robinson
Public Works Director	Chris Tschirki

2025 Areas of Focus



**Skilled & Talented
Workforce**

**Dependable
Infrastructure**

**Align the Interests of
the City Council, City
Employees, & the
Community**

**Safe, Livable,
Connected & Engaged
Neighborhoods**

**Thriving & Balanced
Business Environment**

**Community-Focused
& Effective
Government**

Together, we are Building a Better Orem

New City Hall



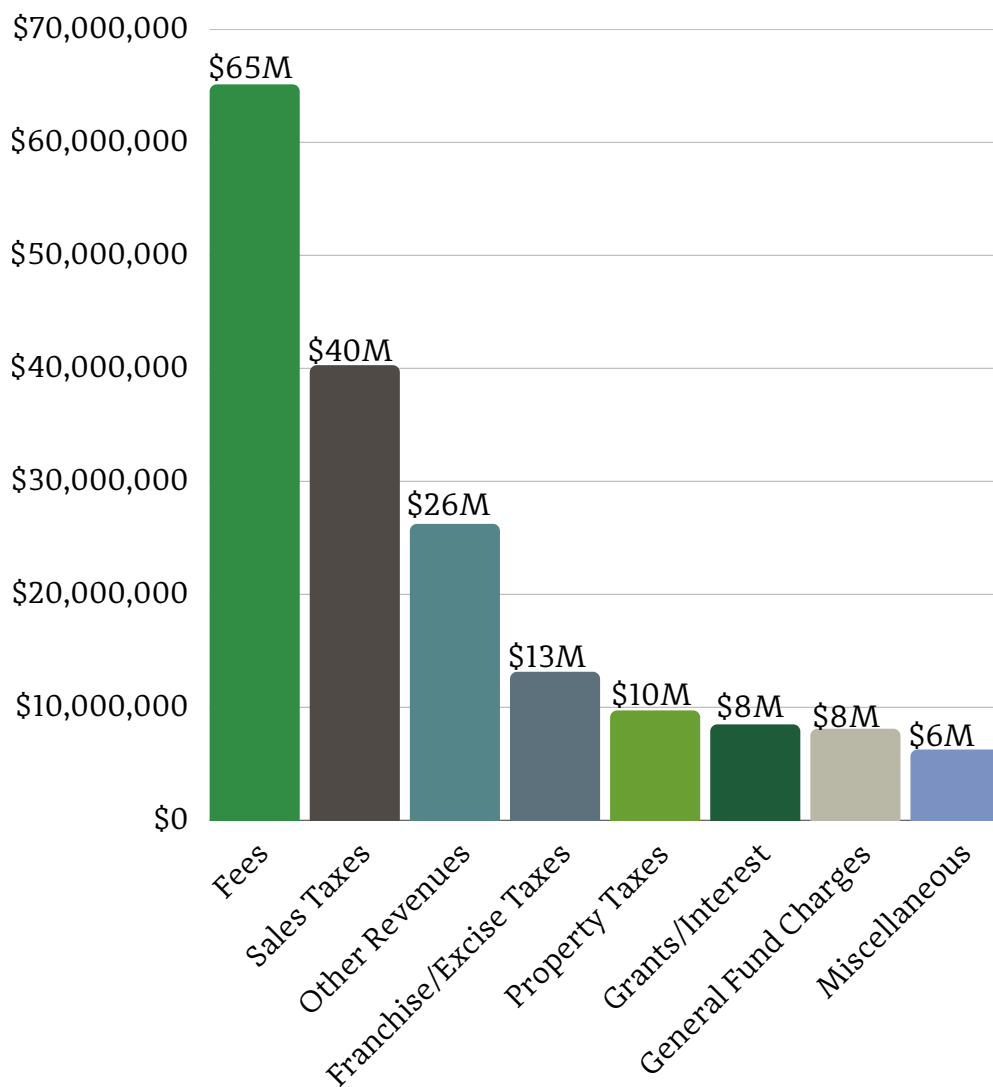
On April 22nd, 2025, Orem opened a brand new, state-of-the-art \$30 million City Hall, which was built with no new taxes and no bonding. This required years of smart saving and careful financial planning.



City-Wide Revenues

Most of the City's funds are supported by taxes such as sales tax in the General Fund or utility charges such as water fees in the Water Fund.

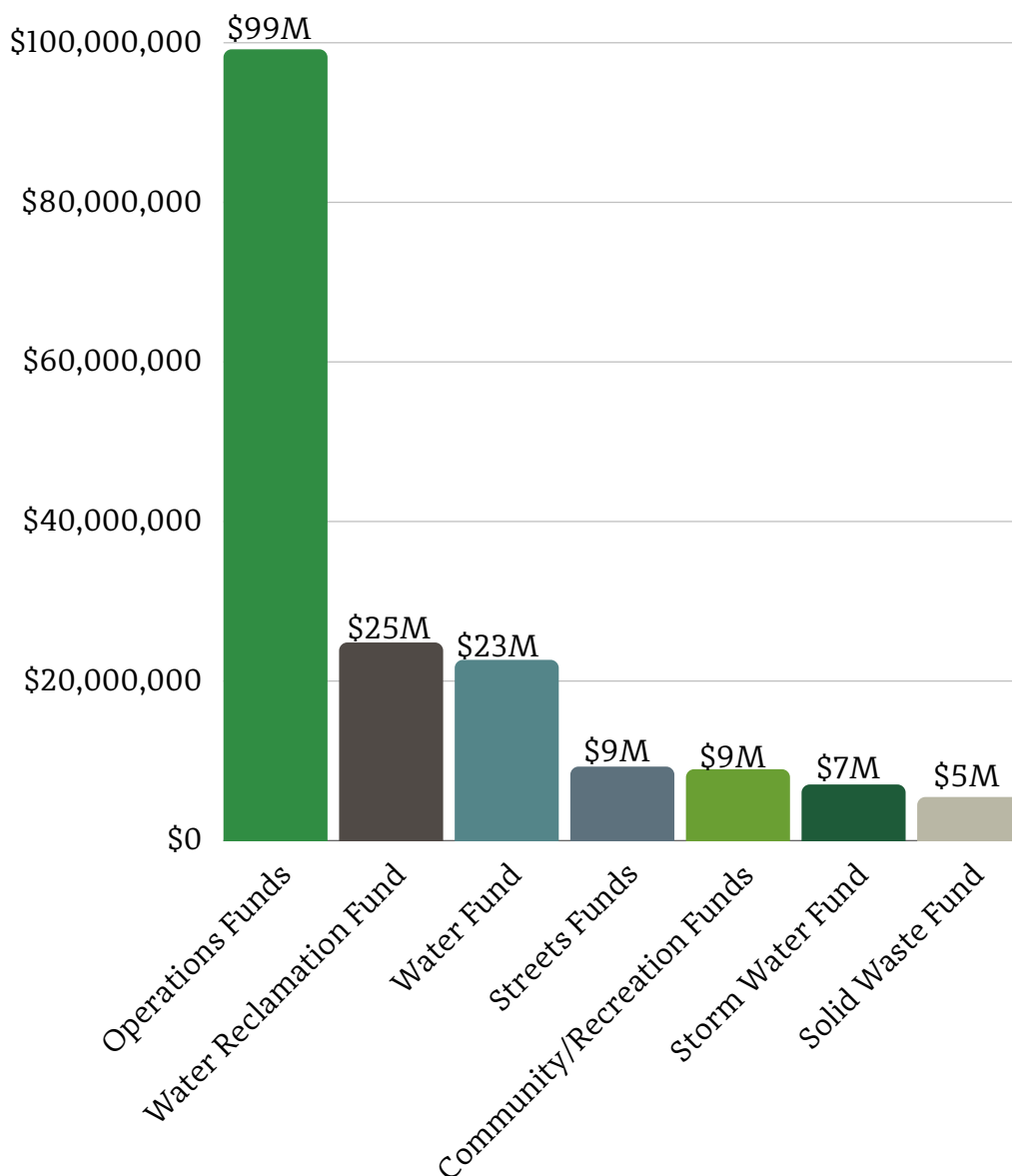
For fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026), the city-wide operating revenues total **\$177,414,649** with **\$150,916,199** representing the collection of new revenues.



Total City-Wide Revenues: \$177,414,649

City-Wide Expenditures

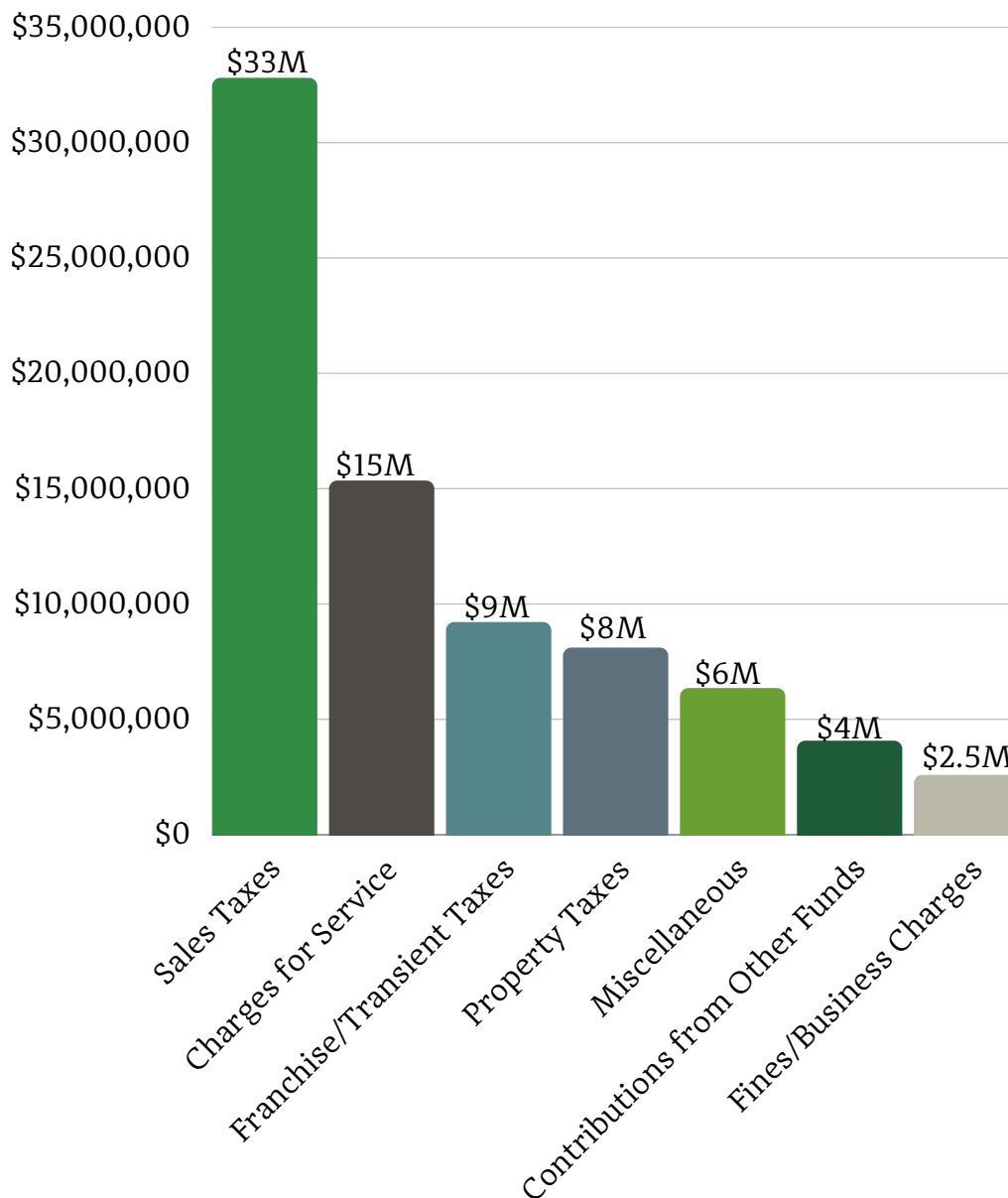
When Orem collects its revenues, it disperses the money into 22 different funds. Each fund serves a specific purpose to support Orem. These funds have been combined into 7 different categories to make it easier to understand the use of each fund.



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General Fund Revenues

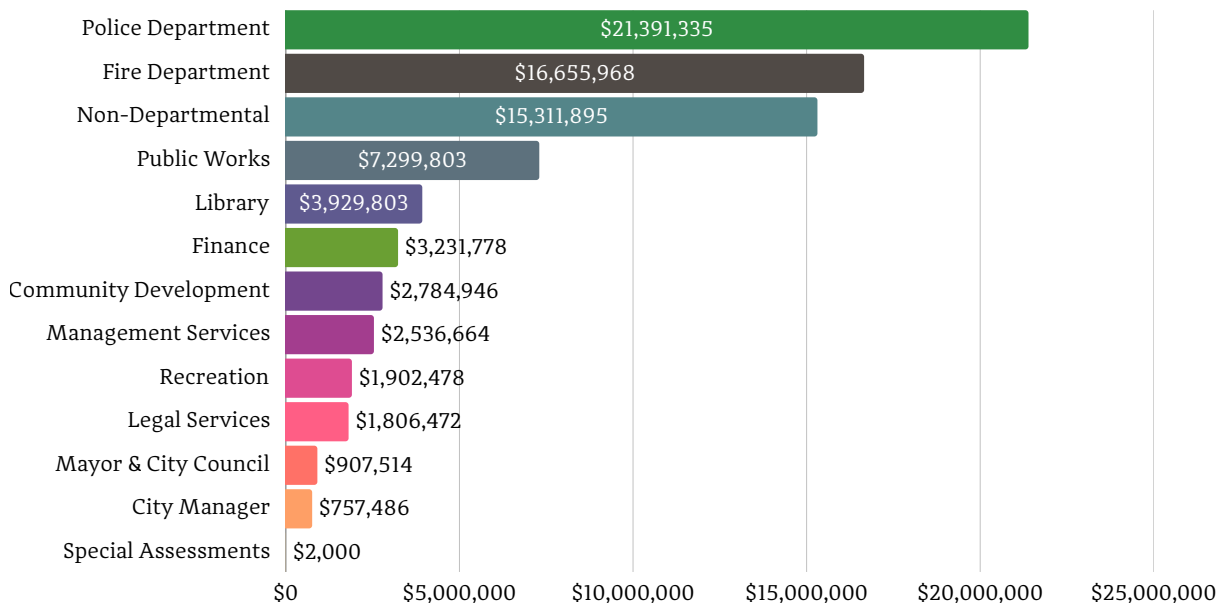
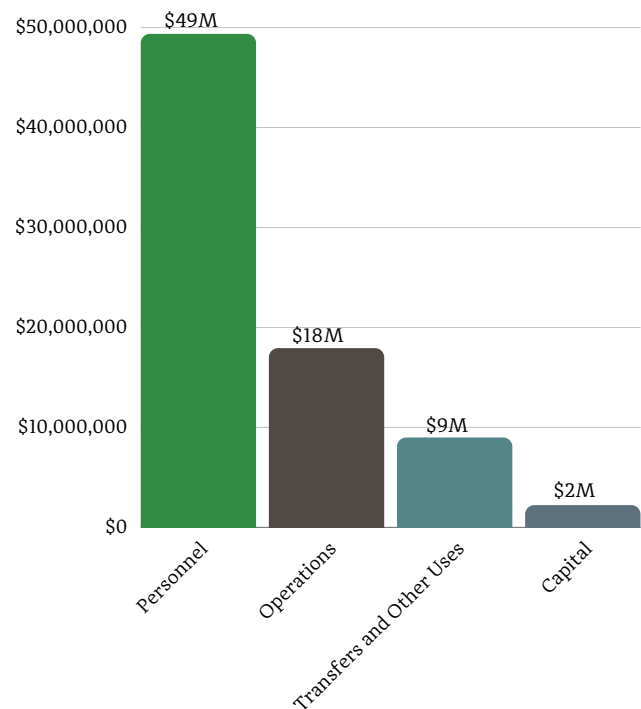
The General Fund is the City's major operating fund.



Total General Fund Revenues: \$78,517,416

General Fund Expenditures

The General Fund is used to pay for major municipal government functions such as Police, Fire, Parks & the Library.



Total General Fund Expenditures: \$78,517,416

The City's budget is split into seven different categories of funds.

General Fund - The City's primary operating fund. Supports a wide range of City functions, from Fire and Police to Parks and the Library.

Enterprise Funds - Operations that are financed and operated similar to private businesses, such as Water and Water Reclamation.

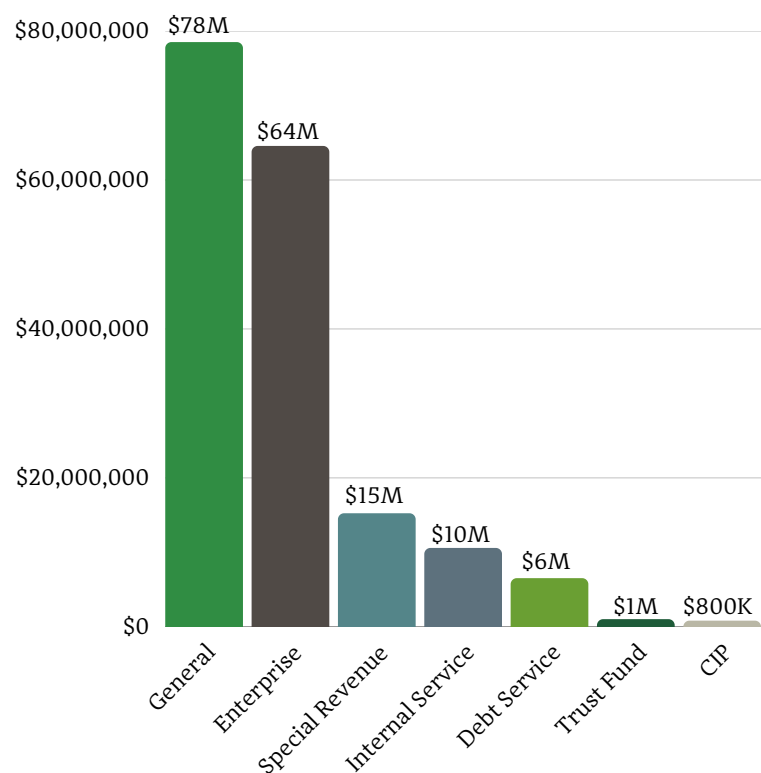
Special Revenue Funds - Used to account for revenues that are legally restricted or committed to special purposes, such as the Road Fund and CARE Tax.

Internal Service Funds - Funds that provide services to other parts of the City's organization, such as the Information Technology Fund and Self-Insurance Fund.

Debt Service Funds - Used to pay back the principal and interest on long-term government loans.

Trust Funds - Accounts for resources held by the City in a trustee or custodial capacity. Orem's notable trust funds are the Orem Foundation Fund and Community & Neighborhood Services Fund.

CIP Fund - Used specifically for the development of the City's capital improvement projects.



Total Fund Amount: \$177,414,649

Capital Improvement Projects

Capital Improvement Projects refer to investments and enhancements that improve public facilities and infrastructure . These projects are funded by various means (e.g. grants, bonds, etc.).

Exciting capital projects in FY26 include:

Several Park Renovations

Four Orem parks (Windsor, Community, Cherryhill, Foothill) will undergo improvements, including new basketball courts, pickleball courts, playgrounds, and bathrooms.



Fitness Center Pool Improvements

Addition of nonslip flooring, new doors for temperature control, improved lighting, and a study of the pools' structural integrity.



Various Street Restorations

Includes asphalt overlay & reconstruction, slurry & crack seal, and microsurfacing treatment.

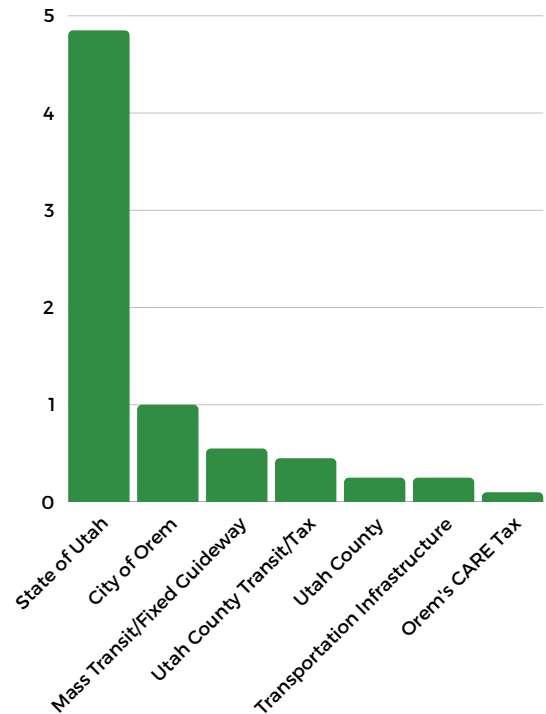


Capital Improvement Projects Total: \$28,088,821

Sales Tax Breakdown

The total sales tax rate in Orem is **7.45%** and is distributed among the following entities:

- 4.85% State of Utah
- 1.00% City of Orem
- 0.55% Mass Transit and Mass Transit Fixed Guideway
- 0.45% Utah County Airport, Highway, and Public Transit/ Tax
- 0.25% Utah County
- 0.25% Transportation Infrastructure
- 0.10% Orem's CARE Tax



CARE Tax

The purpose of the CARE Tax is to enhance recreation and cultural arts in Orem.

In November 2005, Orem voters approved a 1/10th of 1% local sales and use tax dedicated only for CARE.

In 2023, Orem voters renewed the CARE tax for an additional 10 years.

What has the **CARE** tax done for Orem?

- Orem's newest park: **Hillcrest Park**
- The All-Together Playground
- Significant amount of the new Family Fitness Center
- Splash Pad at Palisade Park
- Orem Dog Park
- Outdoor Stage at City Center Park

For every ten dollars spent in Orem, one penny is collected for CARE Tax.

Property Taxes

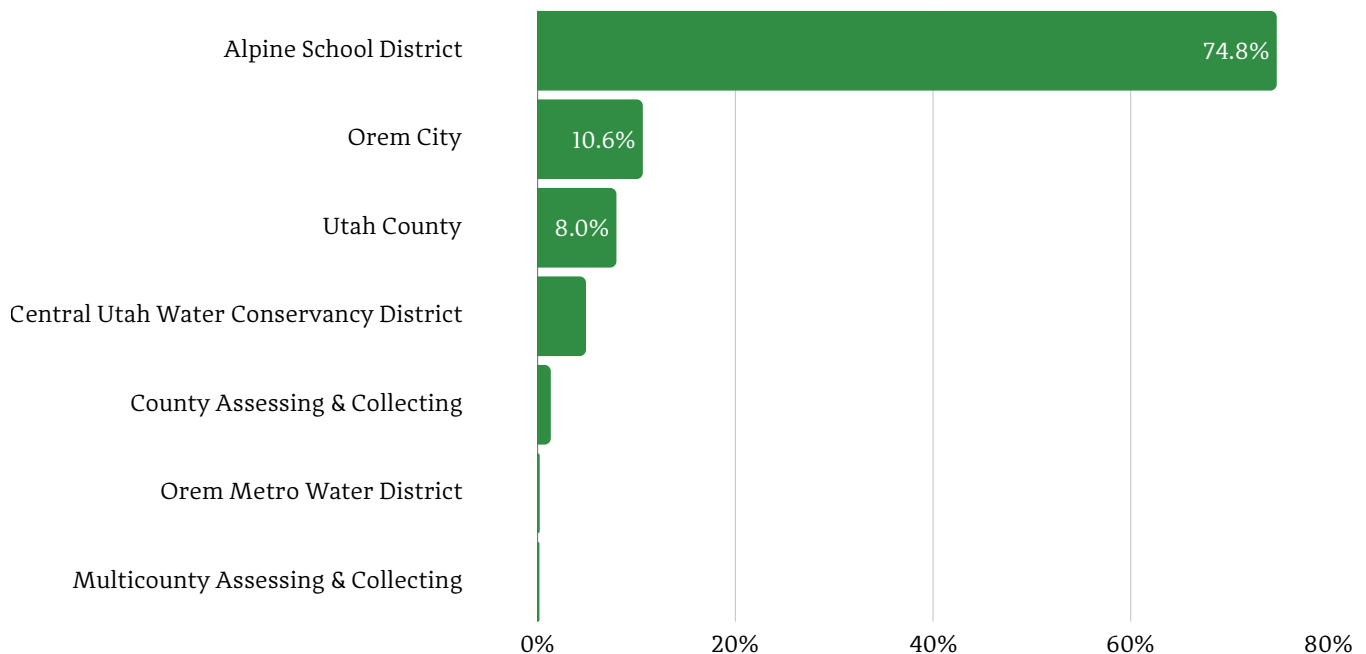
The City of Orem has one of the lowest property tax rates in Utah.

Property Tax Rates

Vineyard	0.34%
West Valley	0.26%
Ogden	0.22%
Provo	0.18%
American Fork	0.17%
Average City	0.14%
West Jordan	0.14%
South Jordan	0.14%
Pleasant Grove	0.13%
Lehi	0.12%
Payson	0.12%
Layton	0.11%
Springville	0.11%
Sandy	0.11%
Spanish Fork	0.11%
Saratoga Springs	0.10%
Orem	0.09%
Lindon	0.08%
Eagle Mountain	0.06%



Property tax revenue is split between the below organizations.



Best of Orem: FY25

- Given #1 Livability Score in Utah by *AreaVibes*
- Rated #1 City in USA for Economic Resilience by the *Milken Institute*
- Named the #1 City in Utah for Seniors by *World Atlas*
- Earned the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the 37th consecutive year
- Had over 100,000 attendees at Oremfest 2025, shattering previous attendance records
- Launched the myHometown initiative with a Community Resource Center and service projects in the Geneva Heights neighborhood (new areas coming soon!)
- Made significant fundraising progress on Gold Star Family Monument
- Increased social media presence by over 150%
- Saw nearly 2 million visits to Orem's city parks
- Opened a brand new, state-of-the-art \$30 million City Hall in April 2025, which was built with no new taxes and no bonding
- Remains recognized as the retail hub of Utah County
- Grew patron foot traffic at library by nearly 25%
- Expanded Fitness Center programs for adults
- Welcomed nearly 500 new businesses to the city, expanding Orem's commercial base to just shy of 7,000 businesses
- Called the #1 City in the United States for New Grads Opening a Business by *Switch on Business*
- Boasts the #2 Fastest Internet in the United States, per the *Morning Star*





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