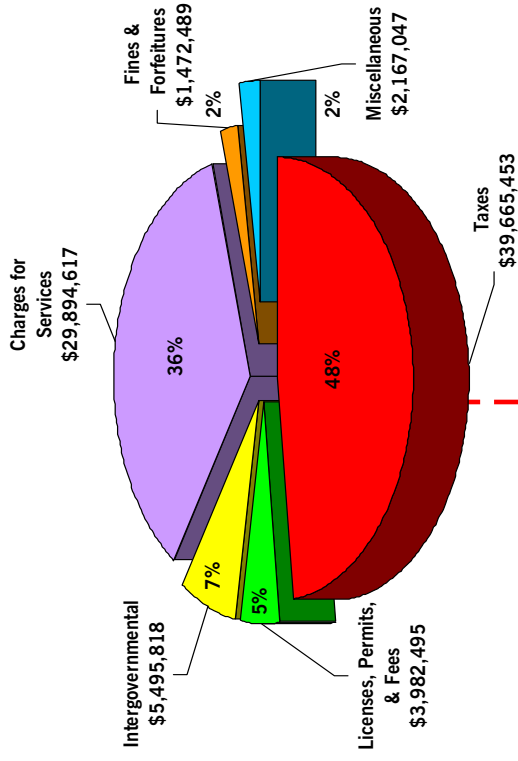
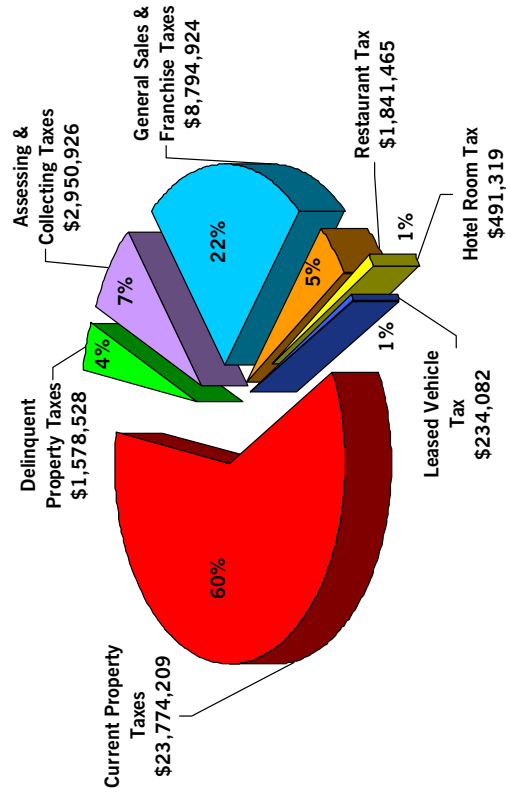


REVENUES

Where County Dollars Come From



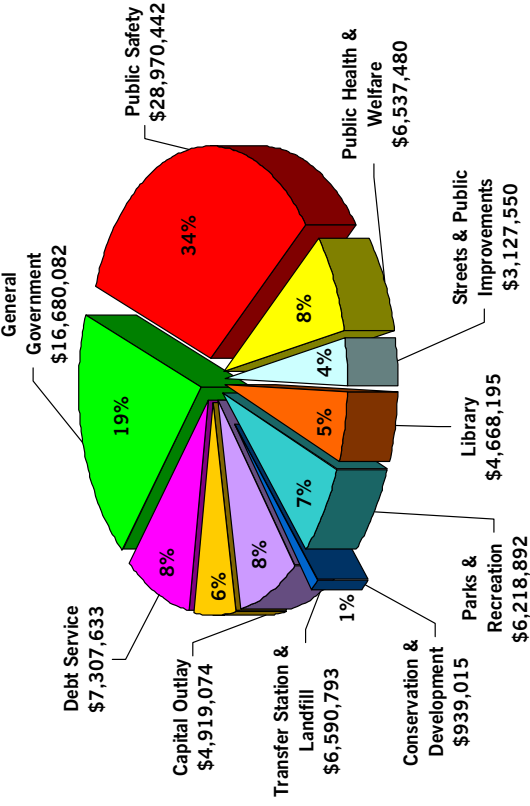
Taxes in Greater Detail



Total 2004 Revenue: \$ 82,677,919

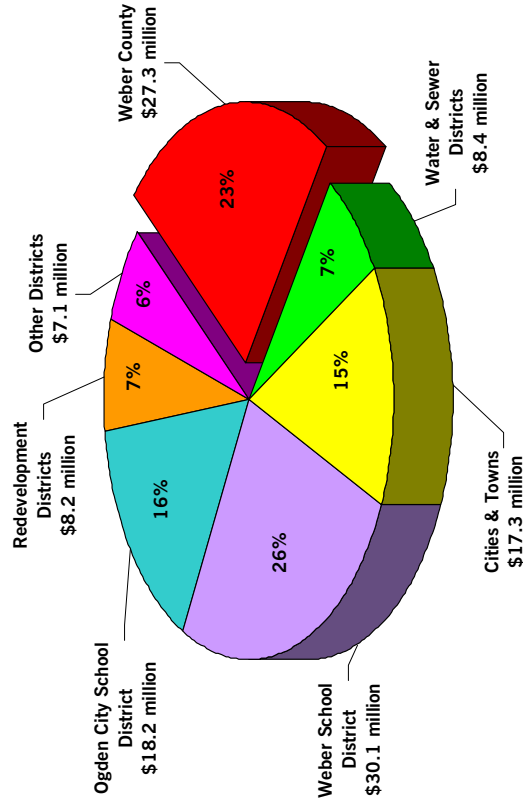
EXPENDITURES

Where County Dollars Go



Total 2004 Expenditures: \$ 85,959,156

Where Property Tax Dollars Go

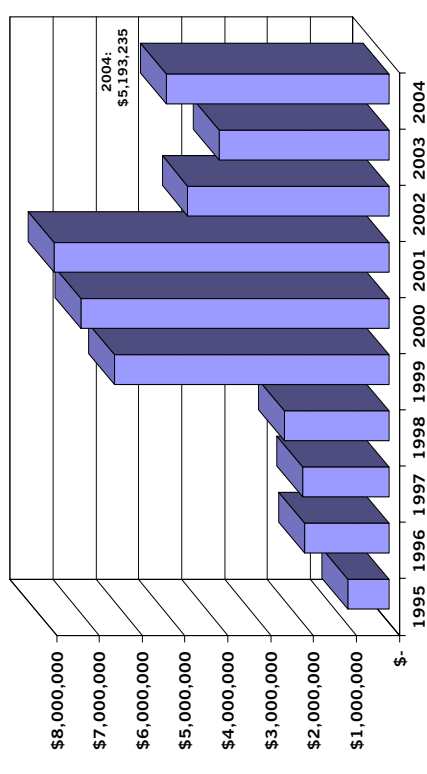


Total 2004 Property Taxes Charged: \$ 116,586,884

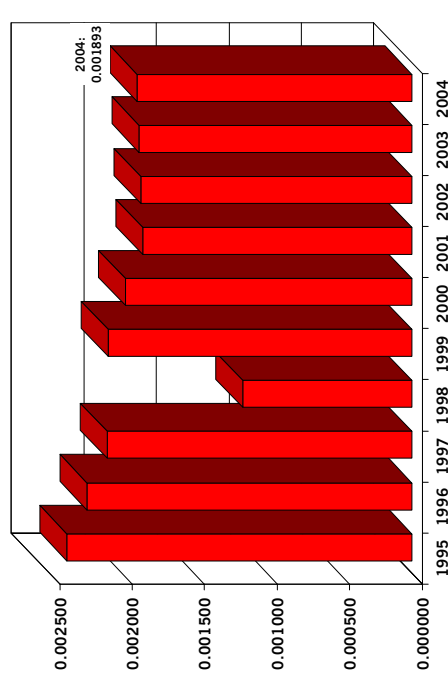
GENERAL FUND

The General Fund accounts for the general and administrative operations of the County including planning, zoning, elections, justice court, criminal prosecution, public safety, corrections, roads, recreation, and the departments of all elected officials. The fund balance contains amounts that can be used to run county government in the near term as well as reserves held for future contingencies. During 2004, the fund balance increased \$1.0 million due to higher than expected revenues from sales taxes and court fines, and from a one-time boost of \$527,000 when the County sold an old building.

What is the Ten Year Trend in the General Fund Unrestricted Balance?



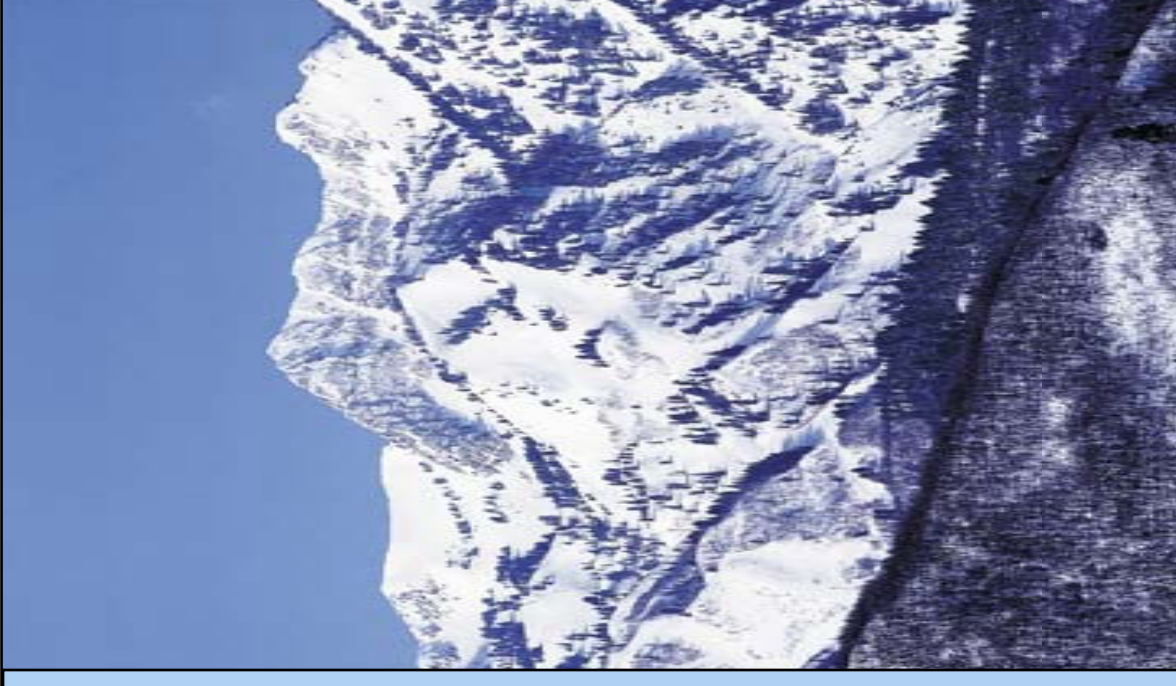
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REPORT TO CITIZENS

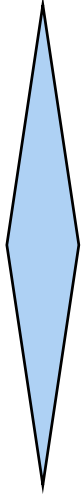
Weber County Clerk/Auditor

2004 Financial Performance Summary



WEBER COUNTY

June 2005



CLERK/AUDITOR'S MESSAGE

This annual Report to Citizens is compiled by the Weber County Clerk/Auditor's Office to provide you with summary information regarding the financial activities of the County in an easy-to-understand fashion. We are pleased to have citizens and customers who care about their County, and we hope this information will help residents become better informed about the financial condition of their county government.

Weber County's population continues to grow. This growth has sustained the local market for residential housing and retail businesses, which in turn provides a steady source of property and sales taxes to fund essential county services. Grants and other intergovernmental revenues also continue to cover a large share of the government's costs. Weber County's officials are committed to following sound budget and financial management practices to keep the County's finances stable and tax rates as low as possible.

Appreciation is extended to the Clerk/Auditor staff who devote their time, effort, and expertise each year in preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Anyone desiring a copy of the CAFR may contact our office in the Weber Center, 2380 Washington Blvd., Suite 320, Ogden, Utah 84401. We can also be reached by telephone at 399-8400, or visit us online at www1.co.weber.ut.us/clerk_auditor.

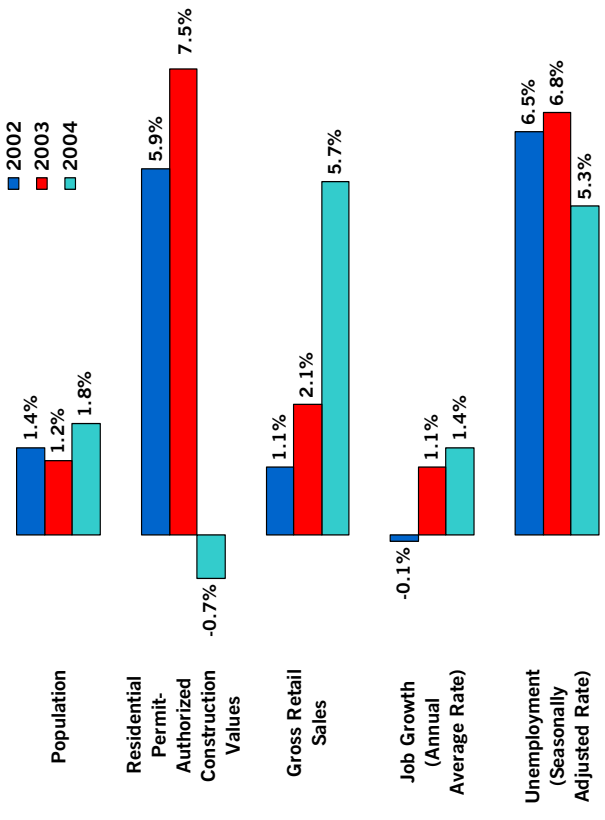
The Report to Citizens is a limited project for which we encourage your continued input and support.

Sincerely,

Linda G. Lunceford
Clerk/Auditor



Weber County Economic Indicators Annual Percent Change



Sources: Utah State Tax Commission, Utah Department of Workforce Services

2004 Economic Condition and Results of Operations

Weber County's economy showed steady improvement throughout 2004. Gross retail sales grew a near-record 5.7% over the prior year, spurred by the retail, manufacturing, and construction sectors. New residential construction nearly equaled the same amount as last year, totaling \$173 million. Job growth averaged 1.4% led by new positions in retail outlets, transportation companies, and healthcare providers. The County's unemployment rate averaged 5.3%, well below last year's 6.8% level.

Weber County's strong economy contributed to an increase in total revenues of \$2.9 million or 3.7% over the prior year. Total expenditures were \$7.6 million higher than last year mainly because the County spent \$4.8 million on a new building for the Health Department. Other cost increases came from rising costs of employee health insurance and retirement benefits, higher costs of waste disposal at the Transfer Station, and purchases of specialized equipment for the Sheriff's Office using federal homeland security grant funds.

Certificate of Achievement

For thirteen consecutive years, Weber County has earned national recognition by receiving the prestigious Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The GFOA certificate is the highest form of recognition in state and local government accounting and financial reporting. We are committed to this effort, and we intend to maintain a highly qualified and professional staff to make this certification possible.