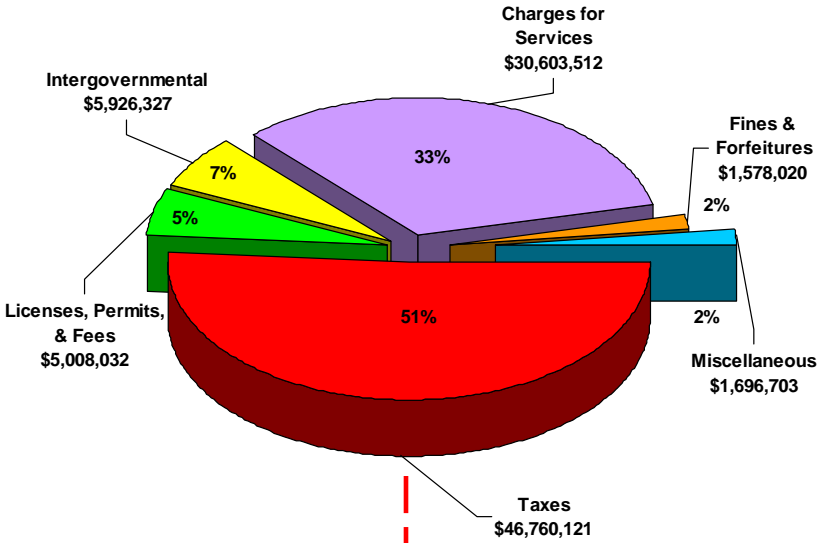
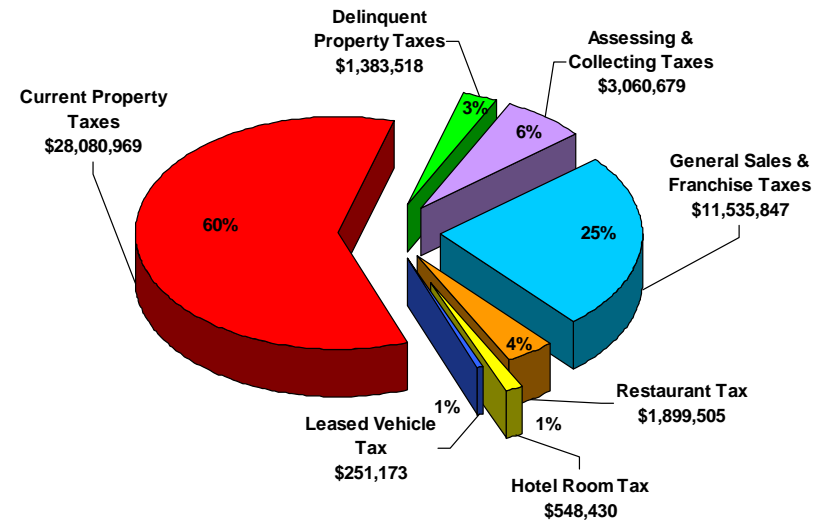


REVENUES

Where County Dollars Come From



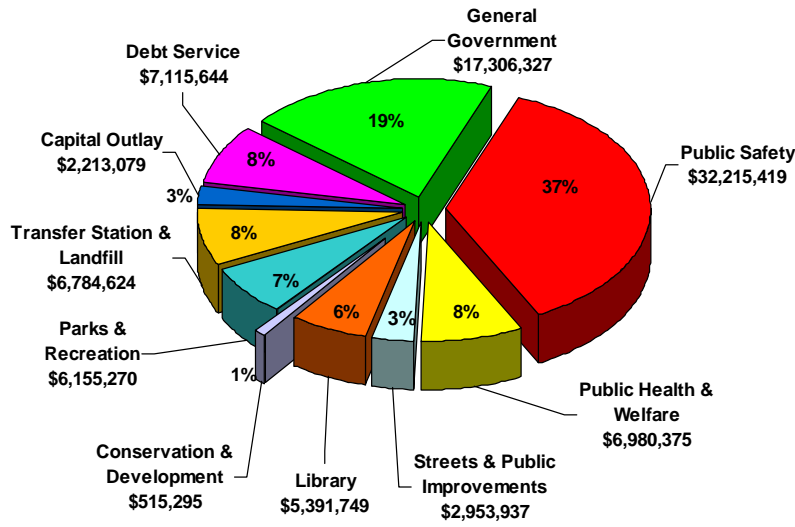
Taxes in Greater Detail



Total 2005 Revenue: \$ 91,572,715

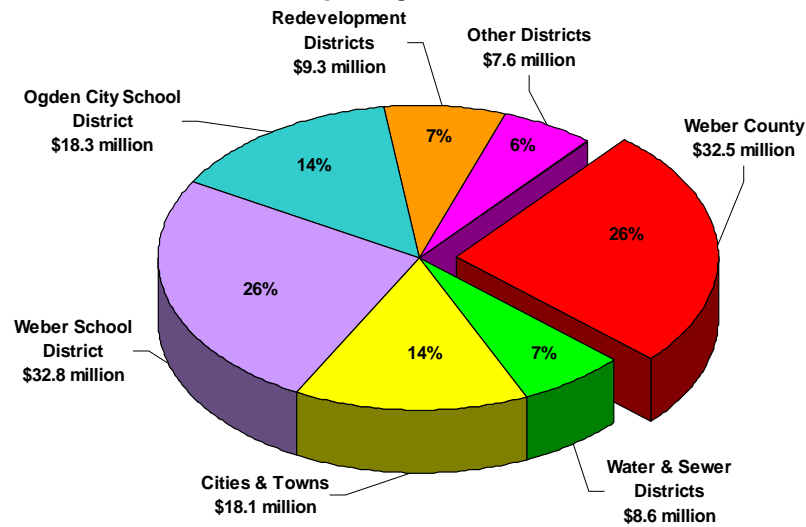
EXPENDITURES

Where County Dollars Go



Total 2005 Expenditures: \$ 87,631,719

Where Property Tax Dollars Go

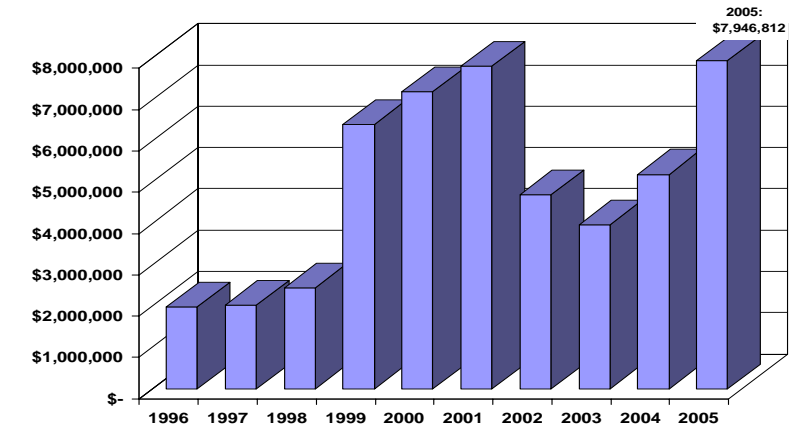


Total 2005 Property Taxes Charged: \$ 127,194,014

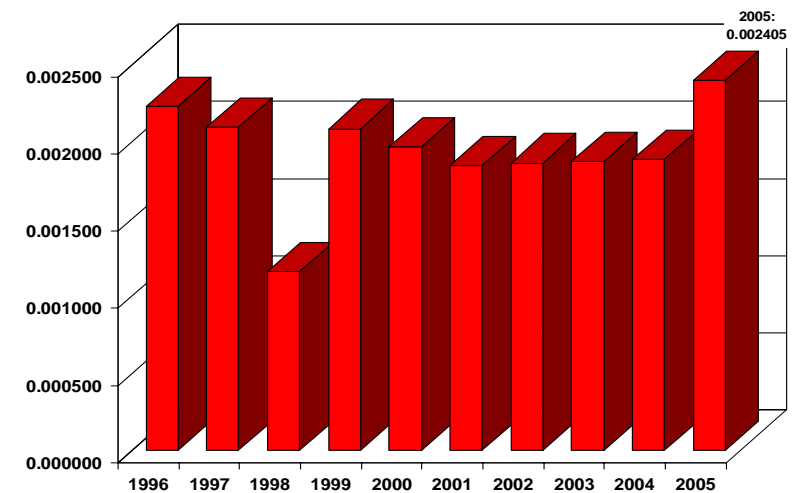
GENERAL FUND

The General Fund accounts for the general and administrative operations of the County including public safety, corrections, criminal prosecution, elections, recreation, information technology, 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 2005, the fund balance increased \$1.9 million due to a general property tax increase, higher than expected sales taxes revenues, and limited growth in expenditures.

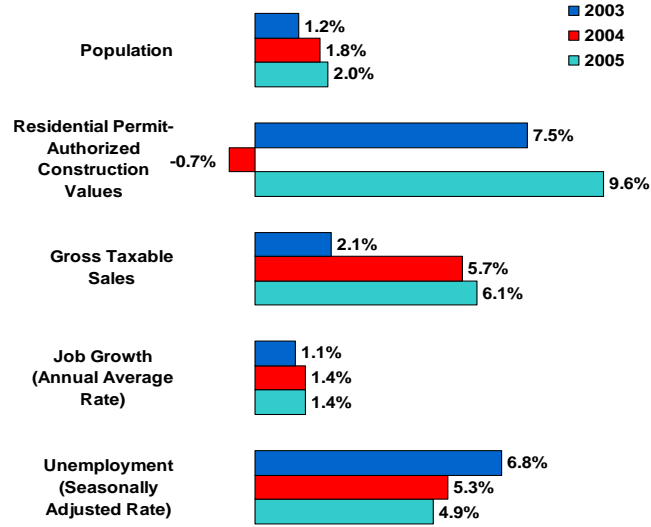
What is the Ten Year Trend in the General Fund Unrestricted Balance?



What is the Ten Year Trend in the General Fund Property Tax Rate?



**Weber County Economic Indicators
Annual Percent Change**



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

2005 Economic Condition and Results of Operations

Weber County continues to benefit from the robust economic growth seen along the entire region of the Wasatch Front. During 2005, strong construction and consumer spending caused gross taxable sales to grow 6.1%, which is on top of a 5.7% increase last year. Unemployment averaged 4.9%, a slight improvement over 2004's rate of 5.3%, and average annual job growth matched last year's 1.4% increase. New residential buildings comprised nearly 87% of the value of total new construction in Weber County, increasing 9.6% over 2004, while total new construction values jumped 16.9% to reach nearly \$280 million.

Weber County's strong economy, combined with a general property tax increase, contributed to growth in total revenues of \$8.9 million or 10.8% over the prior year. In contrast, total expenditures increased only \$1.7 million or 1.9% over last year due almost entirely to higher personnel costs including rising costs of health insurance and retirement benefits. The County also collected \$2.2 million from the new 1/10th of 1% "RAMP" sales tax that will be shared with other local governments and not-for-profit entities beginning in June 2006.

In the last two years, Weber County has refinanced nearly 50% of its outstanding bonded debt to save a total of \$2.9 million over the next 14 years. Also, the County paid off three capital leases early during 2005 and expects to eliminate another lease in the coming months. Except for a sales tax revenue bond in the fall of 2006 for a new library building, the County has no other plans for new debt or major construction projects in the near future.



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.

For fourteen 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.

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.

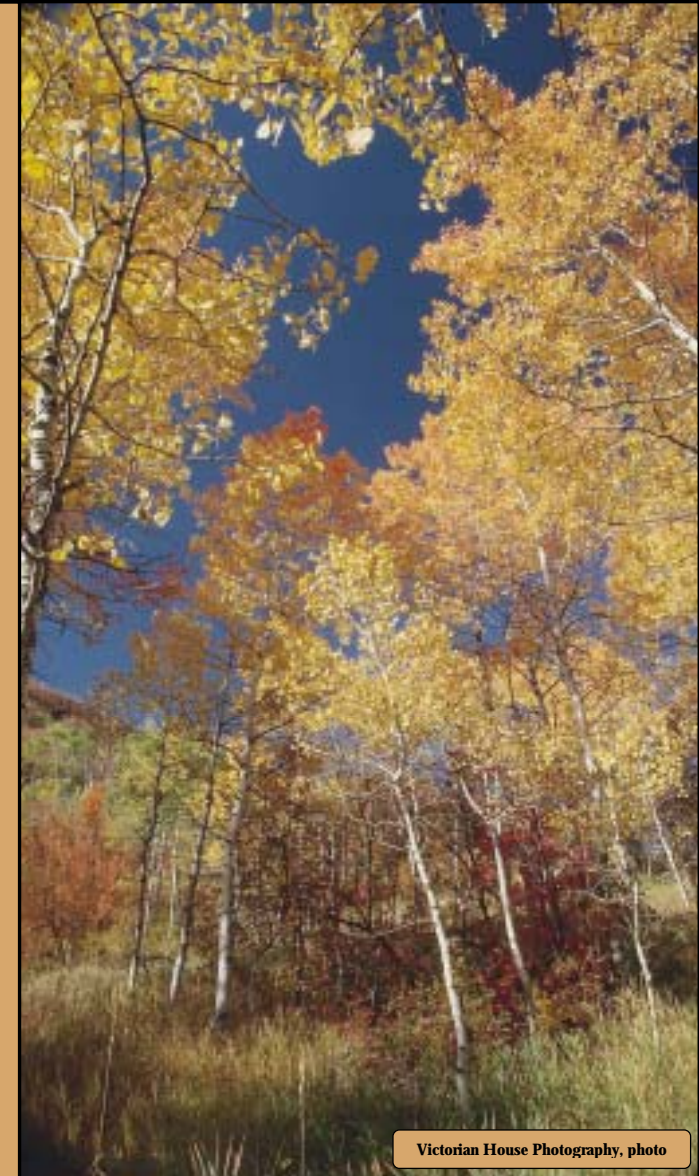
Sincerely,

Linda G. Lunceford
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Clerk/Auditor



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2005 Financial Performance Summary**

WEBER COUNTY



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