Citywide Operating Expenditures

What spending is done by the City?

Total = \$394.3M

Special Revenue \$11.6M

These funds, such as Gas Tax and Affordable Housing fund, can only be used for specific purposes.

Storm Water \$1.5M

The City storm drain system collects storm water runoff from City streets.

Refuse Recovery \$29.3M

The Refuse Recovery Division collects all refuse, recycling and green waste in the City.

Other Funds \$76.7M

Includes all nonprimary General funds.

General Fund \$158.9M

General tax dollars that pay for recreation, public safety, community development, and administration.

Water \$56.6M

100% of the Water utility bill is reinvested into operations and maintenance of the City's water system.

Wastewater \$29.8M

The City of Santa Cruz wastewater treatment facility treats more than 7 million gallons of wastewater each day.

Parking \$29.8M

Provides all parking enforcement in the City.

General Fund Revenues

Where does the money come from?

A look at the City's major revenue sources

The graph below highlights the City's major revenue sources for the General Fund



Service Fees

Fees, mostly from Recreation and Planning fees, are collected for general government operations.

Lodging Occupancy Tax (TOT)

Tourists pay an additional tax (rate in parentheses) when staying at local hotels (12%) or short-term rentals (14%).

Miscellaneous

Includes grants, fines, forfeitures, and inter-fund transfers.

Other Taxes

Includes the business license, franchise, and other taxes.

schools.

Sales Taxes

For every \$100 in taxable purchases, \$9.75 is collected in sales tax. Of this amount, the City receives \$2.25. Most of the sales tax collected goes to the state of California.

Utility Taxes

Taxes are imposed on utility companies for using the City's streets and right-of-way.

Investments and Rents

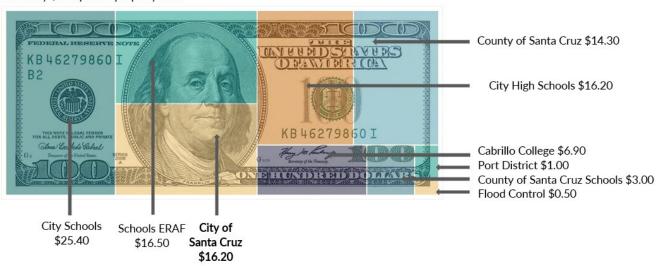
Funds collected include rents for City owed property and investment earnings.

Property and Sales Tax

Where does the tax get allocated?

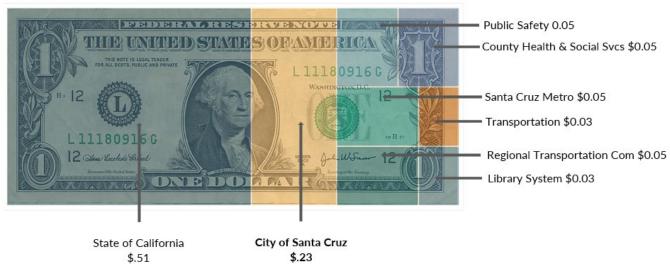
Property Tax

For every \$100 paid in property tax...



Sales Tax

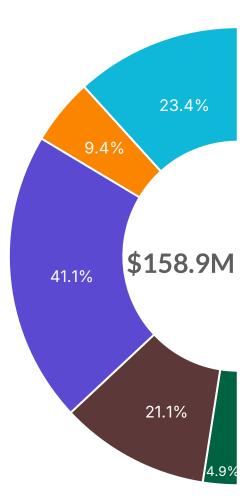
For every \$1 paid in sales tax...



General Fund Expenditures

Where does the City's money for general operations go?

Community Services & Sustainable	
Infrastructure	23.4%
Parks & Recreation	\$20.10M
Library	\$2.45M
Public Works	\$14.71M
Community Development	9.4%
Planning & Community Development	\$9.27M
Economic Development & Housing	\$5.64M
Public Safety	41.1%
Fire	\$28.77M
Police	\$36.59M
Leadership & Support Services	21.1%
City Council	\$0.70M
City Manager	\$16.14M
Administrative Services	\$15.14M
Debt Service and Transfers	4.9%
Debt payments	\$1.21M
Transfers	\$6.61M



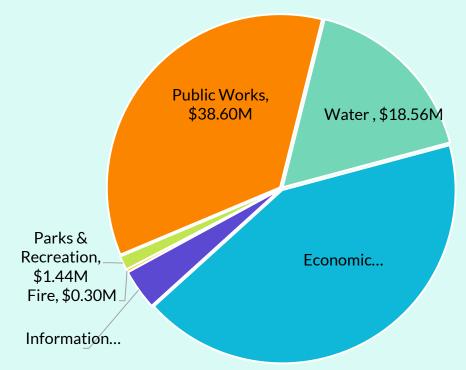






Capital Investment Program







City of Santa Cruz- Numbers at-a-Glance

Data as of 2024



- •Total square miles- 15.83
- •Population (2024)-62,776
- Median family income-\$111,427
- Average persons per household- 2.33
- Median home value-\$1.4M
- •Households- 21,669





- •Acres of land- 1,700
- •Number of parks- 35
- Number of facilities 12
- •Number of recreation programs, classes, and events- 110,495
- Number of facility, field, court and picnic reservations- 13,913
- •Special events produced- 8





- •Active Water accounts->21,000
- Miles of Water mains-294
- •Gallons of drinking water produced 2.33B
- Wastewater treated daily- 8.0M
- •Miles of sewer pipes->200





- Number of Police stations- 1
- •Police calls for service-62,103
- Number of citations-3,440
- Number of Fire stations-4
- Fire emergency calls-9,438
- •Fire project inspections-816















