

City of Wichita Tri-Gov Meeting

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Partnerships and Service Sharing



- Current and ongoing agreements

MAPD, 911 Emergency Communications, MABCD, Healthcare Future Ready Center, Manufacturing Future Ready Center, Homeless Services and Second Light

- Opportunities for future collaborations

Animal Control, Public Works and Utilities, Municipal Court, Purchasing, Park and Recreation, Cultural Arts, Fire

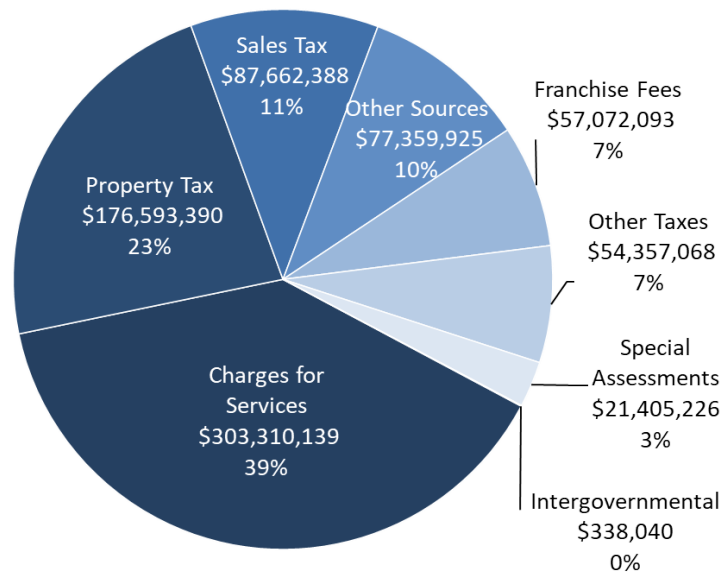
- Fire Station 23



City of Wichita Revenue



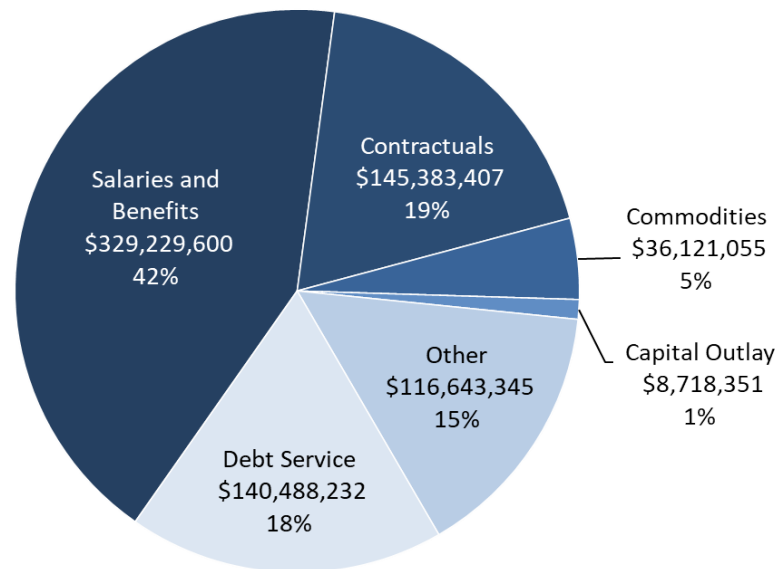
Where City of Wichita Dollars Come From
ALL FUNDS 2026 ADOPTED, \$778,098,269



City of Wichita Expenses



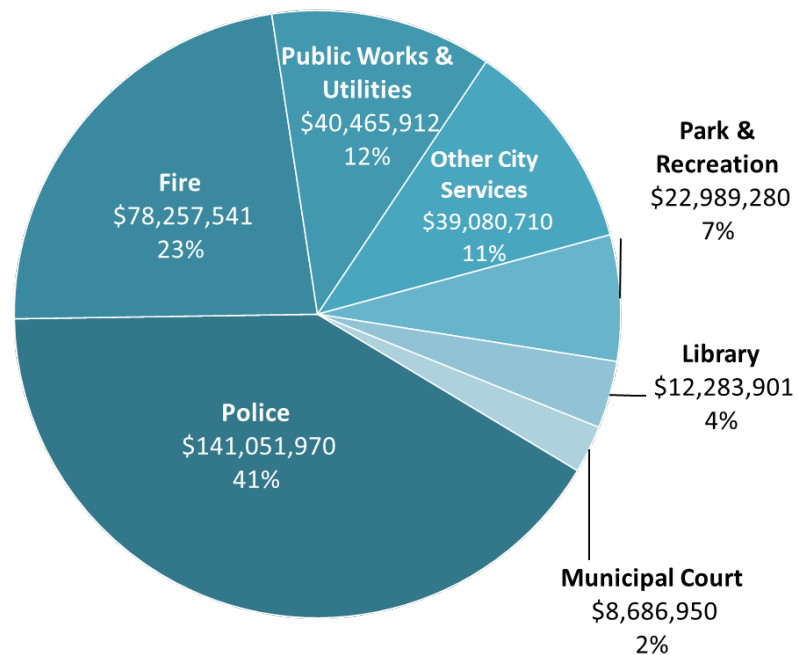
Where City of Wichita Dollars Go
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City of Wichita Big Picture



GENERAL FUND 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET, \$342,816,264



Starting Point: 2026 Adopted Financial Plan



General Fund Financial Plan 2026 Adopted Budget				
	2026 Adopted	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected
Revenues	\$342.8 million	\$351.3 million	\$355.7 million	\$361.0 million
Expenditures	\$342.8 million	\$351.3 million	\$359.6 million	\$368.1 million
Net Gain/ (Loss)	\$0	\$0	(\$4.0 million)	(\$7.1 million)



Sales Tax Debrief / Budget Priorities



- Town Halls in each district, plus City Hall
- Community survey results (Wichita.gov/survey)



2025 Polco Community Survey



Community Strengths

Most residents continue to view Wichita as a desirable place to live.

- About 7 in 10 residents plan to remain in Wichita over the next five years, and a similar share (72%) would recommend the city as a place to live.
- About two-thirds of respondents viewed Wichita positively as a place to raise children, while about 55% valued it as a place to retire.
- Public library services continued to perform very well, with 8 in 10 residents rating them as excellent or good.



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Community Strengths

While views of the local economy were mixed, several strengths emerged:

- About 6 in 10 residents approved of the overall quality and variety of local businesses and services.
- Wichita's shopping opportunities were also viewed positively by about 6 in 10 participants.
- Roughly 6 in 10 approved of the cost of living in Wichita, a higher rating than both the national and custom benchmarks.
- About half of respondents approved of local employment opportunities, while two-thirds approved of Wichita as a place to work.



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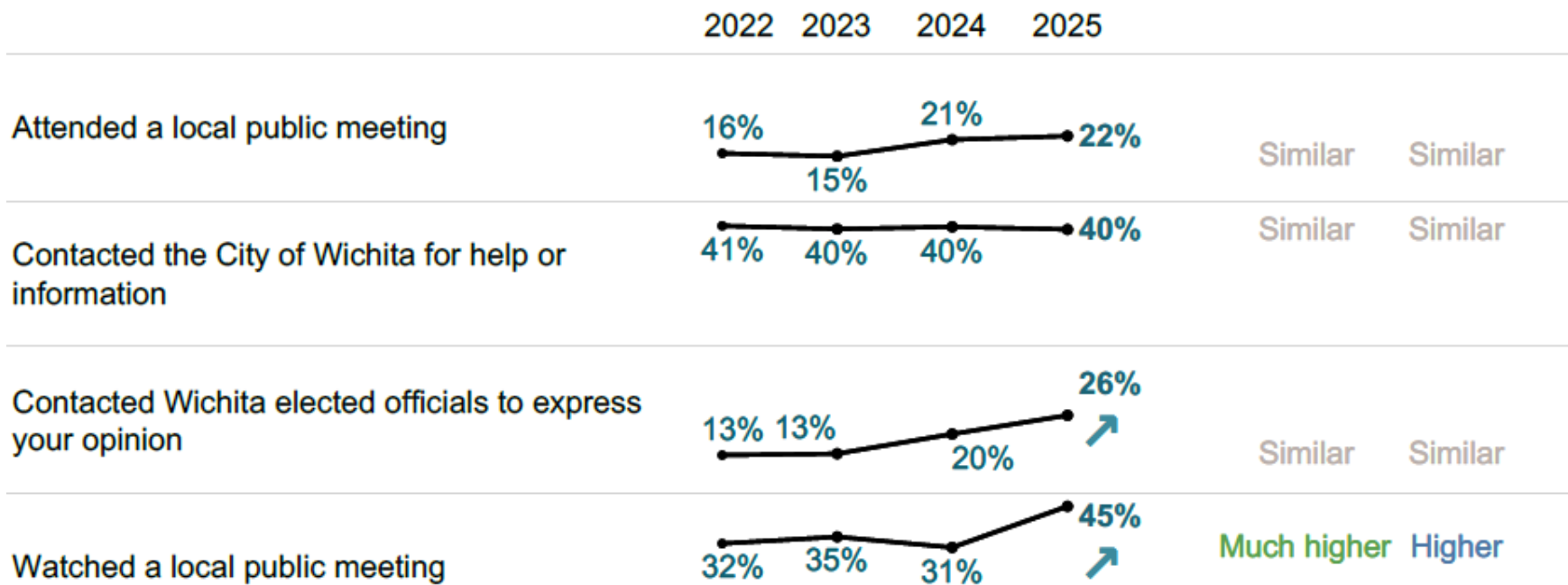
Other Notable Results

- Residents reported frequently experiencing or witnessing issues downtown, particularly people experiencing homelessness, boarded-up or vacant buildings, litter or illegal dumping, vandalism, and street racing or reckless driving.
- Perceived safety varied significantly by time of day, with residents feeling safest during daytime hours and substantially less safe in the evening and at night.
- Several potential improvements were identified as likely to increase downtown visitation, including better lighting, cleaner streets, fewer vacant buildings, more frequent events or attractions, increased police or security presence, and reduced visible homelessness.
- Most residents also reported regularly consuming local news and social media related to safety, indicating that both lived experience and information exposure may influence perceptions of downtown.



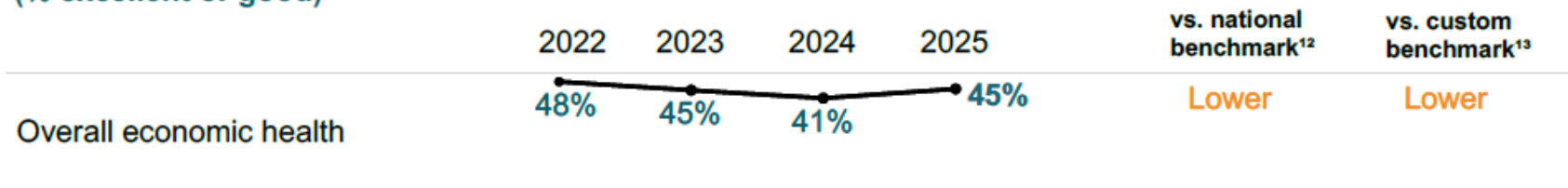
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Please indicate whether or not you have done each of the following in the last 12 months.
(% yes)

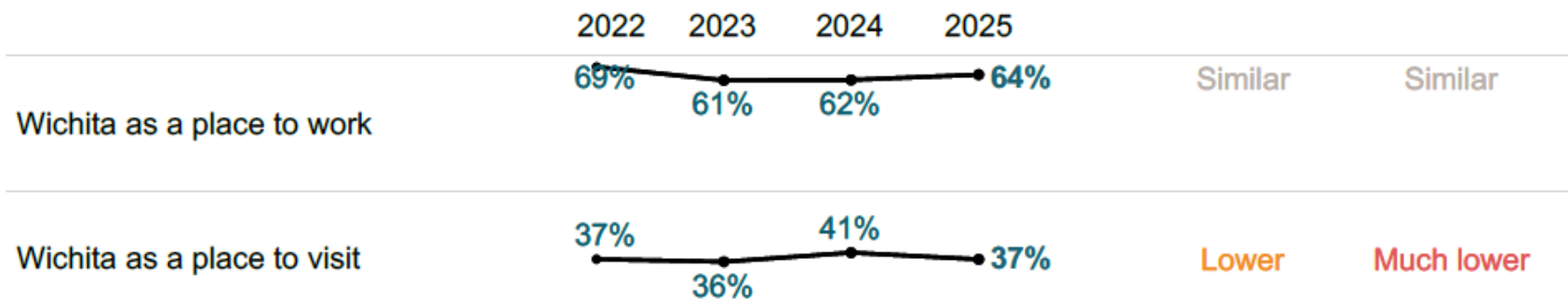


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Please rate each of the following characteristics as they relate to Wichita as a whole.
(% excellent or good)

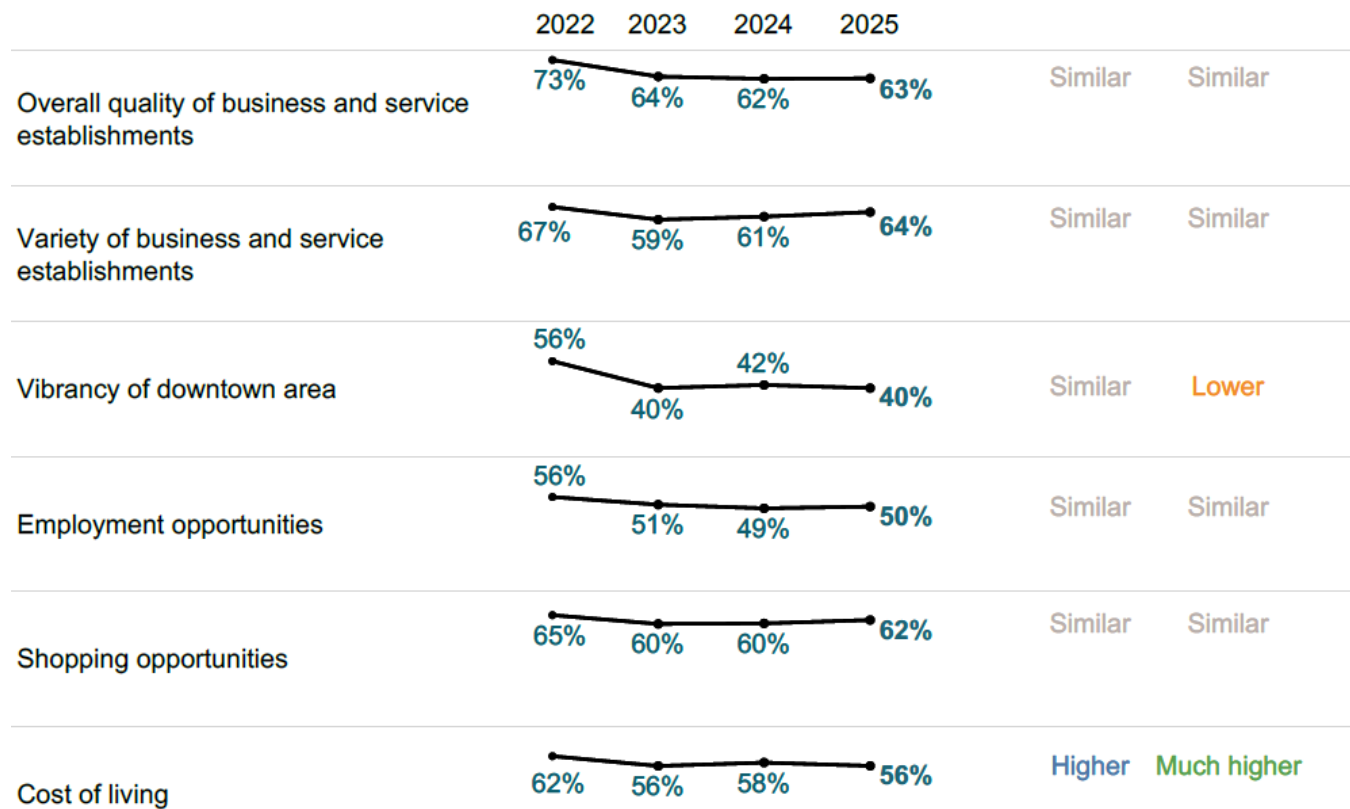


Please rate each of the following aspects of quality of life in Wichita.
(% excellent or good)



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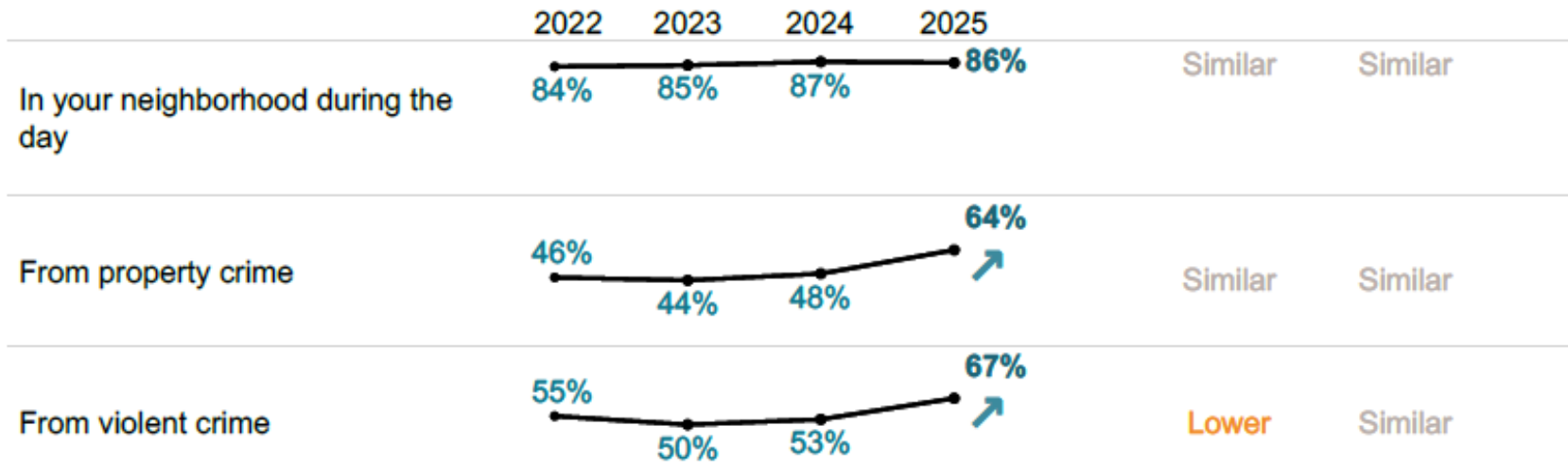
Please rate each of the following in the Wichita community.
(% excellent or good)



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Please rate how safe or unsafe you feel:
(% very or somewhat safe)



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[Wichita.gov/survey](https://www.wichita.gov/survey)



Wichita Police Department Crime Statistics



	YTD vs. Last Year YTD			YTD vs. 5 Year YTD Avg.		
	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change	YTD 2026	5 Year YTD Avg	% Change
MURDER	7	3	133%	7	9.6	-27%
RAPE	68	84	-19%	68	99.6	-32%
ROBBERY	100	103	-3%	100	110.6	-10%
AGG ASSAULT	1105	1124	-2%	1105	1110.4	0%
Part I Violent	1280	1314	-3%	1280	1330.2	-4%
BURGLARY	423	586	-28%	423	609.0	-31%
LARCENY	3462	3755	-8%	3462	4159.4	-17%
AUTO THEFT	532	592	-10%	532	669.2	-21%
Part I Property	4417	4933	-10%	4417	5436.2	-19%
Total Part I	5690	6246	-9%	5690	6764.8	-16%

The total of the subcategories may not equal the main category due to multiple offenses on a case. The counts are distinct victim count, case number count, or vehicles stolen depending on crime type. The statistics are not UCR statistics and do not match the statistics provided to the KBI. The numbers are not official and continually change. Averages and percent change are rounded to the nearest whole number. Averages and Percent Change will not always match incident totals shown in table.



Quality of Life Issues



- Homelessness services
- Nuisance abatement
- Graffiti, litter, illegal dumping
- Vandalism



Downtown



- BioMed / other progress and impact
- Updated Downtown Plan to be revisited by City / County



Legislative Challenges



- Property tax reform challenges
- Water reuse
- Working with legislators well before the next legislative session



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