

LAKWOOD FISCAL FACTS

The City of Lakewood strives to provide the best and most efficient services for its citizens. Following are several facts about Lakewood's financial health as the third largest city in the Denver metropolitan area within the state of Colorado.

1. **FUNCTIONAL AREAS / 2013 BUDGET DOLLARS**

Public Safety	\$	46,993,611	30.41%
Transportation		26,647,068	17.24%
Parks/Recreation/Cultural		22,215,475	14.37%
Support Services		20,887,077	13.51%
City Facilities		12,112,533	7.84%
Utilities		9,207,109	5.96%
Economic/Development Services		7,848,387	5.08%
Family Services		4,379,935	2.83%
City Management/Public Representation		4,266,656	2.76%
TOTAL		\$ 154,557,851	100.00%

2. **60% OF THE 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET COMES FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX.**

Of the rest, 11 percent (11%) is from charges and services; 8 percent (8%) is from the City's portion of property taxes; 7 percent (7%) is from franchise fees; 5 percent (5%) is from intergovernmental revenue; 3 percent (3%) is from miscellaneous revenue, fines and investment income; 3 percent (3%) is from other taxes; and 3 percent (3%) is from licenses and permits. The General Fund expenditures represent 64 percent (64%) of the total City expenditures.

3. **LAKWOOD'S SALES TAX RATE IS 3%.**

Of this 3 percent (3%), five-sixths of the total (2.5%) supports general operations. The other one-sixth (.5%) is spent on capital needs (streets, buildings, park acquisition).

4. **LAKWOOD'S CITY SALES TAX RATE COMPARED TO OTHER METRO CITIES.**

Municipal Sales Tax Rates

Broomfield	4.15%	Denver	3.62%	Golden	3.00%
Westminster	3.85%	Commerce City	3.50%	LAKWOOD	3.00%
Aurora	3.75%	Englewood	3.50%	Littleton	3.00%
Morrison	3.75%	Arvada	3.46%	Wheat Ridge	3.00%
Thornton	3.75%	Boulder	3.41%	Centennial	2.50%

5. **TOTAL 7.5 CENTS SALES TAX BREAKDOWN**

For every taxable \$1 purchase in Lakewood, 3 cents goes to the City, 2.9 cents to the State of Colorado, 1 cent to the Regional Transportation District (RTD), .5 cent to the Jefferson County Open Space, and .1 cent to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Comparisons with other cities are as follows:

Total Sales Tax Rates

Aurora	8.50%	Morrison	8.25%	Golden	7.50%
Thornton	8.50%	Boulder	8.21%	LAKWOOD	7.50%
Broomfield	8.35%	Arvada	7.96%	Littleton	7.50%
Westminster	8.35%	Englewood	7.75%	Wheat Ridge	7.50%
Commerce City	8.25%	Denver	7.62%	Centennial	6.75%

6. **THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD'S MILL LEVY REMAINS LOW COMPARED TO OTHER CITIES.**

The 2013 City of Lakewood's mill levy collected is 4.711 mills. The Colorado Constitution and City Charter require an election to increase any tax rate resulting in a net revenue gain.

Municipal Property Tax Mill Levies (2013 Budget)

(* Includes Fire Departments; ** Includes Fire Department With No Designated Mill Levy)

	<u>MILLS</u>		<u>MILLS</u>	<u>LAKEWOOD</u>	<u>MILLS</u>
Broomfield	28.968	* Thornton	10.210		4.711
* Denver	32.926	** Englewood	7.794	Arvada	4.310
* Golden	12.340	Morrison	6.746	* Westminster	3.650
** Boulder	11.981	* Littleton	6.662	Commerce City	3.269
* Aurora	10.290	Centennial	5.129	Wheat Ridge	1.830

7. **APPROXIMATELY 5% OF PROPERTY TAXES GO TO LAKEWOOD (2012 BUDGET).**

A typical Lakewood homeowner pays property taxes annually to the following jurisdictions. Example: Assuming a \$300,000 actual value of a home, the County assesses residential value at 7.96% of actual value or \$23,880.

Where Do My Property Taxes Go? (2012 taxes paid in 2013):

<u>JURISDICTION</u>	<u>MILL LEVY</u>	<u>TAXES PAID</u>	<u>%</u>
Jeffco R-1 School District	50.616	\$ 1,208.71	52.83%
Jefferson County	24.346	581.38	25.41%
West Metro Fire District	13.739	328.09	14.34%
CITY OF LAKEWOOD	4.711	112.50	4.92%
Bancroft-Clover Wtr & San District	1.746	41.69	1.82%
Urban Drainage/Flood Control Dist.	0.657	15.69	0.68%
	<u>95.815 mills</u>	<u>\$ 2,288.06</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

8. **LAKEWOOD PROVIDES MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE PARTIALLY COST RECOVERED THROUGH USER FEES.**

The City's Recreation programs, Building Inspection and Development Review, Liquor Licensing, Family Services, and Municipal Court generally derive revenues from fees or fines to partially cover operating costs, thus keeping a smaller burden on the taxpayers.

9. **THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD "ALL FUNDS" BUDGET IN 2013 IS \$154.6 MILLION.**

The City's General Fund for 2013 is \$99,246,356. Services such as Police Patrol, Street and Park Maintenance, Traffic Signal Maintenance, Recreation, Family Services, and other departmental operations are in the General Fund. Other Funds include the Capital Improvement and Open Space Funds, which pay for street, drainage, and park development; various Enterprise Funds; and other small special-purpose funds.

10. **THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD HAS FORMAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.**

Some of these obligations constitute multi-year fiscal obligations. The following is a schedule of the City's 2013 obligations:

<u>OBLIGATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Police Facility	181,630
William Frederick Hayden Park (Land Lease)	200,000
2007 HUD Section 108 Loan	369,818
Civic Center COP, Series 2006B	2,393,682
Recreation COP, Series 2006A	2,715,950
	<u>\$ 5,861,080</u>

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