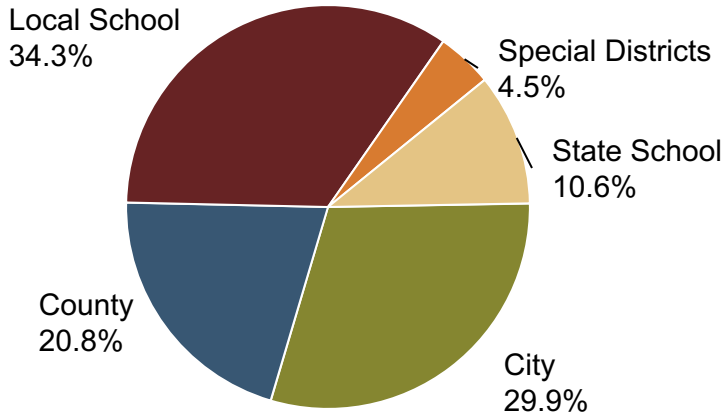




# City of Missoula Preliminary Budget Q & A Fiscal Year 2022

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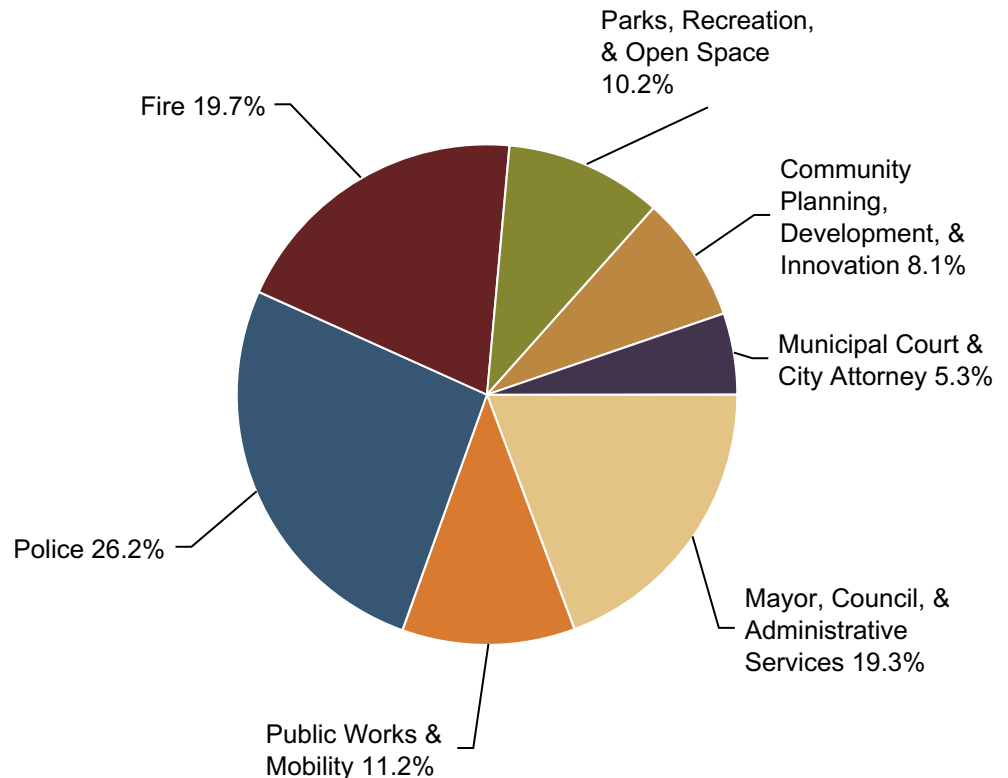


## Q: What part of my tax bill goes to City Government?

**A:** City taxes account for just under 30% of your property tax bill. In the FY 2021 budget, city taxes were \$387.03 for each \$100,000 in market value of a home. The biggest taxing entity for a Missoula County property owner is local schools, which in FY 2021 accounted for 34.3% of the tax bill. Missoula County was 20.8%.

## Q: How does the City spend my taxes?

**A:** Nearly half of tax revenue is spent on public safety. Here's where the City tax money goes:



## Q: Why do my taxes go up?

- A:**
1. Increased tax levies  
School/County/City increase levies to pay for increased services and increased costs (ex. inflation).
  2. Reappraisals  
The State Dept. of Revenue is the agency that appraises your property for taxes. Taxes are levied on this amount. They reappraise every two years. If properties increase in value, taxes will likely increase even when the levies are not increased. The year 2021 is a reappraisal year.

## Q: What are TIF (Tax Increment Financing) and URD (Urban Renewal Districts)?

**A:** TIF is a tool that adds public value and amenities to development projects. Owners of the homes and businesses within an urban renewal district pay taxes at the same rate as those outside the district. As properties in the district increase in value, the additional tax revenue is set aside for streets and sidewalks, environmental cleanup, demolition of old buildings and similar upgrades that improve the area and its value. These investments turn blighted neighborhoods into thriving ones like downtown Missoula today, resulting in more tax revenue for the whole community.

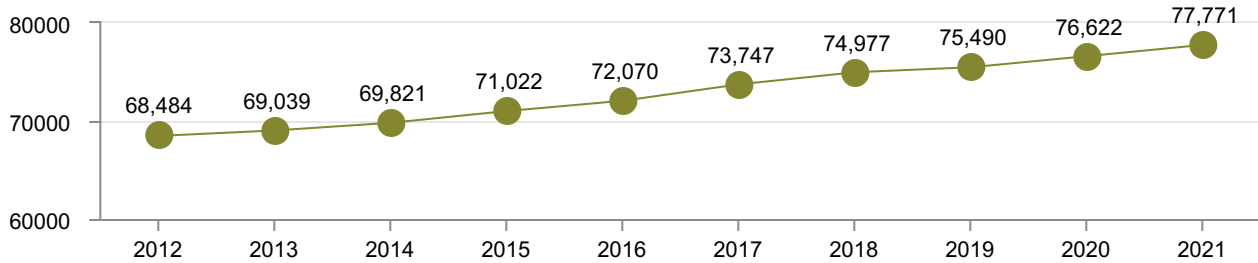


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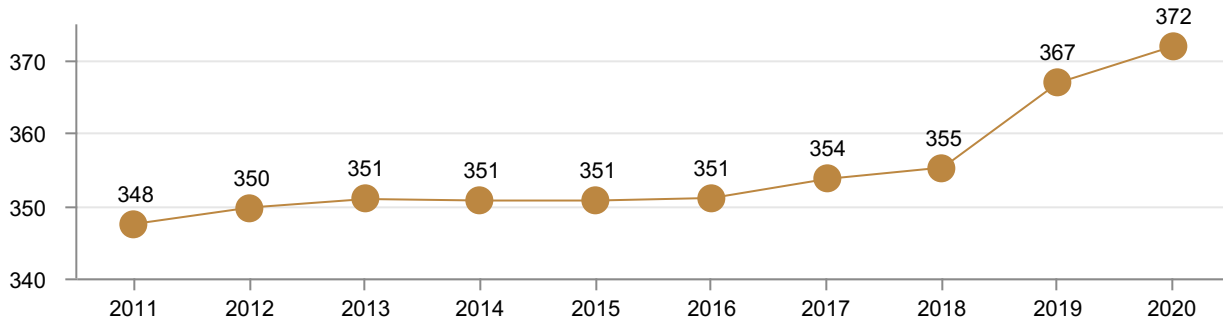
## Q: What challenges does the City face every year?

A: In addition to inflation increasing costs, Missoula is growing, and there is more demand for services. Here are a few examples:

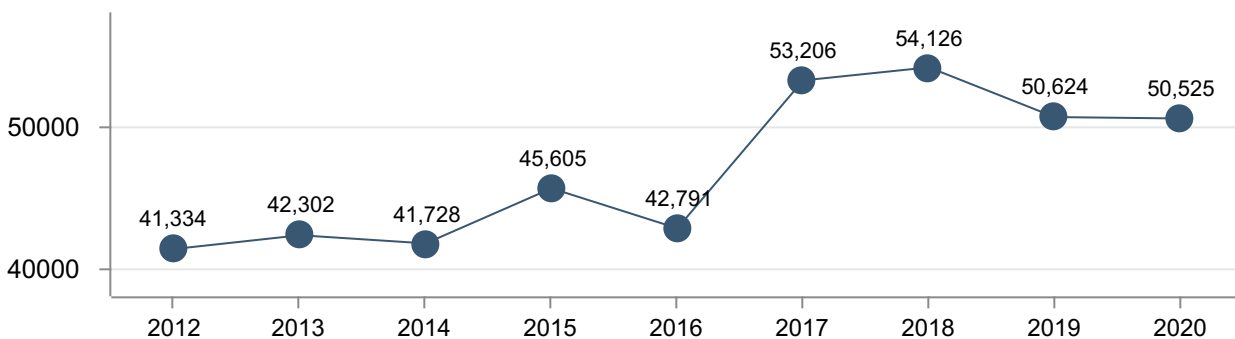
### Missoula Population



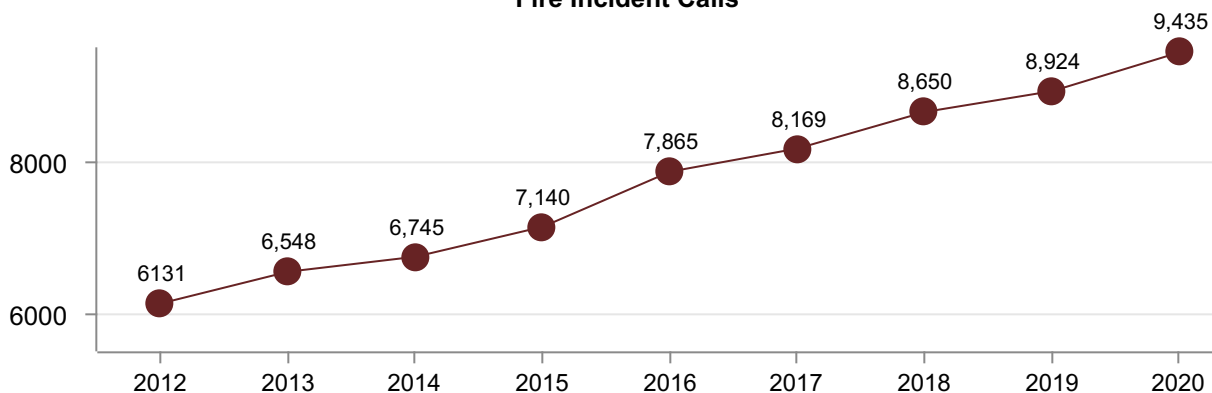
### Street Miles



### Police Calls for Service



### Fire Incident Calls

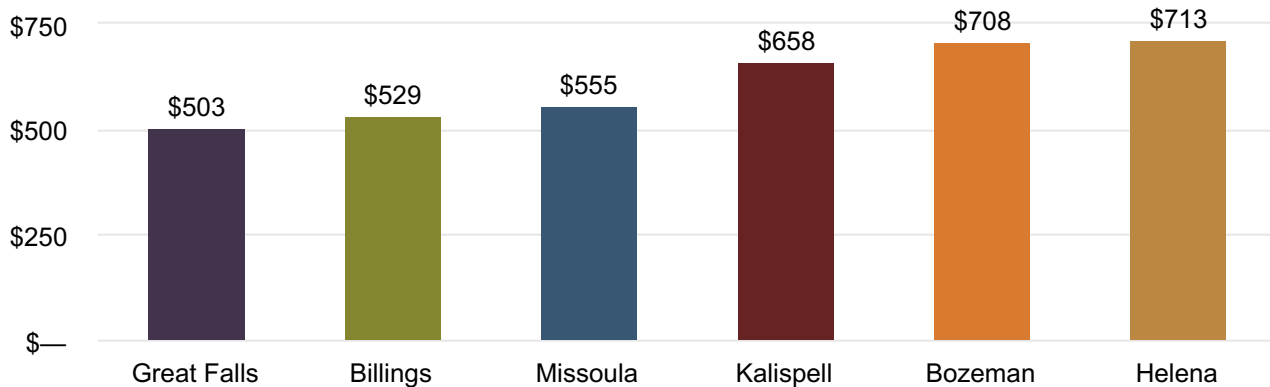




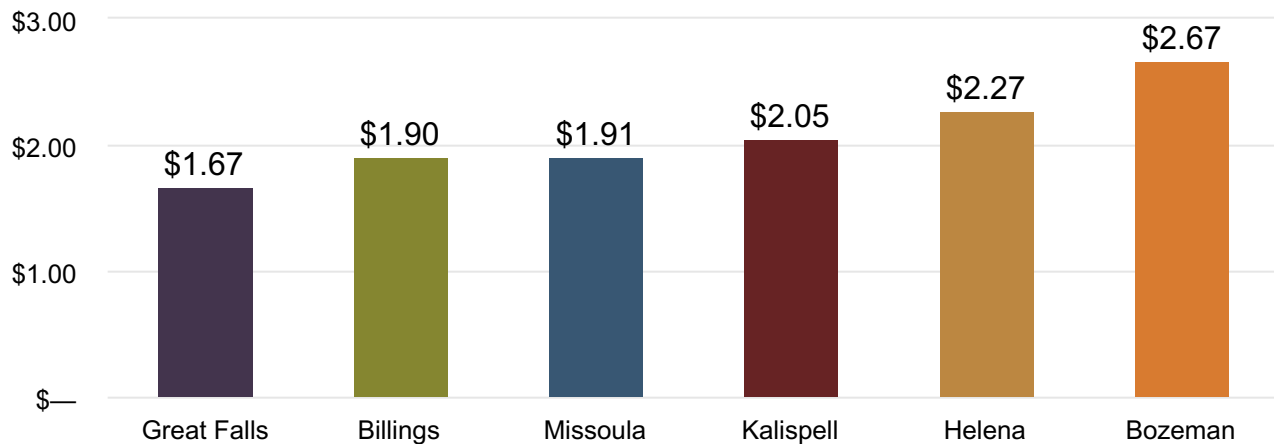
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**Q: How does Missoula compare to other Montana cities?**

## FY21 Revenue Per Capita



## FY21 Mill Value Per Capita



## FY21 Taxes and Assessments (Converted to Mills)

