



Syracuse City, Utah

A Report to Our Citizens 2013-2014

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide quality, affordable services for its citizens, while promoting community pride, fostering economic development, and managing growth.

Meet your Mayor and City Council



Mayor Terry Palmer



Doug Peterson



Craig Johnson



Karianne Lisonbee



Mike Gailey



Brian Duncan

Syracuse City Government

Syracuse City was incorporated on September 3, 1935. The City is governed by a six-member council form of government in accordance with section 10-3b-105 of the Utah Code. The Governing Body, also known as our City Council, is made up of one Mayor and five Council Members. The City Council is the legislative body of the City and adopts rules, regulations, budgets, and ordinances for the efficient administration, organization, and operation of the City.

All members of the City Council are elected by the residents of the City during a municipal election held every two years. Each seat consists of a four year term. Council Member terms are staggered; two members and the Mayor are elected at one time, and two years later the other three member are elected. City Council Members are elected in November and begin their service on January 1 of the following year.

City Council meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of every month. Meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. The meetings take place at City Hall in the City Council Chambers. City Hall is located at 1979 West 1900 South in Syracuse.

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Demographic Information

	2012	2013	2014
Population	24,756	25,118	25,775
Per Capita Income	\$23,568	\$24,474	\$24,901
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	4.3%	3.5%
Full-Time City Employees	69	69	68
Antelope Island Visits	282,145	292,662	307,239

How We Have Progressed

Fiscal year 2014



2014 Highlights

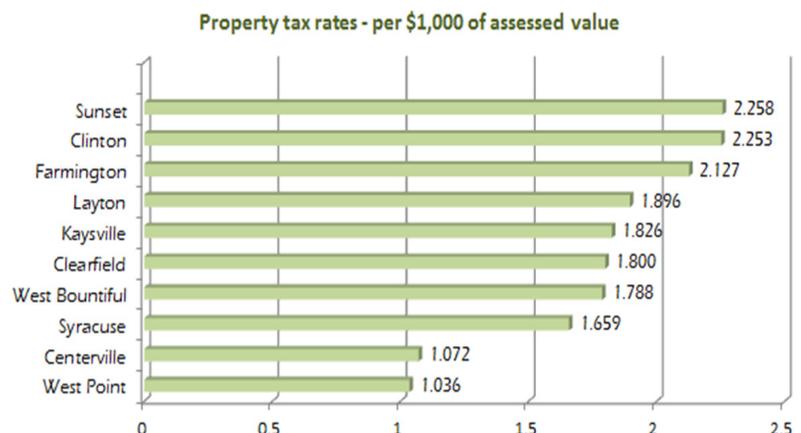
- Syracuse City was recognized as the 25th safest city in America according to Neighborhoodscout.com. This award is given out to the top 100 cities with 25,000 or more residents.
- Our Fire Department received an upgraded ISO rating to a classification rating of 4. This upgrade places the City in the top 15% of fire protection jurisdictions in the state. The higher rating means better capability and better service when it comes to fire protection.
- Our Recreation Department had the second largest Junior Jazz program in the State for Cities with population between 15,000 to 50,000 residents.
- The City completed over \$4.9 million dollars in capital improvement projects throughout the City. Improvements were made on several miles of road, culinary water lines, secondary water lines, sewer lines, and storm water systems.
- The City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 4th year in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Performance Measures & Statistics

Fiscal Year	2012	2013	2014
Police			
Total Incidents reported *	7,821	7,628	12,085
Citations written	1,871	2,023	1,773
Total violations on citations	2,781	2,780	2,441
Theft Incidents	621	332	218
Assault incidents	418	151	83
Fire			
Number of calls dispatched	817	743	805
Average response time	4:56	4:31	4:16
Streets			
Street sweeping miles	705	784	812
Street sweeping hours	213	257	291
Water			
Service connections	6,683	6,863	7,184
Average daily consumption (gallons)	1,603,580	1,705,000	1,928,000
Recreation			
Community Center memberships	1,328	1,929	1,172
Sports program participants	4,218	4,090	4,105
Community Development			
Number of new homes	115	163	212

* Starting in 2014, all incidents were counted even if it didn't end up in a written report.

Property Taxes - How do we stack up?



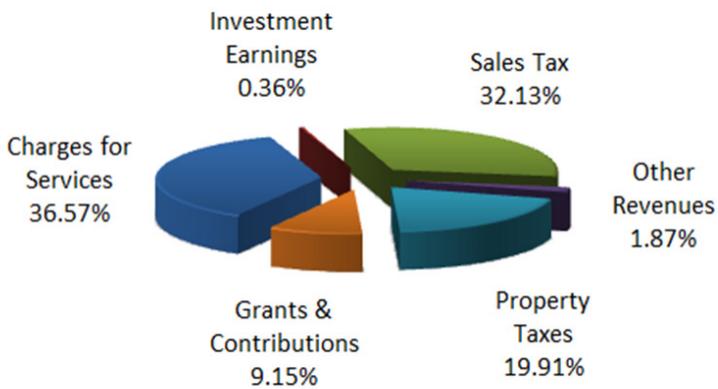
The measures reported on this page were included based on information collected by the City. What would you like to see reported on in this page? Please let us know by contacting Stephen Marshall at 801-614-9621 or by email at smarshall@syracuseut.com.

Our Finances - Revenues vs. Expenses

What are the costs for servicing the citizens and how are those costs paid?

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. It exists to account for the resources used to pay for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police and fire protection, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration of the City, and any other activity for which a special fund has not been created. For a complete review of all City Funds please refer to the website below.

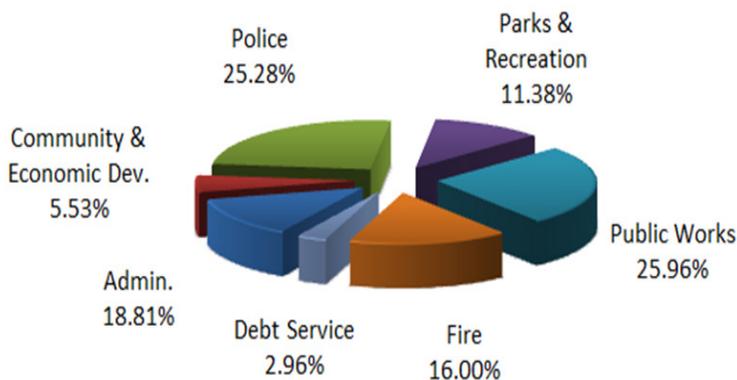
Revenues by Source - General Fund



Fiscal Year	2012	2013	2014
Sales Tax	\$2,819,651	\$2,953,427	\$3,096,540
Charges for Services *	2,181,112	3,025,005	3,523,990
Property Taxes	1,816,594	1,896,493	1,918,942
Grants & Contributions	1,009,609	1,005,661	881,459
Other Revenues	613,025	659,134	180,578
Investment Earnings	28,957	30,593	34,600
Total Revenues	\$8,468,948	\$9,570,313	\$9,636,109

** This large increase can be attributed to one-time impact fees and building fees on new residential and commercial development in the City.*

Expenses by Service Area - General Fund



Fiscal Year	2012	2013	2014
Police	\$2,025,729	\$2,185,654	\$2,319,013
Administration	1,457,105	1,561,525	1,183,955
Fire	1,436,513	1,631,358	1,467,692
Public Works	1,121,517	2,170,559	2,381,973
Parks & Recreation	956,884	1,050,209	1,044,047
Community & Econ. Dev.	555,628	551,143	506,987
Debt Service	192,781	260,128	271,256
Total Expenses	\$7,746,157	\$9,410,576	\$9,174,923

Independent Audit

An Independent audit of the City's finances was conducted, resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial information, including the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, can be found at www.syracuseut.com.

What's Next? Future Projects and Challenges.

Chloe's Sunshine Playground

The City is excited to announce that the first phase of Chloe's Sunshine Playground is under construction and will be completed by spring 2015. The park is scheduled to open on May 9, 2015. The City is planning a grand opening of the park with a ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration on this special day. The park was inspired by Chloe Bennett who has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy and west syndrome which limits her ability to speak, walk, and to play on traditional playground equipment with other kids. This separation inspired Chloe's mother to gather support to create a place where Chloe and other children can play together. Chloe's Sunshine Park will be a fully accessible playground that will feature ramps, swings, slides, a music garden, shade structures, and restrooms. This will be a one-of-a-kind playground in which children of all ages and abilities will be able to play. A future splash pad is also planned in phase two of the park. For more information please visit our website at <http://syracuseut.com/Departments/CityParks/SunshinePlayground.aspx>.



What Will Syracuse Parks Look Like In the Future?

The answer to this question depends on one person – you. The Mayor and City Council have organized a citizen committee to draft a Master Plan for Syracuse Parks and Recreation, with your help! The emphasis of the plan is to determine where parks will be, how big they will be, and what features they will host (ball fields, playgrounds, pavilions, etc.). The committee is called the Parks Advisory Committee and, with the help of JUB Engineers and The Langdon Group, they will conduct a city-wide survey to get your preferences. Be on the lookout in early 2015 for this survey, which will be in both electronic and hardcopy format. The Parks Advisory Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The members of the committee were appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council. The current members of the committee are Alan Clark (Chairman), Craig Johnson, Doug Peterson, Hannah Miller, Patrick Egan, Russ Sedgwick, and David Hansen.

We want to hear from you.

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Stephen Marshall @ 801-614-9621 or by email at smarshall@syracuseut.com. For more information on our services, visit our website at www.syracuseut.com.