



# Syracuse City, Utah

## A Report to Our Citizens 2011-2012

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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

## History of Syracuse

Syracuse City is a community of approximately 25,000 residents situated just east of the Great Salt Lake. It is known as the "Gateway to Antelope Island". It was first settled in 1876 and remained a small farming community until the late 1990's. The City saw rapid growth during the late 1990's and 2000's growing from a population of 4,658 in 1990 to 24,331 in 2010.

Syracuse City was incorporated on September 11, 1935. It contains 9.5 square miles with an average density of 684.2 homes per square mile.

Did you know that Syracuse City means "City of Salt"? In the early history of the City, salt was harvested from the lake and sold. In 1887, a salt-water swimming resort was built along the shore of the lake and included a dance pavilion and large picnic area. Many people from Ogden and Salt Lake traveled to the resort for swimming and entertainment.

## Demographic Information

	2011	2012
Population	24,331	24,756
Per Capita Income	\$22,192	\$23,568
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	5.6%
Full-Time City Employees	69	69
Antelope Island Visits	285,390	282,145

# How We Have Progressed

Fiscal year 2012



## 2012 Accomplishments

- Purchased ten new hybrid police vehicles that doubled the miles per gallon compared to the old police vehicles and reduced fuel costs by half.
- Installed a new state fuel station at our Public Works department enabling employees to fill their fleet vehicles at a cheaper rate resulting in cost savings to the City.
- Converted all of the City street lights to energy efficient induction bulbs. These bulbs will last longer and use 1/3 of the energy of the old lights. The City will save approximately \$60,000 per year in energy costs.
- The Recreation Department had the second largest Junior Jazz program in the State for Cities with population between 15,000 to 50,000 residents.

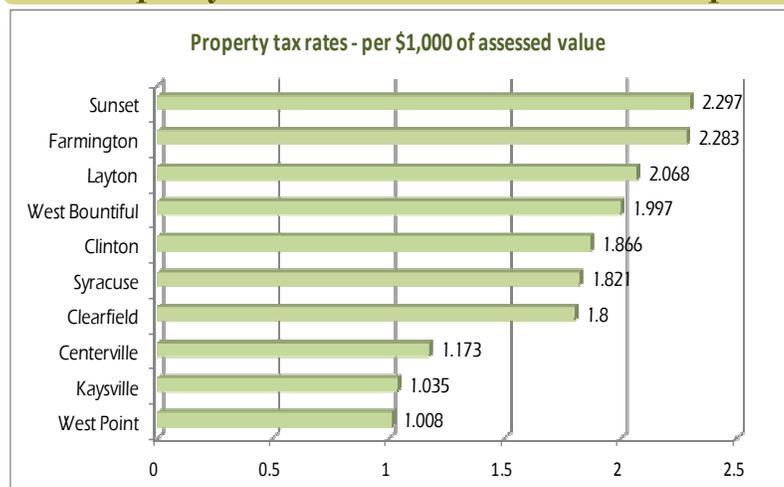


## Performance Measures & Statistics

Fiscal Year	2010	2011	2012
<b>Police</b>			
Total Incidents reported	6,641	7,698	7,821
Citations written	2,105	2,614	1,871
Total violations on citations	2,756	3,335	2,781
Theft Incidents	364	465	621
Assault incidents	215	351	418
<b>Fire</b>			
Number of calls dispatched	764	850	817
Average response time	4:49	4:18	4:56
<b>Streets</b>			
Street sweeping miles *	1,919	627	705
Street sweeping hours *	509	211	213
<b>Water</b>			
Service connections	6,534	6,608	6,683
Average daily consumption (gallons)	1,402,504	1,634,638	1,603,580
<b>Recreation</b>			
Community center memberships	852	1,261	1,328
Sports program participants	3,998	4,134	4,218
<b>Community Development</b>			
Number of new homes	107	62	115

\* Street sweeping data can vary significantly from year to year based on snow fall.

## Property Taxes - How do we stack up?



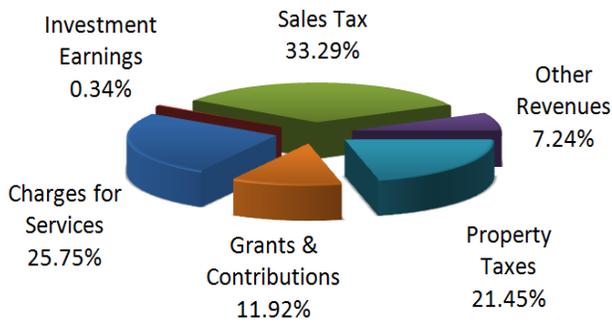
The measures reported on this page were included based on information collected by the City. What would you like to see reported on in this page? Please let us know by contacting Stephen Marshall at 801-614-9621 or by email at [smarshall@syracuseut.com](mailto:smarshall@syracuseut.com).

# Our Finances - Revenues vs. Expenses

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

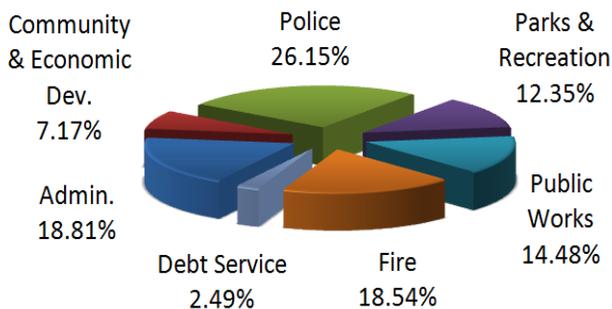
The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. It exists to account for the resources used to pay for the services traditionally associated with local government. Included are police and fire protection, parks and recreation, planning and economic development, general administration of the 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	2011	2012
Sales Tax	\$2,551,143	\$2,819,651
Charges for Services	1,883,595	2,181,112
Property Taxes	1,782,260	1,816,594
Grants & Contributions	845,653	1,009,609
Other Revenues	642,000	613,025
Investment Earnings	8,206	28,957
<b>Total primary government revenues</b>	<b>\$7,712,857</b>	<b>\$8,468,948</b>

## Expenses by Service Area - General Fund



Fiscal Year	2011	2012
Police	\$1,983,504	\$2,025,729
Administration	1,368,933	1,457,105
Fire	1,386,051	1,436,513
Public Works	1,107,891	1,121,517
Parks & Recreation	1,025,804	956,884
Community & Economic Dev.	495,522	555,628
Debt Service	192,669	192,781
<b>Total primary government expenses</b>	<b>\$7,560,374</b>	<b>\$7,746,157</b>

## 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](http://www.syracuseut.com).

# What's Next? Future Projects and Challenges.

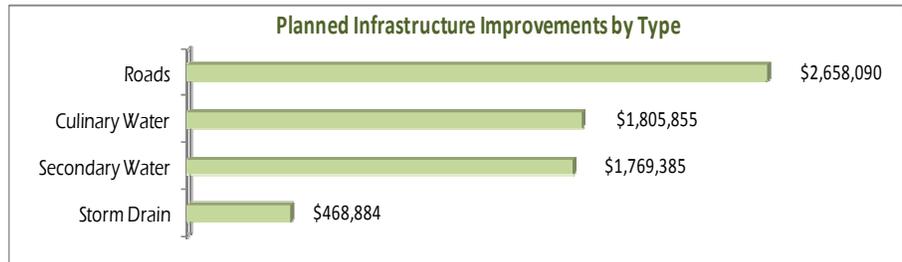
## Chloe Sunshine Playground

Did you know that Syracuse City is raising funds to construct a fully accessible playground that will feature ramps, swings, slides, a music garden, shade structures, a water splash pad, and restrooms? This will be a one-of-a-kind playground in which children of all ages and abilities will be able to play. It was inspired by Chloe Bennett, a Syracuse City child. Chloe has been diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and West Syndrome which limit 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. The proposed playground will bridge this gap making Chloe's dream a reality. So far, the City has raised \$251,000 of the \$400,000 required for phase I of the playground. For more information please visit our website at <http://syracuseut.com/Departments/CityParks/SunshinePlayground.aspx>



## Infrastructure

Syracuse City's biggest financial challenge is upgrading, installing, and maintaining its Infrastructure. So what is infrastructure? Infrastructure is the combination of all the capital equipment and basic facilities which are needed and used by citizens in your everyday lives. Examples include the roads we drive on, the culinary water system that delivers clean, drinkable water to every house in Syracuse, the sewer system, the secondary water system that is used to water lawns and gardens, and the storm sewer system that collects and disbursts runoff water. Each of these capital systems are used in a very different way, but provide critical services to our residents. These systems are a huge investment in our City and it is critical that we take care of them and maintain them so that we have them for our children and grandchildren to use. Each resident pays a separate utility fee on their monthly bill for each type of service described. A portion of those fees goes to purchasing and supplying things such as water and a portion goes to help maintain and upgrade the system when it becomes old and obsolete. Syracuse City continually monitors its infrastructure systems to ensure that those systems are safe and reliable. For fiscal year 2013, the City plans to spend over 6.7 million dollars in infrastructure upgrades, improvements, and enhancements to ensure our infrastructure is maintained and that citizens receive the best services possible.



### We want to hear from you.

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