

MOVING GUNNISON COUNTY FORWARD

INVESTING IN SAFER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Gunnison County Roads & Bridges Initiative

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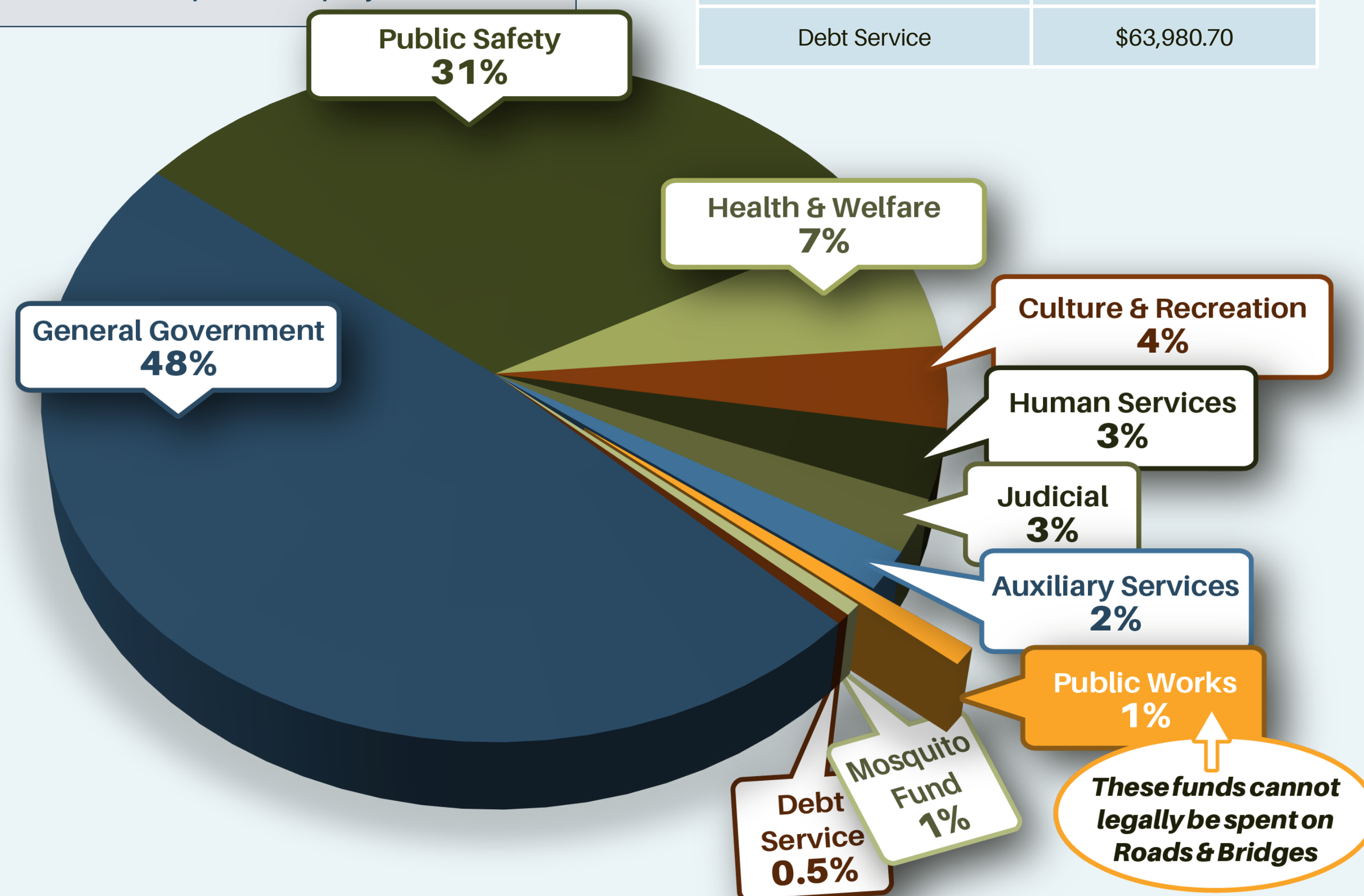
Property Tax

2024 Audited Property Tax Revenue Breakdown

- In 2024, Gunnison County collected \$12,456,244.00 in property taxes, which goes to the General Fund.
- The pie chart shows how these funds are distributed across Gunnison County services.
- By law, Gunnison County is legally prohibited to spend property tax dollars on Road and Bridge maintenance and surface transportation projects.

GENERAL FUND \$12,456,244.00

General Government	\$6,278,244.63
Public Safety	\$4,072,214.63
Health & Welfare	\$854,533.66
Culture & Recreation	\$498,778.11
Human Services	\$430,048.91
Judicial	\$330,124.71
Auxiliary Services	\$244,693.24
Public Works	\$113,673.87
Mosquito Fund	\$73,368.58
Debt Service	\$63,980.70



2024 Gunnison County Sales Tax collection

TOTAL COLLECTED	\$7,488,102
Municipalities allocated a combined \$576,756 to the Land Preservation Fund	
Funds returned to the Municipalities	\$2,474,893
GC allocations to the Land Preservation Fund	- \$307,715
Remaining Gunnison County total revenue (62.8% of total collected)	= \$4,705,494

\$395,000 of Sales Tax was spent on Road & Bridge Capital Projects

2025 Gunnison County Sales Tax collection

TOTAL COLLECTED	\$7,888,235
Municipalities allocated a combined \$644,930 to the Land Preservation Fund	
Funds returned to the Municipalities	\$2,489,152
GC allocations to the Land Preservation Fund	- \$317,614
Remaining Gunnison County total revenue (64.4% of total collected)	= \$5,081,468

No Sales Tax was spent on Road & Bridge Capital Projects

For every 10 cents of sales tax collected in Gunnison County, here's how it is distributed.



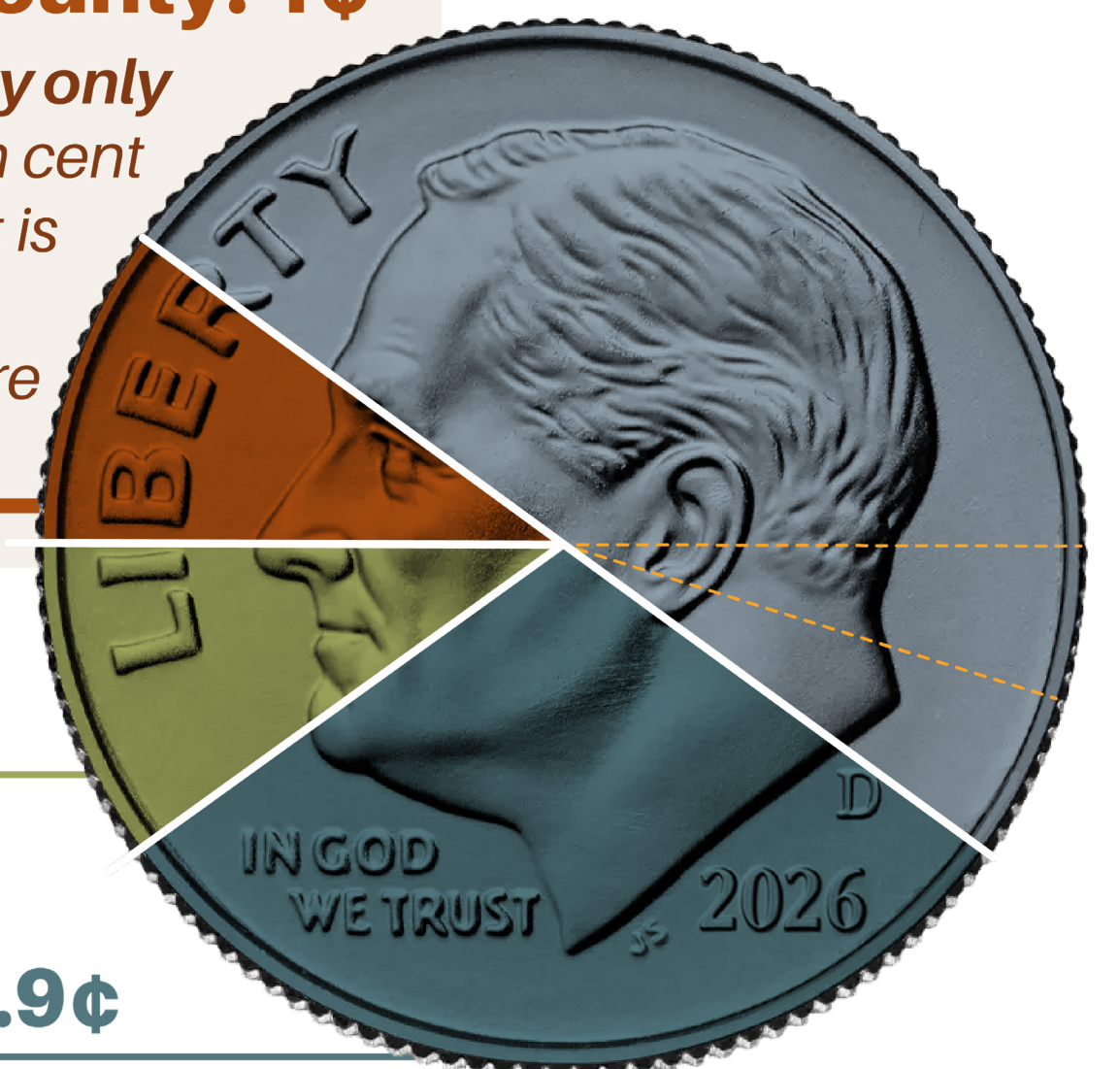
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Sales Tax distribution in Gunnison County

- Gunnison County sales tax ranges from 8.9%-9.9%, this varies depending on the jurisdiction in which the purchase is made.
- Gunnison County collects 1¢ on every dollar, however per the 1978 sales tax measure, Gunnison County is required to reallocate 0.5¢ back to the municipalities, leaving only 0.7¢ for Gunnison County.
- When funds are available, Gunnison County may spend a small percentage of sales tax revenues on Road and Bridge capital projects.

Gunnison County: 1¢

Gunnison County only keeps .7¢ of each cent collected; the rest is returned to the municipality where it was collected.



RTA: 1¢

State of Colorado: 2.9¢

Municipality Tax

Town of Mt. Crested Butte: 5¢
Town of Crested Butte: 4.5¢
City of Gunnison: 4¢

Municipal portion dependent on where purchase is made

How are my Gunnison County taxes distributed?

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Gunnison County Voter Survey



Sample ballot question

Shall Gunnison County taxes be increased \$3,304,092 annually (estimated first fiscal year dollar increase starting in 2027), and by any additional amount as may be raised each year thereafter, through a 0.50% (50 Cents on 100 dollars) countywide sales tax that would exclude groceries and utilities, for the purposes of:

- Improving safety on county roads and bridges;
- Maintaining existing roads and bridges;
- Addressing long-deferred maintenance; and
- Developing needed infrastructure;

And shall the county be authorized to collect, retain and spend all proceeds of such tax without limitation by Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution?

If this question were on the ballot this November, would you vote yes and approve it, or would you vote no and reject it?

APPROVE: 56%
DISAPPROVE: 38%
UNDECIDED: 6%



Sales Tax will Impact all Road Users

Through a dedicated sales tax, Gunnison County can generate revenue from all roadway users, including tourists, visitors, and those passing through. This ensures that the burden does not fall solely on county residents. Knowing this information, are you:

MORE LIKELY TO APPROVE: 68%
MORE LIKELY TO DISAPPROVE: 15%
NO DIFFERENCE: 17%



\$38 Million in Deferred Maintenance

The Gunnison County Roads and Bridges Department is not funded by property taxes because in Colorado, county governments are not legally allowed to fund road maintenance through property taxes. Lack of funding has resulted in \$38 million of deferred maintenance for roads and bridges. Knowing this information, are you:

MORE LIKELY TO APPROVE: 59%
MORE LIKELY TO DISAPPROVE: 20%
NO DIFFERENCE: 21%



Satisfaction with Gunnison County Public Works

Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Gunnison County Public Works Department is doing to perform road and bridge maintenance and improvements?

APPROVE: 64%
DISAPPROVE: 29%
NO OPINION: 6%



Bridge Rating

Gunnison County recently completed a thorough pavement conditions assessment of paved and gravel roads within the jurisdiction to gain an understanding of existing conditions and future needs. This assessment rated 5 bridges in poor condition, and 21 bridges in fair condition. All of these bridges will eventually need to be repaired or replaced. Knowing this information, are you:

MORE LIKELY TO APPROVE: 62%
MORE LIKELY TO DISAPPROVE: 16%
NO DIFFERENCE: 22%



Existing Condition of Roads

This same assessment rated 36% of the roads as good, while 23% of the roads rated as fair, poor, or very poor. The condition rating was used to determine the necessary improvements to the road sections and to develop a cost estimate for repairs. Knowing this information, are you:

MORE LIKELY TO APPROVE: 59%
MORE LIKELY TO DISAPPROVE: 18%
NO DIFFERENCE: 23%



Sales Tax will Increase Ability to Compete for Large Grant Dollars

A sales tax as a dedicated funding source for roads and bridges would also strengthen the County's ability to compete for large state and federal grants, helping leverage local dollars into major infrastructure investments to benefit the entire community. Knowing this information, are you:

MORE LIKELY TO APPROVE: 63%
MORE LIKELY TO DISAPPROVE: 19%
NO DIFFERENCE: 18%

In late February and early March, Gunnison County enlisted the services of Magellan Strategies to conduct a survey of 533 registered voters in Gunnison County to understand their views about a dedicated funding source for Roads and Bridges. This display is a representative sample of data points gleaned from the survey.

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