

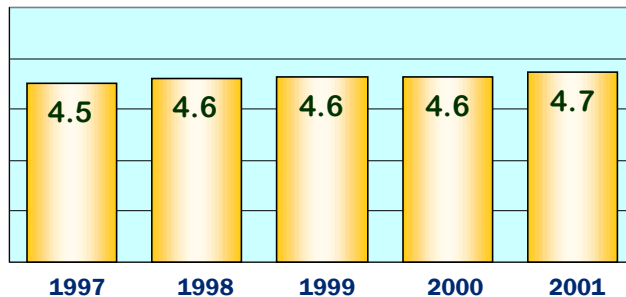
2001 Budget At a Glance

In 1990 Whatcom County's population was 129,000. In 2001 the number of citizens in this county is expected to exceed 167,000. Whatcom County government has diverse responsibilities to these citizens. The following are some of the basic services we must provide:

- ▼ Law enforcement
- ▼ District and superior courts
- ▼ Jail
- ▼ Property valuation
- ▼ Tax collection & distribution
- ▼ Elections
- ▼ Document recording
- ▼ Vehicle licensing
- ▼ Public health protection
- ▼ Animal control
- ▼ Ambulance
- ▼ Land use planning
- ▼ Building code enforcement
- ▼ Road construction and maintenance

In addition to mandated services, we also provide services considered essential by the citizenship, such as parks, senior centers and public education programs. For every 1,000 in Whatcom County population, the number of county government employees has remained between 4.5 and 4.7 (see chart below).

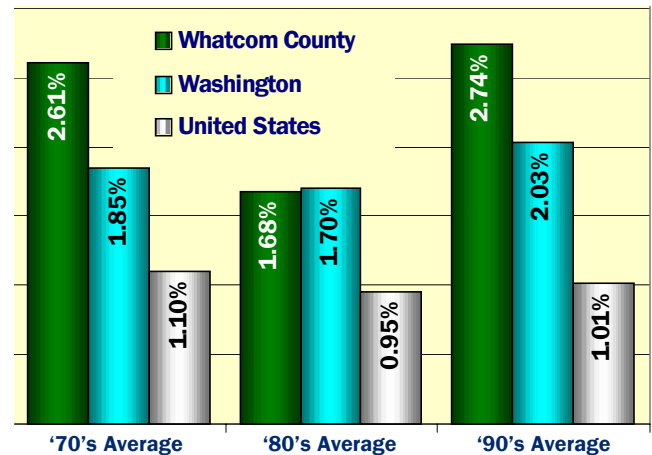
County Employees Per 1,000 in Population



Based on "full time equivalents" (FTE's), 40 hours per week.

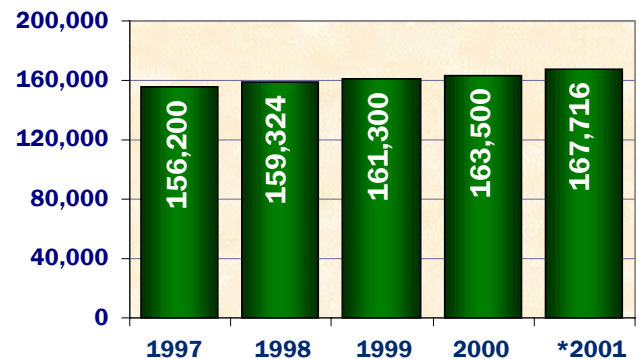
Over the last decade, Whatcom County's overall average annual population growth rate has exceeded both that of the state and the country.

Three Decades of Average Annual Percent of Change in Population Growth



Source: Washington State University - NIIP Economic Indicators

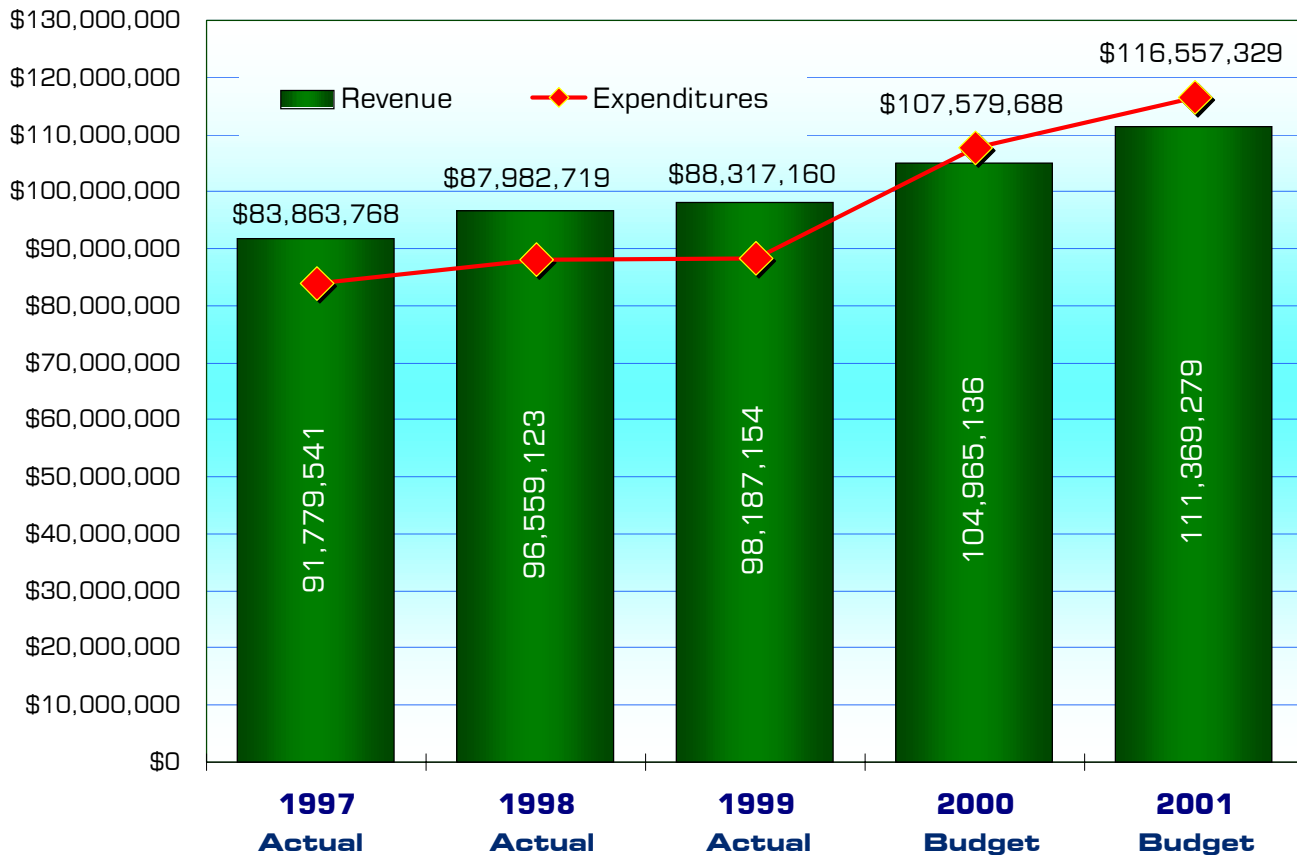
Whatcom County Population 1997 - 2001



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM). *2001 Population estimate based on historical growth rate using the 2000 estimated population figure from OFM.

Revenue & Expenditure History

This chart represents all Whatcom County funds combined and shows by year, a comparison of all Whatcom County revenues (bars) and expenditures (line). See facing page for detail.



Note: Where revenues fall short of expenditures, the county uses available reserves (fund balance).

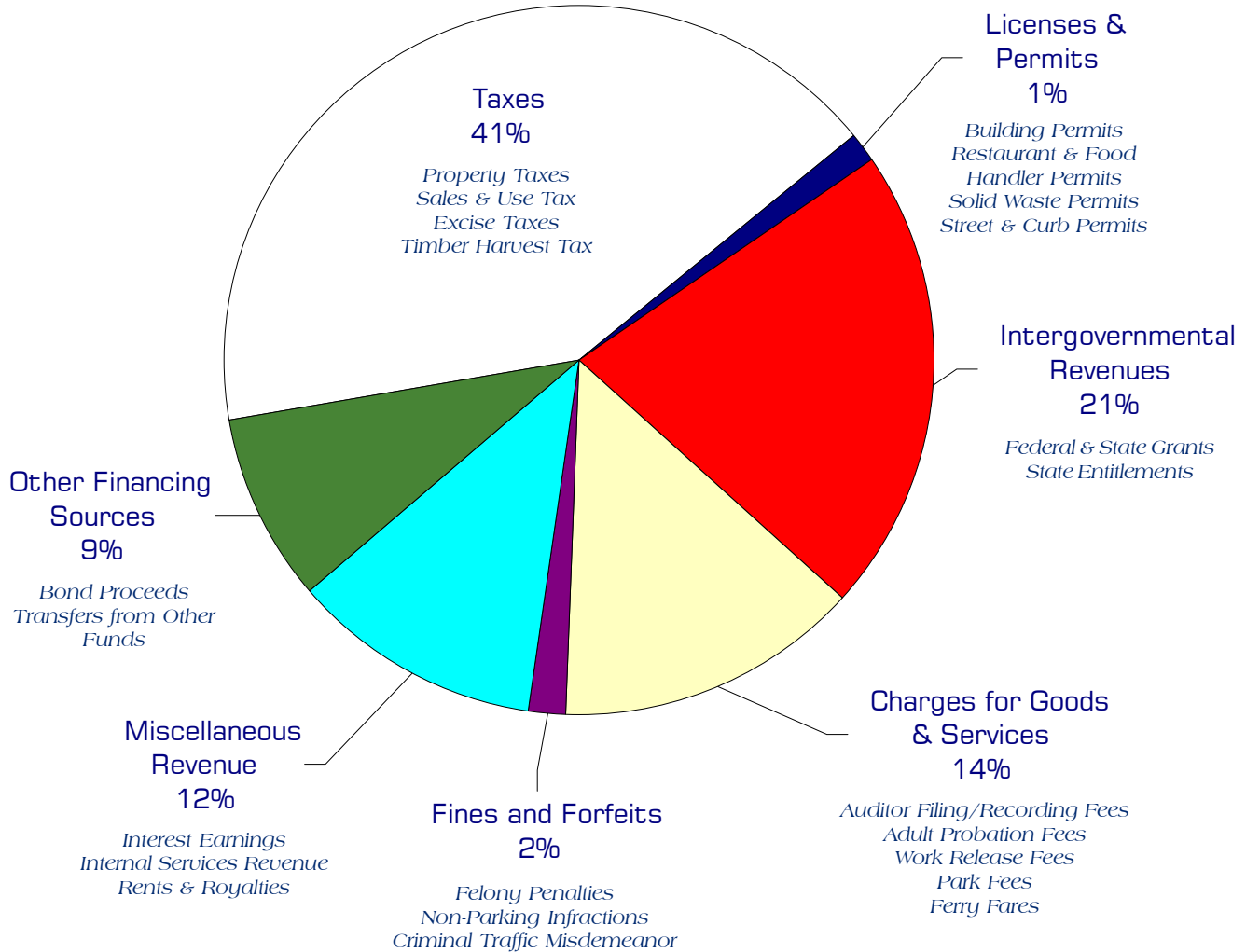
Revenue & Expenditure History Detail

Note: These figures are for all Whatcom County funds combined.

	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Budget 2000	Budget 2001
Revenues					
Taxes	38,251,014	39,438,775	42,344,586	44,768,382	46,785,056
Licenses & Permits	1,340,274	1,351,354	1,415,442	1,563,535	1,566,715
Intergovernmental Revenues	18,511,846	19,769,652	17,934,704	24,505,326	23,417,960
Charges For Goods & Svcs	11,860,022	13,826,004	14,198,197	13,703,629	15,515,832
Fines and Forfeits	1,619,031	1,466,255	1,705,224	1,329,900	1,721,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	10,355,037	11,650,635	11,938,994	11,621,799	12,811,643
Other Financing Sources	9,842,317	9,056,448	8,650,007	7,472,565	9,550,373
Total Revenues	91,779,541	96,559,123	98,187,154	104,965,136	111,369,279
Expenditures					
Current:					
General Government	18,318,610	21,861,639	23,493,352	24,490,072	27,502,025
Security of Persons/Property	15,058,748	17,003,382	18,509,530	19,713,019	21,374,356
Physical Environment	4,035,278	2,998,897	2,834,909	6,336,793	7,655,553
Transportation	13,734,248	13,538,166	15,037,741	18,885,237	20,031,926
Economic Environment	1,489,764	1,183,325	1,235,673	1,092,269	1,112,876
Mental & Physical Health	7,130,541	7,730,267	8,028,398	8,833,571	9,155,984
Culture & Recreation	2,736,847	2,920,979	3,023,517	3,372,819	3,571,424
Other Expenditures	13,692,027	13,703,531	6,527,124	16,424,612	15,813,745
Debt Service	2,565,213	2,907,904	2,884,957	2,404,731	2,240,067
Other Financing Uses	5,102,492	4,134,629	6,741,959	6,026,565	8,099,373
Total Expenditures	83,863,768	87,982,719	88,317,160	107,579,688	116,557,329
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	7,915,773	8,576,404	9,869,994	(2,614,552)	(5,188,050)

Source of County Revenues in 2001

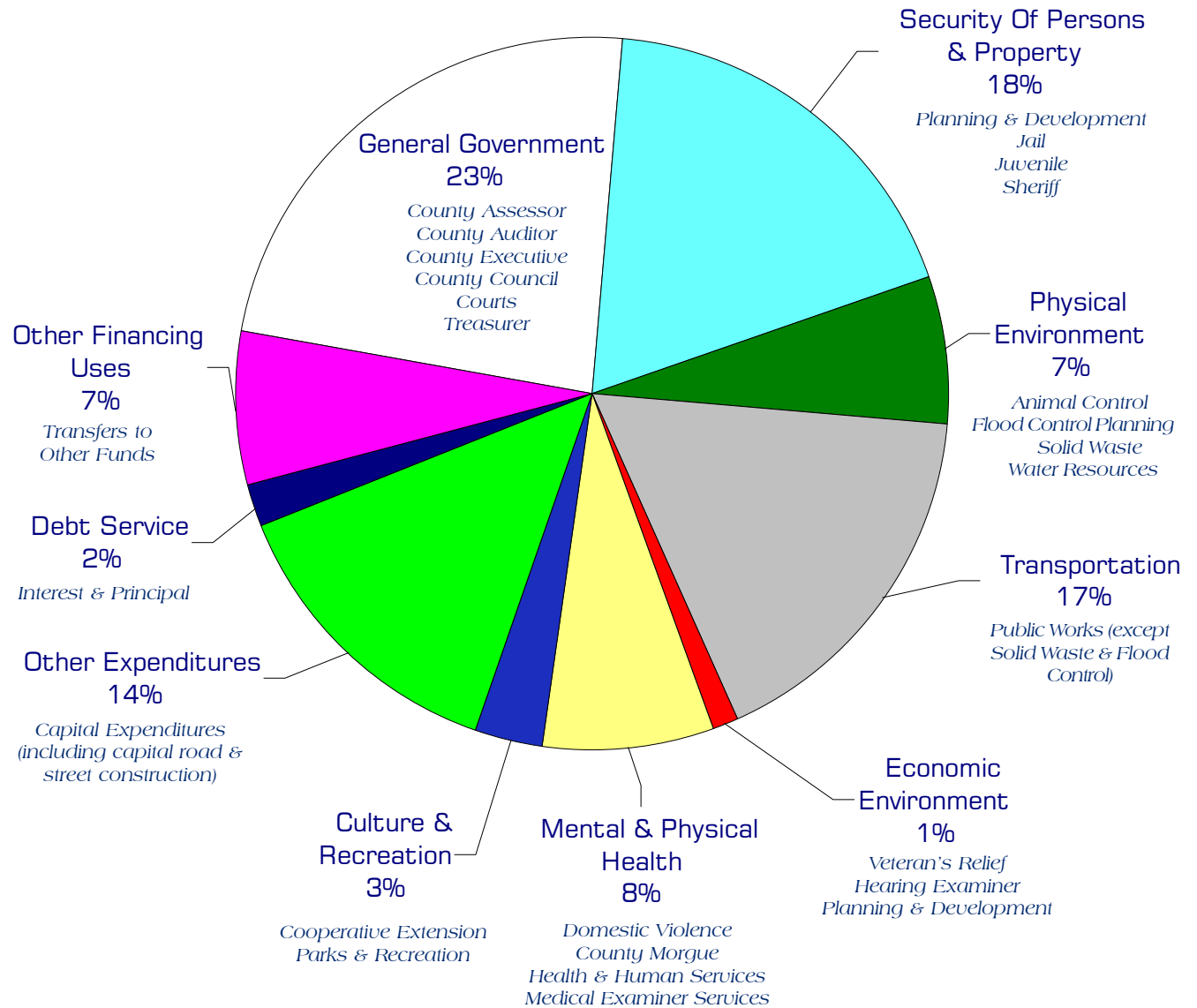
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Distribution of County Expenditures in 2001

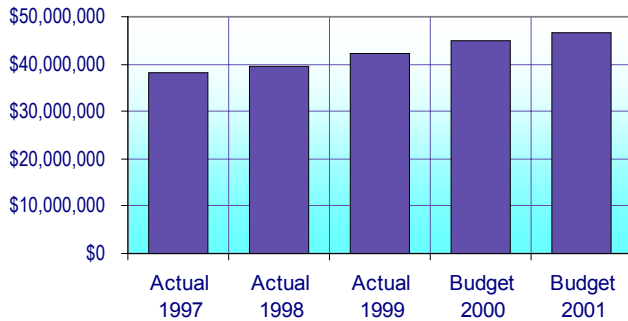
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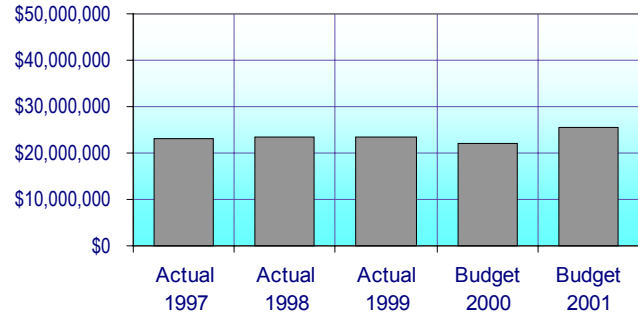
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Revenue History by Type

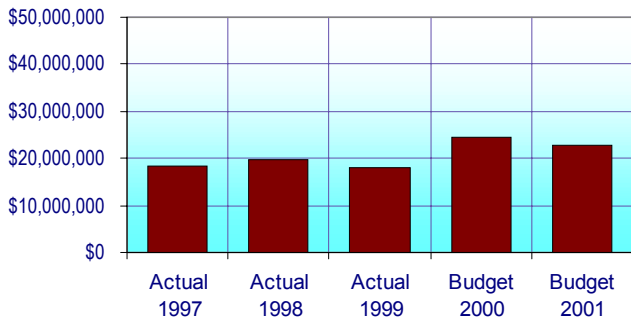
Tax Revenues



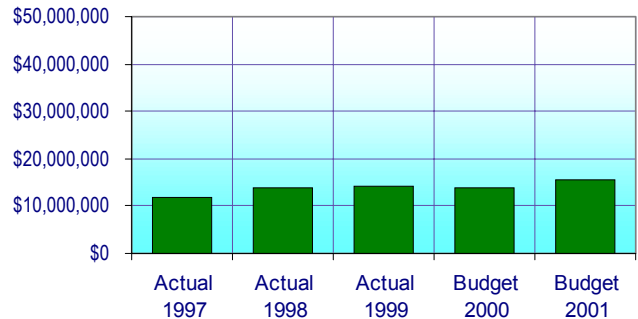
All Other Revenues



Intergovernmental Revenues



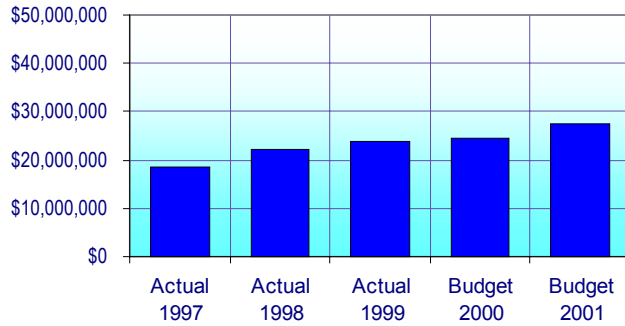
Fees for Service



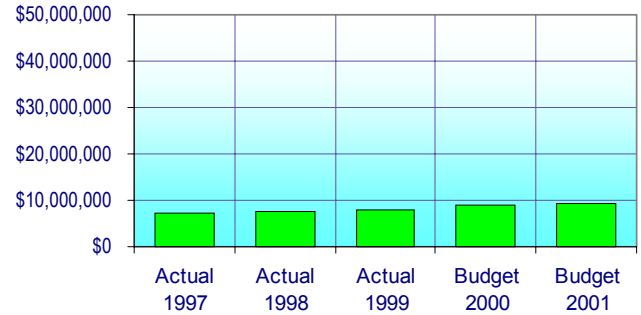
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Expenditure History by Type

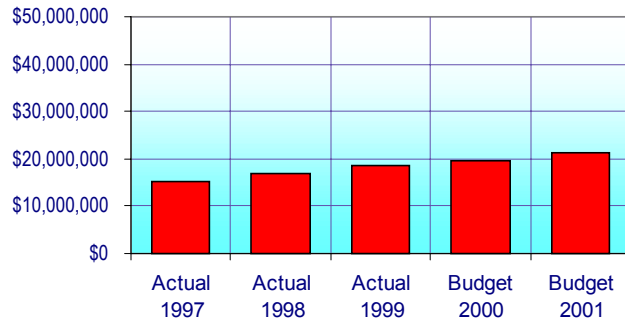
General Government



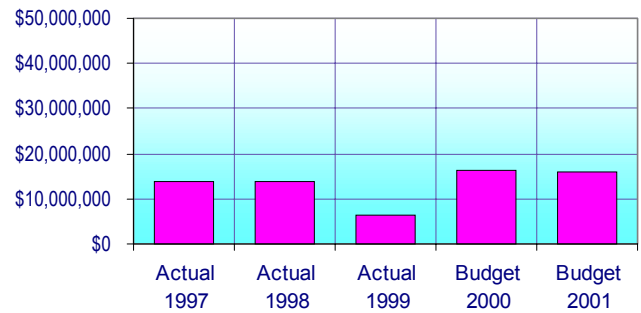
Mental & Physical Health



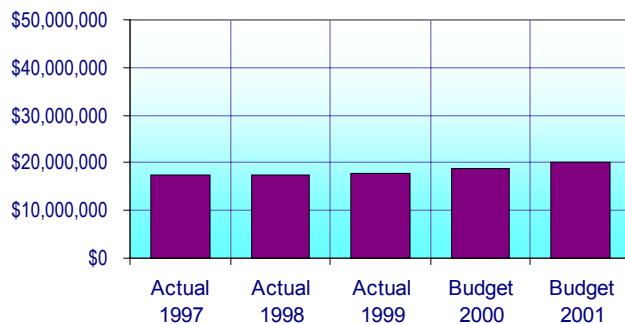
Security of Persons & Property



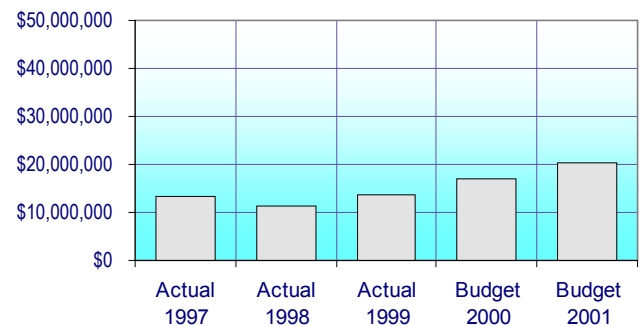
Capital Outlay



Transportation



All Other Expenditures



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Expenditure & Revenue Category Descriptions

REVENUES

Taxes – Revenue derived from legislatively authorized charges.

Licenses & Permits – Charges for the issuance of licenses and permits.

Intergovernmental Revenue – Grants, entitlements, shared revenues and payments for goods and services provided by one government to another.

Charges for Goods & Services – Fees and charges for goods and professional or other services rendered.

Fines & Forfeits – Revenue derived from monetary judgements imposed or a penalty by which one loses rights in property.

Miscellaneous Revenue – Revenue derived from sources not otherwise provided for in other revenue accounts.

Other Financing Sources – Revenue derived from the proceeds of long term debt, operating transfers and the disposition of fixed assets.

EXPENDITURES

General Government – A major class of services provided by the legislative, judicial and administrative branches of the governmental entity for the benefit of the public or governmental body as a whole. This class does not include administrative services provided by a specific department in support of services properly includable in another major class.

Security of Persons & Property – A major class of services provided to protect people and property.

Physical Environment – A major class of services provided to achieve a satisfactory living environment for the community and the individual.

Transportation – A major class of services provided by the governmental entity for the safe and adequate flow of vehicles and pedestrians.

Economic Environment – A major class of services provided for the development and improvement in the welfare of the community and individual.

Mental & Physical Health – A major class of services provided for the care, treatment, and control of mental and physical illness.

Culture & Recreation – A major class of services to provide culture and recreation to the community.

Debt Service - A major class of expenditures used to account for principal and interest payment of debt.

Other Expenditures/Expenses – This account collects all expenditures that will be capitalized in a general fixed assets account group and to account for activities which involve improvement of the road/street.

Other Financing Uses – Includes all routine or regular interfund transfers.

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