2025

Guide to City Finances

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About this document

The City provides a significant amount of financial detail in its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). For those without an accounting background, the ACFR can be difficult to understand. This is why the City has created the document you are reading now, the Guide to City Finances. This guide is designed for those without an accounting background and aims to make it easier to interpret and understand the City's financial data.

This document can also be referred to as a "PAFR", or Popular Annual Financial Report. A PAFR is a recommended practice of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA): the authority on best practices in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

This guide focuses on financial results for the most recently completed fiscal year, FY2025, along with a summary of what is planned for the FY2026 budget. Financial information is derived from the independently audited statements, which are part of the ACFR, and includes condensed and simplified information from the ACFR, budget, and other reports. Joplin's ACFR has won the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 35 consecutive years – proof that our Finance Department repeatedly gets things right when it comes to financial accounting and reporting. To earn this designation, the City must annually publish an easily readable and efficiently organized ACFR which conforms to standards established by the GFOA. The ACFR and PAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and accepted legal requirements.

A letter from the City Manager

Government finances can seem complicated. The City has multiple revenue streams including taxes, fees, grants and licenses and permits. The City has a variety of fund types. There are restrictions on how the City can spend money and multi-year commitments the City must follow through on. Your City operates over 15 departments and divisions, each of which adds wrinkles to the complexity of our accounting. It's just not as simple as most small business finances.

We want to make it easier to understand. That's why I'm pleased to present you with this Guide to City Finances for the fiscal year ending 2025 (FY25).

Our first-ever guide was created for FY24, and you can now expect to see this document updated annually with a release scheduled in May each year, to accompany our audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of prior-year revenues and expenditures. While this document provides a summary of the FY26 budget, if you want more detailed information about what we plan to do in 2026, I encourage you to review our Adopted Annual Budget document, which is also available on the financial reports page of our website.

This report provides a concise summary of our financial health and overall operations. It shows how public funds are allocated to serve our community's needs. By presenting key financial highlights, revenue sources, expenditure breakdowns, and community investments, we hope to foster greater engagement and trust in our financial stewardship.

In this year's report, we outline the strategic initiatives and fiscal policies that have guided our decisions to ensure responsible management of public funds. Our financial position remains strong, driven by sound fiscal planning, efficient resource allocation, and continued economic growth within Joplin. Key highlights include:

- **Revenue Performance:** A breakdown of our primary revenue streams, including taxes, grants, and other funding sources, ensuring a stable financial footing.
- **Expenditure Overview:** A high-level overview of our budget allocations in essential areas such as public safety, parks, infrastructure, and social services.
- **Community Investments:** A spotlight on the major projects which enhance quality of life, infrastructure improvements, park investments, and economic development programs.



- **Future Outlook:** An overview of financial projections and strategic priorities we are planning for in the coming fiscal years to sustain long-term growth and stability.

We take pride in the fact that the City continues to operate with transparency, efficiency, and accountability. The information presented reflects our commitment to responsible fiscal management and to delivering high-quality public services.

We invite you to explore the full report and share any feedback you may have. Your engagement is essential as we work to serve the best interests of our community and maintain the highest standards of financial stewardship.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this report, please feel free to reach out to me or a member of our finance team.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to collaborating with you to build a stronger and more prosperous future.

Best regards,

Nicholas Edwards,
City Manager

Understanding Governmental Funds Revenue Sources

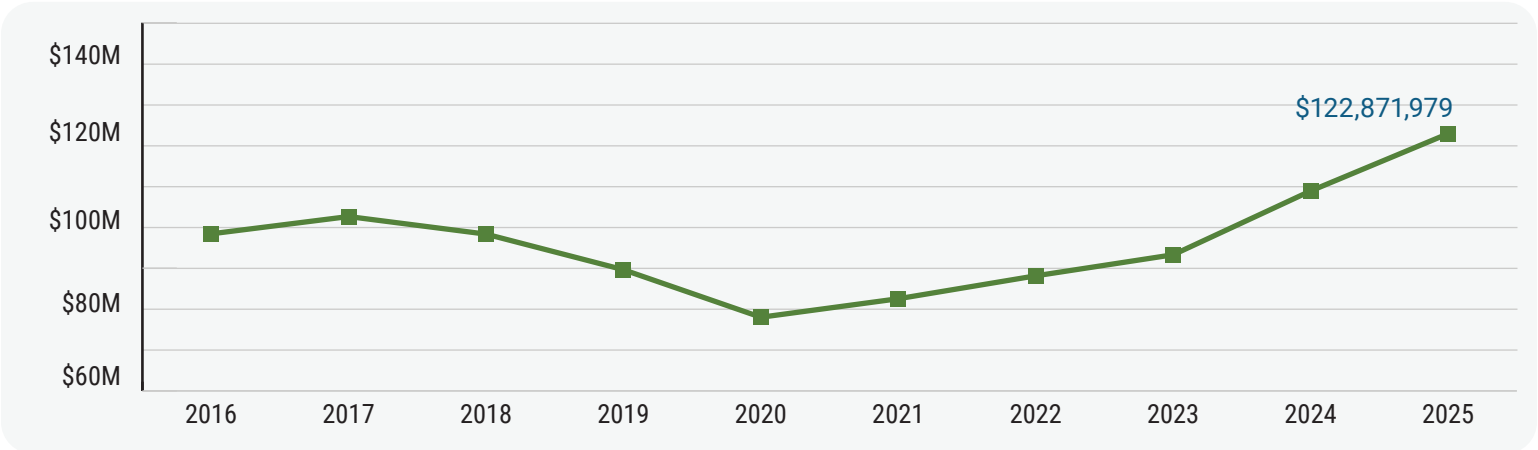


Governmental funds revenue come mostly from taxes. The largest portion of the City's tax revenue comes from the 3.125% sales and use tax, which is comprised of 1% general, 0.5% general for public safety purposes, 0.5% general for public safety pension purposes, 0.25% parks and stormwater, 0.5% transportation, and 0.375% capital improvement sales tax. Sales and use tax is paid by anyone when they make a purchase at a business inside the city limits or when they purchase something online to be delivered to a Joplin address.

All of the sales taxes are restricted for specific uses, except the 1% general sales tax. Use tax is restricted to the "Action Plans." Joplin collects a small amount of real property tax based on assessed value for parks, health, and solid waste management. Joplin does not collect any personal property tax. Franchise tax is also a major revenue source. Franchise tax is collected based on the gross sales on utilities, including electric, gas, water, telephone and cable, because the utility service providers use the City's rights-of-way to deliver their services.

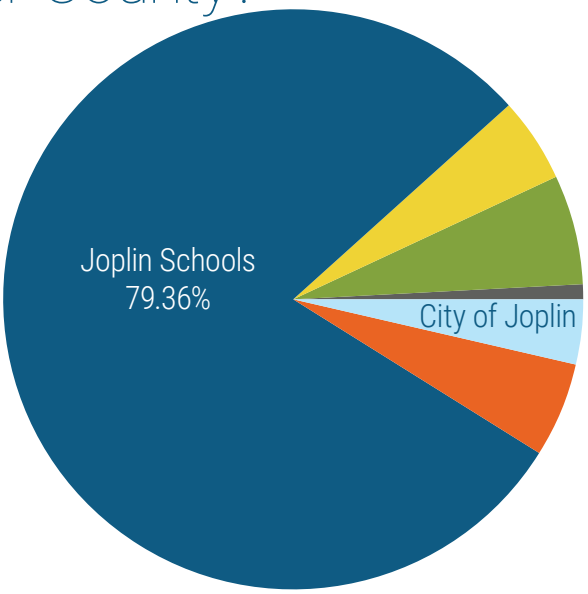
2025 Direct & Overlapping Sales Tax Rates	
City of Joplin	3.125%
Jasper County	1.375%
Newton County	1.625%
State of Missouri	4.225%
Total Sales Tax Rate (Jasper Co)	8.725%
Total Sales Tax Rate (Newton Co)	8.975%

10-Year Governmental Funds Revenue



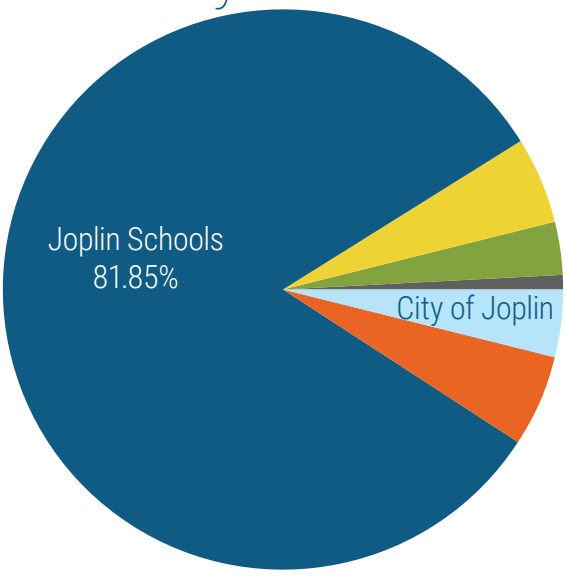


How much of your Property Tax is for City Government in Jasper County?



Joplin Schools	$3.6647	79.36%
Joplin Road District	$0.2235	4.84%
Jasper County	$0.2792	6.05%
State of Missouri	$0.0300	0.65%
City of Joplin	$0.1746	3.78%
Joplin Library	$0.2459	5.32%
Total Revenue	$4.6179	100.0%

How much of your Property Tax is for City Government in Newton County?

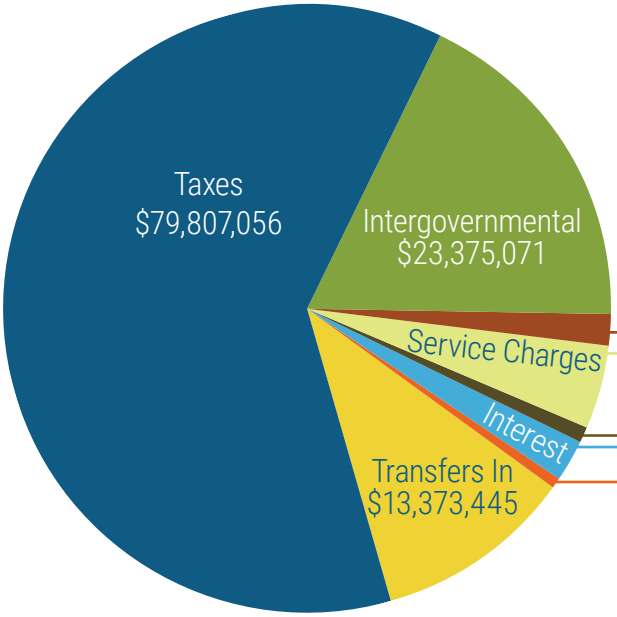


Joplin Schools	$3.6647	81.85%
Joplin Road District	$0.2235	4.99%
Newton County	$0.1389	3.10%
State of Missouri	$0.0300	0.67%
City of Joplin	$0.1746	3.90%
Joplin Library	$0.2459	5.49%
Total Revenue	$4.4776	100.0%

Where does the money come from?

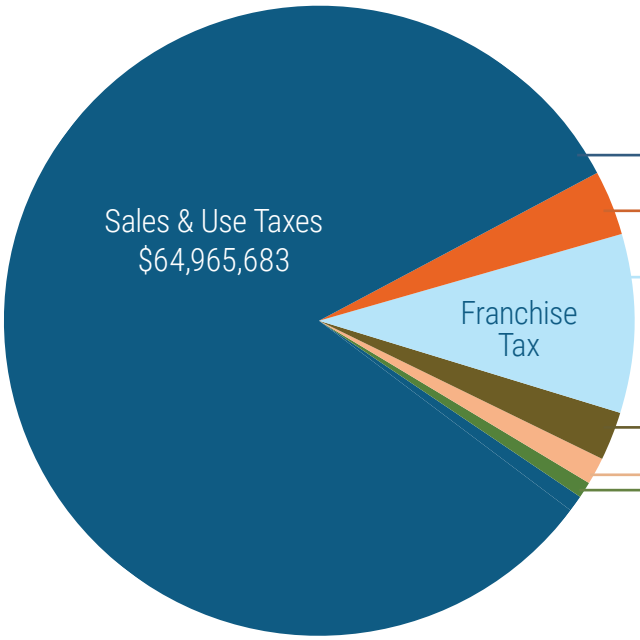


2025 Governmental Fund Revenue Sources:



Description	FY 2025 Revenue	%
Taxes	$79,807,056	61.8%
Intergovernmental	$23,375,071	18.1%
Licenses & Permits	$2,210,498	1.7%
Charges for Services	$5,746,579	4.5%
Fines & Forfeitures	$ 846,678	0.6%
Interest	$3,136,091	2.4%
Other	$ 678,664	0.5%
Transfers In	$13,373,445	10.4%
Total Revenue	$129,174,082	100%

2025 City Tax Revenue By Source:



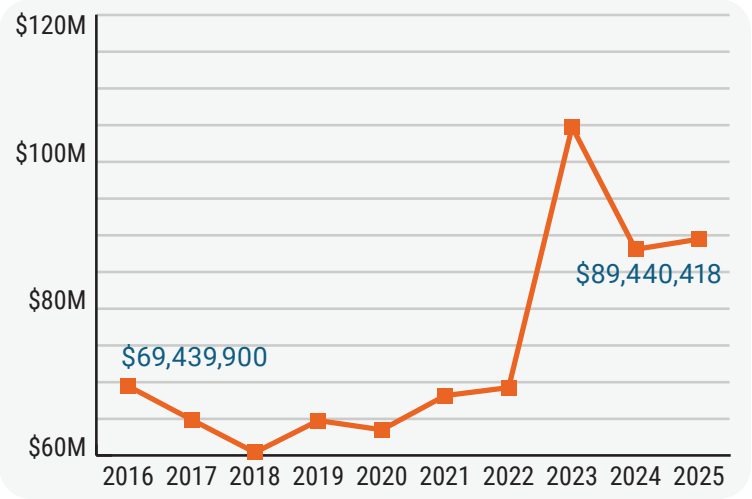
Description	FY 2025 Tax Revenue	%
Sales & Use Taxes	$64,965,683	81.4%
Gas & Motor Vehicle Taxes	$3,023,582	3.8%
Franchise Taxes	$8,174,892	10.2%
Hotel/Motel Taxes	$1,820,542	2.3%
Property Taxes	$1,386,707	1.7%
Other Taxes	$435,650	0.6%
Total Tax Revenue	$79,807,056	100%

Where does the money go?

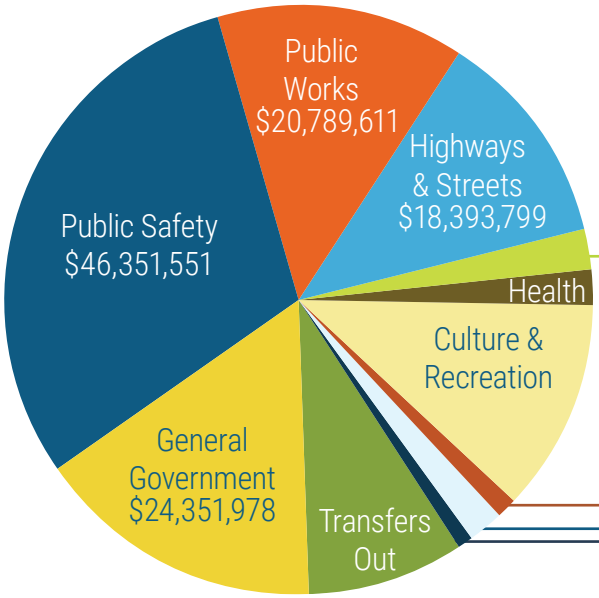
Understanding Governmental Funds Expenditures by Function

The City spends governmental funds on different functions divided by department. Expenditures within each department function include personnel services, operational supplies, other purchases & services, capital outlay, and transfers out. Expenditures can vary widely due to capital outlay and capital projects. Paying our debts and enterprise funds (airport, golf and sewer) are separate functions.

10-Year Governmental Fund Expenditures

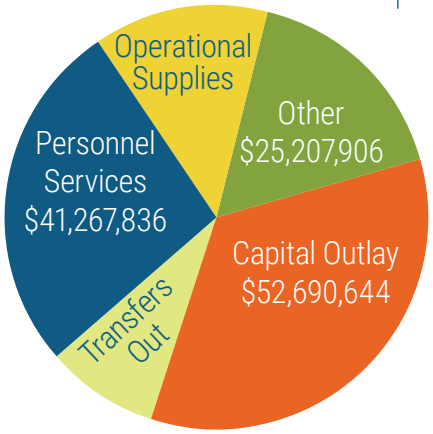


2025 Governmental Fund Expenditures by Function



Description	FY 2025 Expenditures	%
General Government	$24,351,978	15.9%
Public Safety	$46,351,551	30.3%
Public Works	$20,789,611	13.6%
Highways & Streets	$18,393,799	12.0%
Environmental	$3,290,667	2.2%
Health Services	$3,189,591	2.1%
Culture & Recreation	$17,689,107	11.6%
Social Services	$1,586,700	1.0%
Capital Outlay	$2,894,405	1.9%
Debt Service	$1,279,828	0.8%
Transfers Out	$13,152,591	8.6%
Total Expenditures	$152,969,828	100%

2025 Governmental Expenditures by Type



Description	FY 2025 Expenditures	%
Personnel Services	$41,267,836	27.0%
Operational Supplies	$20,650,851	13.5%
Other	$25,207,906	16.5%
Capital Outlay	$52,690,644	34.4%
Transfers Out	$13,152,591	8.6%
Total Expenditures	$152,969,828	100%

Where does the money go? Capital Projects



Capital Project Plan

The City has multi-year Capital Project Plans for streets, stormwater, parks, sidewalks, sewer, bridges, and building maintenance. Other than sewer, these are funded through special sales taxes: ¼-Cent Parks & Stormwater; ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax and 3/8-Cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax. Each of these taxes include a Capital Project Plan. The capital project plans are developed through master plans built on citizen input. The City first collects the funds through the sales tax, and builds up the funds before starting the projects. The Parks & Stormwater and Capital Improvement Sales Taxes have sunset dates. The sunset date is on the collection of the tax. Because the projects are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the projects take longer than the sunset time period to complete. Many capital projects take multiple years to design, obtain any needed right-of-way, relocate utilities as needed and finally construct the project. Consequently, the projects might be reflected in budgets over several years, even after the sunset of the tax collection.

Top 10 Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Projects in Progress

Description	FY 2025 Amount to Date	Funding Source
Sanitary Sewer Line Improvements & Rehabilitation	$9,535,292	Sanitary Sewer Fund
Airport Runway 13-31 Mill & Overlay	$8,025,165	Airport Fund (Partially Grant Funded)
Airport ARFF Building	$6,605,298	Airport Fund (Partially Grant Funded)
MOmentum Bike Park	$6,464,047	Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax/Use Tax/ ARPA/CVB (Partially Grant Funded)
20th Street – Schifferdecker to Country Club Rd	$5,675,616	Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund/ ARPA (Partially Grant Funded)
Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	$5,598,295	Sanitary Sewer Fund
Willow Branch Stormwater Improvements	$3,360,205	Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund
7th Street Sidewalk Improvements	$2,142,735	Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund
Zora – Rangeline to MO-249	$2,012,438	Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund (Partially Grant Funded)
Airport SRE Building	$1,793,915	Airport Fund (Partially Grant Funded)

Top 10 FY 2025 Capital Expenditures

Description	FY 2025 Amount	Funding Source
Take Home/Replacement Police Squad Cars	$1,924,564	General Fund/Public Safety Sales Tax
Replacement Museum HVAC	$429,899	Parks Fund
Replacement Sewer Jetter Truck	$312,567	Sewer Fund
Police Evidence Storage System	$295,203	General Fund
Upgrade of City Hall Elevators	$263,679	General Fund
Replacement Road Grader	$210,780	Transportation Sales Tax Fund
Crowd Barricade System	$179,209	General Fund (Grant Funded)
Computer Software Upgrades	$176,598	General Fund
Replacement Tractor with Long Arm Mower	$131,096	Transportation Sales Tax Fund
Replacement Semi-Truck Cab	$128,916	Transportation Sales Tax Fund



Police Department Tahoes

Grants: Multiplying your dollars to raise Joplin up

ARPA and BIL Grants

In order to help people and communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Government first passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which brought nearly $13.8 million to the City. Following this grant opportunity, the State of Missouri offered competitive ARPA grants for various categories of improvements such as sewer, stormwater, local tourism, community revitalization and public safety. Additionally, the federal government then passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), which has brought millions of dollars of grant opportunities for improvements to local communities across the country. Through patience, local leadership strategically made the decision to leverage the Federal ARPA award in an effort to bring additional State ARPA funds. This effort leverages over $33.8 million to bring over $55.5 million in grant funds to complete nearly $95 million in improvements to Joplin, with these projects well underway.



City allocated $5 million from ARPA grants to harden the network against storms as Allo invests $40 million to implement citywide broadband across all of Joplin.

City Of Joplin Grant Funded Project List as of 2025

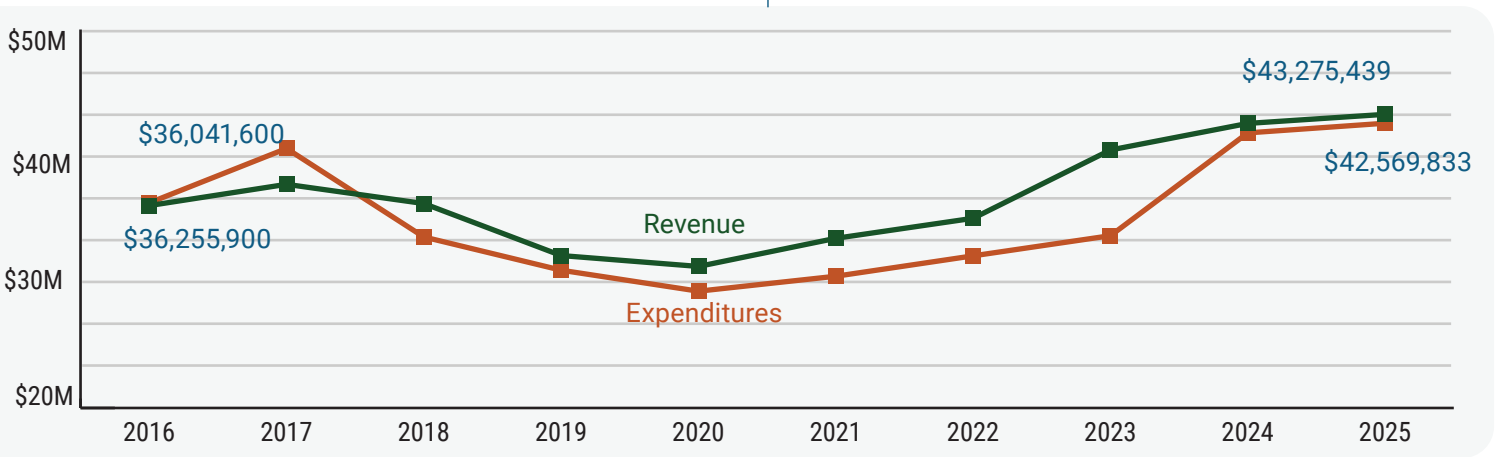
Grant	Project Description	Grant Award	Match Amount	Total Amount	Status
HUD Streetscape	Streetscape Main St. from 8th to 15th Street	$3,000,000	$3,000,000	$6,000,000	In Design
Justice Center	Various Improvements to the Justice Center	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$2,000,000	Underway
Drinking Water	Extend Water along Zora, 7th S. & CR 180	$5,000,000	$-	$10,000,000	Underway
Stormwater	9 Separate Stormwater Improvement Projects	$5,000,000	$3,676,000	$8,676,000	Underway
Stormwater	Additional Funding for 9 Separate Stormwater Improvement Projects	$3,625,546	$2,529,881	$6,155,427	Underway
Wastewater	Wastewater Improvements at 12th & Iowa	$3,599,782	$1,667,000	$5,266,782	Underway
20th Street Widening	Widening and Improvement of 20th Street from Schifferdecker to Central City	$4,500,000	$9,420,000	$14,220,000	Underway
MOSWIN Interoperability Radio	Gives Police Department ability to communicate across the State by radio	$637,048	$-	$637,048	Underway
Zora Widening	Widening and Improvement of Zora Street from Range Line Road nearly to I49	$4,000,000	$6,454,000	$10,754,000	Underway
Community Revitalization	Down Payment Assistance, Home Repairs and Demolitions	$7,000,000	$-	$7,000,000	Underway
Emergency Medical Services	EMS Equipment	$41,894	$-	$41,894	Complete
Peace Officer	Additional Body Cameras	$42,000	$-	$42,000	Complete
Fire Protection	Begin 2nd Set of Turnout Gear	$54,594	$-	$54,594	On Order
Local Tourism	MOmentum Bike Park	$4,008,280	$2,766,227	$6,774,507	Underway
Cybersecurity	Equipment and Training	$123,497	$-	$123,497	Complete
AOPP	Sustainable Transit Structure Study	$400,000	$100,000	$500,000	Underway
REO	Recycling Education & Outreach	$1,740,000	$615,244	$2,355,244	Underway
TAP	Grand Falls Trail	$600,000	$796,005	$1,396,005	In Design
EECBG	City Facilities Energy Evaluation	$119,050	$-	$119,050	Grant Paperwork in Process
City ARPA	Citywide Broadband Implementation	$5,000,000	$-	$5,000,000	Underway
City ARPA	MSSU Health Science Innovation Center	$1,500,000	$-	$1,500,000	Complete
City ARPA	Tin Cup Bridge	$750,000	$915,698	$1,665,698	Underway
Outdoor Recreation Legacy	Parr Hill Park Improvements	$484,230	$484,230	$968,460	Grant Paperwork in Process
Recreational Trails Program	Trail Amenities across the City	$147,210	$98,140	$245,350	NEPA Review in Process
Lead Hazard Reduction	Lead Remediation for residential homes	$3,150,000	$350,000	$3,500,000	Grant Paperwork in Process
		$55,523,131	$33,872,425	$94,995,556	

General Fund Challenge

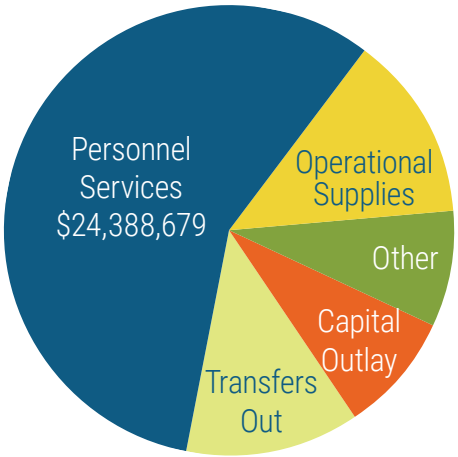
Expenditures Growing Faster than General Fund Revenue

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. Police and Fire services are the major services of this fund, along with other administrative services like Neighborhood Improvement, Cemeteries, and Engineering to name a few. As shown in the General Fund graph, expenditures outpaced revenues from 2015 through 2017. Revenues exceeded expenditures in 2018. Then in 2020, COVID-19 struck the world. Over the next several years inflation grew, resulting in higher sales tax collections. Investment earnings increased significantly due to higher interest rates. Recovery from the pandemic also brought unprecedented grant opportunities to the City of Joplin, as well as other local governments across the United States. At the same time, the voters approved a Use Tax which is collected on sales that occur outside of city limits, but are shipped to a location inside city limits. As a result, General Fund revenues from 2020 through 2023 outpaced expenditures. However, continued pressure on wages and a flattening of sales tax collections has narrowed the General Fund surplus.

10-Year General Fund Revenue Vs Expenditure

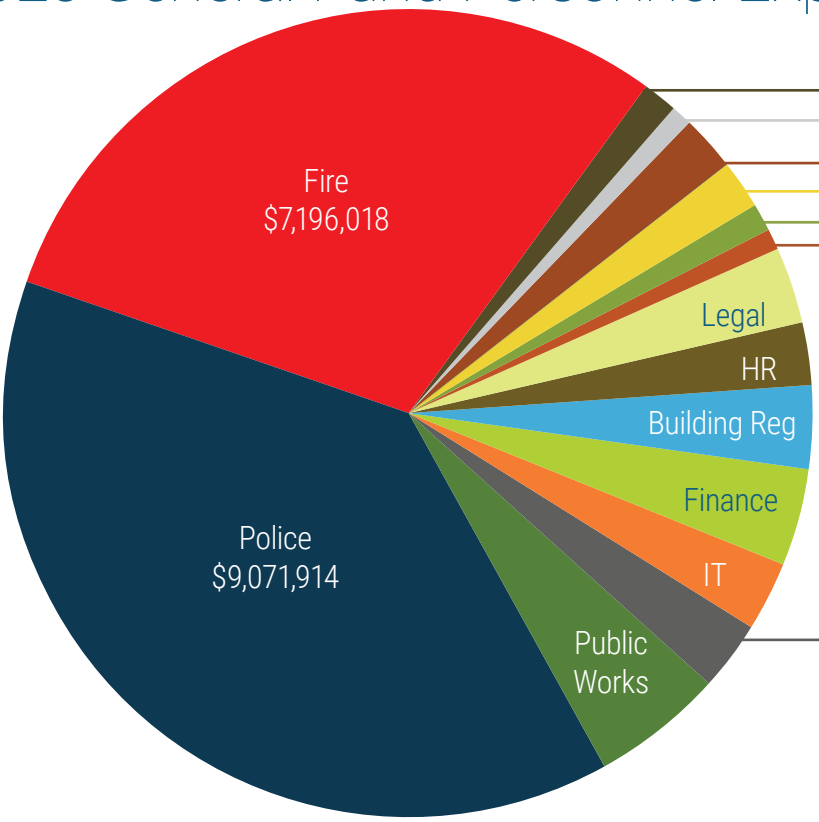


2025 General Fund Expenditures by Type



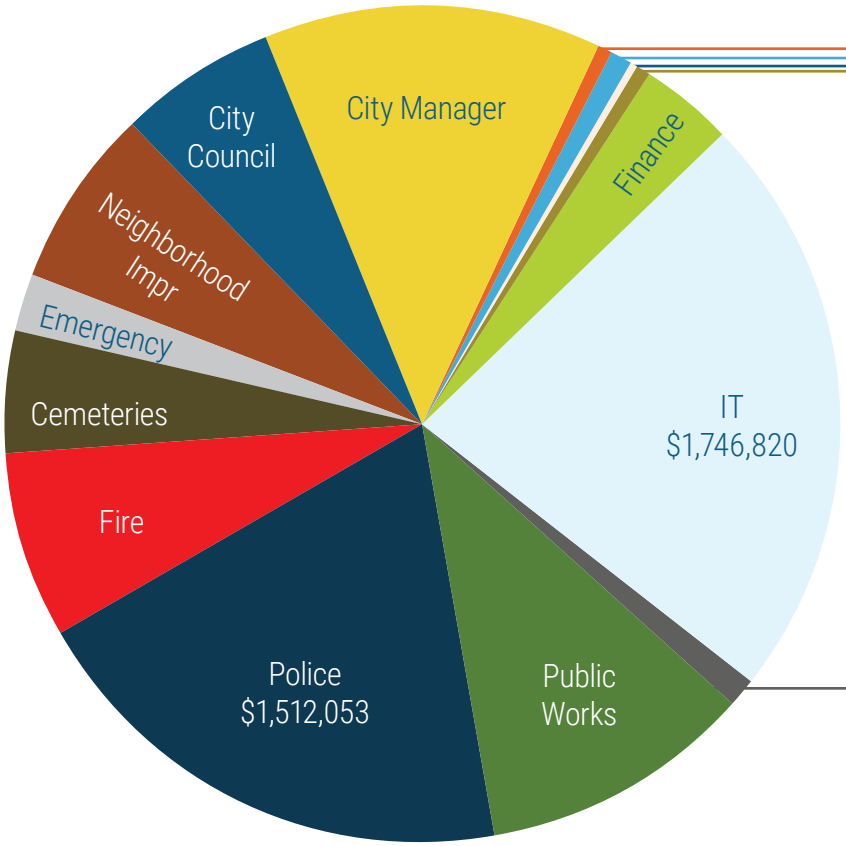
Description	FY 2025 Expenditures	%
Personnel Services	$24,388,679	57.3%
Operational Supplies	$5,737,792	13.5%
Other Purchases/Services	$3,508,388	8.2%
Capital Outlay	$3,701,774	8.7%
Transfers Out	$5,233,200	12.3%
Grand Total Expenditures	$42,569,833	100%

2025 General Fund Personnel Expenditures by Department



Department	Personnel Services
Cemeteries	$370,783
Emergency Mgmt	$161,843
Neighborhood Impr	$526,835
City Council	$943
City Manager	$492,495
Communications	$497,103
City Clerk	$195,013
Legal Services	$762,927
Human Resources	$529,682
Building Regulations	$845,477
Finance	$1,010,844
IT	$630,389
Municipal Court	$780,180
Public Works	$1,316,233
Police	$9,071,914
Fire	$7,196,018
Total General Fund	$24,388,679

2025 General Fund Operational Supplies by Department



Department	Operational Supplies
City Council	$325,394
City Manager	$209,008
Communications	$73,130
City Clerk	$18,054
Legal Services	$32,380
Human Resources	$10,419
Bldng Reg	$37,509
Finance	$291,413
IT	$1,746,820
Municipal Court	$88,232
Public Works	$662,097
Police	$1,512,053
Fire	$573,081
Cemeteries	$56,290
Emergency Mgmt	$53,669
Neighborhood Impr	$48,243
Total General Fund	$5,737,792

Enterprise Funds and Debt

Enterprise Funds

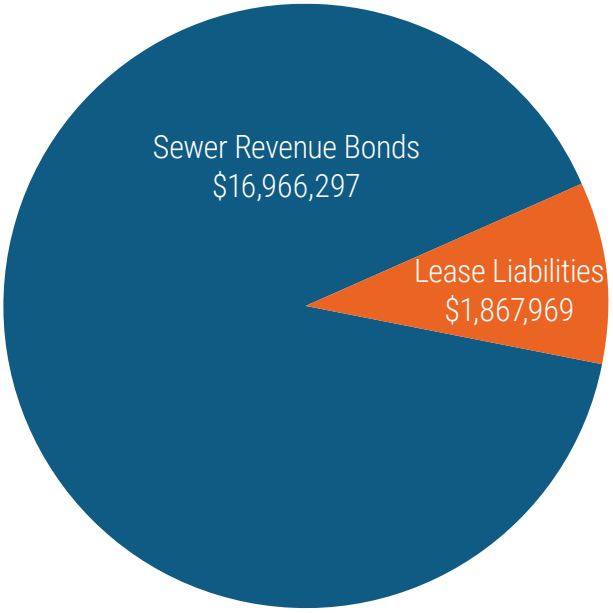
Enterprise funds are "business-type funds" that are generally self-supporting either by outside fees or internal charges. Enterprise funds are used to account for government-owned services supported primarily by service charges or user fees. The enterprise funds for the City of Joplin include Sanitary Sewer, Airport, and Golf Course.

Debt

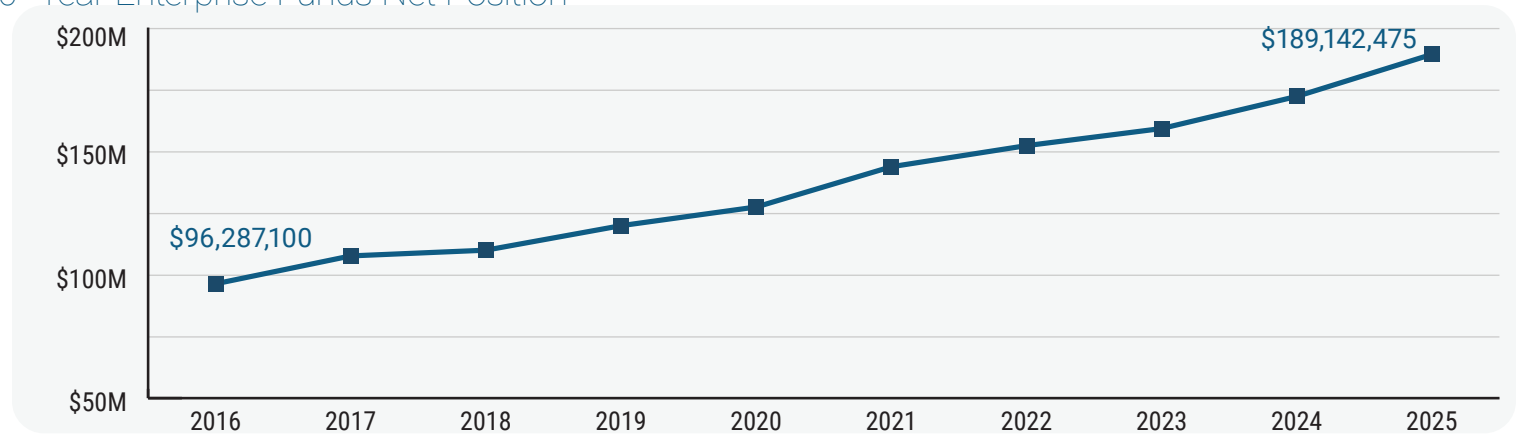
The City of Joplin has a long-standing history of being a pay-as-you-go city. This means the City saves money until there are sufficient funds to pay for a project. This can also result in higher reserves in certain funds as resources are aggregated for the project. There are some exceptions, however. Typically, the City issues revenue bonds for improvements to the Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plants. In most cases, the revenue bonds are issued by the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through a low-interest loan program. Additionally, the City will enter into leases for equipment when it is more cost effective than an outright purchase.

How Much Does The City Owe?

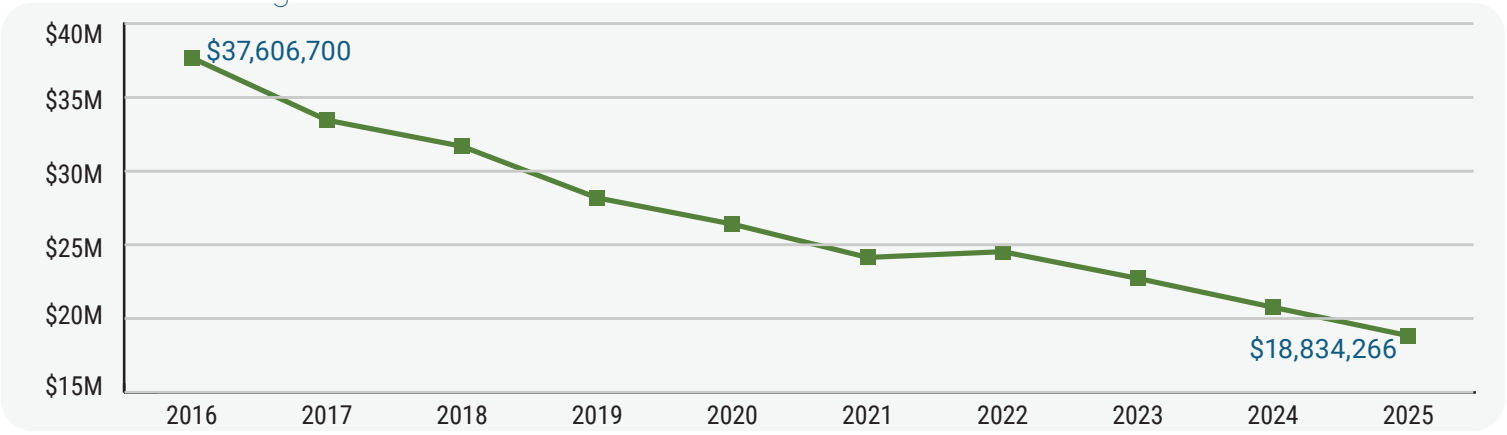
Outstanding Debt: $18,834,266



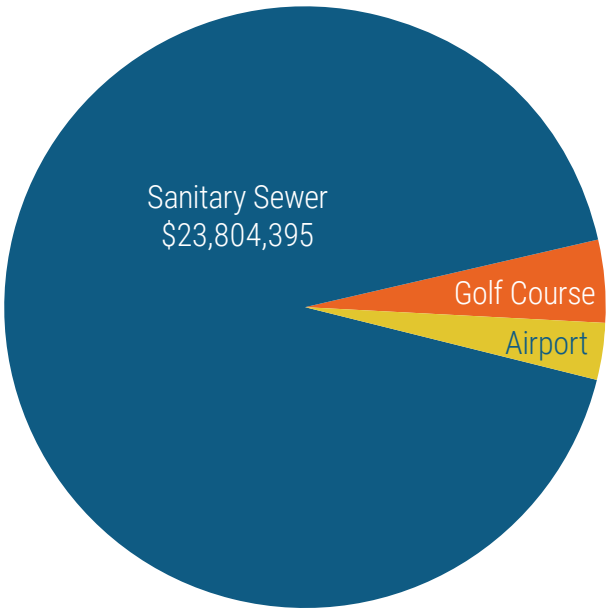
10- Year Enterprise Funds Net Position



10- Year Outstanding Debt



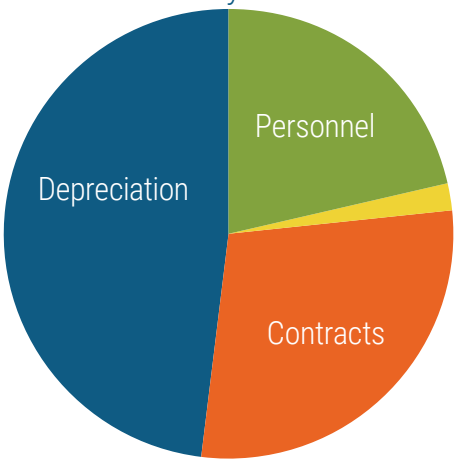
Enterprise Fund Operating Revenue By Fund



Description	FY 2025 Revenue	%
Sanitary Sewer	$23,804,395	93.3%
Golf Course	$1,014,686	4.0%
Airport	$706,023	2.7%
Total Revenue	$25,525,104	100%

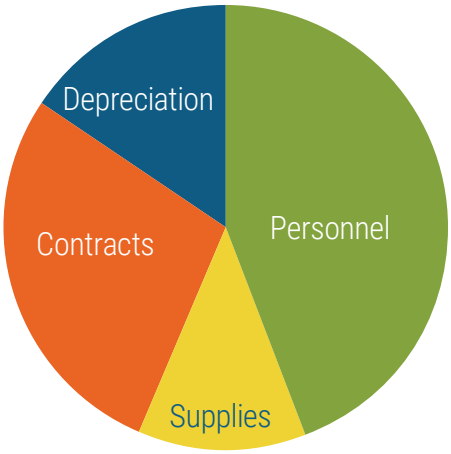
FY 2025 Enterprise Fund Expenses

Sanitary Sewer



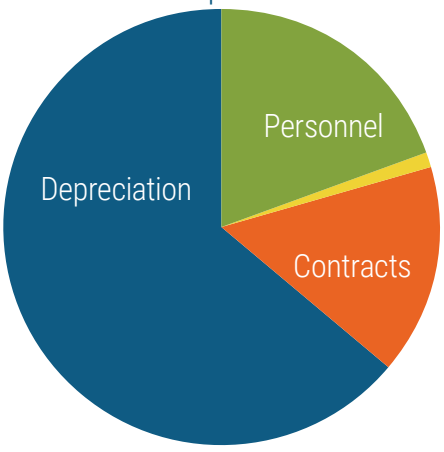
Description	Expenses	%
Personnel	$3,541,545	21.6%
Supplies	$329,221	2.0%
Contracts	$4,680,931	28.6%
Depreciation	$7,822,545	47.8%
Total	$16,374,242	100.0%

Golf Course



Description	Expenses	%
Personnel	$624,164	44.3%
Supplies	$172,979	12.3%
Contracts	$394,034	27.9%
Depreciation	$218,699	15.5%
Total	$1,409,876	100.0%

Airport



Description	Expenses	%
Personnel	$943,264	19.6%
Supplies	$48,370	1.1%
Contracts	$750,844	15.6%
Depreciation	$3,060,299	63.7%
Total	$4,802,777	100.0%

How much money does the City have?



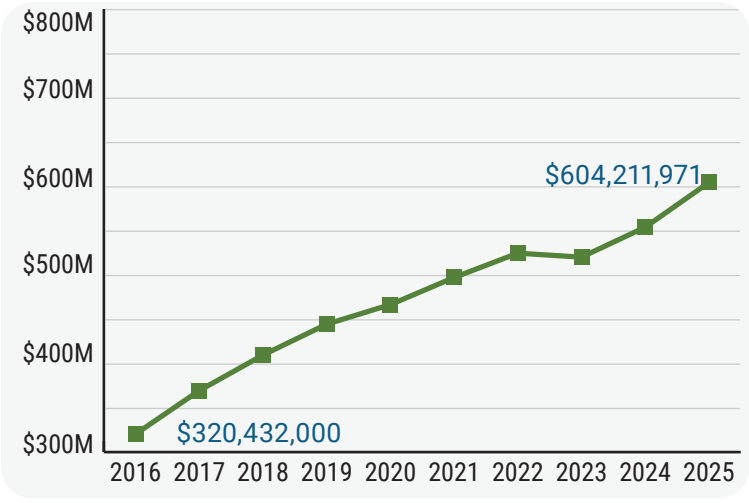
Understanding the City's Net Position

Net position is a good indicator of the general financial health of the City. Net position is the difference between the City's assets plus deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City of Joplin is improving or deteriorating.

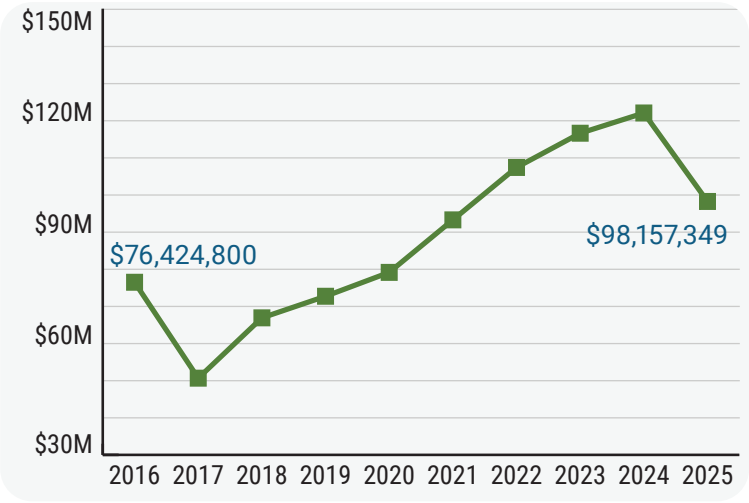
Understanding the City's Governmental Fund Balance

Governmental Fund Balance refers to the governmental type funds only. Government Fund Balance is the difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities, representing its net financial position, not just cash, showing available resources for future spending, emergencies or tax stability, broken down into nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned categories to show spending constraints. This is a key measure of a government's fiscal health, indicating its ability to handle unexpected costs or revenue shortfalls.

10-Year Government Wide Net Position



10-Year Governmental Fund Balance



5 Classifications Of Governmental Fund Balances



Governmental Funds Report The Following Fund Balance Classifications

Non-Spendable – This consists of amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – These are amounts where constraints are placed on the use of those resources which are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – This consists of amounts which can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by an ordinance passed by the City Council. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council removes or changes the specified amounts by use of the same formal action that it employed to previously commit those amounts.

Assigned – These are amounts which are constrained by City management's intent for these to be used for a specific purpose but are neither formally restricted by external sources nor committed by City Council action. The City's GASB 54 policy authorizes informal City Council action or the City Manager to assign amounts for specific purposes in this category. Likewise, the City Manager has the authority to take necessary actions to unassign amounts in this category.

Unassigned – This consists of the residual fund balance that does not meet the requirements for the non-spendable, restricted, committed, or assigned classifications. A positive unassigned fund balance is only possible in the general fund.

The City has a minimum unassigned Fund Balance policy for the General Fund and the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund equal to 25% of operating expenditures. If the fund balance falls below this level, then the City shall reduce operating expenditures to the lowest possible level until such time as the minimum level of fund balance is reached.

Total Governmental Fund Balances = $98,157,349

General Fund	Amount
Non-Spendable	$331,840
Committed	$2,978,357
Assigned	$353,241
Unassigned	$27,310,956
Total General Fund	$30,974,394

Transportation Sales Tax Fund	Amount
Non-Spendable	$537,367
Committed	$-0-
Restricted	$19,282,048
Unassigned	$-0-
Total Transportation Sales Tax Fund	$19,819,415

Budget in Brief

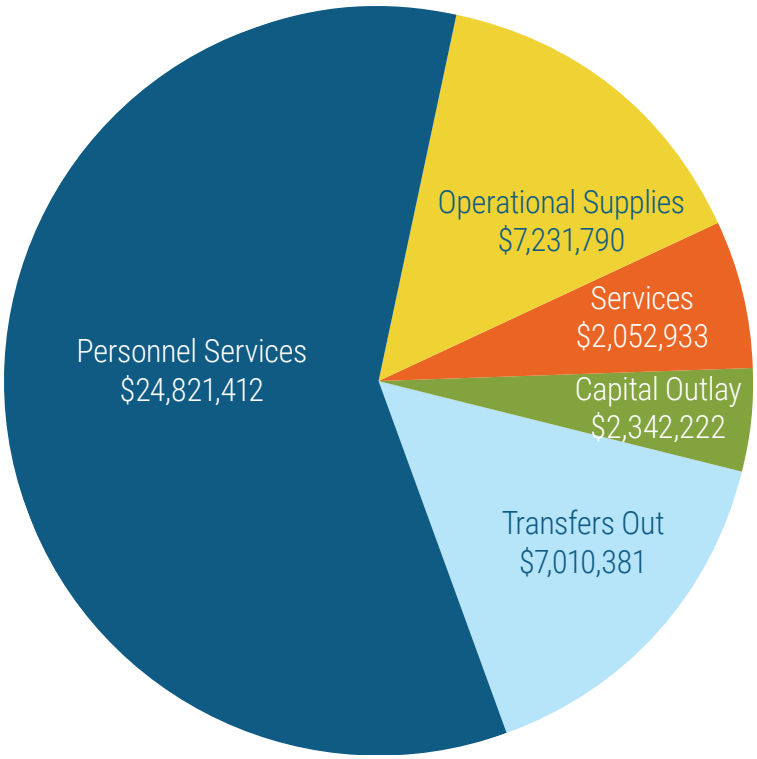
FY 2026 Total Budget Summary

Fund Type	FY 2026 Total Revenue	FY 2026 Operational Expenditures	FY 2026 Capital Expenditures	FY 2026 Transfers Out	FY 2026 Total Expenditures	%
General Fund	$43,403,682	$34,106,135	$2,342,222	$7,010,381	$43,458,738	23.5%
Special Revenue Funds	$76,116,781	$47,114,075	$41,156,156	$7,950,973	$96,221,204	51.9%
Capital Project Funds	$4,520,000	$1,065,000	$3,475,000	$-0-	$4,540,000	2.5%
Enterprise Funds	$26,892,925	$23,981,017	$-0-	$2,018,479	$25,999,496	14.0%
Internal Service Funds	$16,802,370	$14,815,144	$-0-	$187,719	$15,002,863	8.1%
Total Funds	$167,735,758	$121,081,371	$46,973,378	$17,167,552	$185,222,301	100%

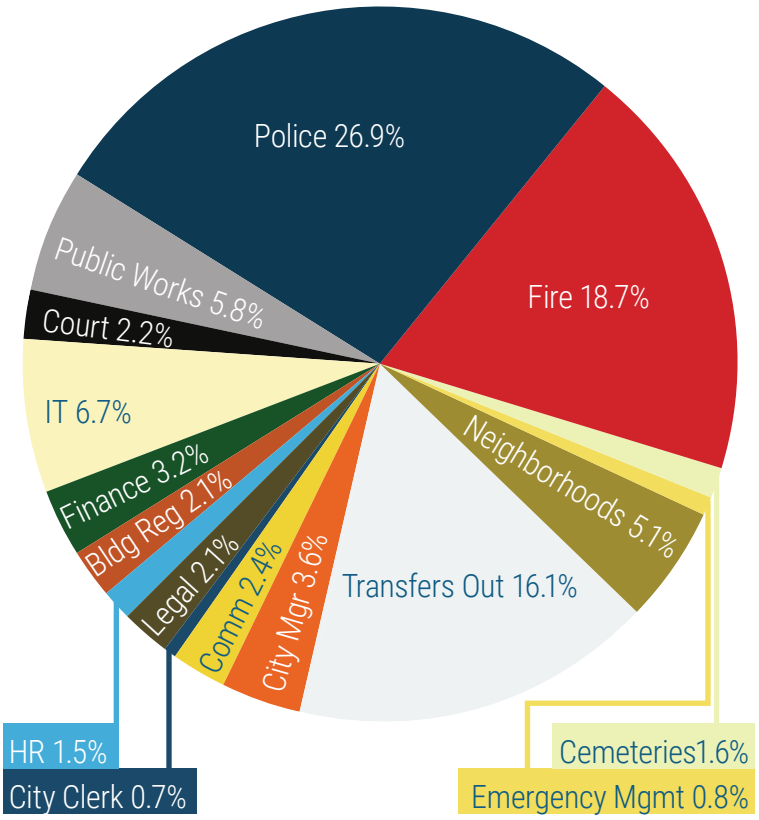
The General Fund is the primary operating fund for the City, used to account for all revenues and expenditures not required to be in a separate fund.

It is the main fund for the day-to-day operations of the City, which includes services like general administration, police services, fire services, engineering, cemeteries and neighborhood improvement, funded by sources such as sales taxes, franchise taxes and various fees.

General Fund Expenditures by Category



Total Budget By Function/Department



Total General Fund Expenditures: $43,458,738

2026 General Fund Positions by Department



A full-time equivalent (FTE) is a unit of measurement that shows the number of full-time employees to do all of the work, which combines both full-time and part-time staff time. It is calculated by dividing the total hours worked by all employees by the number of hours in a full-time workweek, which is commonly 40 hours. For example, an employee working 20 hours a week is 0.5 FTE, while a 40-hour-a-week employee is 1.0 FTE.

City Manager **3.15**	Communications **5.00**	City Clerk **2.00**	Legal **7.38**
Human Resources **4.40**	Building Regulations **11.00**	Information Technology **7.00**	Finance **11.00**
Court **10.50**	Public Works **17.65**	Police **110.30**	Fire **72.00**
Cemeteries **7.20**	Neighborhood Improvement **10.20**	Emergency Management **2.00**	

Total General Fund FTE: **280.78**

Across all funds, the City has 646.53 FTE's, made up of 591.83 Full-Time and 54.70 Part-Time positions.

2026 Budgeted Capital Projects:

Capital Improvement Projects Over $100,000

Category	Project Name	Cost
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Catch Basin & Closed System Maintenance	$235,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Ditch & Detention Pond Maintenance	$285,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Minor System Improvements	$600,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Old Willow Branch Improvements - Phase 1	$750,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Sunnyvale Improvements & I-44 Project - Phase 1	$2,300,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	ARPA Stormwater Projects	$6,155,427
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Trail Signage & Amenities	$245,350
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Softball Complex Turf	$500,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Wendell Redden and JBS Turf	$500,000
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Parr Hill Park Improvements	$968,460
Parks & Stormwater Sales Tax	Grand Falls Trail	$2,500,000
Transportation Sales Tax	Street Maintenance	$150,000
Transportation Sales Tax	Neighborhood Transportation Improvement	$500,000
Transportation Sales Tax	Street Projects	$1,500,000
TST - Prop Action	Beautification Projects	$500,000
TST - Prop Action	10th & Main Beautification	$500,000
CIST - Prop Action	Beautification Projects	$500,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	New City Sidewalks	$125,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Bridge Maintenance	$125,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	20th Street - Schifferdecker to Country Club	$ 200,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Traffic Signal Upgrades & Interface System	$285,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Neighborhood Transportation Improvement	$300,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Building Improvements	$400,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	ADA City Sidewalks	$625,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Street Surface Repair	$835,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Davis Blvd Improvements (Design)	$1,500,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Zora - Rangeline to MO-249 Improvements	$4,500,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	Pennsylvania Viaduct Removal	$4,500,000
Capital Improvement Sales Tax	6th Street & Virginia Parking Garage	$5,500,000
Sanitary Sewer	Tin Cup Force Main - Phase 2 (Construction)	$300,000
Sanitary Sewer	Swede Lane Lift Station Improvements	$300,000
Sanitary Sewer	Apple Road LS Elimination & E 20th Ext (Design)	$720,000
Sanitary Sewer	Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Rehabilitation	$1,500,000
Sanitary Sewer	Route 66 Sanitary Sewer Relocation	$2,807,000
Sanitary Sewer	Crane Road Lift Station Elimination	$3,000,000

Future Budget Outlook



City Council's six priority pillars

Since 2020, the Joplin City Council have been focused on the following six priority pillars. These strategic priorities influence decisions throughout the organization about how to allocate resources and where to focus time and energy. The six priorities influence the development of key initiatives and the capital improvement plan, and those plans determine what should be budgeted. This way, we can ensure spending is oriented to help the City achieve its strategic priorities.

- Crime & Safety
- Community Appearance
- Economic Development
- Declining Neighborhoods
- Resilient Revenue
- Addressing Homelessness

Unfunded Needs

The City has many unfunded needs. The capital improvements master plan contained over $225.3 million in needed improvements, yet the 12-year tax will only generate approximately $95 million. Likewise, the stormwater master plan included about $60 million in identified projects, while the parks master plan included another $45 million of needed improvements. Yet, the parks and stormwater sales tax generates approximately $41 million over ten years. The City must keep pace with maintaining the infrastructure already in place, while continuing to bring new improvements to help ensure a vibrant and thriving community.

In addition to unfunded capital projects, sales tax growth is struggling to keep pace with the rising costs of capital equipment replacement and the need to offer competitive wages to attract and retain employees who provide quality services to residents and visitors.

Fiscal Year 2026 Key Initiatives



City staff continually plan new programs and projects, what we call our "Key Initiatives". Each year, the heads of each City department create the list of key initiatives for their department. These do not describe normal ongoing operations, rather, the strategically prioritized work which is in addition to our normal operations, services and programs. During the budget process, City Council are presented with the full list of key initiatives and provide input, because these initiatives define which novel activities the City must plan for and budget. For 2026, the City identified 86 unique key initiatives, with some initiatives highlighted as follows.

Department/Division	FY 2026 Key Initiative
City Manager	Assist with ½-Cent Sales Tax Renewal Efforts
City Manager	Continue Delivery of Long-Term Plans: ARPA, Grants, Proposition Action
Communications	Launch redesigned Website on new CMS platform: Phase I items
Communications	Continue buildout of Staff Portal (Intranet) Site on Sharepoint
Communications	Support CVB efforts to market new Tourism Venues: DORA, Trails, and Ewert
Communications	Host City's State of the Community Event
Communications	Implement Voter Education Campaign for ½-Cent Sales Tax Renewal
Legal Services	Oversee Charter Review Commission
Human Resources	Create career ladder for entire organization
Building Regulations	Implementation of Vacant/Dangerous Building Program
Finance	Assist with Implementation of Prospect Village
Finance	Begin Development of Financial Policies: Audit Follow-Up
Finance	Continuation of Implementation of Technology Improvements: Business License, Building Permit, Time and Attendance and others
Information Technology	Implementation of ESRI Advantage Program
Municipal Court	Revision of the Court Introduction Video: Judge's greeting and explanation of Court Room Process
Public Works	Continuation of Implementation of Central Square Asset Management System and Prepare 1st year of Reporting
Police	Enhance Jail Security as a result of the increased narcotics related enforcement activity
Police	Improve Evidence and Property Management
Police	Continuation of Implementation of Strategies 6 and 7 of Reduce Crime & Increase Safety with addition of Parks LPR Cameras
Fire	Form a Coalition to Provide Comprehensive Services to help reduce emergency calls for the homeless population in targeted areas
Fire	Conduct a Comprehensive Citywide Risk Assessment to identify potential hazards and develop mitigation strategies

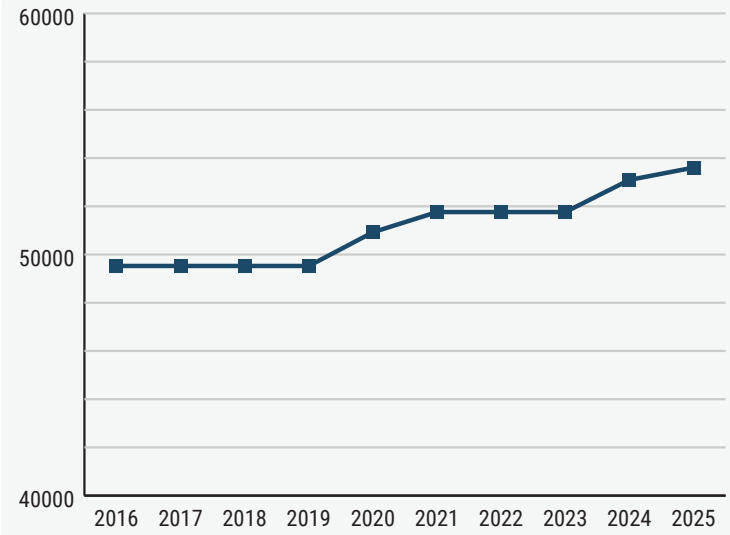


Department/Division	FY 2026 Key Initiative
Fire	Standardize Fire Investigation Protocols to ensure consistent, thorough and efficient investigations across the Department
Fire	Develop and Implement a Comprehensive Training Program for EV-Specific Scenarios
Cemetery	Add new surfacing at Parking Lot of Columbarium at Osborne Cemetery
Emergency Management	Continuation Tornado Siren Replacement Plan
Neighborhood Improvement	Fully Implement Enforcement of Property Maintenance Code
Neighborhood Improvement	Implement Neighborhood Improvement Administrative Abatement Process
Health	Conduct Feasibility Study for Regional Animal Control Facility
Parks	Construct Improvements at Wildcat Park: River Access, Trail and Road Improvements
Parks	Construct, Install and Implement Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibit Habitats in several parks
Solid Waste Management	Facilitate and Coordinate the delivery of the REO Grant
Solid Waste Management	Evaluate Recycling Options from Solid Waste Master Plan and Develop RFP for Citywide Trash Services
Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax	Complete MOmentum Bike Park Project at DORA
Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax	Continue Ewert Splash Park Project
TST	Perform Pavement Condition Analysis for a portion of the Community
TST	Implement new Detection System at selected Signalized Intersections
TST	Refurbish Trolley Shelters/Stops
Planning	Sidewalk Program Installation: CDBG-DR and CDBG Entitlement (Census Tract 110 and LMI Neighborhoods)
Planning	Present recommended Updates to Sign Code
Planning	Update the Comprehensive Plan and Develop a Downtown Plan
Planning	Develop a Bike & Pedestrian Corridor Management Plan
Planning	Develop a Complete Streets Construction Standards Manual
Planning	Complete the Allo Fiber Project bringing broadband access to the entire Community
Sanitary Sewer	Conduct smoke testing in selected areas to develop rehabilitation plan

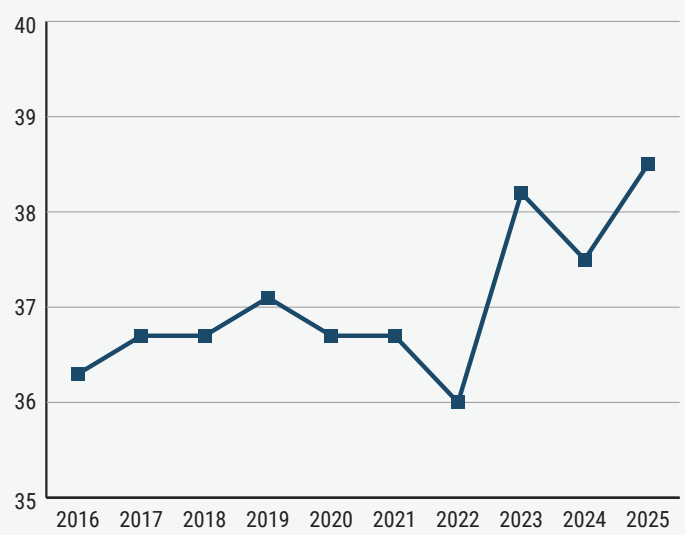
Joplin by the Numbers



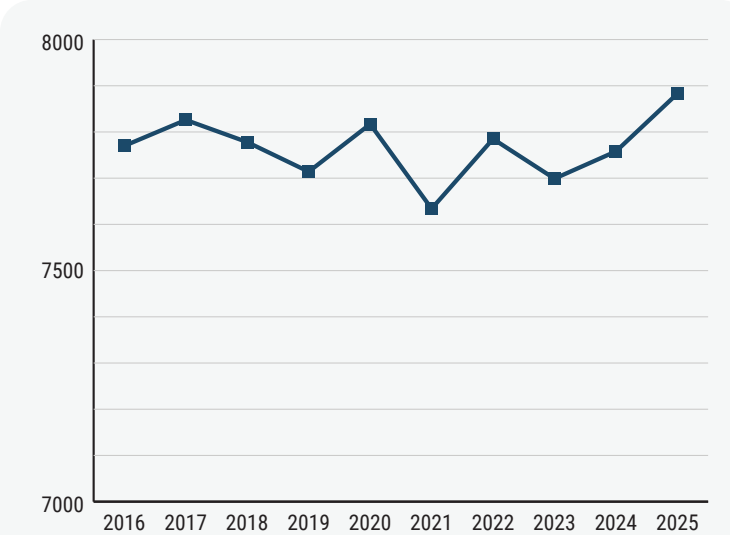
10-Year Population Growth



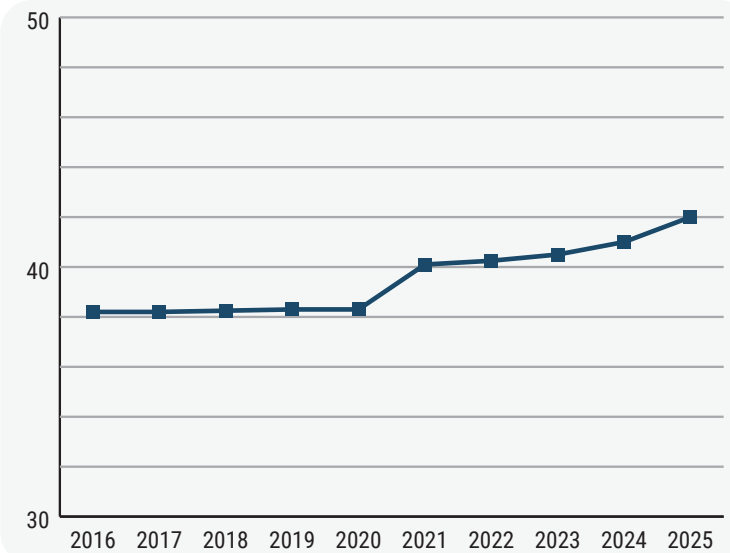
10-Year Median Age



10-Year Public School Enrollment

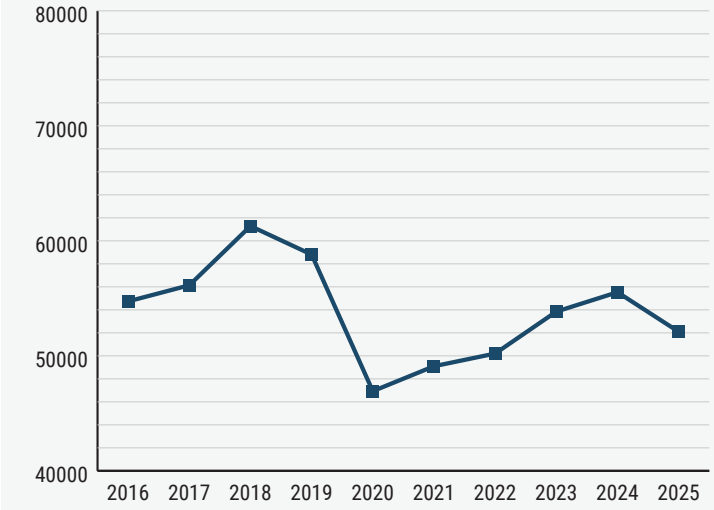


10-Year Total Area in Square Miles

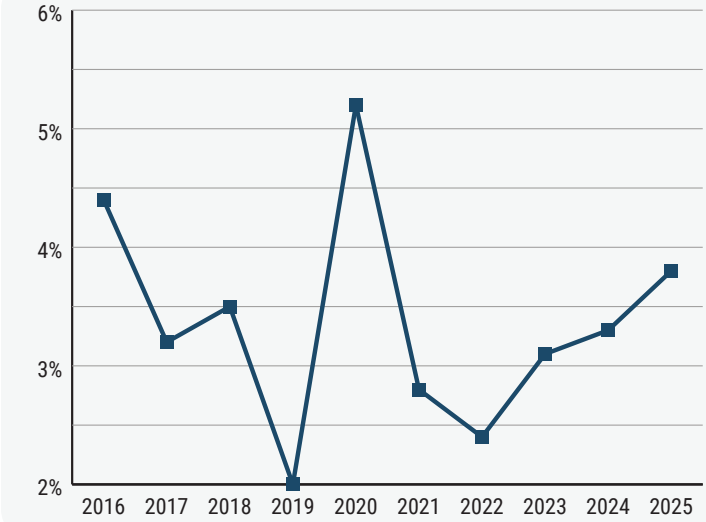




10-Year Median Household Income



10-Year Unemployment Rate



Principal Employers for 2025

Employer	Employees	% of Total City Employment
Freeman Health System	3,150	3.48%
Mercy Hospital Joplin	2,929	3.23%
Joplin Schools	1,480	1.63%
TAMKO Building Products	1,000	1.10%
Liberty Utilities	901	0.99%
Jasper Products	825	0.91%
Walmart	754	0.83%
EaglePicher Technologies	750	0.83%
MoDot Joplin	730	0.81%
City of Joplin	626	0.69%
Missouri Southern State University	605	0.67%
General Mills	577	0.64%
Contract Freighters (CFI)	567	0.63%
Ozark Center	550	0.61%
Tri-State Motor Transit	417	0.46%
Ajinomoto Foods North America	406	0.45%
Frank Fletcher Auto Group	400	0.44%
Teleperformance USA	350	0.39%
Schaeffler Group	310	0.34%
Total	17,327	19.13%

Did you know?



Population: 54,087 (City estimate)

At time of printing, the U.S. Census Bureau has not yet provided an estimated 2025 population for Joplin

Top Ten Job Sectors 2020-2025

Sector	2025 Jobs	2020-2025 % Change	Avg. Earnings
Manufacturing	7,000	6% ▲	$78,043
Health Care and Social Assistance	6,486	2% ▲	$62,718
Retail Trade	5,919	-4% ▼	$42,072
Accommodation and Food Services	3,665	14% ▲	$25,677
Transportation and Warehousing	3,517	46% ▲	$70,749
Government	3,027	17% ▲	$59,407
Wholesale Trade	2,045	22% ▲	$74,883
Construction	2,037	15% ▲	$77,602
Admin. & Support and Waste Services	1,808	-36% ▼	$43,989
Other Services	1,783	8% ▲	$35,215

Principal Property Taxpayers:

Taxpayer	Total Assessed Value	% of Total Assessed Value
Laclede Gas/Spire	$10,846,490	1.38%
Freeman Health Systems	$10,328,970	1.31%
Northpark Mall	$9,816,320	1.24%
Joseph Family Properties	$7,637,600	0.97%
Walmart	$7,337,060	0.93%
Fletcher Realty	$5,655,010	0.72%
NorthPark Crossing	$4,724,440	0.60%
Majzoub Family Partnership	$3,904,230	0.50%
Truck Stop Distributors	$3,680,770	0.47%
Schaeffler Group	$3,535,860	0.45%
Total	$67,466,750	8.57%

Fiscal Year 2025 Department Service Numbers



Police Incident Calls
79,908

Fire Calls for Service
9,980

PARKS & RECREATION

Rounds of Golf Played	Pool Admissions	Museum Admissions
34,239	**35,441**	**7,107**

Airport

Airport Enplanements	Airport Deplanements
23,283	**23,787**

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Maintenance in Miles	Right-of-Way Mowing in Miles
62.73	**3,000**

Street Cleaning in Curb Miles	Number of Sewer Customers
6,000	**23,339**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Animal Control Service Calls	Vital Records Provided
5,018	**8,845**

Vaccinations Provided
1,985

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

New Business Licenses Issued	Business Licenses Renewed
2,398	**4,344**

City Council



Keenan T. Cortez, Sr.
Mayor



Josh DeTar
Mayor Pro Tem



Joshua Bard
General Council



Doris Carlin
General Council



Doug Lawson
General Council



Gary Shaw
Zone I



Charles Copple
Zone II



Ryan Jackson
Zone III



Mark Farnham
Zone IV

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City of Joplin Phone Directory

Emergency – Police/Fire	**911**
Airport	623.0262
Animal Control	623.6122
Athletic Complex	625.4750
Cemeteries	623.7990
Convention & Visitors Bureau	625.4789
Court (court dates, fines)	627.2930
Emergency Management	623.5858
Fire Dept. (non.emergency)	623.0403
Health Dept.	623.6122
Library	623.7953
MAPS (Metro Area PublicTransit System)	626.8607
Parks & Recreation	625.4750
Police (non.emergency)	623.3131
Schifferdecker Golf Course	624.3533
Trash Service – Residential	1.800.431.1507
Utility Billing	627.2955
Wastewater & Trash Bill	627.2955
WIC (Women, Infant & Children Supplemental Food Program)	623.1928

City's Main Number **417.624.0820**

Department	Ext.
Animal Control	1280
Building Codes/Inspections	1521
City Clerk	1220
City Manager	1201
Community Development	1542
Engineering	1530
Finance	1241
Human Resources (Personnel)	1423
Jail	1460
Marketing/Communications	1204
Mayor/City Council Information	1221
Municipal Court (Traffic Tickets, Court Dates, Fines)	1233
Neighborhood Improvement	1518
Public Information Office	1204
Recycling	1501
Zoning & Planning	1511

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