

# 2022 BUDGET OVERVIEW



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## 2021 Demographics

516,042

Population

\$56,560

Per Capita Income<sup>1</sup>

4.5%

Sedgwick MSA Unemployed Rate<sup>2</sup>

3092.59

Number of Budgeted County Positions

1. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (2020)  
2. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021)

# THANK YOU FOR REVIEWING THE 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET

What an interesting and challenging time in which we live. As our local society continues to recover from a global pandemic, in which Sedgwick County government played a pivotal role, we are also faced with tremendous social and economic conditions that have direct impact on Sedgwick County government services to our community and have helped shape our 2022 budget outlook. Our county staff began discussing the 2022 budget in the late fall of 2020. We know it is important to move ahead with a flat budget, providing the best services possible without tax increase or additional burden on our citizens. County staff is constantly seeking innovative processes, management, mergers or service changes to make sure our taxpayer dollars are judiciously managed.

After almost 18 months of battling COVID-19 as a Sedgwick County Organization, we aspire to move county government back on a more normal track by resurrecting the multifaceted Strategic Plan which was developed in 2019 before the pandemic hit. This plan guidance will help us focus on core governmental services provided to our community.

## A priority for the adopted 2022 budget was the care of our employees.

As we all know, we cannot provide the critical and important work needed by our community without a dedicated and professional staff. The pandemic year stalled our compensation and improvement plan for our employees, and it is imperative we get this back on track as soon as possible. This adopted budget contains elements that represent “year one” of a multi-year effort to improve work conditions for our employees inclusive of compensation and physical environment safety. In the past year, the county has completed its first true market and job analysis in years and has adopted a sweeping position reclassification which will impact over half the employees within the county structure, all in the hope of bringing Sedgwick County into a more competitive environment for talent within the community. Also in 2022, and in the following years of the plan, we will enhance employee training and growth as well as supervisory competency. And finally, several safety components are being recommended in this budget including the formation and hiring of a Safety Officer.



An additional priority for the 2022 adopted budget is our continued commitment to behavioral health services to the community. For the last two years, the county has been part of a larger community Mental Health Coalition made up of several community partners both private and public. In this adopted budget, the county is committing funds for a new and expanded Crisis Unit that will form the cornerstone of a large, more comprehensive, network of services to help care for our community as it strains to recover from COVID-19 and all of the social and economic stresses the pandemic caused.

Likewise, this adopted budget makes a continued commitment to services from the Public Safety division including the Sheriff's Department, EMS and others, as well as additional positions in general government including the Sedgwick County Zoo and the County Appraiser's office. This budget also continues to support and improve our critical infrastructure of roads and bridges within the county. And finally, we know that COVID-19 is not gone from our midst entirely, and this budget ensures that continued personal protective equipment, testing and vaccine availability remain intact for our public as we work toward what is hopefully the true end of the pandemic.

In conclusion, the 2022 adopted budget was developed to help speed our recovery from the challenging year of the pandemic. We will reinvigorate our strategic plan to guide the organization to provide services within a disciplined and accountable budget. Our employees remain committed to serving the residents of Sedgwick County in the best manner possible.

*Tom Stolz, County Manager*



# SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS



Located in south-central Kansas, Sedgwick County was officially established in 1867 and bears the name of Civil War hero Major General John Sedgwick of the Union Army. In 1870, Sedgwick County's first county officials were elected and the City of Wichita was selected to be the county seat.

Sedgwick County occupies 1,008 square miles of land and is the second most populous of the 105 counties in Kansas, with an estimated 516,042 residents. Wichita, the largest city in the State of Kansas, is known as the "Air Capital of the World" for its internationally-recognized concentration of commercial and military airplane production and aviation services.

The County is governed by a five-member Board of County Commissioners that meets in regular session each Wednesday morning except for the last Wednesday in each month. The Commissioners, who serve four-year terms, are full-time County officials and perform executive, legislative, and policy related functions.

The Commissioners also appoint a professional County Manager to administer most County functions and to implement policy decisions. Tasks of the County Manager range from the management of special projects to the daily functions of approximately 3,092 full-time employees.

## ATTRACTIONS

- Air Capital Classic Golf Tournament
- Ballet Wichita
- Botanica Gardens
- City and Town Fairs and Festivals
- Exploration Place
- FC Wichita Soccer
- Field Station: Dinosaurs
- INTRUST Bank Arena
- Kansas African-American Museum
- Kansas Aviation Museum
- Lake Afton Park
- Mid America All-Indian Center
- Museum of World Treasures
- Naftzger Park
- Old Cowtown Museum
- Sedgwick County Fair
- Sedgwick County Park
- Tallgrass Film Festival
- Sedgwick County Zoo
- Wichita Art Museum
- Wichita Flight Festival
- Wichita Force Indoor Football
- Wichita Ice Center
- Wichita Orpheum Theatre
- Wichita Riverfest
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
- Wichita Symphony
- Wichita Thunder Hockey
- Wichita WaterWalk
- Wichita Wind Surge Baseball
- Wichita Wings Soccer

# 2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Additional funding for a Paramedic and EMT education program in EMS  
**\$185,502**

Increase funding for Senior Centers in Sedgwick County  
**\$24,249**

Additional funding for one Zookeeper position for the Sedgwick County Zoo  
**\$55,889**

Additional funding for one Logistics and Supply Manager for Emergency Management  
**\$61,288**

Additional funding for two Senior Appraiser positions  
**\$132,753**

Additional funding for one Trial Technology position in the District Attorney's office  
**\$65,172**

Additional funding for one Safety Coordinator position in Risk Management  
**\$78,657**

Additional funding for The Kansas African American Museum for the first of a five-year commitment for a capital campaign request  
**\$90,000**

## SEDGWICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### General Government

- Central Services
- County Appraiser
- County Clerk
- County Commissioners
- County Counselor
- County Manager
- County Treasurer
- Election Commissioner
- Division of Finance
- Facilities Department
- Division of Information & Technology
- Fleet Management
- Division of Human Resources
- Metropolitan Area
- Planning Department
- Register of Deeds

### Public Safety

- 18th Judicial District
- Crime Prevention Fund
- Department of Corrections
- District Attorney
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Fire District 1
- Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Depart.
- Office of the Medical Director
- Regional Forensic Science Center
- Sheriff's Office
- Courthouse Police

### Public Works

- Environmental Resources
- Highways
- Storm Drainage
- Noxious Weeds

### Public Services

- COMCARE
- Public Services
- Community Programs
- Community Developmental Disability Organization
- Department on Aging
- Health Department

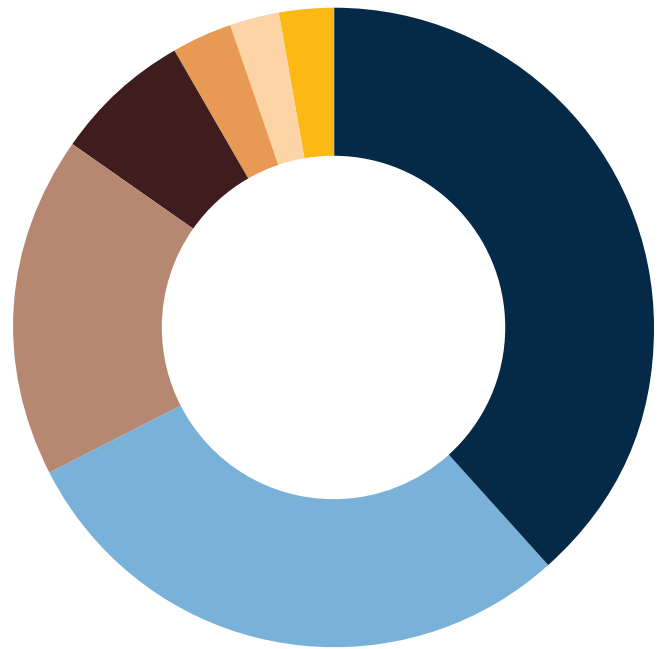
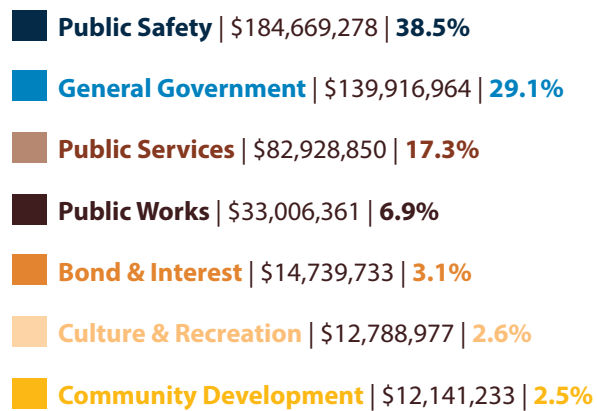
### Culture and Recreation

- Community Programs
- Exploration Place
- INTRUST Bank Arena
- Parks Department
- Sedgwick County Zoo

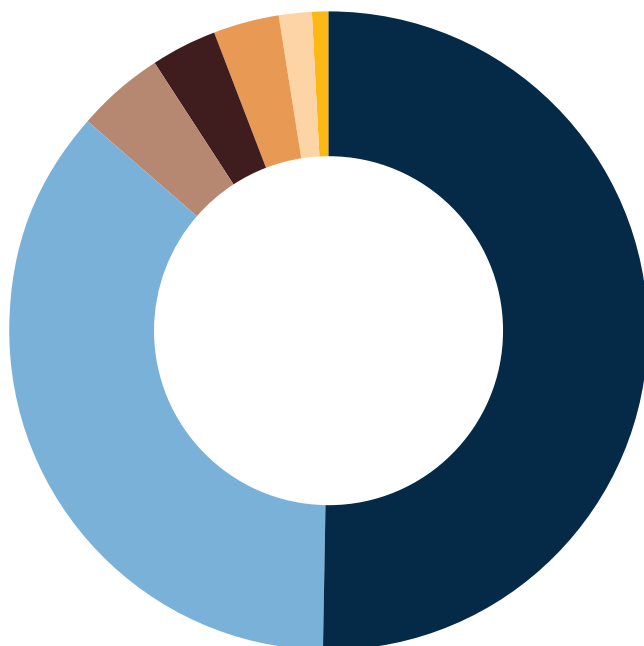
### Community Development

- Community Programs
- Economic Development
- Extension Council
- Wichita State University

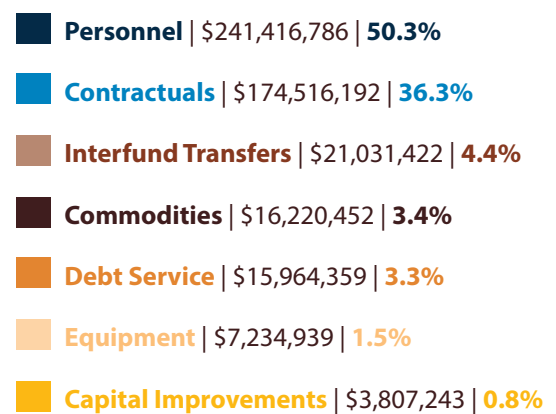
## 2022 Adopted Budget by Functional Area



TOTAL  
ADOPTED  
BUDGET =  
**\$480,191,394**



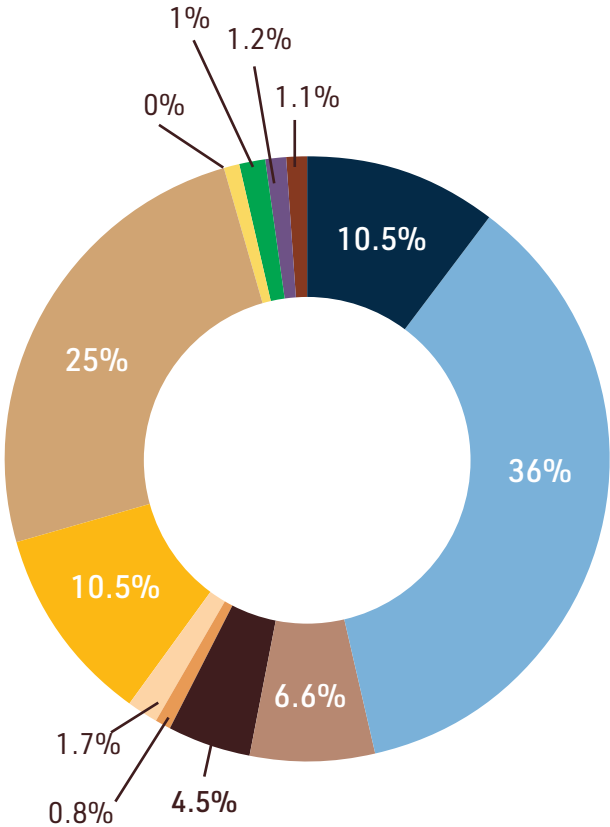
## 2022 Adopted Budget by Category



# 2022 REVENUES

## FUNDING BY SOURCE

|                         | 2021 Adopted         | 2022 Adopted         |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash                    | \$38,064,001         | \$50,200,774         |
| Property Tax            | \$166,350,650        | \$172,846,890        |
| Sales & Use Tax         | \$27,811,885         | \$31,668,000         |
| Motor Vehicle           | \$18,056,745         | \$21,814,938         |
| Other Taxes             | \$3,823,717          | \$3,916,115          |
| Licenses & Permits      | \$8,539,323          | \$8,309,547          |
| Intergovernmental       | \$50,266,338         | \$50,488,599         |
| Charges for Service     | \$121,758,219        | \$120,040,841        |
| Fines & Forfeitures     | \$220,167            | \$268,953            |
| Miscellaneous           | \$3,599,882          | \$4,305,722          |
| Reimbursements          | \$6,145,127          | \$5,818,079          |
| Use of Money & Property | \$7,904,509          | \$5,073,847          |
| Interfund Transfers     | \$5,039,460          | \$5,487,875          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$457,628,809</b> | <b>\$480,191,394</b> |



## 2022 FORMULA

Appraised Value  
(Dollars)

X

Residential Assessment Rate  
(Percentage)

X

Tax Levy Mill Rate  
(Mills/1000)

=

Taxes Due

**EXAMPLE:** \$100,000 x 11.5% x .02370 = \$337.75 Taxes Due

### Property Tax

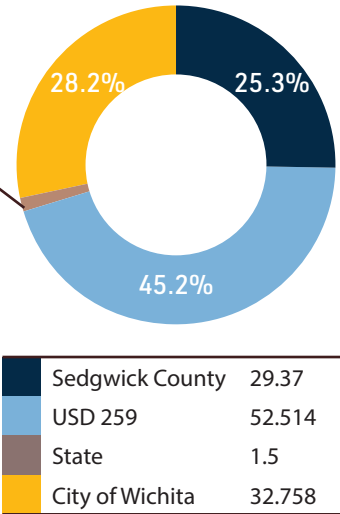
Property taxes are Sedgwick County’s single largest revenue source. Since those taxes are paid in one or two annual installments, they are more noticeable to taxpayers than sales taxes, which are paid in small increments on most purchases.

The formula above can be used to calculate the amount of county taxes levied on residential property to fund 2022 services.

### Tax Bill

Sedgwick County’s levy is only a portion of the total property tax bill. The total tax rate imposed on property in Wichita is 116.142 mills, of which 29.370 mills (25.3 percent) fund Sedgwick County Government.

The chart to the right (expressed in mills) illustrates how a typical Wichita taxpayer’s property tax is divided among taxing entities for FY 2022:



## Jurisdiction comparison 2022 BUDGET MILL LEVY RATES

| Metropolitan Counties |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Shawnee (Topeka)*     | 50.999 |
| Douglas (Lawrence)    | 47.419 |
| Sedgwick (Wichita)    | 29.370 |
| Johnson (Olathe)      | 18.514 |
| Neighboring Counties  |        |
| Harvey (Newton)       | 42.629 |
| Sedgwick (Wichita)    | 29.370 |
| Butler (El Dorado)    | 32.766 |
| Reno (Hutchinson)     | 41.599 |

\*2021 Tax Rate (2022 Budget Year)  
Source: County Clerk offices



# CAPITAL PROJECTS

In addition to the numerous services Sedgwick County provides, the 2022 budget includes building, remodeling, and repairing public facilities and infrastructure systems.

THE TOTAL CAPITAL SPENDING  
BUDGET FOR 2022 IS **\$44,851,064**

an increase of \$22.6 million from the 2021 capital budget.

Of this amount, **\$15,802,243** will be cash-funded through the County's operating budget and **\$29,048,821** will be funded through other sources.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET INCLUDE:



Community Crisis Center Expansion  
*2022*



Health Department Facility Upgrades  
*2023*



Regional Forensic Science Center  
DNA Lab Addition  
*2023*



Bridge on 21<sup>st</sup> St. N. between 375<sup>th</sup> and 391<sup>st</sup>  
*2022*



R359: 95<sup>th</sup> St. S. for Half Mile East of 135<sup>th</sup> St. W.  
*2022*





# STRATEGIC GOALS AND RESULTS

## Function/Program Goal

## Result/Progress Made

### CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Improve the voting experience for Sedgwick County voters.

The Election Office experienced record voter turnout at the two elections which were conducted in 2020. More than 315,000 ballots were cast during in-person early voting, 131,337 ballots were cast by mail, and 109,095 ballots were cast at a polling place on Election Day.

Create opportunities for talent development to enhance employee engagement and contributions to Sedgwick County's mission.

HR expanded access to the Kansas Leadership Center for County departments that have not previously participated.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Address crime through innovative methods

The Sheriff's Office worked with the District Attorney's Office, District Court, and Pretrial Services to implement a risk assessment tool for those arrested on new felony crimes to be interviewed and assessed by detention staff in order to provide a tool to assist the District Courts in setting new bonds and determining if an arrestee can be released.

Seek out and promote less costly alternatives to incarceration that do not jeopardize public safety.

The Department of Corrections is reducing recidivism through the use of proven behavior change strategies and evidence-based programming to increase client success and reduce the risk to public safety.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Increase property owners' voluntary compliance with State laws related to noxious weeds.

Noxious Weeds protects Kansas and Sedgwick County cropland and rangeland from invasive noxious weeds through a program which allows landowners to purchase herbicides at a reduced rate to treat their own property.

### PUBLIC SERVICES

COMCARE will see growth in the number of new youth serviced.

Between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020, COMCARE served 834 new youth.

Investigate and control communicable diseases, prevent communicable diseases through immunizations, and prepare for public health emergencies.

The Health Department investigated 31,913 COVID-19 cases in Sedgwick County, and each program within the Health Department provided various support towards the COVID-19 response.

### CULTURE AND RECREATION

Continue to fund agencies and events that enhance the quality of life of Sedgwick County citizens and to help attract families to the area.

The Arts Council provides The Individual Artist and Arts in the Community grant programs to local artists and organizations. These grants provide support to local artists and encourage patronage of local arts and artists.

Be the pride of the community and the best zoo possible by maximizing the collective commitment and available resources of the County

The Zoo offers education programs for all ages, sponsors special events for the public, accommodates after-hour rentals for corporate events, and provides volunteer opportunities for more than 775 individuals. In addition to recreational opportunities, the Sedgwick County Zoo is dedicated to the conservation of natural heritage and is active in the preservation of both zoo and wild animals.

# COUNTY DIRECTORY

|  |          |                                       |          |
|--|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Department on Aging                                    | 660-5221 | Extension Education Center            | 660-0100 |
| Animal Control   | 660-7070 | Division of Finance                   | 660-7591 |
| County Appraiser                                       | 660-9261 | Fire District 1                       | 660-3473 |
| Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department | 660-1840 | Flood Control                         | 660-1840 |
| COMCARE  | 660-7600 | Health Department                     | 660-7300 |
| Strategic Communications                               | 660-9370 | Division of Human Resources           | 660-7050 |
| Community Developmental Disability Organization        | 660-7630 | Information Desk                      | 660-9000 |
| County Clerk   | 660-9222 | INTRUST Bank Arena                    | 440-9000 |
| County Commissioners                                   | 660-9300 | Lake Afton Park                       | 794-2774 |
| County Counselor                                       | 660-9340 | Noxious Weeds                         | 660-7464 |
| County Manager   | 660-9393 | Metropolitan Area Planning Department | 268-4421 |
| Crisis Intervention Services                           | 660-7500 | Public Works                          | 660-1777 |
| Department of Corrections                              | 660-7014 | Purchasing                            | 660-7255 |
| District Attorney                                      | 660-3600 | Regional Forensic Science Center      | 660-4800 |
| Economic Development                                   | 660-9231 | Register of Deeds                     | 660-9400 |
| Election Commissioner                                  | 660-7100 | Sedgwick County Park                  | 794-2774 |
| Emergency Management                                   | 660-5959 | Sedgwick County Zoo                   | 660-9453 |
| Emergency Medical Services                             | 660-7994 | Sheriff's Office                      | 660-3900 |
| Environmental Resources                                | 660-7200 | Treasurer and Tag Office              | 660-9110 |
| Exploration Place                                      | 660-0600 |                                       |          |

## BOARD OF SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADOPTING 2022 BUDGET



Pete Meitzner  
1st District



Sarah Lopez  
2nd District



David Dennis  
3rd District



Lacey Cruse  
4th District



Jim Howell  
5th District

Tom Stoltz, *County Manager*  
Lindsay Poe Rousseau, *Chief Financial Officer*

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