



# 2024 Fiscal Year in Review

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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# Demographics

	2023	2024
Population	528,469	530,435
Per Capita Income	\$61,462	\$64,535
Wichita MSA <sup>1</sup> Unemployment Rate	2.4%	3.8%
Number of County Employees	2,627	2,701

<sup>1</sup>Metropolitan Statistical Area

## 2024 Notable Accomplishments



**After several years of collaborative work between the State of Kansas, Sedgwick County, and regional partners, a site was selected for the South Central Regional Mental Health Hospital.** The hospital is being constructed by Sedgwick County, using funds received from the State of Kansas. The facility will have 104 in-patient beds to ease jail overcrowding while inmates await competency evaluation or treatment.

**In February 2024, the BOCC unanimously voted to create a new 13-member community advisory board to provide oversight and input on the Emergency Communications Department,** which manages the 911 system. This board, comprising of representatives from each commission district, various cities, and a youth member, aims to enhance policies, training, and recruitment. The initiative reflects a push for community engagement and accountability in emergency services.

In August 2024, the BOCC passed the 2025 Sedgwick County budget and with a reduced mill levy rate for the second year in a row, **bringing the County’s mill levy rate to its lowest level in nearly three decades.**

**The BOCC completed spending of its \$100.2 million in 2021 Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds,** which was awarded to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic: \$32 million in lost revenue based on Federal computations to provide law enforcement services; \$28 million for court backlog and public safety impacts; \$21 million for premium pay for front-line workers; \$13 million in public health response; and the remainder on other costs associated with organizational response/recovery and ARPA fund management.

# Sedgwick County

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 is the second most populous of the 105 counties in Kansas, with an estimated 527, 552 residents. Wichita, the largest city in the state of Kansas, is known as the "Air Capital of World" for its internationally-recognized concentration of commercial and military airplane production and aviation services.

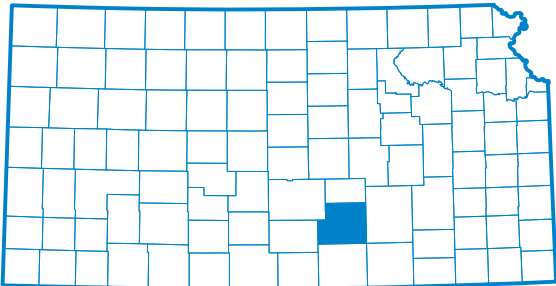
The County is governed by a five-member Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners that meets in regular session each Wednesday morning except for the last Wednesday of each month. The commissioners, who serve four-year terms, are full-time County officials and perform executive, legislative, and policy-related 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 2,556 full-time employees.



## Fast Facts About Sedgwick County

**Population:** 530,435  
**Median Household Income:** \$64,286  
**Average Housing Value:** \$216,200  
**Median Age:** 35 years old  
**Founded:** 1870  
**Area:** 1008 Square Miles  
**Named for:** John Sedgwick, United States Army Major-General  
**Abbreviation:** SG  
**County Seat:** Wichita  
**State:** Kansas  
**Area Code:** 316  
**Sales Tax:** 7.50%



# Economic Indicators

The 2024 budget of \$546.2 million was presented as the economy was weathering unanticipated global stressors, including very high inflation, supply chain disruption, extreme weather, and the after-effects of COVID-19.

The population of Sedgwick County increased 0.4% to 530,435 citizens.

The Wichita MSA unemployment rate at the end of 2024 was 3.8%, this was a 1.4% increase from 2023.

Wichita, known as the “Air Capital of the World,” is home to facilities for Spirit AeroSystems and Textron Aviation which produces aircraft under the brand names Cessna, Beechcraft, and Hawker Aircraft. All of these large aircraft manufacturing plants heavily impact the overall economy of Sedgwick County.

In Sedgwick County, residential property accounts for the largest percentage (65%) of the total assessed value of real property. The second largest is commercial property, comprising of (32%) of the county’s total assessed value of real property.

Cost of living index in Wichita is a moderate 90.8, almost 10% below the national urban area average of 100.

Health care jobs remain the highest paying occupations in Kansas.

## Top 10 Employers of Sedgwick County 2024

Company	# of Employees
Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.	13,095
Textron Aviation	10,700
McConnell Air Force Base	5,976
Wichita Public Schools USD #259	5,503
Steven Enterprises	3,573
Ascension Via Christi Health Inc.	3,440
Wichita State University	3,016
City of Wichita	2,818
Koch Industries Inc.	2,764
Sedgwick County	2,670

Source: Wichita Business Journal and Kansas Department of Labor

# Service Statistics

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT



Function/Program	2023	2024
Number of registered voters	333,374	341,811
Number of taxable real estate parcels	222,823	226,468

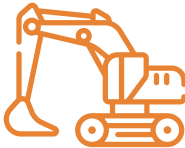
## PUBLIC SAFETY



Function/Program	2023	2024
Average monthly number of 911 calls	42,523	42,285
Average monthly number of EMS responses	5,674	5,967
Number of residential structural fires per 100,000 households	61	64
Average monthly number of medical responses by Fire	315	400
Average daily population, juveniles in detention	38	38
Average daily population in custody of Sheriff	1,189	1,119

Source: County operating departments

## PUBLIC WORKS



Function/Program	2023	2024
Miles of road improved	89	97
Miles of road maintained	603	583

## HEALTH & WELFARE



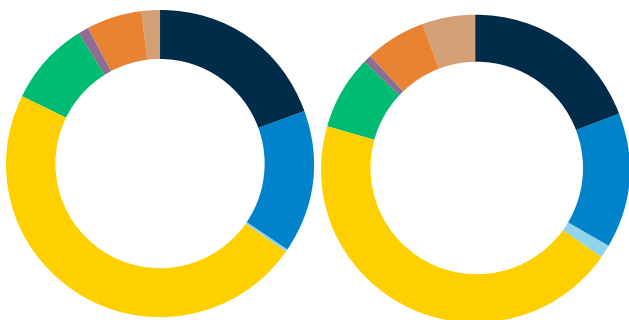
Function/Program	2023	2024
Number of mental health program clients	11,275	11,338
Number of individuals eligible for developmental disability services	2,692	2,752

## CULTURE & RECREATION



Function/Program	2023	2024
Number of events per year at Intrust Bank Arena	68	74
Annual Attendance at Intrust Bank Arena	319,281	249,824
Annual attendance at Sedgwick County Zoo	625,861	649,285
Annual attendance at Sedgwick County Park	1,045,881	1,057,312

# Government Wide Sources of Revenue



	2022	2023	2024
Charges for Services	\$74,020,996	\$86,317,918	\$97,553,581
Operating Grants/ Contributions	\$70,715,353	\$65,820,400	\$73,345,581
Capital Grants/Contributions	\$6,757,180	\$1,002,235	\$7,147,995
Property Tax	\$198,528,763	\$209,159,099	\$227,187,407
Regular Sales Tax	\$38,530,070	\$39,023,272	\$39,546,588
Other Tax	\$4,088,672	\$4,017,239	\$4,129,081
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	\$31,988,559
Uses of Money and Property	-4,384,470	\$25,408,138	\$27,709,255
Other Revenue	-	-	\$133,573
Transfers	-	-8,341,539	-371,630
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$388,256,564</b>	<b>\$422,406,762</b>	<b>\$508,369,990</b>

Charges for Services revenues increased **\$11 million in 2024 compared to 2023** due to a \$10 million increase due to the addition of revenue from the Code Inspection & Enforcement fund in 2024.

**Charges for services** are fees charged to users of a service to offset the incurred cost.

Operating grants and contributions increased **\$7.5 million from 2023 to 2024** due to an increase in Federal State passthrough revenue due to timing of a grant received by the Health Department.

**Operating grants and contributions** are grant funds that are to be used specifically for the day to day costs of running the program.

**Capital grants and contributions increased \$6 million** due to a \$5 million payment received from the State of Kansas to be applied towards the construction cost for the State Mental Health hospital.

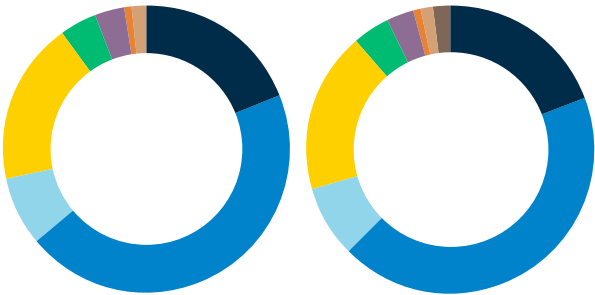
**Capital grants and contributions** are grant funds that are to be used specifically for the purchase of property, the construction, remodeling or expansions of the facility, or to purchase equipment needed to run the program.

**Property tax collections increased \$18 million;** The County's assessed valuation grew 9.0 % for the 2024 budget year.

Intergovernmental Revenues had a balance in 2024 due to the **one-time ARPA revenue replacement of \$32.0 million.**



# Government Wide Expenses by Service Area



	2022	2023	2024
General Government	\$81,470,605	\$80,144,674	\$88,312,883
Public Safety	\$169,298,708	\$188,917,773	\$199,802,585
Public Works	\$33,313,784	\$ 32,500,948	\$37,331,627
Health/Welfare	\$64,919,618	\$ 76,939,270	\$83,403,135
Culture/Recreation	\$14,077,870	\$ 18,182,848	\$19,248,158
Community Development	\$12,438,100	\$13,533,121	\$14,346,263
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$3,803,900	\$3,507,144	\$3,824,213
Intrust Bank Arena	\$6,062,933	\$6,904,962	\$6,875,474
Code Inspection & Enforcement	-	-	\$7,912,917
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$385,385,519</b>	<b>\$420,630,740</b>	<b>\$461,057,255</b>



Government-wide expenses **increased \$40 million, 10%.**

Public works expenses **increased \$5 million, 15%.**

General government expenses **increased \$8 million, 10%.**

Interest on long term debt expenses **increased by \$0.3 million, 9%.**

Health and welfare expenses **increased \$6 million or 6%.**

Culture and recreation expenses **increased \$1 million or 6%.**

Community development expenses **increased \$0.8 million or 6%.**

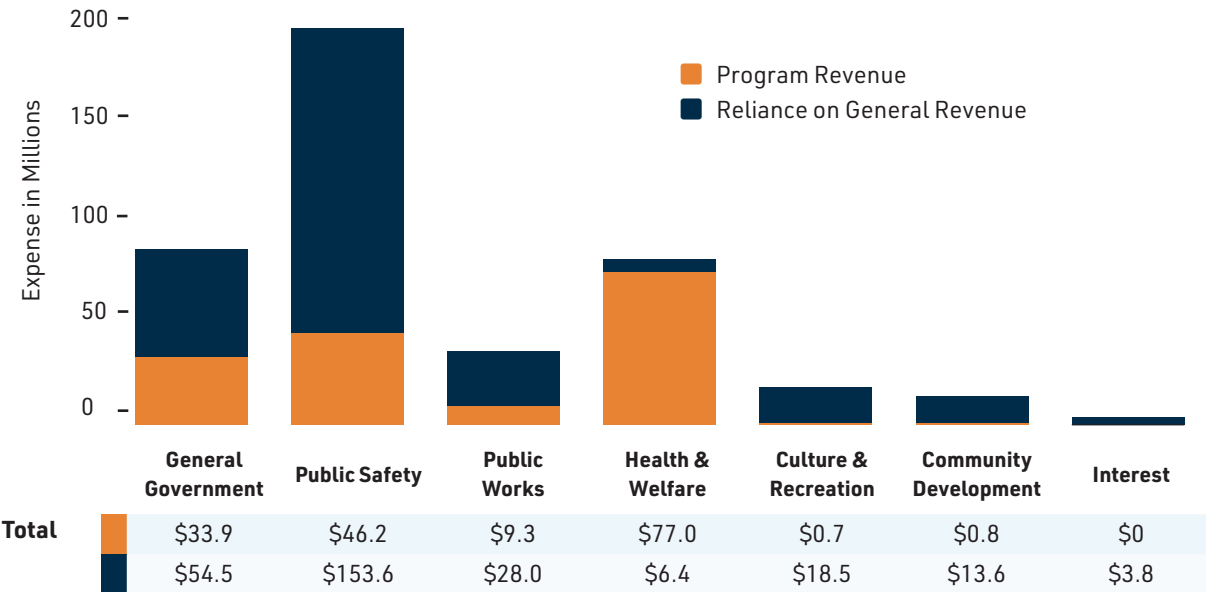
Public safety **increased \$11 million, 6%.**

Intrust Bank Arena expenses **decreased \$0.03 million.**

The Code Inspection & Enforcement fund began reporting expenses in 2024.



# Where does the money come from?



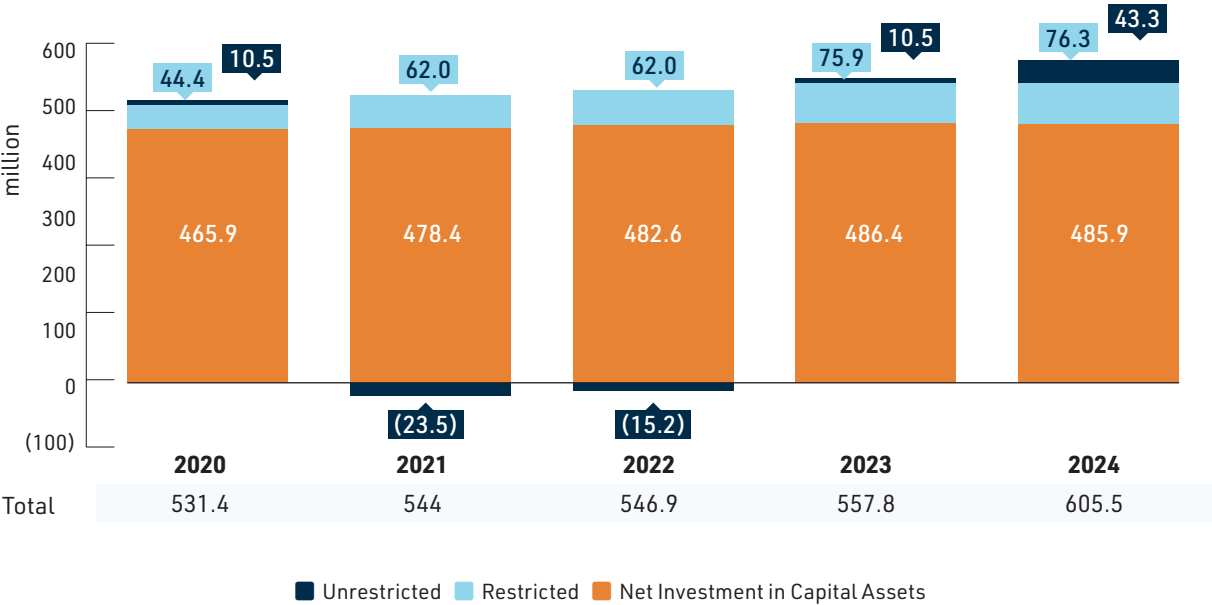
**Program revenues** include [1] charges to customers or applicants who purchase , use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and [2] grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.



# Total Net Position

## \$605.5 Million

The largest portion of the County’s net position, \$485.9 million (80 percent), is invested in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery and equipment) less depreciation and any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets are not available for future spending.



The County’s net position for governmental activities **increased \$52.0 million or 12.5%**.  
*This increase is attributed principally to ARPA intergovernmental revenues.*

Net position of the County’s business-type activities **decreased \$4.3 million representing a decrease of 3.0% during 2024**.

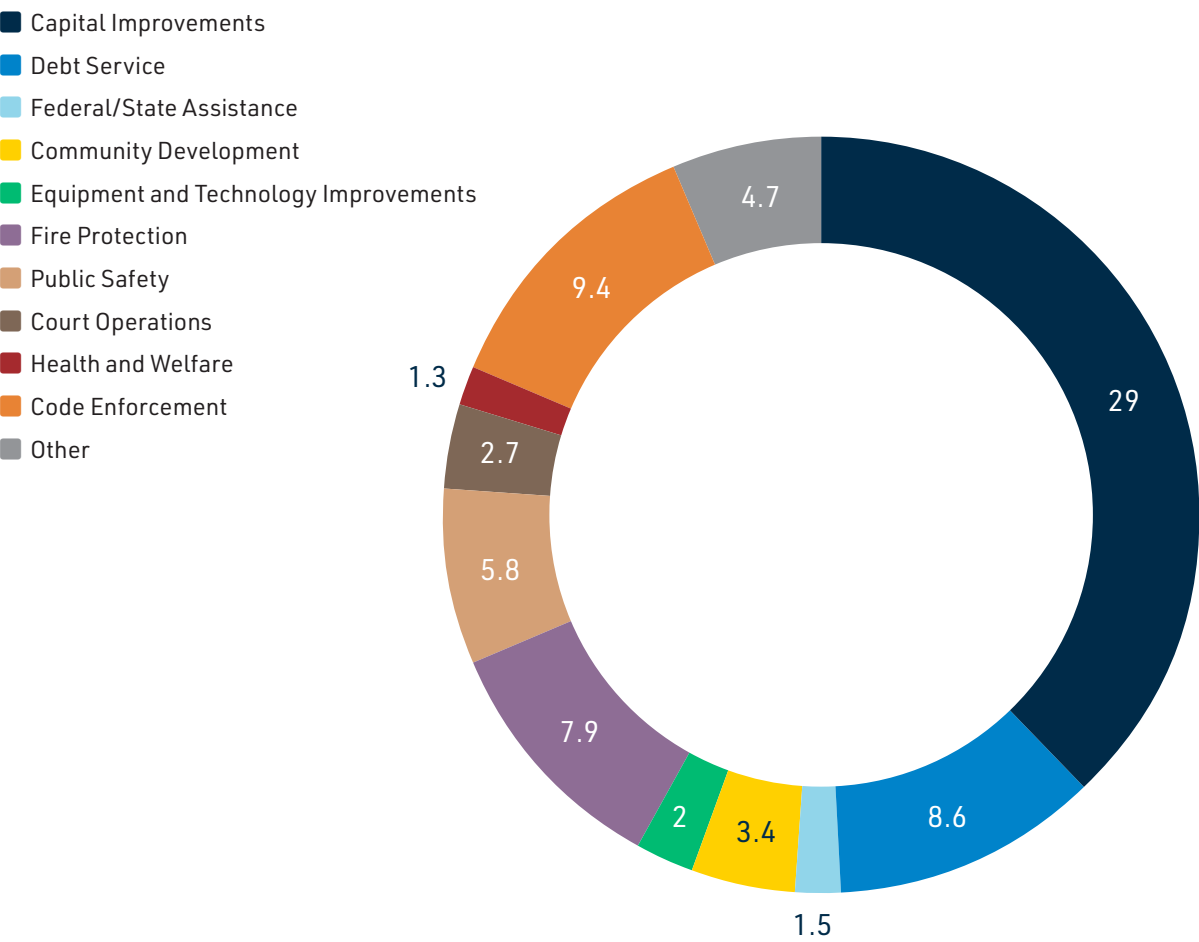
**Overall, net position increased \$47.7 million or 8.5%.**

# Restricted Net Position

## \$76.3 Million

Restricted net position of \$76.3 million (13 percent of net position) are resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

Unrestricted net position at the end of 2024 totaled \$43.3 million. GASB Statement No. 68 requires the County to record its proportionate share of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) collective net pension liability.

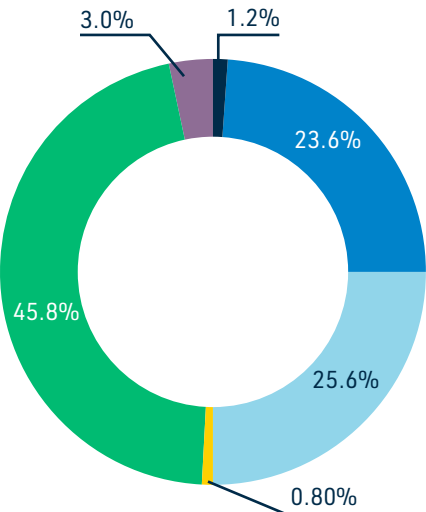


# Property Taxes Levied

(rate per \$1,000 of assessed value)

School Districts	Mill Levy	Amount Levied
Andover Jt. #385	65.408	16,481,443
Burton Jt. #369	60.984	67,704
Cheney Jt. #268	59.673	2,518,838
Circle Jt. #375	61.264	11,368,309
Clearwater Jt. #264	62.899	5,286,844
Conway Spgs. Jt. #356	58.266	233,161
Derby #260	64.914	36,381,737
Goddard #265	54.602	25,118,596
Halstead Jt. #440	65.153	898,333
Haven Jt. #312	53.545	497,665
Haysville #261	56.681	12,713,774
Kingman Jt. #331	52.776	66,340
Maize #266	61.099	44,118,824
Mulvane Jt. #263	65.172	5,111,734
Remington Jt. #206	57.721	591,550
Renwick Jt. #267	54.006	9,537,879
Rose Hill Jt. #394	61.741	1,647,257
Sedgwick Jt. #439	68.232	514,197
Valley Center Jt. #262	65.251	15,471,492
Wichita #259	51.387	198,140,653
Total School Districts		386,766,329

City Rates	Mill Levy	Amount Levied
Andale	47.172	500,932
Bel Aire	42.484	4,784,734
Bentley	61.177	229,718
Cheney	59.026	1,213,334
Clearwater	58.516	1,434,158
Colwich	45.502	828,717
Derby	45.498	15,389,769
Eastborough	55.878	991,383
Garden Plain	63.007	656,360
Goddard	37.267	2,876,509
Haysville	40.445	3,721,025
Kechi	36.790	1,233,228
Maize	43.014	4,258,150
Mount Hope	68.618	446,465
Mulvane	57.274	2,838,458
Park City	43.402	6,301,412
Sedgwick	75.211	190,194
Valley Center	54.788	4,176,775
Viola	21.920	19,929
Wichita	32.816	164,092,311
Total City Levies		216,183,561



A **Mill** is a monetary unit used to express the property tax rate. One mill is equivalent to one-thousandth of a dollar, \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

A **Levy** is a compulsory collection of monies or the imposition of taxes.

State	1.23%	10,428,908
County	23.61%	199,546,720
Cities	25.58%	216,183,561
Townships	0.80%	6,725,392
School Districts	45.76%	366,766,329
Misc. Districts	3.03%	25,617,349
Total Collected		845,268,259

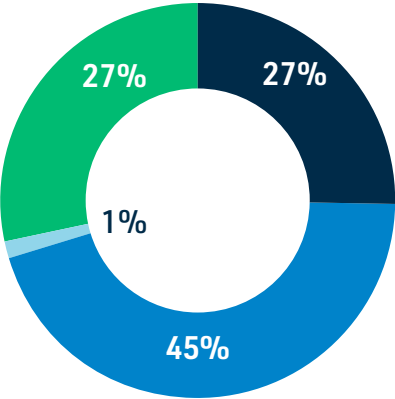
# Property Tax

Only a small portion of your property taxes goes to support Sedgwick County's operations.

For every \$1.00 of your property taxes paid in 2024, Sedgwick County received approximately 27 cents. The remaining 73 cents is received by USD 259, 45 cents; the City of Wichita, 27 cents; & the State of Kansas, 1 cent.

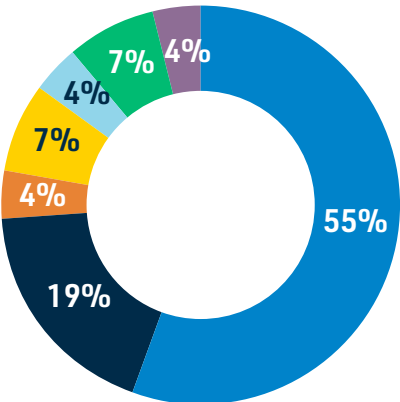


## Where does that dollar go?



Sedgwick County	\$0.27
USD 259	\$0.45
State	\$0.01
City of Wichita	\$0.27

## Sedgwick County Operations



Public Safety	\$0.15
General Government	\$0.05
Debt	\$0.01
Health and Welfare	\$0.02
Public Works	\$0.01
Cultural and Recreation	\$0.02
Economic Development	\$0.01

# Property Tax (continued)

	Yearly	Monthly
General government	\$59.32	\$4.94
Public safety	\$187.17	\$15.60
Public works	\$17.44	\$1.45
Health and welfare	\$20.03	\$1.67
Cultural and recreation	\$19.85	\$1.65
Economic development	\$15.98	\$1.33
Debt Service	\$15.98	\$1.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$333.36</b>	<b>\$27.78</b>

COUNTY HOMEOWNER  
525 N. MAIN  
WICHITA, KS 67202

No. 1 2 3 4

DATE: June 30, 2023

PAY: Sedgwick county \$ 27.78

TO THE ORDER OF: Twenty Seven and 78/100

RE: county Services

SECURITY FEATURED INCLUDED

PAYER'S SIGNATURE: county Homeowner

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## What the Average Homeowner Pays

Sedgwick County provides a wide range of services to citizens. The checkbook to the left shows the functions of County government and how property tax is used to fund operations. The checkbook uses property tax on a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 and shows how the property tax is used on a monthly basis.

IN 2024

YEARLY: \$333.36

MONTHLY: \$27.78

*The total amount of property tax paid to the County Fire District, by the owners of a single-family home with an average market value of \$100,000 is \$205.65 per year or \$17.14 per month.*

# Fiscal Challenges Going Forward

## Economic Uncertainty

In recent years, a series of national and global events have created a climate of economic uncertainty—shaping conditions far beyond the control of any one community. From the impacts of COVID-19 and global conflicts to extreme weather, and cyberattacks, these challenges have placed extraordinary stress on economies at every level. Closer to home, Sedgwick County has felt the ripple effects of these events, as well as the anticipation of reductions to Federal funding through grants or emergency aid. A tight housing market has driven home values sharply upward, while residents, businesses, and local governments alike are grappling with continued inflation and uncertainty regarding possible tariffs and other geopolitical influences.

Together, these factors are creating significant financial pressure, and reinforcing the need for local governments to be especially mindful of taxes and fees. As Sedgwick County plans for the future, it must carefully balance community service expectations with the fiscal realities faced by those it serves.



# Fiscal Challenges Going Forward (continued)

## Reliance on Property Tax

Sedgwick County, like all counties in Kansas, is a political subdivision of the State—established and governed under the authority of the State of Kansas. As such, the County is legally required to provide a range of core services, including the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Elections, Corrections, Aging, Public Health, and more. Since 2008, the cost of delivering these State-mandated services has risen by approximately \$63 million, reaching \$256 million in 2024.

At the same time, State funding to support these services has declined to just \$31 million. This growing gap has forced the County to rely increasingly on local property taxes to meet its obligations. Importantly, the increase in the County's property tax levy over that period is still less than the total cost increase of providing these required services—underscoring the financial pressure placed on local government by State mandates without corresponding State support.

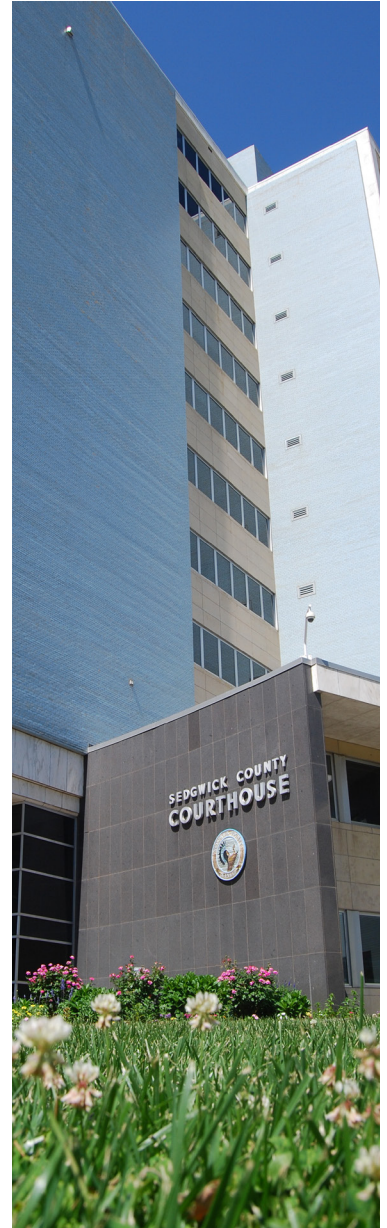
## Competitive Workforce

Recognizing that Sedgwick County is fundamentally a service organization—where people are the key to delivering those services—the Commission has made significant investments in employee compensation over the past several budget cycles, which has resulted in a greatly stabilized workforce. However, local economic indicators point to an increasingly competitive labor market across many industries.

To ensure the consistent delivery of high-quality services, the County will need to continue its focus on competitive compensation strategies.

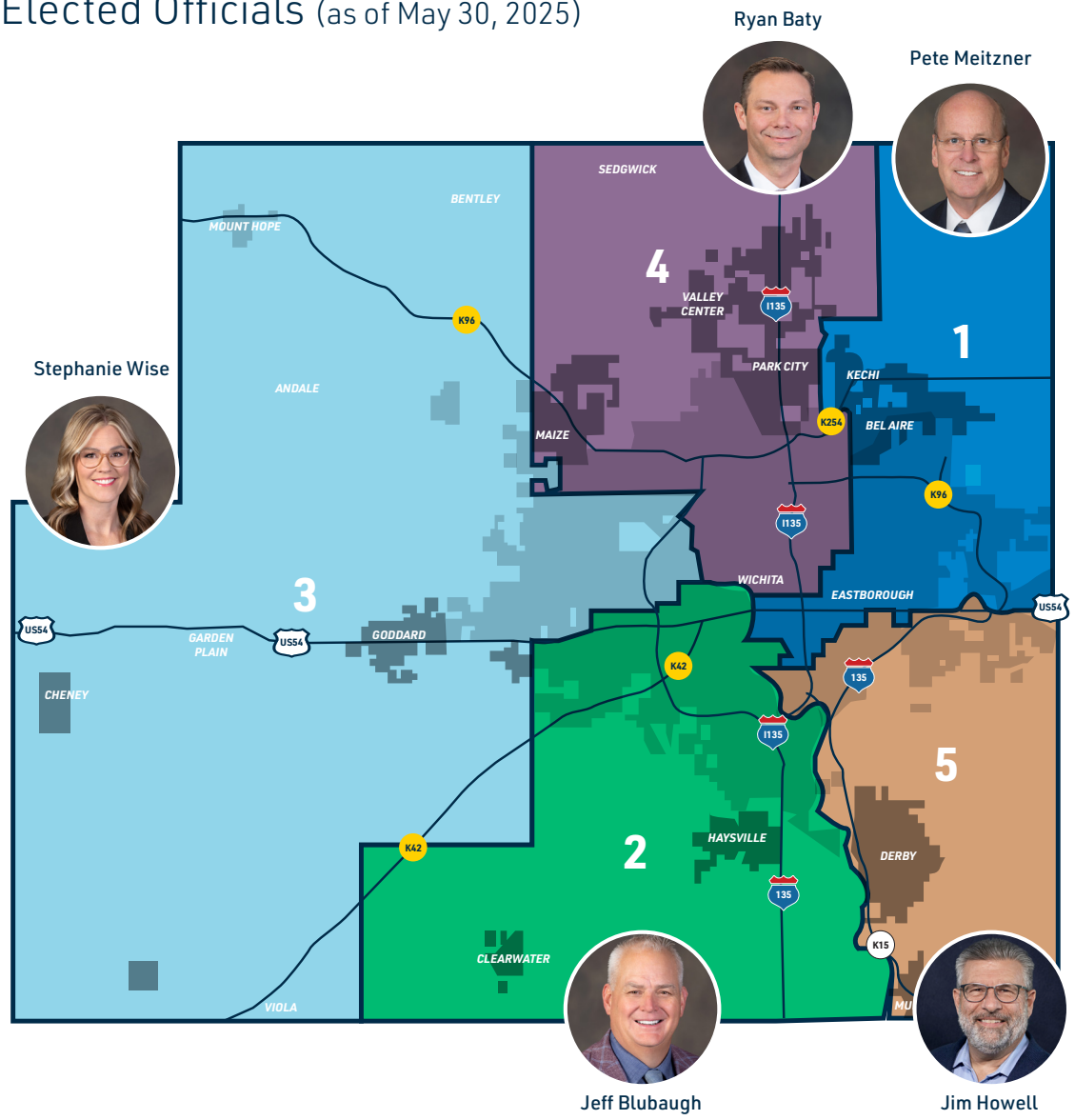
## Space Needs and Capital Planning

As budgetary resources become increasingly tight, the County will focus on modernizing its service models, optimizing service delivery, and seeking opportunities to collaborate and share services with community partners. This will include strategic space planning to gain efficiencies as opportunities arise, including spaces for Elections, Corrections, EMS, the Regional Forensic Science Center, COMCARE, and the Health Department.





# Elected Officials (as of May 30, 2025)



Administrative Judge, 18th Judicial District	Jeffrey Goering
County Clerk	Kelly B. Arnold
County Treasurer	Brandi Bailly
County Sheriff	Jeffrey Easter
Register of Deeds	Tonya Buckingham
District Attorney	Marc Bennett

# County Agencies, Boards, Offices

Animal Control	660-7070	Geographic Information Services	660-9290
Appraiser's Office	660-9000	Health	660-7300
COMCARE	660-7600	COMCARE Homelessness	660-7615
Strategic Communications	660-9370	Housing Department	660-1990
County Clerk	660-9051	Human Resources	660-7050
County Commissioners	660-9300	Information & Operations	660-9800
County Manager	660-9393	Lake Afton Park	794-2774
Corrections	660-9750	Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department (MABCD)	660-1840
Aging	660-1990	Planning	268-4421
Developmental Disability	660-7630	Public Works	660-1777
District Attorney	660-3600	Purchasing	660-7255
District Court	660-5900	Regional Forensic Science Center	660-4800
Economic Development	660-7591	Register of Deeds	660-9400
Elections Office	660-7100	Sedgwick County Treasurer's Office	660-9000
Emergency Communications (Administrative)	660-4977	Sedgwick County Park	660-1780
Emergency Management	660-5959	Sedgwick County Tag Office	660-9000
EMS	660-7994	Sedgwick County Zoo	660-9453
Environmental Resources	660-7200	Sheriff's Office	660-3900
Finance	660-7591		
Fire District #1	660-3473		



# Attractions



## Exploration Place

As Kansas' premier science center and riverfront complex, Exploration Place inspires a deeper interest in science and technology through creative and fun experiences for all.

## Intrust Bank Arena

This modern, state-of-the-art arena seats more than 15,000 people for large-scale concerts, sporting events and other forms of entertainment. INTRUST Bank Arena is an experience in itself located in the heart of downtown Wichita.

## Kansas African American Museum

The Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM) is a regional arts and cultural museum dedicated to the education, identification, acquisition, research, collection, exhibition, presentation and preservation of art reflective of African-American life and culture

## Lake Afton Park

Owned and operated by Sedgwick County, Lake Afton Park offers 720 acres of recreational fun for the entire family, including camping facilities for both RV and tents with the expected amenities. The 258-acre lake provides boating, water skiing, fishing and swimming opportunities.

## K-State Research and Extension-Sedgwick County

This Sedgwick County and Kansas State University partnership serves as the headquarters for all extension programs including youth development, family & consumer sciences, agriculture, horticulture and community development.

## Sedgwick County Zoo

An award-winning wildlife park and attraction, Sedgwick County Zoo has ranked among the best zoos in the United States. Home to more than 3,000 individual animals of nearly 400 different species, the Zoo is the top outdoor family attraction in Kansas.

## Wichita River Festival

This annual 9-day extravaganza brings musical entertainment, family fun, contests, food and experiences of all kinds to Wichita, KS, to welcome summer.

## Wichita/Sedgwick County Historical Museum

Housed in Wichita's original City Hall, the Museum hosts a wide variety of exhibits displaying life in Wichita and Sedgwick County over the centuries.



# 2024 Projects

**R370:** Replace Traffic Signal at 47th St. and Oliver St. - The current span-wire traffic signal is being replaced with new equipment, including steel poles and mastarms, as well as current technology for all components. It will also provide for more modern detection options that are not available or as reliable for use on a span-wire design.

This project will complete all phases of construction in the first half of 2025.

**B509:** Bridge replacement on 215th St. West between 31st St. South and MacArthur Rd. - replacing a structurally deficient bridge over Afton Creek that was in poor condition.

This structure was originally constructed prior to 1935 and is located southwest of Goddard on a paved route. It suffers from deterioration of the concrete reinforcement, and should be completed in spring 2025.

**B498:** Bridge replacement on 143rd St. East between Pawnee St. and 31st St. South - replacing a structurally deficient bridge that was in poor condition. This structure was constructed in 1963 and is now on the eastern edge of Wichita.

The abutment walls are beginning to fail and scour has undermined the wings and walls. Completion of this project is anticipated in early summer 2025.

**B547:** Bridge repair on 375th St West over the South Fork Ninnescah River - repair of the concrete deck of a structure that was originally built in 1955 and rehabilitated in 2007.

The surface layer of the deck debonded from this structure located in southwest Sedgwick County and failed under vehicular loading. Winter weather pushed the start of this project to March 2025 and completion is expected in the summer of 2025.

**R353:** Add shoulders on Ridge Rd. between 53rd St. North and the bridge over the Arkansas River - adding approximately 2 miles of road shoulders and will regrade the ditches to improve safety along this road corridor on the eastern edge of the City of Maize.

This project is still under construction and completion is expected in the summer 2025.

**R175:** Performed preventive maintenance on 201 lane miles, or 16.7% of the paved road system.





