



City of Pickerington, Ohio

Popular Annual Financial Report

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025



*A Great Place to
Visit, A Great
Place to Live!*



Pickerington will be a safe, thriving, family-friendly community that preserves tradition, while creating a balanced, accessible, affordable, hometown by engaging our citizens to collectively enhance our quality of life.



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Letter to the Citizens

Citizens of the City of Pickerington, Ohio:

I am pleased to present to you the City of Pickerington's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. This report provides an analysis of the financial position of the City, where the revenues come from, where those dollars are spent, and an overview of local economic trends. My goal is to better communicate how the City is operating fiscally in a reader friendly financial publication.

The financial information for this report has been taken from the 2025 City of Pickerington Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Annual Report). The Annual Report is comprised of 196 pages of detailed financial statements, notes, and schedules and 49 pages of statistical information. The Annual Report was prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited by the CPA Firm, Wilson, Shannon, & Snow, Inc., receiving an unmodified opinion. An unmodified opinion means that the general purpose financial statements of the City are fairly presented in all material respects.

The City of Pickerington's PAFR is un-audited and presented on a GAAP basis. The Annual Report contains more detailed information of all of the City's funds and can be obtained from the Finance Department at City Hall or on the City website at <https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance>.

The City of Pickerington's PAFR is a means of increasing public confidence in City government and your elected officials through more user-friendly reporting. As you review the PAFR for 2025, I invite you to share any suggestions, questions or comments you may have at (614) 837-3974.

Christopher P. Schornack

Christopher Schornack
Director of Finance



Elected Officials



Lee Gray

Mayor

mayorgray@pickerington.net

Elected Mayor in November 2011. Mayor Gray previously served as Mayor from 1992 to 1999 and as a councilperson in 1987



Bob McCracken

Council President

bmccracken@pickerington.net

Re-elected to City Council November 2025. Bob serves as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and Bob is the representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission.



Tricia Sanders

Councilperson

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Re-elected to City Council in November 2025. Tricia serves as chairperson of the Safety Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee, and Service Committee.



Crystal Hicks

Councilperson

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Re-elected to City Council in November 2023. Crystal serves as a member of the Safety Committee, Finance Committee, and Rules Committee.



Jaclyn Rohaly

Councilperson

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Re-elected to City Council in November 2025. Jaclyn serves as the Chairperson of the Rules Committee and is a member of the Service and Finance Committees.



Nick Derksen

Councilperson

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Re-elected to City Council in November 2023. Nick serves as a member of the Finance Committee. Nick is the Nuisance Abatement Board Member.



Kevin Kemper

Councilperson

kkemper@pickerington.net

Re-elected to City Council in November 2025. Kevin serves as a member of the Safety Committee and Finance Committee. Kevin is the Representative to the Parks and Recreation Board.



Brian Wisniewski

Councilperson

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Re-elected in November 2023. Brian serves as the Chairperson of the Service Committee and a member of the Rules Committee and Finance Committee.



Financial Awards

The City of Pickerington has received the Auditor of State’s “Award with Distinction” for outstanding commitment to the highest standards of financial reporting for the years 2005, 2006, and 2008 through 2022 due to filing of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Annual Report) and having no audit citations.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Annual Report) for the year ended December 31, 2024. This was the twenty-first year the City had filed a Annual Report and received this award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the City had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Report. The report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Pickerington for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.



Government Finance Officers Association

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Presented to

City of Pickerington
Ohio

For its Annual Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2024

Christopher P. Merrill
Executive Director/CEO

An Award of Outstanding Achievement in the Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Pickerington has proudly received a Popular Award for the last fourteen consecutive years (fiscal years ended 2011 - 2024).



City Demographics

Area:	9.80 Square Miles
Location:	13.2 Miles Southeast of Columbus
Attained City Status:	1991
Owner Occupied Rate:	76.8%
Median Resident Age:	35.3 Years
Median Household Size:	2.89 People
Bachelor’s Degree or Higher:	47.2%
Employed Labor Force:	72.2%
Unemployed Labor Force:	2.6%
Per Capita Income:	\$46,372
Households:	8,420
Mean Travel time to work:	26.9 Minutes
Businesses:	1,793

*Information obtained from 2025 U.S. Cenesus Estimates

City At A Glance

<u>Established</u> 1815	<u>County</u> Fairfield County, Ohio	<u>Population</u> 26,333
<u>Median Income</u> \$116,645	<u>Median Housing Value</u> \$339,600	<u>City Budget</u> \$60.7 Million

City Revenues

The City generates revenue from a variety of sources. The most significant revenue sources are income taxes and property and other local taxes. Income taxes and property and other local taxes comprise 58 percent of total revenues in 2025. The City saw an increase in investment earnings as it structured its investment portfolio to capture short-term interest rates. Charges for Services increase due to more building permits issued related to a recovering housing market compared to previous years. During 2025, capital grants and contributions increased in the amount of \$1,507,438 which was attributed to donated infrastructure assets and acceptance of building improvements from the Pickerington Community Improvement Corporation.

Definitions

Income Taxes

The City levies a one percent income tax on all income earned within the City. Residents are granted up to a one half percent tax credit for income taxes paid to other municipalities.

Property and Other Local Taxes

The City's portion of real estate and public utility taxes, as well as a three percent tax levied on hotel/motel sales.

Charges for Services

Sources include recreation programs, building department permits and licenses, and mayor's court fines and forfeitures.

Operating (and Capital) Grants & Contributions

Revenues received from other governments, organizations and individuals that are restricted in some manner.

Grants and Entitlements

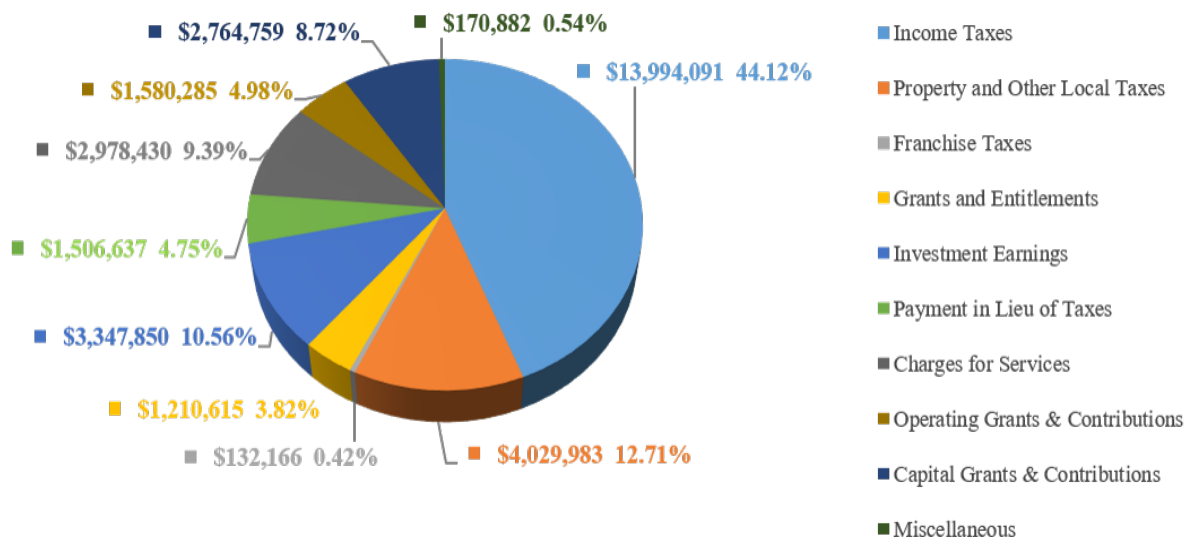
Revenue received from State levied shared taxes.

Investment Earnings

Revenues earned by investing all available City funds throughout the year.

All Other Taxes and Services

Revenue received from cable franchise taxes, payments in lieu of taxes from infrastructure improvements, gains on sale of capital assets and miscellaneous revenue.



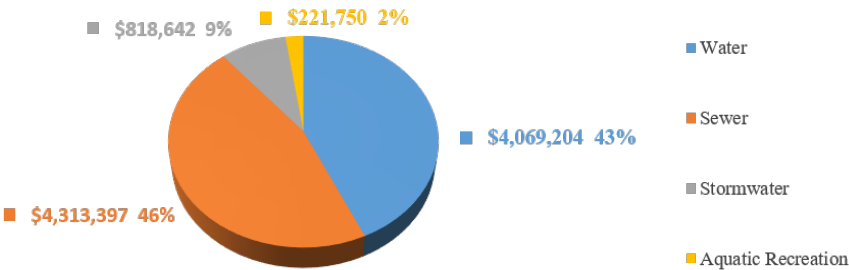
Three Year Source of Revenues - Governmental Activities

	2025	2024	2023
Income Taxes	\$ 13,994,091	\$ 12,657,329	\$ 13,008,128
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 4,029,983	\$ 3,889,571	\$ 3,770,282
Franchise Taxes	\$ 132,166	\$ 153,971	\$ 172,942
Grants and Entitlements	\$ 1,210,615	\$ 923,383	\$ 832,463
Investment Earnings	\$ 3,347,850	\$ 2,640,972	\$ 2,453,803
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 1,506,637	\$ 1,193,249	\$ 1,202,336
Charges for Services	\$ 2,978,430	\$ 2,837,958	\$ 3,057,142
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$ 1,580,285	\$ 1,490,282	\$ 1,824,882
Capital Grants & Contributions	\$ 2,764,759	\$ 1,347,324	\$ 951,278
Miscellaneous	\$ 170,882	\$ 271,878	\$ 366,623
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 31,715,698	\$ 27,405,917	\$ 27,639,879

Proprietary Funds Revenue

The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water, sewer, stormwater, and aquatic recreation center operations. For water and sewer operations, the City charges a fee to customers, based upon the amount of usage, to recover the costs of the services provided. For stormwater operations, the City charges a flat monthly fee per equivalent residential unit (ERU). For the aquatic recreation center the City charges a fee for pool passes.

During 2025, water revenues increased, respectively. The increase in revenues was primarily due drought like conditions during summer months which lead increased consumption, as well as the addition of 130 new user accounts and a rebalacning of water and sewer rates, which in turn reduced charges for services in the sewer fund. For 2025, stormwater revenues increased. This increase directly correlates to increased capacity fees collected during the building permit process. Lastly, aquatic recreation center revenues decreased 1 percent in 2025 over 2024. The number of pool season passes decreased slightly from 583 in 2024 to 578 in 2025, day passes decreased from 6,632 in 2024 to 6,394 in 2025. The shift in volume of sales is due to the City’s changing policy for pool access.



Three Year Source of Revenues - Proprietary Activities

	2025	2024	2023
Water	\$ 4,069,204	\$ 3,326,651	\$ 2,945,936
Sewer	\$ 4,313,397	\$ 4,602,028	\$ 4,228,413
Stormwater	\$ 818,642	\$ 798,069	\$ 801,746
Aquatic Recreation	\$ 221,750	\$ 223,978	\$ 272,940
Total Proprietary Funds	\$ 9,422,993	\$ 8,950,726	\$ 8,309,035



City Taxes

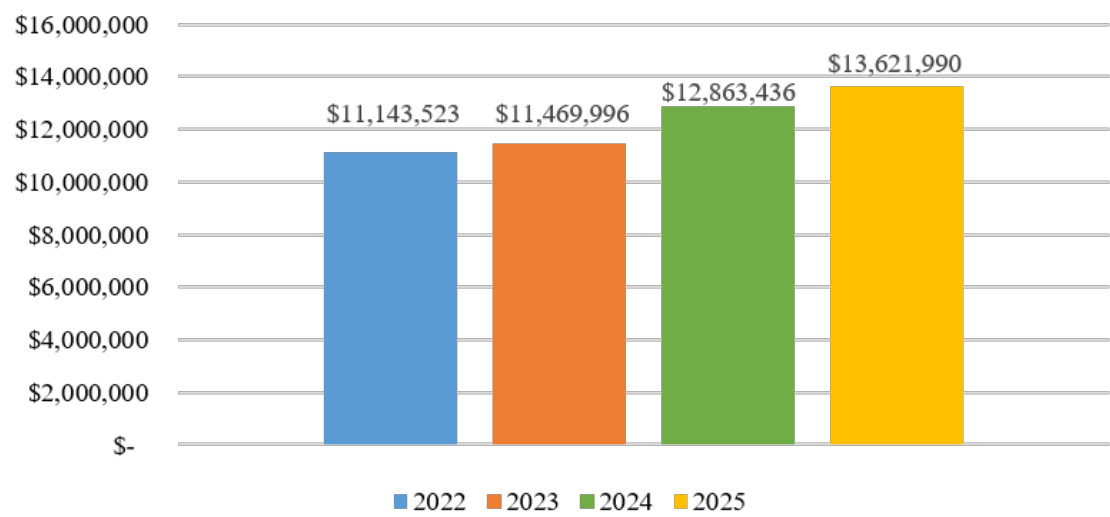
The Value of Income Taxes

The City of Pickerington levies a one percent income tax on income earned within the City, which applies to all qualifying wages, commissions, other compensation earned or received, and net income of for-profit organizations that conduct business within the City. City of Pickerington residents are given up to a one half percent credit on any of their wages that are taxed by another municipality and not refunded. Income tax collections consist of three sources: taxes from employee withholdings, taxes from individuals and taxes on net profits. As shown in the chart below taxes from withholdings make up the largest percentage of the City’s income tax revenue. Employee withholdings are equivalent to one percent of the wages earned in the City which are deducted from employees’ earned income and remitted by the employer. Taxes from individuals consist of one percent of individuals’ income that was not withheld on the resident’s behalf and remitted to the City. For example, self-employment income and net income earned from rental property are taxable to the City as earned income. Taxes on net profits are levied on the net income of all businesses located in the City.

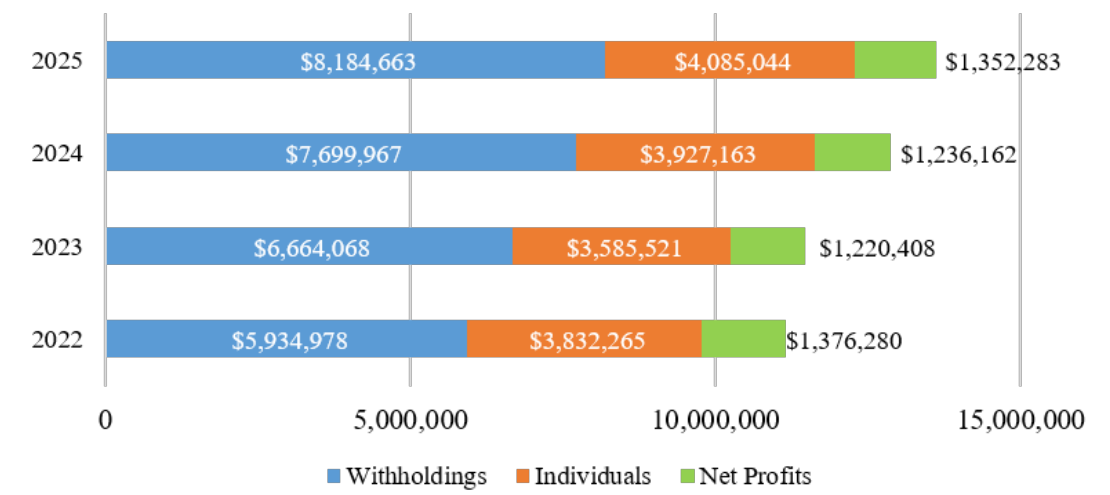
Definitions

Withholdings 1.0% tax due on all employees whole work in the City, typically withheld from salary and paid to the city by the employer.	Individuals 1.0% tax due on most additional income earned by individuals, including trusts, sole proprietorships, gambling winnings, and rental income.	Net Profits 1.0% tax levied on the profits realized by the City of Pickerington businesses after all other taxes have been applied.
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Income Tax Revenues



Income Tax Collections



Income Tax Levied Comparison

	Tax Levied 2025	Credit
City of Canal Winchester	2.00 %	100.00 %
City of Columbus	2.50 %	100.00 %
City of Gahanna	2.50 %	100.00 %
City of Groveport	2.00 %	100.00 %
City of Hillard	2.00 %	100.00 %
City of Lancaster	2.30 %	45.45 %
City of Powell	2.00 %	100.00 %
City of Pickerington	1.00 %	50.00 %
City of Reynoldsburg	2.50 %	100.00 %
City of Westerville	2.00 %	100.00 %

Income taxes are paid first to the municipality where an individual works and then where they live. The City of Pickerington provides 50 percent credit up to 1 percent for taxes paid to the municipality where you work.

In addition to concentrated efforts related to delinquent income tax collections and compliance, the City continues to expand economic development initiatives in an effort to increase and diversify the income tax base.

DID YOU
KNOW?



The City of Pickerington is the lowest taxing municipality in Central Ohio!

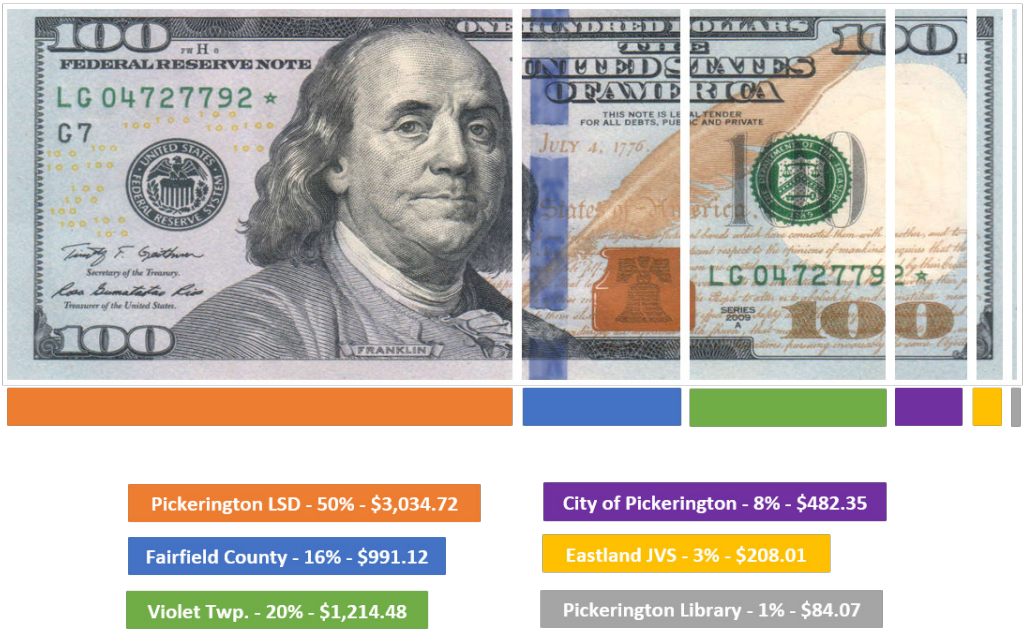
Where Property Taxes Go

One of the largest tax bills a property owner receives annually is their property taxes. Property taxes are administered by Fairfield County and are generally included in the property owners monthly mortgage payment. In 2025, property taxes received accounted for 13 percent of total governmental revenues and represented just 8 percent of the total taxes a property owner paid.

Example:

\$339,600 Home *
Pickerington taxing district 2307

\$6,014
Total Property Taxes



* Median Home Value (2025)

Understand Your Property Taxes

Property tax is based on the amount charged per \$1,000 worth of taxable property value, also known as millage. Amounts collected for levies, other than general operating levies, must be used for those specific purposes stated in the levies. The Fairfield County Treasurer’s office collects property taxes and the Fairfield County Auditor’s office distributes those taxes to the appropriate entities noted above.

City Expenses

The City of Pickerington's governmental activities account for most of the services provided by the City's various departments. The City's expenses are reported at the function level which describes the primary purpose of each expense. Thirty-nine percent of the City's operating budget is used for security of persons & property, which includes the Police Department. Transportation expenses represents 22 percent of the City's operating budget, which includes maintaining roads and curbs. Increase in transportation expenses are based on higher contractual related costs for street paving and curb replacement. General Government represents 27 percent of the City's operating budget. The increase in general government expenses is attributed to multiple factors, including a decrease in annexation agreement contributions and pre-annexation agreements in the amounts of \$21,907, respectively. There was also an increase in land/building purchases in the Olde Village in the amount of \$699,543 and an increase of 537,979 in facility capital improvements to updated and remodel purchased buildings in the Olde Village. There was also a decrease in supplies and computer purchases in the amount of \$292,047 which was budgeted to replace outdated servers, laptops, and software as well as capital improvements at the building department offices and Carnegie building; a decrease in council's department in the amount of \$47,093 due to council members not electing benefits; a decrease in the finance department in the amounts of \$76,776 due to a Tax department employee resigning and the gap between hiring a replacement; and a decrease in the engineering department in the amount of \$134,379 due to consulting services and plan site reviews being less than anticipated.

Definitions

General Government

Consists of City Council, Mayor, Mayor's Court, City Manager, Finance Department, and all general administrative departments.

Leisure Time Activities

Includes costs associated with maintaining our recreation programs and maintaining our parks.

Security of Persons & Property

Includes the Police Department which provides public services through patrol division, detective bureau, and dispatch.

Public Health Services

Includes health services contract with the Franklin County Public Health Department.

Transportation

Includes all costs associated with maintaining our curbs and roads.

Community Environment

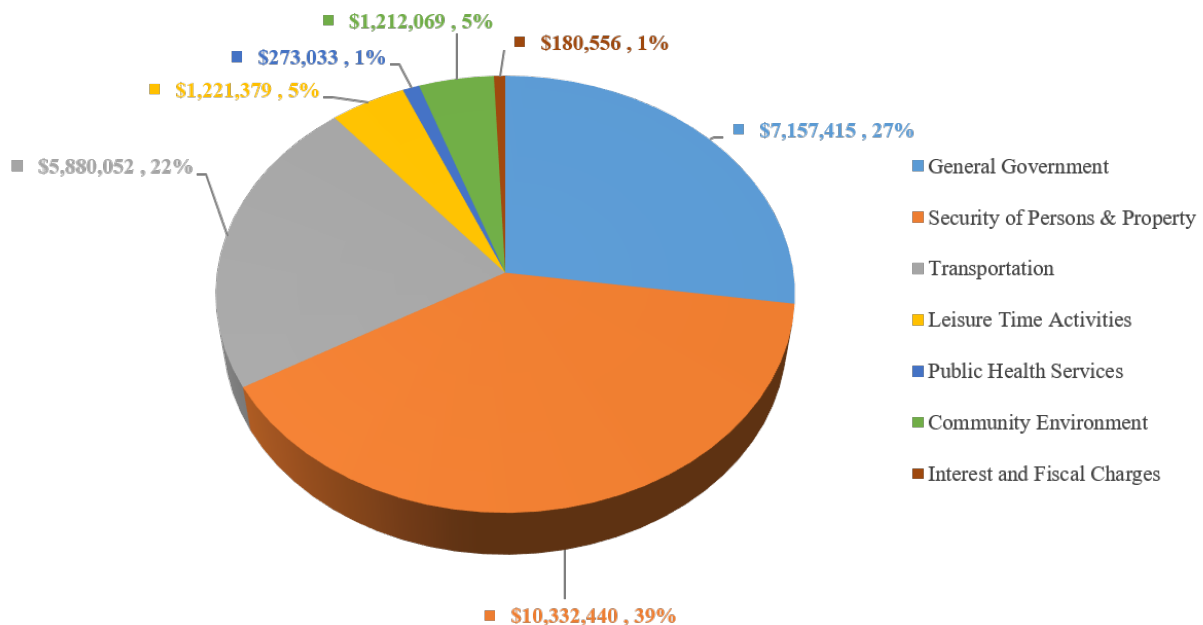
Consists of our Building department, Economic development department, and Planning & Zoning department.

Utilities

Includes all costs associated with maintaining our Water, Sewer, and Storm-water systems.

Interest & Fiscal Charges

Includes interest payments on municipal debt.



Three Year Expenses by Program - Governmental Activities

	2025	2024	2023
General Government	\$ 7,157,415	\$ 5,317,940	\$ 4,723,796
Security of Persons & Property	\$ 10,332,440	\$ 7,904,768	\$ 8,025,895
Transportation	\$ 5,880,052	\$ 6,286,685	\$ 5,793,031
Leisure Time Activities	\$ 1,221,379	\$ 1,302,858	\$ 1,225,051
Public Health Services	\$ 273,033	\$ 255,561	\$ 242,405
Community Environment	\$ 1,212,069	\$ 1,204,444	\$ 1,099,204
Interest and Fiscal Charges	\$ 180,556	\$ 185,014	\$ 192,563
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 26,256,944	\$ 22,457,270	\$ 21,301,945

City Debt

Governmental Activities Debt

As of December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023 the City had outstanding general obligation bonds and notes in the amounts of \$5,815,000, \$6,450,000, and \$7,190,000 respectively.

	2025	2024	2023
Street Improvement Bonds	\$ 5,815,000	\$ 6,450,000	\$ 7,190,000
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 5,815,000	\$ 6,450,000	\$ 7,190,000

Definitions

General Obligation Bonds

Long-Term debts that are repaid from the City's available resources.

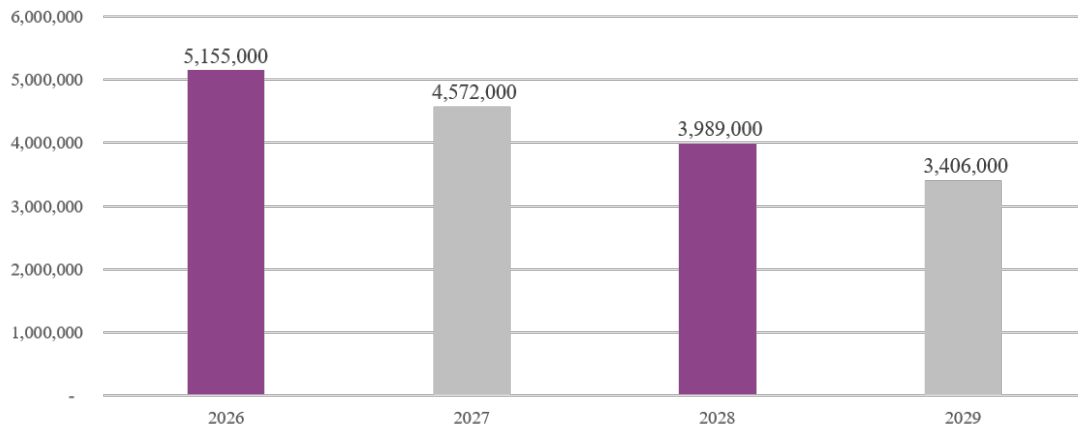
General Obligation Notes

Short-Term debts that are repaid from the City's available resources.

OWDA Loans

Low Interest loans from the Ohio Water Development Authority to support water and sewer improvements.

Governmental Activities - Remaining Balance of Bonds



Business-Type Activities Debt

As of December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023 the City had outstanding general obligation bonds and OWDA Loans in the amounts of \$4,428,543, \$5,178,077, and \$5,902,500 respectively.

	2025	2024	2023
General Obligation Bonds:			
Water	\$ 980,000	\$ 1,105,000	\$ 1,225,000
OWDA Loans:			
Sewer	\$ 3,448,543	\$ 4,073,077	\$ 4,677,500
Total Business-Type Activities	\$ 4,428,543	\$ 5,178,077	\$ 5,902,500

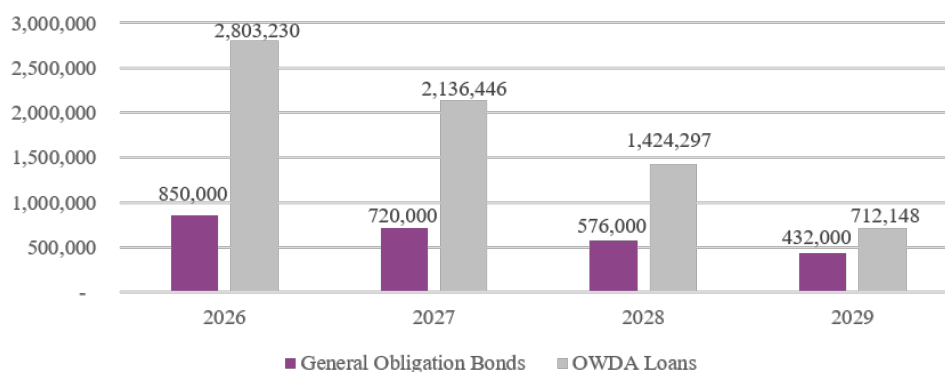
Moody's Investor Service

On October 3, 2023, Moody's Investor Service upgraded the City's rating from an Aa2 to Aa1 on the City's general obligation bonds.

Obligations rated Aa are considered to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. A higher credit rating often reduces the cost of borrowing.

The City's Aa1 rating is the highest of all local governments in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Business-Type Activities - Remaining Balance of Bonds & Loans



City Net Position

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Net Position looks at the City as a whole and asks the question, “How did we do financially during the year?” The table below provides a summary of the City’s governmental activities net position for 2025, 2024, and 2023.

	Governmental Activities		
Assets	2025	2024	2023
Current and Other Assets	\$50,192,676	\$45,045,744	\$39,824,402
Capital Assets, Net	83,388,175	82,064,228	83,301,196
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>133,580,851</i>	<i>127,109,972</i>	<i>123,125,598</i>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	3,079,063	4,358,719	5,528,791
OPEB	212,838	465,034	771,695
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>3,291,901</i>	<i>4,823,753</i>	<i>6,300,486</i>
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	838,877	969,209	423,425
Long-term Liabilities	23,841,712	24,095,545	24,520,696
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>24,680,589</i>	<i>25,064,754</i>	<i>24,944,121</i>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property Taxes	3,758,551	3,603,000	3,603,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,358,294	1,605,114	1,277,472
Leases	255,285	0	1,596,927
Pension	183,972	297,758	469,442
OPEB	728,512	764,304	861,469
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>6,284,614</i>	<i>6,270,176</i>	<i>7,808,310</i>
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	77,362,881	75,450,463	75,913,811
Restricted	7,909,919	7,407,312	6,284,677
Unrestricted (Deficit)	20,634,749	17,741,020	14,475,165
Total Net Position	\$105,907,549	\$100,598,795	\$96,673,653

Definitions

Assets

Consists of those items owned by the City that will provide a benefit in the future.

Long-Term Liabilities

Includes amounts owed for issuance of debt, compensated absence, and net pension liability the city still owes.

Capital Assets

Represents equipment, vehicles, land, buildings, and road and bridges infrastructure that provide an economic benefit to the City for more than one year.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding debt, to acquire the asset.

Governmental Activities

Includes the majority of our City’s services consisting of police, administration and all departments with the exception of our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Aquatic Recreation Services.

Governmental Activities Highlights

- During 2025, total governmental activities net position increased \$5,308,754. This increase is primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$4,551,501 as revenues exceeded expenses, specifically an increase in investment earnings of \$706,878 as the City structured its investment portfolio to capture the change in interest rates. The local economy continues to see growth as income taxes grew to a total of \$13,994,094 as withholding and net profit taxes were the main component of the increase of \$1,336,852 from 2024 full accrual collections.
- Total governmental activities liabilities decreased \$384,165 which is due to the City’s continuing to lower outstanding general obligation debt and the City controlling spending toward year-end resulting in a decrease in accounts payable.

Business-Type Activities

The following table provides a summary of the City's business-type activities net position for 2025, 2024, and 2023.

	Business-Type Activities		
Assets	2025	2024	2023
Current and Other Assets	\$36,231,671	\$32,225,641	\$27,080,213
Capital Assets, Net	77,419,435	75,187,968	74,813,138
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>113,651,106</i>	<i>107,413,609</i>	<i>101,893,251</i>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension	771,173	952,898	1,139,114
OPEB	6,052	91,087	205,718
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>777,225</i>	<i>1,043,985</i>	<i>1,344,832</i>
Liabilities			
Current and Other Liabilities	317,843	361,361	376,218
Long-term Liabilities	8,937,132	9,607,254	9,806,323
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>9,254,975</i>	<i>9,968,615</i>	<i>10,182,541</i>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Leases	1,351,902	1,474,414	0
Pension	0	6,576	6,446
OPEB	60,490	64,978	24,762
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>1,412,392</i>	<i>1,545,968</i>	<i>31,208</i>
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	72,966,859	69,982,424	66,560,105
Restricted	293,947	180,049	45,108
Unrestricted	30,503,928	26,780,538	24,292,143
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>\$103,764,734</i>	<i>\$96,943,011</i>	<i>\$93,024,434</i>

Definitions

Assets

Consists of those items owned by the City that will provide a benefit in the future.

Long-Term Liabilities

Includes amounts owed for issuance of debt, compensated absence, and net pension liability the city still owes.

Capital Assets

Represents equipment, vehicles, land, buildings, and road and bridges infrastructure that provide an economic benefit to the City for more than one year.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until then.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

Represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

Net Investment in Capital Assets

Represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding debt, to acquire the asset.

Business-Type Activities

Includes our Water, Sewer, Stormwater, and Aquatic Recreation Services.

Business-Type Activities Highlights

- During 2025, Total business-type activities assets increased \$6,237,497. This increase is primarily due to a net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$3,126,886. The increase in cash and cash equivalents is directly related to the City managing operations for water and sewer proprietary operations, which accounted for \$2,951,376 of the increase.
- Total business-type activities liabilities decreased \$713,640. This decrease was primarily driven by principal payments totaling \$752,968 for general obligation bonds and Ohio Water Development Authority loan, off-set by an increase in compensated absences of \$196,145.

Economic Development

Commercial Development Projects 2025

Rooftops and Retail continue to be the story of Pickerington’s economy. Recent estimates show that the City’s population is now over 26,000 residents with over 8,800 households. In the last six years there have been over 1,000 new single-family homes built and there is a robust pipeline of over 600 homes on the horizon. Housing sales and prices remained strong in 2025 despite pressure on the housing market in the form of elevated interest rates and property values. In 2025, the median monthly home sale volume was 28 units with the year’s median sales price of \$425,000.

The housing market, along with its associated consumer spending, powered the city’s retail strength with 2025 statistics as follows: 1.6% retail vacancy rate (context: this is still near all-time lows), and \$20.84 Avg retail rent per square foot (context: this is still near all-time highs). These market conditions are continuing to cause inquiries on undeveloped land for new retail and commercial services especially on the City’s east side. New investments in 2025 include:

- Perfectly Dipped
- WCAP Counseling
- Johnson’s Real Ice Cream
- HomeBuys
- The Molt and Moon
- Freedom Pharmacy (Grand Re-opening)
- Gameday Men’s Health
- Pickerington Event Center
- Athena Acupuncture
- Strive Dance Academy



2025 City of Pickerington Employees

Function/Program	Employees
General Government	26.5
Security of Persons & Property	50
Leisure Time Activities	4.5
Community Development	5.5
Transportation	8.5
Basic Utility Services	19
Total	114

In 2025, the City saw continued investment in its Olde Pickerington Village real estate. In fact, Pickerington has acquired over 10 separate parcels that the City now directly owns as assets. This strategy for downtown redevelopment included the targeted acquisition of property in key locations, such as, major intersections, future parking areas, and sites adjacent to City Hall. These new property assets under the control of the City have already resulted in two public-private partnerships that will transform the look and feel of the Olde Village in the coming years. The business mix will change by adding eateries and the City will continue investing in property, infrastructure, and business programs for this area.

Johnson’s Real Ice Cream opened its Pickerington location and began the downtown transformation. One of the most distinctive features of this location is its building. Rather than constructing something entirely new, the City and Johnson’s chose to restore a mid-century structure, preserving its original character while giving it new life. The result is a space that stands out immediately with clean lines, large windows, and a retro-inspired look that feels both classic and fresh. The addition of a rooftop seating area is especially unique for an ice cream shop in the area, offering a place to sit above the street and enjoy a cone with a view. Down below, a covered patio and thoughtfully designed indoor seating make the space feel open and inviting. Johnson’s is the first of several transformations coming to Pickerington’s downtown.



2025 Principal Employers

Employer	Employees
Ohio Health Corporation	1,912
Pickerington Local School District	1,381
Kroger Company, Inc.	276
Roosters	267
Cracker Barrel Resturant	267
Ohio Health Physician Group	258
JP Morgan Chase Bank	252
Kohl’s Department Store	192

Community Investment

The City provides the following services: public safety, operation of water, sewer, and stormwater utilities, street repair and maintenance, parks and recreation, and a State Certified Building Department. Fire department services are provided by Violet Township, of which the City is a part. The City of Pickerington maintains over 158 acres of park land located within Sycamore Park, Victory Park, Colony Park, Simsbury Park, Shawnee Crossing, Preston Trails, and Willow Pond Park. The parks offer a variety of activities including shelter houses, fishing, basketball courts, softball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, pickleball courts, a putting green, playgrounds, swing sets, an arboretum, a covered bridge, sledding hills, and a skate park.



Tree City

The City received its **33rd** Tree City USA Award for the year ended December 31, 2025. This prestigious award recognized the City for its annual program of planting new trees and maintaining and removing old trees.



Popular Annual Financial Report

The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), is to be used as a quick guide for the citizens of Pickerington, and to summarize how the City is operating fiscally. The information in this PAFR was taken directly from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Annual Report), which is more extensive and can be found on the City's website at the following link: <https://www.ci.pickerington.oh.us/departments/finance>





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Utility Billing Department	(614) 837-2289



Building Department

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Engineering Department	(614) 833-2221



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200 Hereford Drive

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