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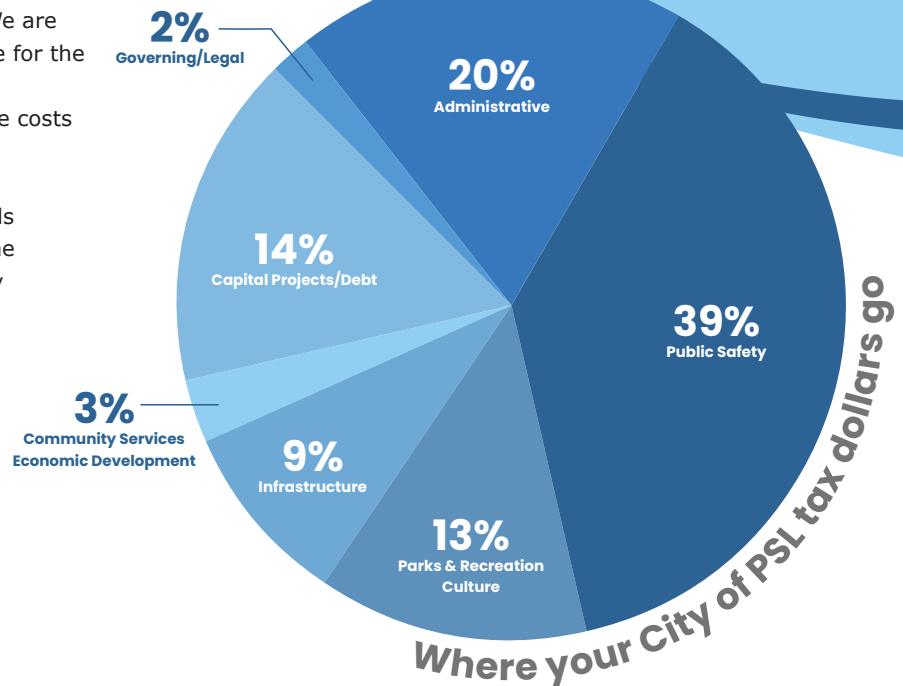
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About Port St. Lucie

The City of Port St. Lucie has grown to nearly 240,000 residents, making it the sixth largest city in Florida. We've been working hard to address the impact of a 15% population increase, an influx of almost 25,000 new residents, in the last two years alone. We are working to do this, while reducing the City's millage/tax rate for the last eight years, and improving services. In addition, we're experiencing a historic period of high inflation, impacting the costs of City projects and the household costs for our residents.

As we grow together, we've focused on listening to the needs of our residents through the National Community Survey, the #IamPSL Citizen Summit and public workshops. That is why the majority of Port St. Lucie's budget will go toward achieving priorities identified by our residents.

For example, a homeowner with an average assessed property of \$221,661 for a single-family home, less the \$50,000 exemption for homestead, would pay \$893 in taxes to the City of Port St. Lucie. The majority of it will go to public safety (\$348), enhanced streets, traffic improvements and more sidewalks (\$79), parks and culture (\$113) and capital projects/debt (\$125).



Did you know?

- For the last eight years, your City Council has reduced the City's millage (property tax) rate, the only part of the overall property tax bill Council controls. This reduction means a homeowner of an average assessed property is saving \$245 cumulatively on taxes over eight years.
- Only about 22% of your taxes go to the City of Port St. Lucie, while about 78% of your tax dollars go to 6 other taxing agencies in St. Lucie County.
- PSL has the third lowest municipal property tax rate, compared to the top 20 largest cities in Florida.
- The City's approved budget continues its debt reduction strategy, resulting in a reduction of 40% (or over \$400 million) in 14 years. This means cost savings for the City and its residents.
- The City secured over \$50 million in grants last year to help fund capital projects and programs that support the growing needs of our City.
- The City does NOT control property values on which your property tax bill is based. Your property value is assessed annually by the St. Lucie County Property Appraiser. We are building value in Port St. Lucie and your increased home values are reflecting how Port St. Lucie continues to be a desirable place to live.

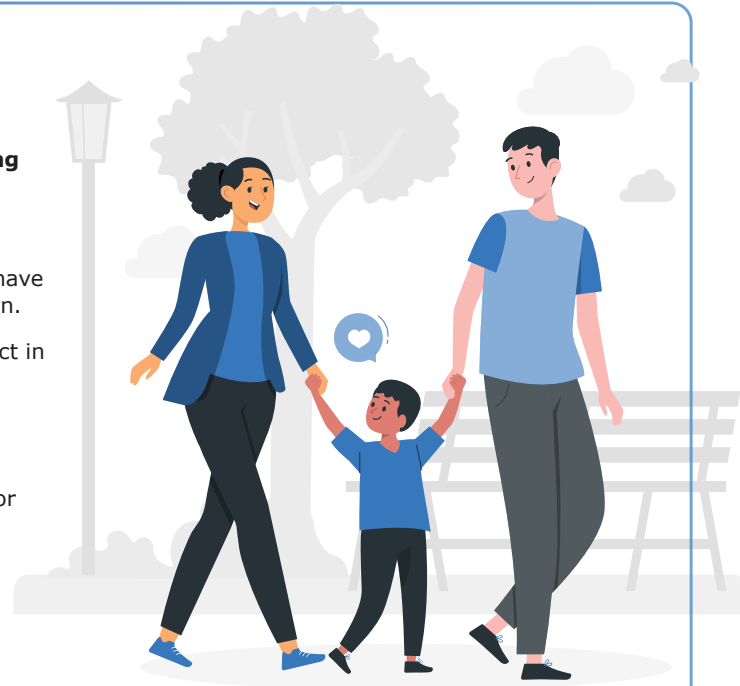
Resident Values

Public Safety

Residents told us they value living in a safe city, so we're focusing on public safety.

To maintain our safest city status, we plan on:

- Constructing a police department training facility to ensure our officers have the latest techniques to remain one of the safest large cities in the nation.
- Hiring 26 new sworn Police Officers. District 5, our newest policing district in western Port St. Lucie will be implemented this fiscal year.
- Improving traffic safety, implementing traffic-calming initiatives and improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
- Working to maintain the City's status as the safest large city in Florida for 12 years (2000-2022), according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the second safest city in the nation (2022 and 2023), according to U.S. News & World Report.



Road Improvements

Residents told us they want enhanced streets, traffic improvements and more sidewalks.

We're dedicated to improving our infrastructure to benefit all users through your tax dollars, half-cent sales tax, gas tax and mobility fees that are paid by developers by:

- Widening of St. Lucie West and Southbend boulevards, which will improve traffic flow.
- Widening of California Boulevard south of St. Lucie West Boulevard to increase capacity and reduce traffic congestion and intersection improvements at St. Lucie West and California boulevards.
- Improving the intersection at Tradition and Village Parkway, Cameo and Port St. Lucie boulevards and the intersection at Savona Boulevard and Paar Drive to alleviate congestion.
- Improving traffic flow, provide multi-use paths and improving mobility on Floresta Drive (Southbend to Prima Vista Boulevard) and Port St. Lucie Boulevard South (Paar Drive to Alcantarra Boulevard).
- Improving the Peacock/St. Lucie West intersection to coincide with FDOT's bridge and interchange improvements to improve travel time and alleviate congestion.
- Widening St. Lucie West Boulevard from Peacock Boulevard to Cashmere Boulevard with multi-use paths to reduce potential flooding and improve mobility.
- Adding more sidewalks to our neighborhoods to expand on our existing 400 miles of sidewalks within the boundaries of the City.
- Repaving and sidewalk repairs and maintenance-related projects like traffic signals and street lights.

Parks & Recreation

Residents told us they want more Parks & Recreation/Culture.

PSL has over 48 unique parks, two fitness centers, four dog parks and a golf course. Port St. Lucie residents told us at the last Citizen Summit that more access to green space and parks is their top priority and parks are important to a growing city. That's why we're:

- Designing and constructing two new regional parks in the western part of PSL. Torino Regional Park is anticipated to be PSL's largest park at 195.17 acres. Tradition Regional Park is expected to be 110 acres.
- Finishing the construction of The Port District, including Pioneer Park, historic structures and the Boardwalk, which will open in 2024.
- Creating camping sites at McCarty Ranch that include water, electricity, fiber optic cables and a new sewer line for RV sites.
- Creating a destination for the east side of PSL by redeveloping City Center's 46 acres.

**For a detailed breakdown
of your City taxes:**

[CityofPSL.com/Taxes](https://www.cityofpsl.com/Taxes)



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