

# Your Money At Work:

## A Guide To Gahanna's General Fund



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The City of Gahanna is committed to keeping communication lines open with residents. In our continuing efforts to provide timely and factual information, we have created this guide to help you understand how the City's finances are structured.

Like many of you, the City regularly evaluates its revenue and expenses. Through continual evaluation of this information, reasonable and responsible decisions are made.

It's our hope that this information will help you better understand how the City is funded and how your tax dollars are spent. As always, we welcome your feedback. Residents are encouraged to contact their City Council members at [council@gahanna.gov](mailto:council@gahanna.gov), the Mayor at [mayor@gahanna.gov](mailto:mayor@gahanna.gov) or visit us online at [www.Gahanna.gov](http://www.Gahanna.gov).

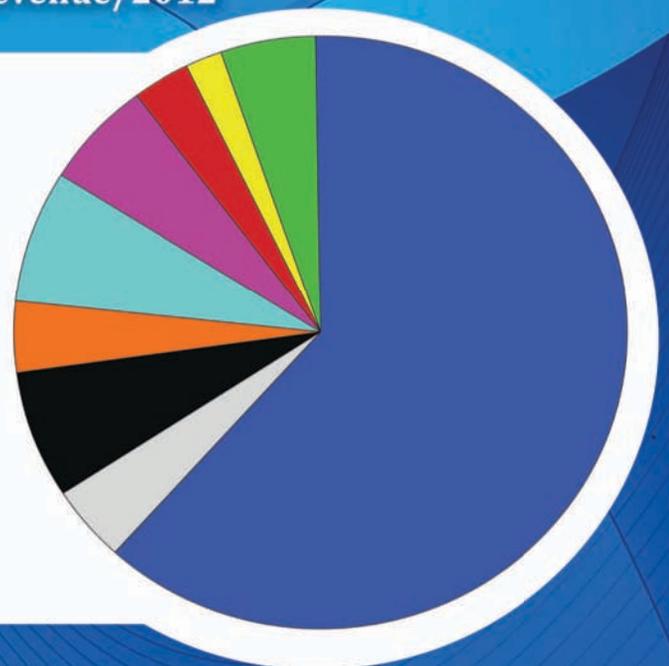
**The General Fund** is the main operating fund of the City, through which a majority of the City's expenditures are paid and where most of the City's revenues are deposited. In Ohio, local income tax is primarily collected based on where individuals work. The bulk of the City's income tax collections (more than 70 percent in 2012) come from employee payroll withholdings from businesses located inside of Gahanna.

Working residents who are employed outside of the City receive credit for a portion of the taxes they pay to their work city, and consequently pay a reduced amount to Gahanna.

## Where Our Money Comes From

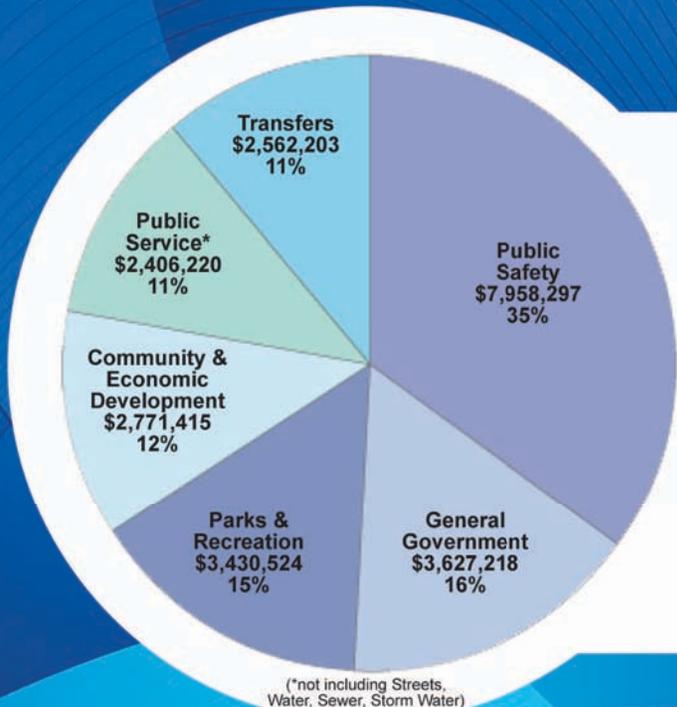
### Sources of General Fund Revenue/2012

	Income Tax	\$14,913,324	62%
	Recreational Income	\$1,237,284	5%
	Interest & Investment Income	\$530,685	2%
	Administrative Charges & Transfers	\$761,606	3%
	Grants & Miscellaneous	\$1,458,928	6%
	Licenses, Permits, Fines & Fees	\$1,609,198	7%
	Other Taxes	\$937,378	4%
	Property Tax	\$1,649,641	7%
	Local Government Fund	\$961,919	4%



# How We Spent Our Money/2011

## General Fund Expenditures by Type



General Fund expenses are viewed by type or by function. The following identifies which departments are included in each functional category:

**Public Safety** - Police, Dispatch/911, Animal Control, Emergency Management and Public Health

**General Government** - City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Mayor's Court, Civil Service, Records Administration, Human Resources, Finance and Public Information

**Parks & Recreation** - Operation & Maintenance of City-Owned Parks, Recreation Programming, Pools, Golf Course, and Senior Center

**Community & Economic Development** - Planning & Economic Development, Zoning, and Information Technology

**Public Service** - Engineering & Maintenance of Public Infrastructure and Vehicle Fleet

**Transfers** - Transfers from the General Fund to supplement other City funds including Debt Service and Capital Improvements.

In 2011, Public Safety made up the largest portion of the City's General Fund expenditures by function. Gahanna is ultimately a service organization. These services include public safety, engineering and maintenance of public infrastructure, community and economic development, parks maintenance, and recreation services.

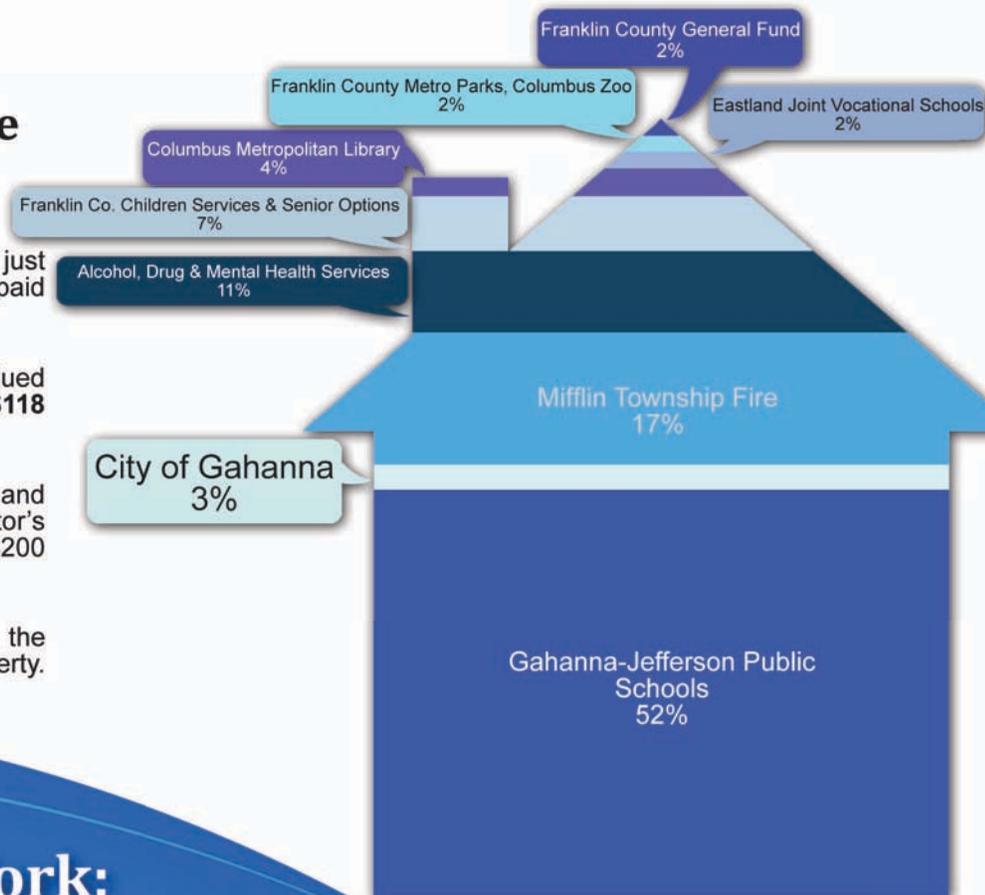
## Where Your Real Estate Tax Dollars Go

For tax year 2011, the City received just **three percent** of the real estate taxes paid by property owners.

For example, for an average home valued at \$185,100, the City would receive **\$118** of their approximate **\$3,940** tax bill.

Real estate taxes are assessed and administered by the Franklin County Auditor's Office, which can be reached at (614) 462-3200 or [www.co.franklin.oh.us/auditor](http://www.co.franklin.oh.us/auditor).

To see your property tax distribution, visit the Auditor's website and search for your property.



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