

Taxes and Metropolitan Park District

Not Funded in the City's Current Budget

- Swimming Pool
- Parks beyond bare maintenance
- Recreation Programs
 - Soccer, movie nights, other programming
- Most Community events
 - The City still contributes money to these three events: MLK Parade, Wild West Parade, and Lighted Parade
 - All others are not funded (Easter etc.)

The City's Budget is still not balanced

- But much closer!
- \$345,398 General Fund Deficit (Compared with \$2.25 million in 2024)

Metropolitan Park District

- Metropolitan park districts, authorized by chapter 35.61 RCW, may be created for the management, control, improvement, maintenance, and acquisition of parks, parkways, boulevards, and recreational facilities
- \$0.75 per \$1,000 assessed value available as funding (~\$435,000)
- Wouldn't create any "new" parks, but could provide funding for current parks and swimming pool maintenance

Individual Impact

Metropolitan Park District additional \$0.75

- \$250,000 house = \$187.50 (\$15.63 a month)
- \$350,000 house = \$262.50 (\$21.88 a month)

Current Toppenish Property Tax bills:

- \$250,000 house = \$2,140 (\$178.33 a month)
- \$350,000 house = \$2,996 (\$249.67 a month)

Tax Rates

City	Property Tax	Sales tax	Utility Tax*	Vehicle Fees
Grandview	8.77	8.00%	23%	\$ 20.00
Selah	8.84	8.30%	29.5%	\$ -
Sunnyside	8.68	8.20%	31%	\$ -
Toppenish	8.56	8.00%	29%	\$ 40.00
Union Gap	8.48	8.20%	10%	\$ -
Wapato	9.27	8.00%	33%	\$ 20.00
Zillah	8.38	8.00%	29%	\$ 20.00

Property tax is combined with all other taxing entities

*Utility tax is combined between utilities, some have different rates.

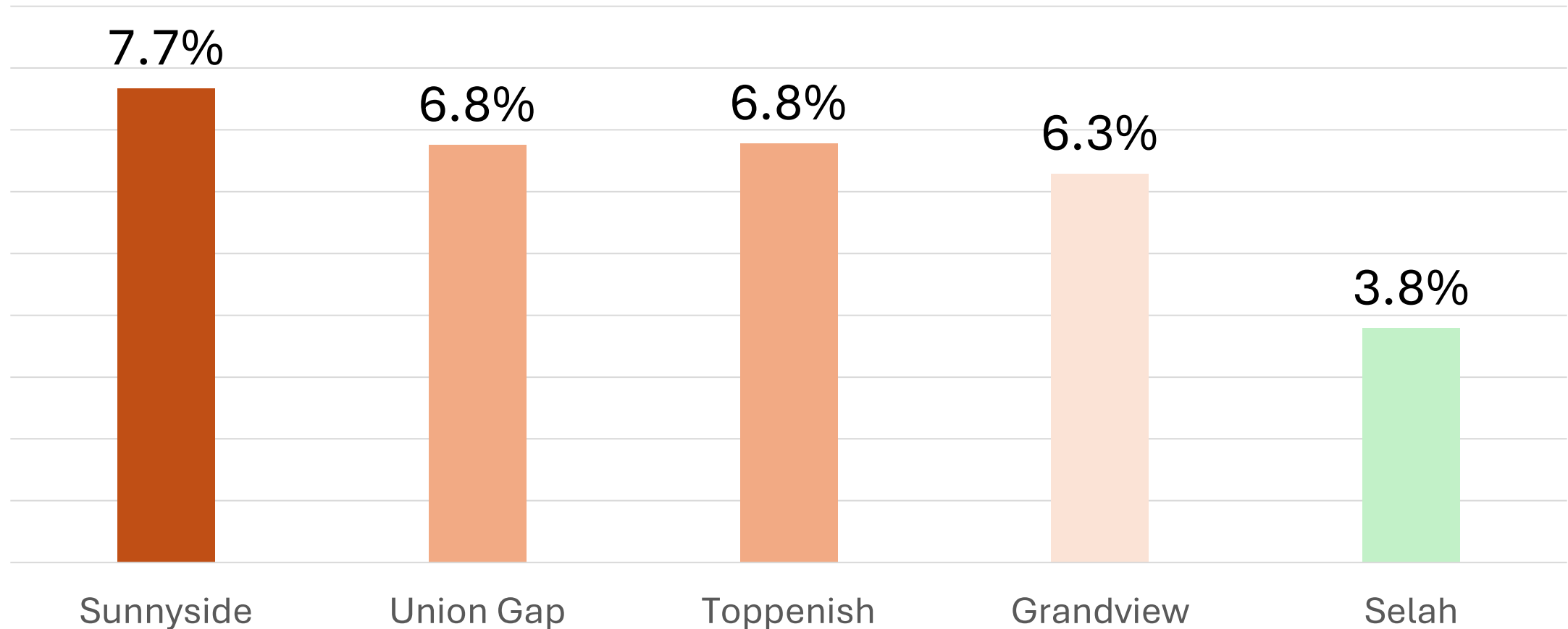
“The Price of Government”

- Total taxes, fees, and charges (2023 Annual Report data) divided by total aggregate income (*Census per capita income multiplied by population)
- Estimated percentage of income spent on Government Services (just local)

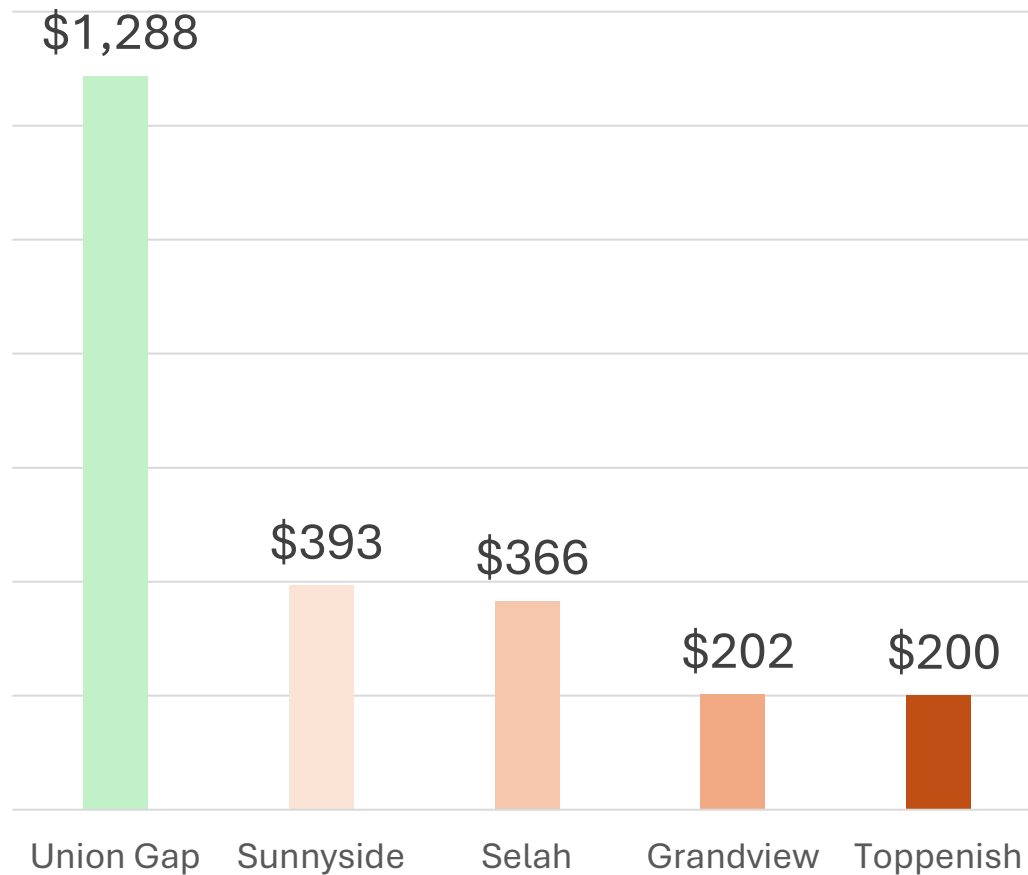
*Toppenish, Sunnyside, Grandview, and Selah were local cities with data available. Union Gap was removed due to high Sales Tax revenue

Price of Government (% of Income to pay for Local Government)

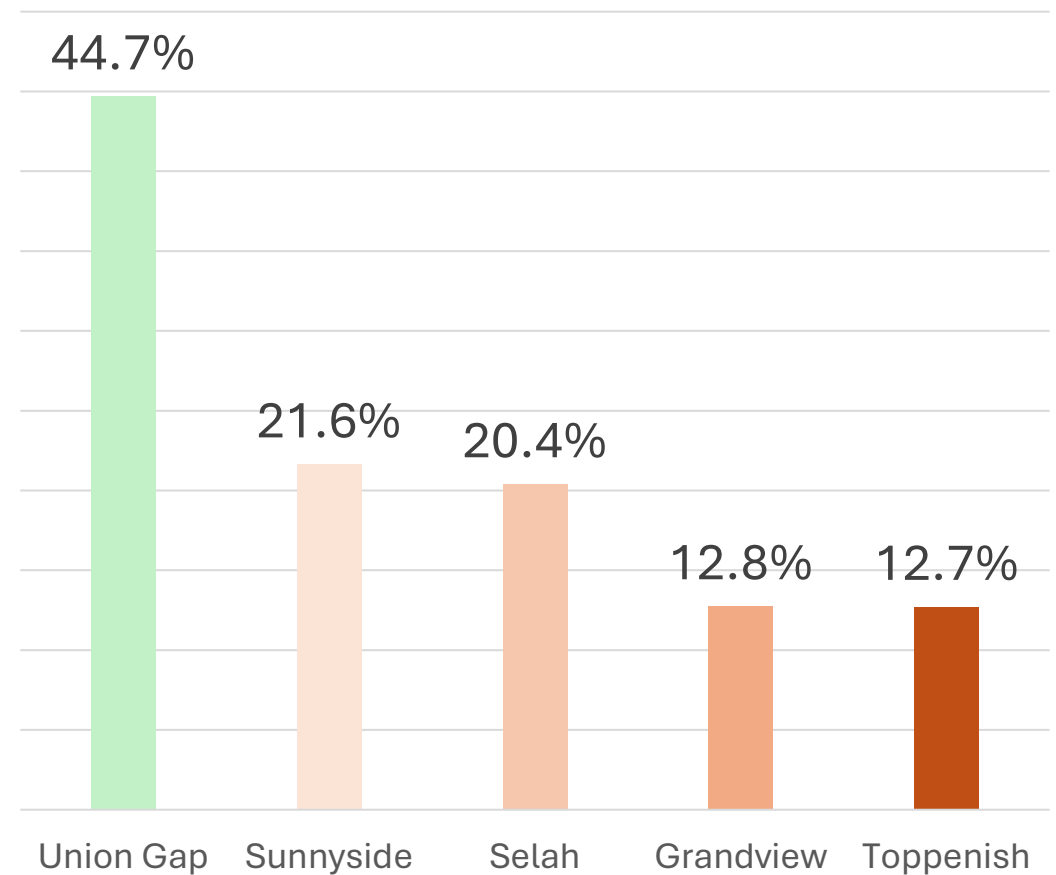
*Sales Tax revenue not included



Sales Tax Per Capita



Sales Tax % of total Revenue



Statistics Used in Previous Slide

City	Sales Tax	Total Taxes, Fees, Charges	Total Taxes, fees - Sales	Per Capita Income	Population Estimate
Sunnyside	\$ 6,393,783	\$ 29,539,443	\$ 23,145,660	\$ 18,554	16,264
Union Gap	\$ 8,291,124	\$ 18,548,436	\$ 10,257,312	\$ 23,585	6,439
Toppenish	\$ 1,732,641	\$ 13,625,962	\$ 11,893,321	\$ 20,275	8,650
Grandview	\$ 2,251,782	\$ 17,656,636	\$ 15,404,854	\$ 21,961	11,149
Selah	\$ 3,139,443	\$ 15,391,073	\$ 12,251,630	\$ 37,741	8,571

Revenue numbers from portal.sao.wa.gov

Per Capita information from [Census.gov](https://census.gov)