



Budget 2024

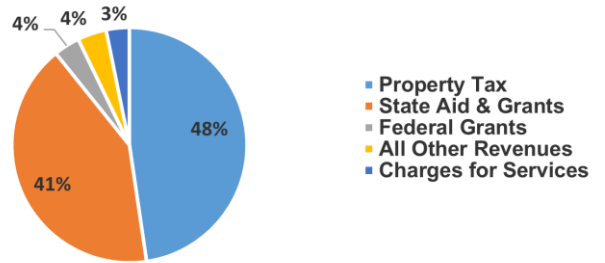
How the Budget Process Works

Counties provide essential community programs and services such as road maintenance, law enforcement, human services, and veteran's services. Every year, counties pass a new budget to cover the costs of these crucial services. Residents are welcome to participate in the budget process by attending and speaking at public hearings and contacting their County Commissioner throughout the process:

- **June – August:** Departments estimate the County's need for programs and services and their costs.
- **August – September:** County Board of Commissioners use estimates to create a preliminary budget.
- **November:** Residents notified of proposed property tax and invited to attend/speak at public meetings.
- **December:** County Board of Commissioners approve a final levy and budget.

Where Does it Come From?

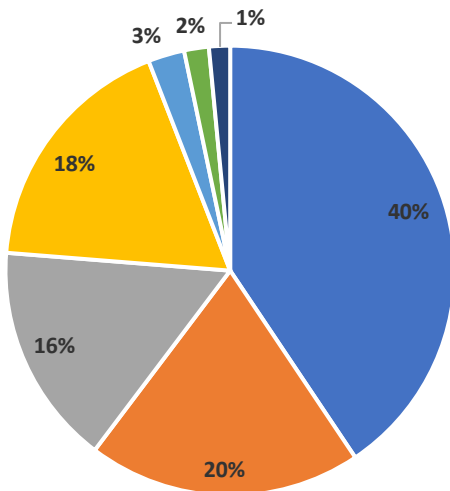
2024 Revenue Sources



Budget Drivers

The Yellow Medicine County budget is impacted by a variety of factors. Key budget drivers include planned road projects, state and federal mandated services such as child protection, and maintaining public safety and facility operations. Most of the cost of the County's services is in our staff and without staff, we cannot deliver vital and mandated services. It is the County's goal to balance the budget and use reserves to help minimize fluctuations in the property tax levy.

2024 Budgeted Expenditures



- Highway Construction & Maintenance
- Health & Human Services
- Public Safety
- General Government
- Other
- Conservation
- Debt Payment

Highway Construction & Maintenance (40%) – These are costs for the maintenance and repair of local highways, streets, bridges and construction of additional roadways and lanes.

Health & Human Services (20%) – These are costs for providing public assistance and care for individuals economically unable to provide for themselves, including income maintenance, social service, adult and child protection, and day care licensing.

Public Safety (16%) – These are costs related to the protection of persons and property, including Sheriff, Jail, and Corrections.

General Government (18%) – Expenditures include administrative costs of county government and other services including Commissioners, Finance & Administration, Attorney, Information Technology, Land & Resource Management, and Veterans Services.

Other (3%) – Expenditures include recycling and sanitation, public health, county parks, culture & recreation, and economic development.

Conservation (2%) – These are costs for the conservation of natural resources including Clean Water Partnership and Ag BMP loan programs administered through the county, Soil & Water Conservation district funding, and Ag. Extension programs.

Debt Payment (1%) – Expenditures include the principal and interest payment on the County's general obligation bond