



Budget Survey Results

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Overall engagement

2,065 people completed the survey

3,400 people responded to at least one question (but did not “submit”)

YVCOG outreach

Town Halls

Community and Service Groups



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Question 1

Here are the final results (percentages rounded).

What is your top priority for the City of Yakima's budget?

- Police – 40%
- Street Maintenance and Infrastructure – 26%
- Parks, Pools, Community Centers, and Sports Programs – 25%
- Fire – 9%



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Question 2

Would you support increasing property taxes to specifically pay for police, fire, and court services?

- Yes – 40%
- No – 33%
- I need more information before deciding – 27%



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Budget Reduction Exercise (2065 completed)

- Eliminate lobbying and Council travel – 59% **(1372)**
- Eliminate funding for fireworks – 56% **(1310)**
- Reduce Windows Alive! funding – 51% **(1181)**
- Eliminate flowers downtown – 45% **(1039)**
- Streamline Civil Service – 41% **(952)**
- Eliminate trolley maintenance – 41% **(949)**
- Eliminate funding for adult sports programs – 40% **(930)**
- Eliminate funding for traffic calming – 38% **(897)**
- Close Washington Fruit Community Center – 38% **(869)**
- Eliminate alley maintenance – 35% **(803)**
- Reduce funding to YCDA – 34% **(789)**



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Budget Reduction Exercise (cont'd, 2065 completed)

- Eliminate crime free rental housing – 33% **(771)**
- Eliminate economic development staff – 33% **(761)**
- Reduce funding for community recreation – 31% **(729)**
- Reduce Tahoma Cemetery watering – 28% **(668)**
- Eliminate Legal Department front desk staff – 27% **(628)**
- Reduce funding for YPD Traffic Unit – 27% **(626)**
- Eliminate Clean City program – 26% **(619)**
- Eliminate code enforcement officers – 26% **(603)**
- Close Lions Pool – 26% **(602)**
- Eliminate animal control and parking enforcement – 25% **(589)**



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Budget Reduction Exercise (cont'd, 2065 completed)

- Eliminate funding for sidewalk improvements – 24% **(565)**
- Reduce YPD and YFD training budgets – 23% **(527)**
- Eliminate graffiti removal program – 22% **(519)**
- Reduce parks maintenance funding – 21% **(500)**
- Eliminate YPD crime analysis – 21% **(498)**
- Eliminate street maintenance funding – 21% **(484)**
- Close Fire Station #92 – 20% **(478)**

- I don't support any of these cuts – 20% **(469)**



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Budget Reduction Exercise (cont'd, 2065 completed)

- Reduce funding for snow and ice control – 19% **(447)**
- Close Harman Senior Center – 18% **(410)**
- Eliminate youth sports programs – 17% **(408)**
- Close Franklin Pool – 16% **(378)**
- Eliminate YPD Property Crimes Unit – 16% **(378)**
- Eliminate YPD Gang Unit – 16% **(375)**
- Eliminate YPD Narcotics Unit – 16% **(372)**



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If property taxes were raised by about \$20 a month for the average homeowner, public safety services would be fully funded. Knowing that, how do you feel about increasing taxes to support police, fire, and court services?

- I support increasing taxes to pay for police, fire, and court services – 57%
- I don't support increasing taxes to pay for police, fire, and court services – 43%



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OPTIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

District #1 – 6% (101)

District #2 – 5% (86)

District #3 – 18% (311)

District #4 – 7% (116)

District #5 – 17% (279)

District #6 – 21% (359)

District #7 – 19% (321)

I do not live in one of the Council districts – 4% (75)

I am not a Yakima resident – 2% (38)





Q&A