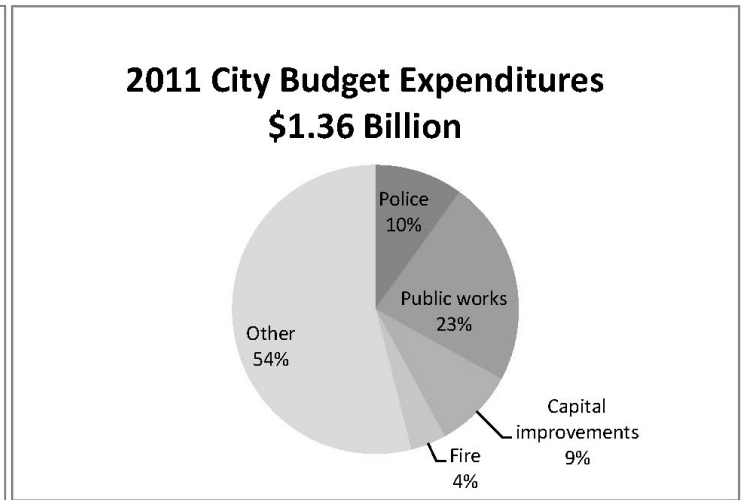
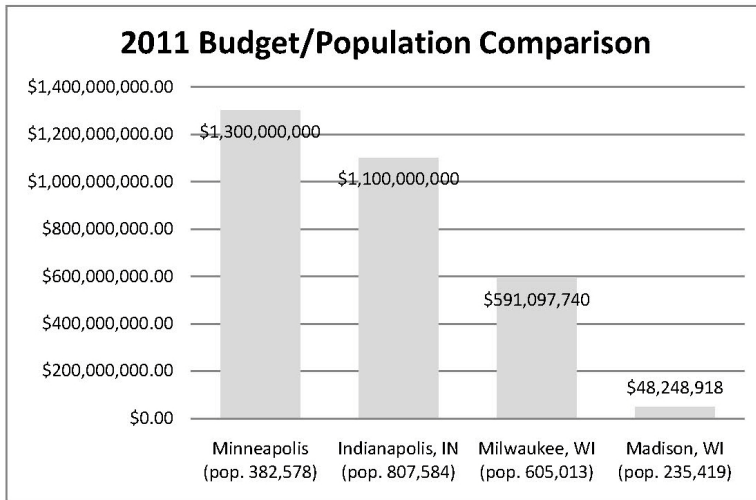




What does the city do with all our money?

The 2011 Minneapolis city budget is **\$1.36 BILLION** with plans to increase taxes every year into the distant future. City streets are a disgrace, high taxes and fees make it nearly unaffordable for families to live here, and the police and fire departments are severely understaffed. Expenditures for basic city services are less than half of all city spending, so where does the rest of the money go? Other Midwest cities of similar or even larger size manage to provide services for less money. Maybe it's time for a discussion about how we're governed in Minneapolis, what is appropriate for government to do, and what is best left to the private initiative of its citizens.



Some of the “other” expenditures (department mission is from the Minneapolis 2020 Master Plan):

Community Planning/Econ. Development - \$104.2 million: CPED works to grow a sustainable City

Regulatory Services/Preparedness - \$48.3 million: Addresses issues that can cause fatal harm to an individual, could cause sickness...to an individual, that affects quality of life

Business Information Services - \$26.5 million: Drives results and a positive City image by being progressive partners with City departments

Health and Family Support - \$13.3 million: Promotes health equity in Minneapolis and meets the unique needs of the urban population by providing leadership and fostering partnerships

Neighborhood/Community Relations - \$6 million: Strengthens the City's quality of life through vigorous community participation

311 - \$3.2 million: Serves as the single point of contact to the City of Minneapolis for all non-emergency requests for information and services

Civil Rights - \$2.5 million: Enforces Minneapolis Code of Ordinances and promotes understanding of civil rights among residents, business and government

Communications - \$2.3 million: To be a driving force in ...inviting the public to...better understand, appreciate, and benefit from the work the City does

Youth Community Board - \$1.3 million: Promotes the healthy, comprehensive development of Minneapolis children and youth ages 0-20 through collaborative action and policy alignment

Data: City of Minneapolis website, www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/city-budget/2011adopted/index.asp

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