

2017–2018 King County Budget in Brief



King County provides critical local and regional services to millions of people, with a two-year budget of about \$11 billion, 14,000 employees, and more than 60 lines of business.

King County Expenditures by Program Area

Health and Human Services 19% Justice and Safety 11%

Physical Environment 32%

Capital Improvement 21% General Government 17%

Budget Highlights



Mobility Investments in Metro Transit will increase service to customers, create a better workplace for transit employees, and build the infrastructure for sustained growth of one of the nation's largest and fastest growing transit systems.



Strategic Climate Action Plan

Climate change is one of the paramount environmental and economic challenges for our generation, and the proposed 2017-2018 budget makes strategic investments in transit, energy efficiency, green building, and preparing for climate impacts consistent with the 2015 Strategic Climate Action Plan.



Equity and Social Justice

The 2017-2018 budget makes strides in realizing the vision of a King County where all people have equitable opportunities to thrive, investing upstream and where needs are greatest, in community partners, and in our employees with transparent and accountable leadership.



Best Run Government

New investments in King County's employees and technology solutions will improve our operations and ability to deliver the most value for all King County residents.



General Fund The General Fund is facing reductions, especially in criminal justice and public safety.

King County by the Numbers

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King County ranks **#1 in population** in Washington State and is the financial, economic, and industrial center of the Pacific Northwest.

King County's population has increased by nearly 10% since 2010, making it one of the fastest growing large counties in the nation.



KC POPULATION

King County has about:



29% of the state's population



but 40% of the state's jobs



and more than 50% of the state's economy.

King County has a diverse population

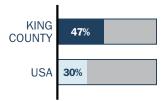


One of every five residents was born in another country.

170+ **LANGUAGES** are spoken in our schools.

King County has a higher education level compared to the national average.

RESIDENTS WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER



King County General Fund – \$1.6 billion

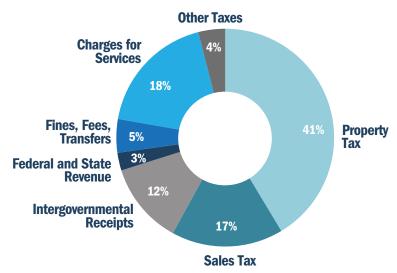
The General Fund will have significant reductions, especially in criminal justice and public safety.

State law puts an arbitrary 1 percent cap on the annual revenue increases counties can receive from property taxes, the largest source of revenue for the General Fund. Even as King County has increased efficiencies and reduced cost growth, these limitations mean that revenue can't keep up with inflation and the increase in demand for services as the population grows.

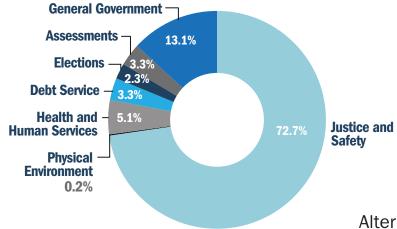
As a result, the proposed budget will reduce or eliminate:

- The King County Sheriff's Office Air Support Unit, which provides important regional and state search and rescue services.
- The King County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit, which provides emergency response throughout the region's waterways.
- · Work Release and Electronic Home Detention, which provide alternatives to incarceration.
- Booking at the Maleng Regional Justice Center in south King County, which will decrease the amount of time local law enforcement spends in the community.

General Fund Revenues by Category



General Fund Expenditures by Category



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