

City of Jamestown, New York



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Mayor

# 2023 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

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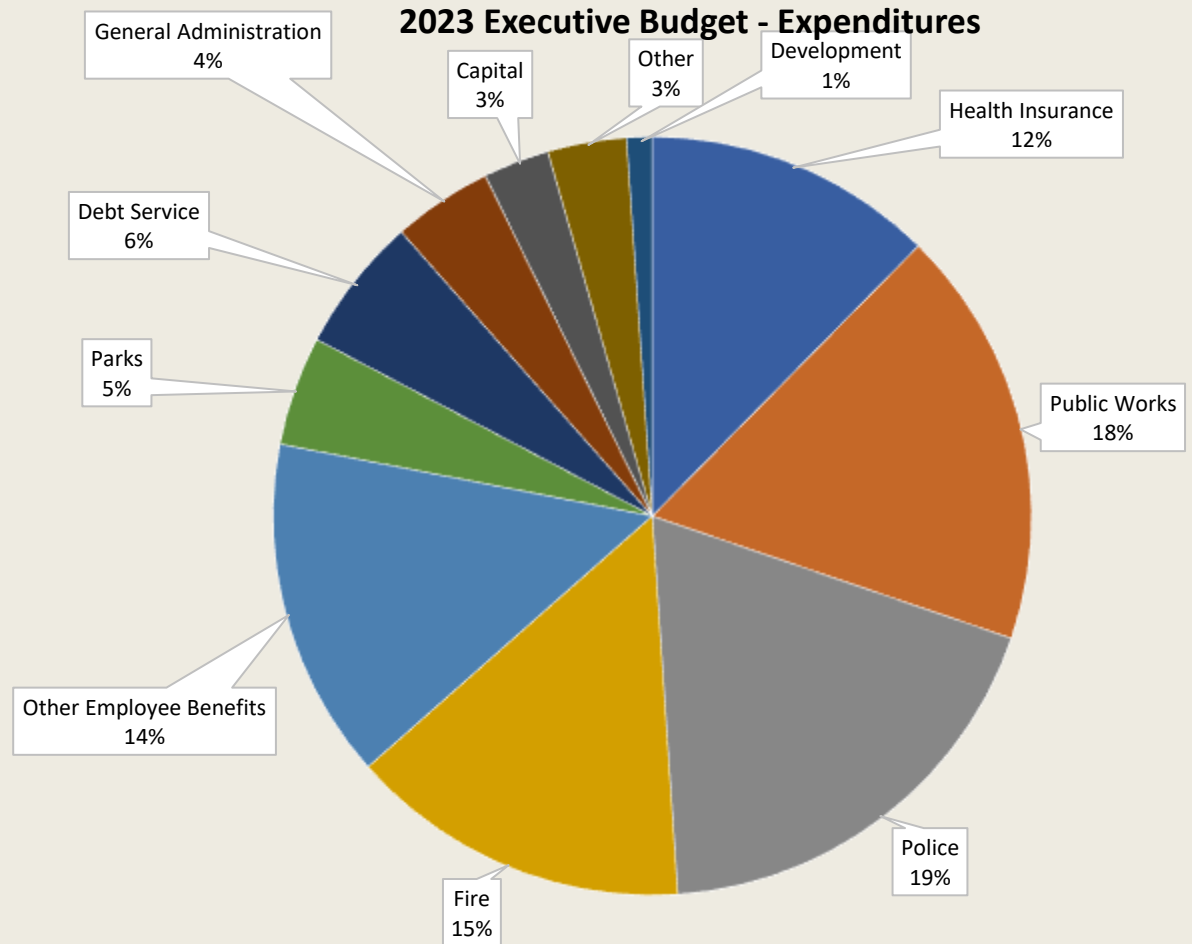


# Looking Forward

1. Continued strong growth in property values
2. Huge savings in Healthcare
3. No Tax Rate Increase
4. All Union contracts settled
5. No “Fiscal Stress Score” from NYS Comptroller

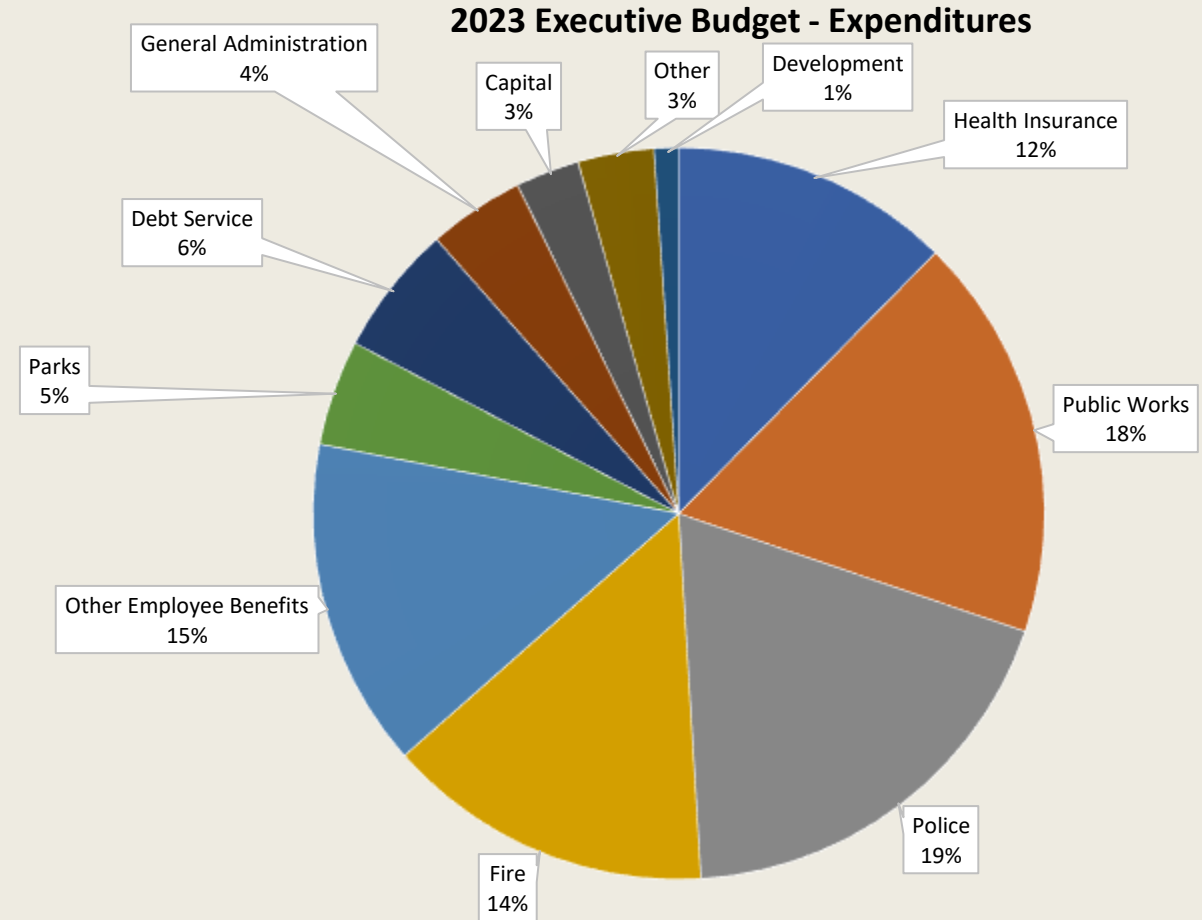
# 2023 Projected Revenues

2023 Executive Budget Revenue Summary (\$ in Millions)		
	2023 Executive	Percent of Budget
Sales Tax	\$8.54	22.07%
State Aid	\$7.35	19.00%
PILOT	\$4.14	10.70%
Other Non Property Taxes	\$.62	1.60%
Departmental Income	\$.95	2.45%
Other Local Revenue	\$.67	1.72%
Real Property Taxes	\$16.17	41.81%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$.25	0.64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38.68</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



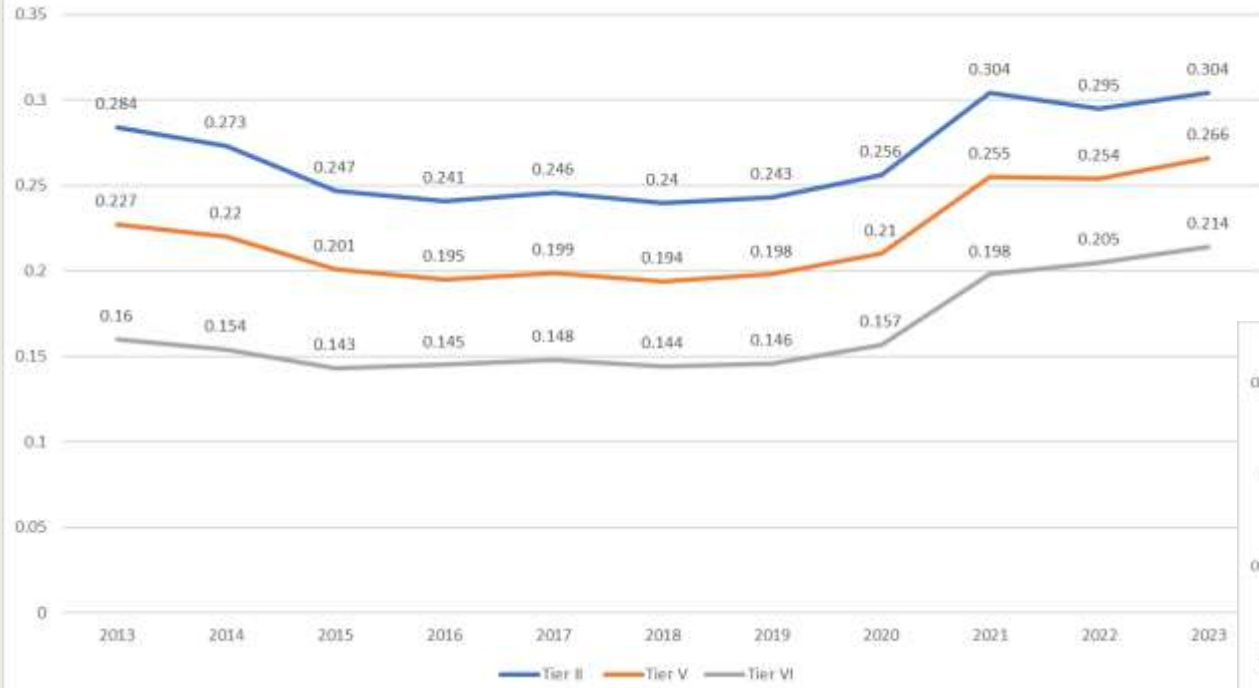
# 2023 Projected Expenditures

2023 Executive Budget Appropriation Summary (\$ in Millions)			
	2022 Adopted	2023 Executive	Change
Health Insurance	\$6.4	\$4.79	\$ (1.61)
Public Works	\$6.24	\$6.9	\$ 0.66
Police	\$6.76	\$7.27	\$ 0.51
Fire	\$5.41	\$5.59	\$ 0.19
Other Employee Benefits	\$5.61	\$5.63	\$ 0.02
Parks	\$1.72	\$1.81	\$ 0.08
Debt Service	\$1.96	\$2.23	\$ 0.27
General Administration	\$1.57	\$1.65	\$ 0.08
Capital	\$1.11	\$1.09	\$ (0.02)
Other	\$1.31	\$1.3	\$ (0.01)
Development	\$.42	\$.42	\$ 0.01
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$38.49</b>	<b>\$38.68</b>	<b>\$ 0.19</b>



# Retirement Contribution Rates

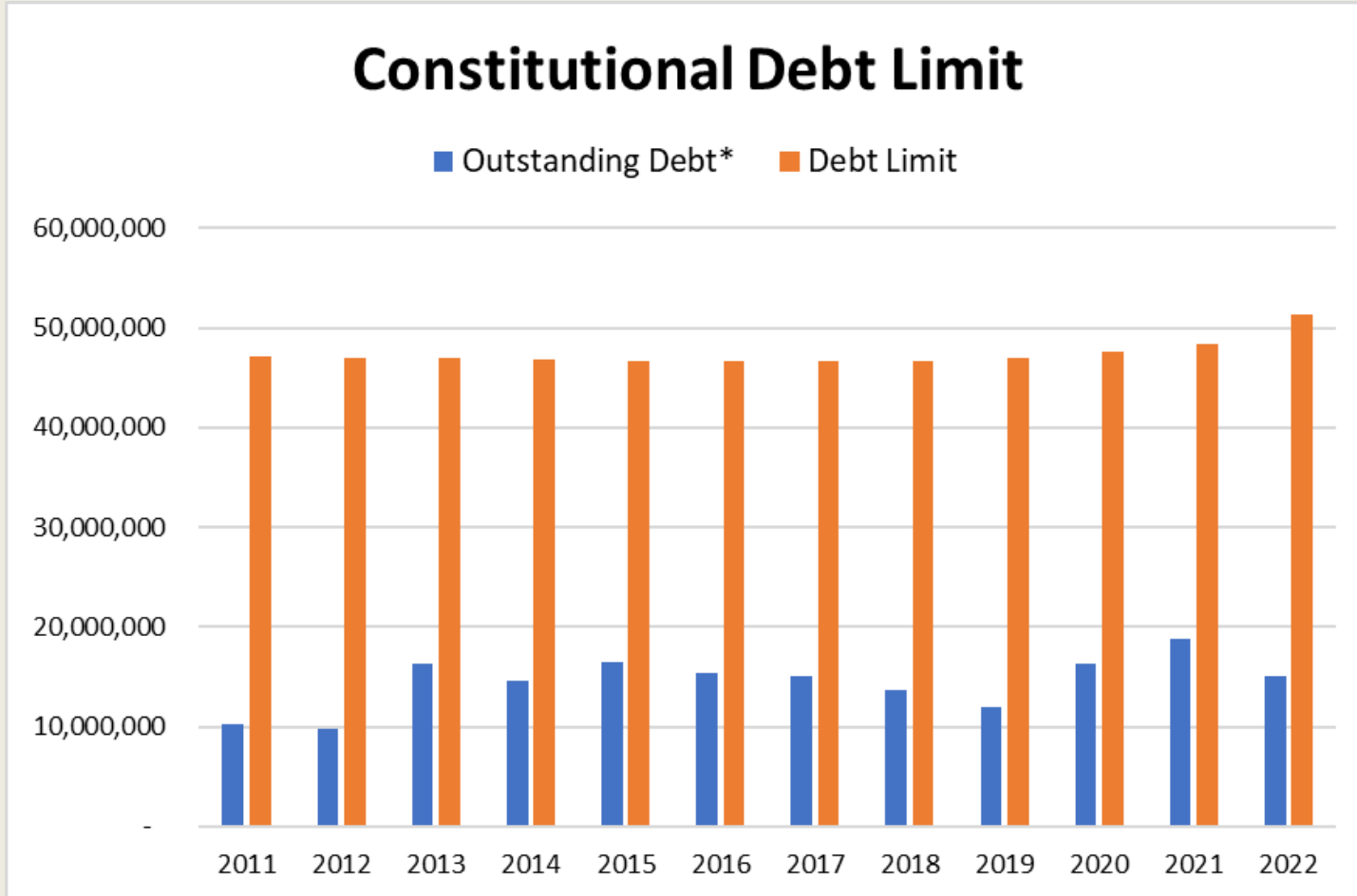
NYS Police and Fire Retirement Rates



NYS Employees Retirement Rates

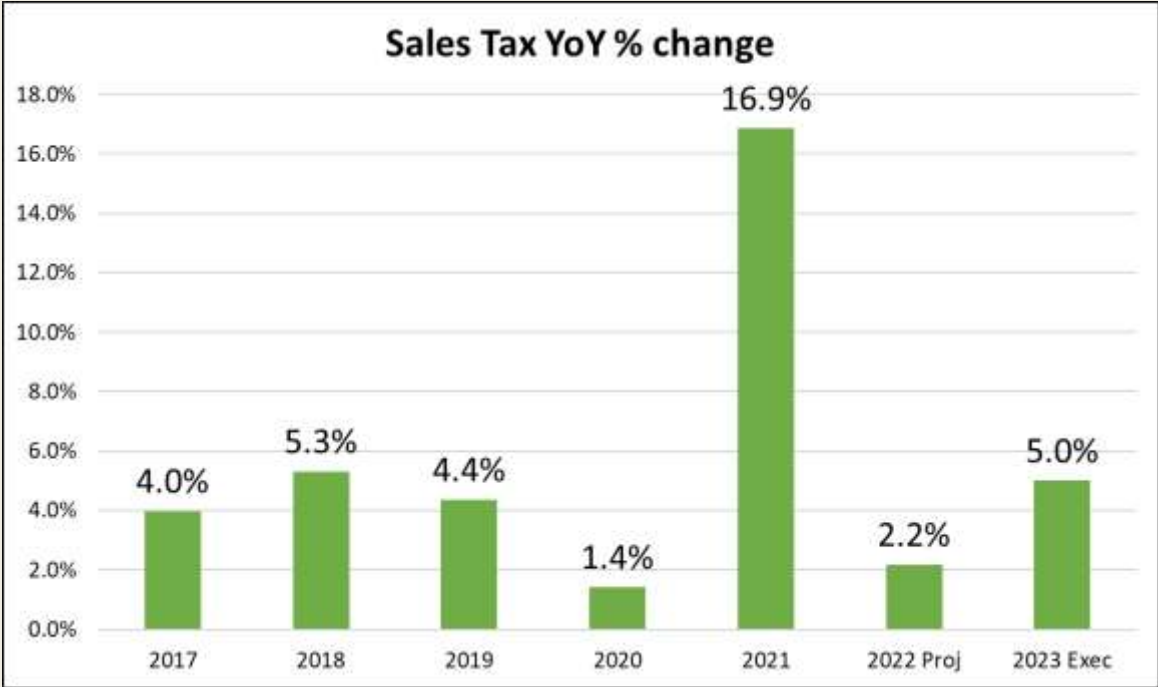
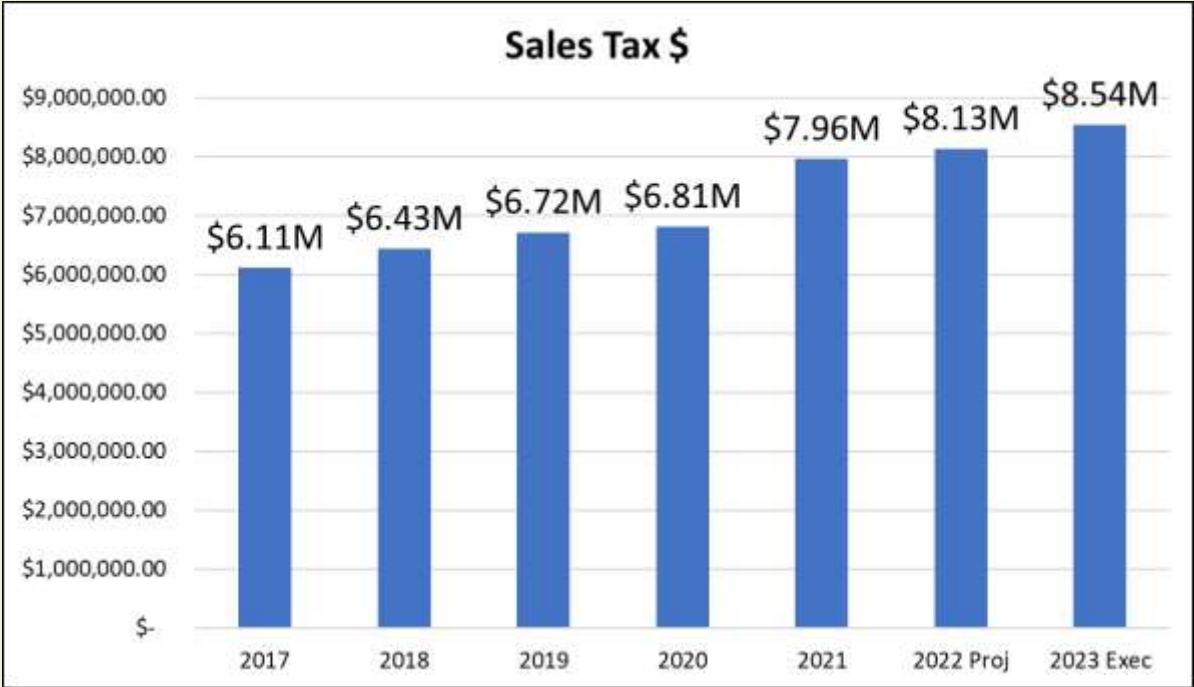


# Constitutional Debt Limit



**Jamestown's 2022 Debt Limit is 29.22% of its constitutional limit.**

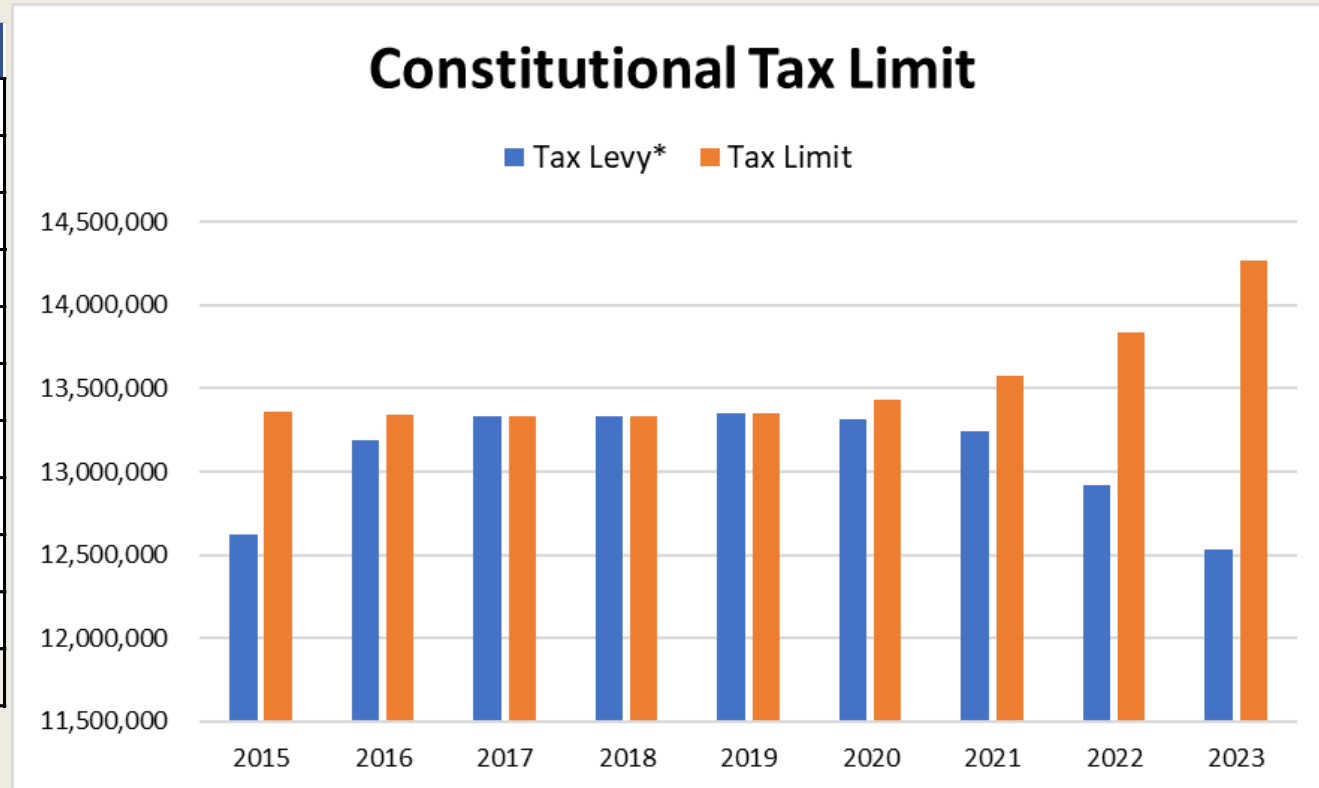
# Historical Sales Tax





# Constitutional Tax Limit

Constitutional Tax Limit History (\$ in Millions)		
	Tax Levy*	Tax Limit
2014	\$12.24	\$13.41
2015	\$12.62	\$13.36
2016	\$13.19	\$13.34
2017	\$13.33	\$13.33
2018	\$13.34	\$13.34
2019	\$13.35	\$13.35
2020	\$13.31	\$13.43
2021	\$13.24	\$13.58
2022	\$12.91	\$13.84
2023	\$12.53	\$14.27



**Jamestown's 2023 Executive tax levy is 87.82% of its taxing power.**

# 2023 Budget Priorities



Sustainable Growth



Healthcare Savings



No Tax Increase



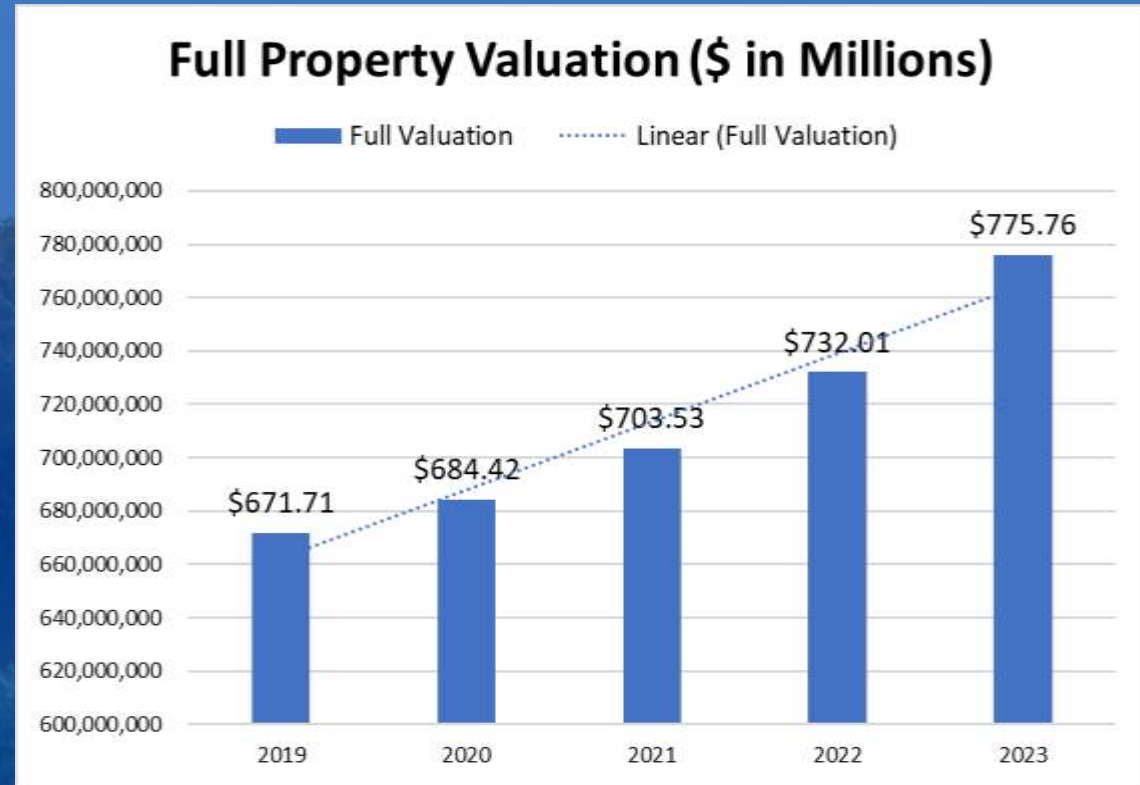
Building City Capacity





# Sustainable Growth

6.0% rise in assessed value for 2023.  
Up from 4.0% rise in 2022, 2.8% in 2021



Full Value Property History (\$ in Millions)					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assessed Valuation	\$671.71	\$674.84	\$676.79	\$682.23	\$682.67
Equalization Rate	1.0000	0.9860	0.9620	0.9320	0.8800
Full Valuation	\$671.71	\$684.42	\$703.53	\$732.01	\$775.76
YoY % Growth	0.6%	1.9%	2.8%	4.0%	6.0%



**\$1.6 Million  
in Healthcare  
Savings**

- Formation of a healthcare committee to make decisions moving forward
- Medicare Advantage Program: 160 Participants – more than half of our eligible retirees
- Retirees pay no premium for the first 5 years
- No retirees have returned to the old plan



## Healthcare Savings

- No changes to base premiums for active employees & retirees for the second year in a row
- 6% decrease in administrative costs with Blue Cross/Highmark
- NYS Financial Restructuring Board to provide \$500,000 reimbursement to City for implementation of plan



## No Tax Increase

- Tax Rate stays at \$23.69 per \$1000 of assessed value
- Greater Constitutional Tax Margin (at 88%, down from 100% just a few years ago)
- Tax Levy only up .06%



# **\$7.3 Million in Grants Secured**

- Jamestown is applying for more grants than ever, helping to reduce operating costs and fund new programs
- This allows the City to grow without increasing the tax rate
- Joint effort with Jamestown Community College, creating new partner programs



# Building City Capacity

- Investing into our workforce is essential to grow the potential of City government
- New hirings for Public Works, Building Maintenance, Parks





# **Rated No Fiscal Stress**

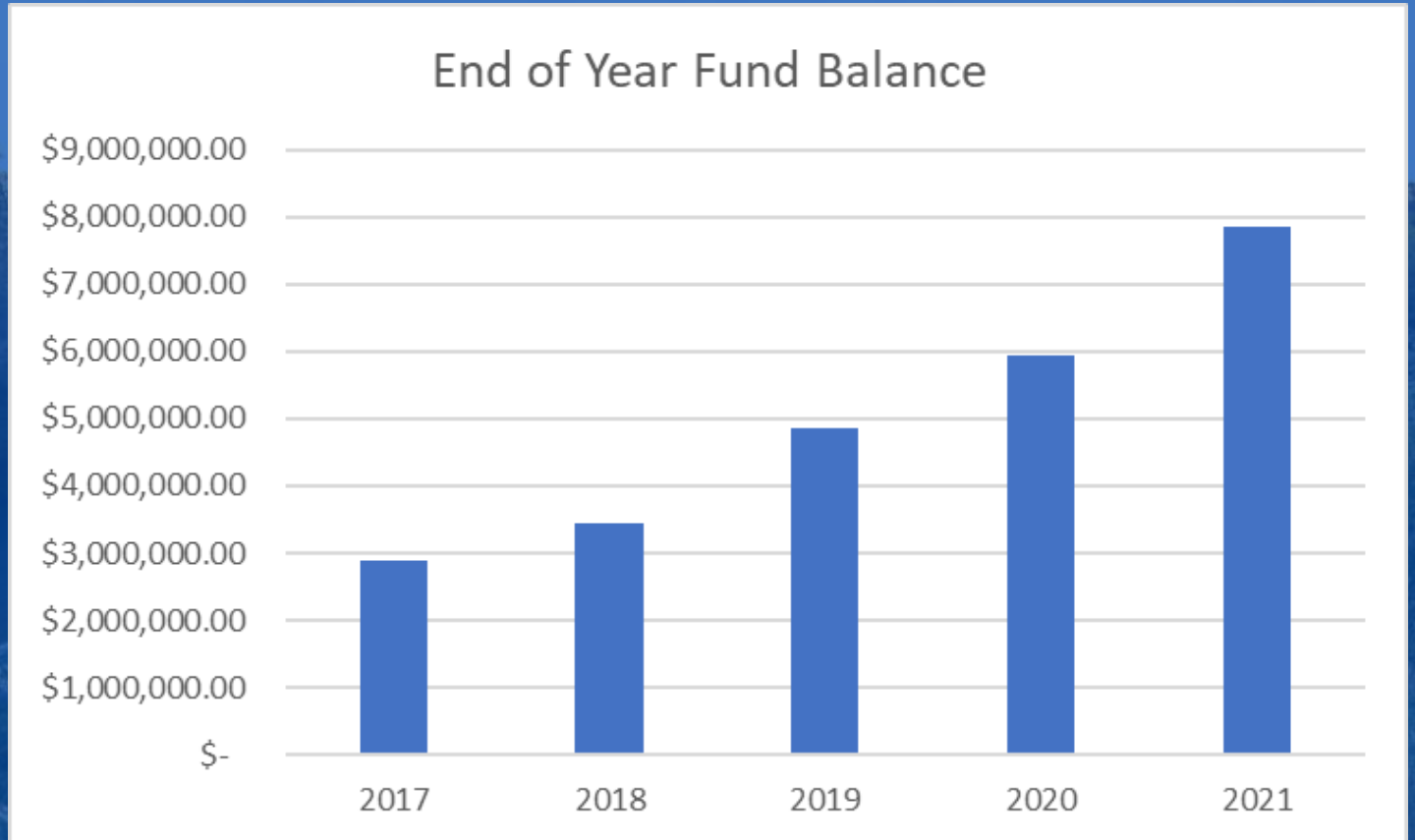
by New York State  
Comptroller

- For the first time since the release of Fiscal Stress Score, Jamestown has been rated “no fiscal stress”
- This will allow the City to take on less debt to finance projects and gives us breathing room to deal with tough financial years



# Fund Balance Growth

Strong Fund Balance growth, now meeting industry standard at over 7 million dollars





# Capital Project Highlights

- Improvements to Fire Department, including bailout gear
- Police Department Equipment, including License Plate Recognition (LPR System) to aid in investigations
- Continued elevated CHIPS and Highway funding from state
- Equipment funding for DPW/Parks
- IT Infrastructure Upgrades



## Capital Project Highlights

- Capital Projects – Not a large focus in budget, but there is over \$9 million in Federal Rescue Plan funds unallocated
- Over \$4.5 million of Federal Rescue Plan funds have been invested in City Capital Projects to date

# Rescue Plan Investments

- Through ARPA we are enhancing our City services through expanded capacity. This includes:
  - 4 New Firefighters
  - 3 New Police Officers (focused on Gun Violence and Quality of Life)
  - Deputy Comptroller, Grant Manager
  - Additional Public Works Employees for snow removal
- Record amount of Capital Projects, Neighborhood Programs, and Business Investments have been made through City ARPA Programs
- \$18.9 million of ARPA funds have been allocated to date



# Record IT Investments Since 2020

- Implemented Cybersecurity training and Phish testing for all employees
- Upgraded firewall and managed threat response to monitor cybersecurity intrusions 24/7
- Installed Fiber Optics for three Firehouses, Parks Department, and Fleet Department
- Mobile Computer Units in Police & Fire Vehicles
- Installed New World Fire Software and Electronic Charts for EMS Billing
- Updated Police Bodycams
- Implemented Multi Factor Authentication for all devices
- These projects have substantially reduced cybersecurity risk

# Connected Community

- Emergency Alert System
  - Rolling out this Fall to the community
  - Every household will be receiving information on how to sign up.
- Residents will be able to receive alerts on:
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Road Closures
  - City News/Events
  - Utility Service Alerts
  - Public Safety
  - Significant Weather Alerts
  - Governmental Closures
  - Housing/Neighborhood Updates



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