

Mohave County

Annual financial statement and compliance audits

The County’s fiscal year 2024 reported financial information is reliable. However, the County’s auditors reported deficiencies and noncompliance over financial reporting and federal programs, summarized on the next page.¹

Audits’ purpose

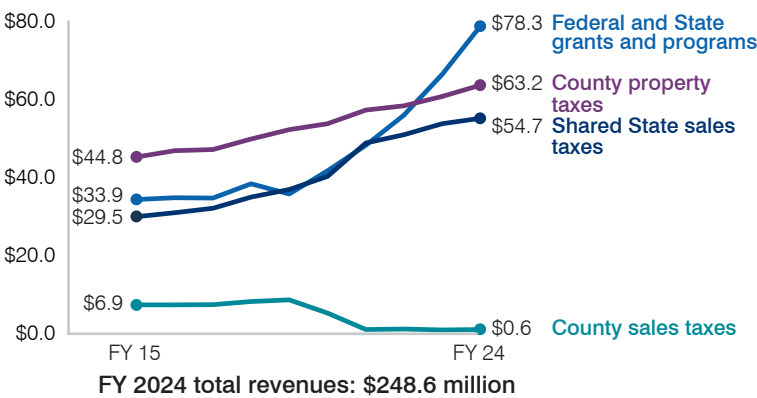
To express opinions on the County’s financial statements and on compliance with certain federal requirements and, if applicable, to report findings over noncompliance with certain laws and regulations or other financial deficiencies.

Primary revenue sources and how they were spent

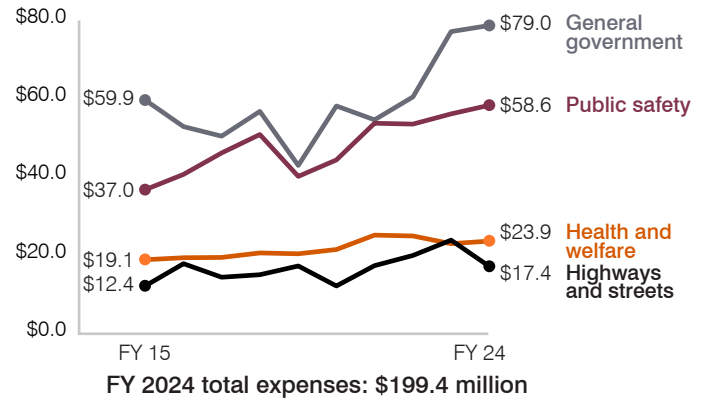
Fiscal years (FY) 2015 through 2024

(In millions)

Primary revenue sources



Primary expense purposes



Source: Auditor General staff summary of information obtained from the County’s financial statements.

Largest primary revenue sources FY 2024

- **Federal and State grants and programs 31.5%**—Includes federal and State government grants and programs awarded as assistance to the County and its residents, including highway user tax revenues for authorized transportation purposes.
- **County property taxes 25.4%**—Levied and collected from property owners based on the assessed value of real and personal property within the County.

Largest primary expense purposes FY 2024

- **General government 39.6%**—Costs for general operation, oversight, and administration of County operations, including property assessments and taxes, budgeting and finance, and elections.
- **Public safety 29.4%**—Costs for protecting the County’s persons and property with the largest portion for County jail operations, County Sheriff’s office services, and probation services.

County’s net position increased in FY 2024

County revenues were \$49.2 million greater than its expenses, increasing total net position to \$428.6 million at June 30, 2024. Net position includes all assets, such as buildings, vehicles, and cash and investments, less all liabilities, such as unpaid pension and other payroll obligations and accounts payable. Of the total net position, \$400.9 is restricted by external parties or is not in spendable form, and the remaining \$27.7 million is unrestricted.

¹ The certified public accounting firm Walker and Armstrong, LLC conducted these audits under contract with the Arizona Auditor General in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes §41-1279.21.

Auditor findings and recommendations

Summarized below are the findings and recommendations included in the County's [Single Audit Report](#) where there is further information and the County's responses. The County needs to:

- Develop, document, and implement policies and procedures to ensure inventories and custodial bank accounts are accurately reconciled on a consistent basis. Further, the County should ensure all fiduciary activities are properly identified and recorded in its financial statements. The County's auditors found that accounting records were not reconciled to annual inventory counts; custodial bank reconciliations contained long outstanding checks, some dating back to 2021; and the County's 457 deferred compensation plan was not properly identified and recorded as a fiduciary activity. These internal control weaknesses subject the County to a heightened risk of errors and misappropriation of public monies.
- Prioritize developing, documenting, and implementing policies and procedures over its information technology (IT) systems and data, including sensitive data, to effectively prevent, detect, and respond to unauthorized or inappropriate access or use, manipulation, damage, or loss. The County's auditors found that processes for managing and documenting risks and control procedures over IT system access and contingency planning were not sufficient, which may put County operations and IT systems and data at unintended and unnecessary risk of potential harm. Similar IT findings were initially reported in fiscal year 2013.
- Ensure the monthly reports it submits to the federal grantor for its Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs are filed in a timely manner. The County's auditors found that 3 of 7 monthly federal financial reports were filed later than the 30 days after month-end required by the County's grant agreements. Late financial report submissions result in the federal grantor not having timely information to monitor program objectives.

Auditor General website report links

- The June 30, 2024, Mohave County Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report that are summarized in these highlights can be found at this [link](#). These reports should be read to fully understand the County's overall financial picture and the County auditors' reporting responsibilities.
- The County's reports from prior years are available at this [link](#).
- For help in understanding important information presented in these reports, please refer to our user guides at the following links:
 - [Financial Report User Guide for State and Local Governments](#).
 - [Internal Control and Compliance Reports User Guide](#).