

Property tax collected by Bluffdale pays for our fire and police departments. Unfortunately, last year the amount collected only covered 44% of the total public safety costs. The other 56% of our public safety had to be funded by sales tax and other smaller revenue sources.




This year, our costs are increasing significantly just to maintain our current level of service.

Keeping the CTR from last year will increase the average homeowner cost \$11.34/month and provide:

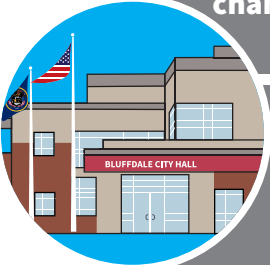
- ✓ Offset the inflation affect to our budget
- ✓ Continued timely response to emergencies
- ✓ Continued regular police patrols with potential to hire a new officer
- ✓ The ability to hire and retain staff

Bluffdale resident's have one of the lowest Certified Tax Rates compared to neighboring cities.



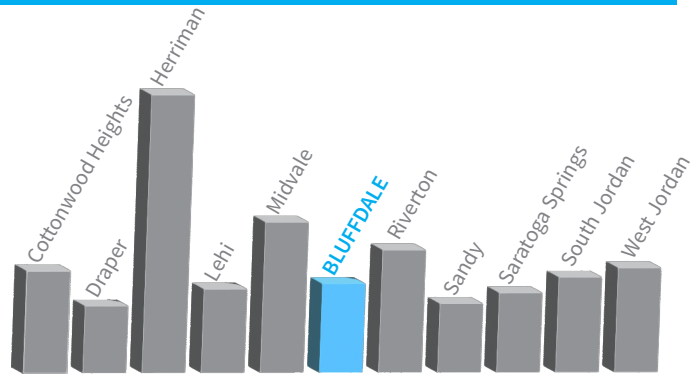
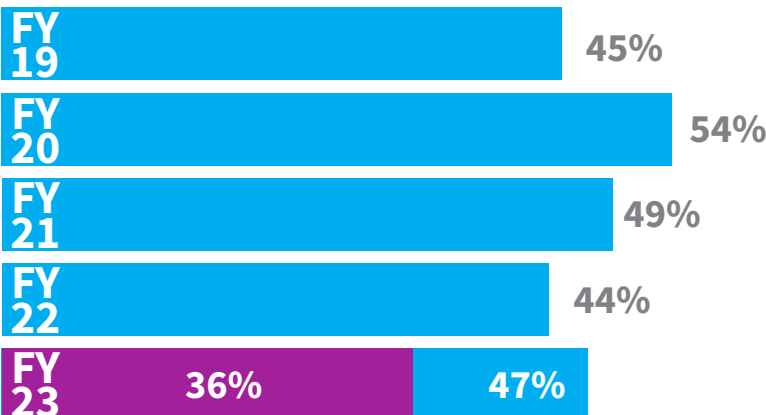
Utah State property tax law requires that when property values rise, property tax rates must fall. This adjusted tax rate each year is called the Certified Tax Rate (CTR).

As home values increase or decrease over time, the CTR changes.

Even though the CTR changes, the revenue the City collects does not change unless approved through the Truth in Taxation process.

Unless the city uses a different certified tax rate than the one calculated by the county, our property taxes will only cover 36% of our public safety costs. The proposed change will cover 47% of the public safety costs, staying consistent with former years percentage rates.



In fact, residents of neighboring cities pay more property taxes for public safety services than Bluffdale residents.

