



Is your municipality wasting your tax dollars?

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> About the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is a federally incorporated, not-for-profit citizen's group dedicated to lower taxes, less waste and accountable government. The CTF was founded in Saskatchewan in 1990 when the Association of Saskatchewan Taxpayers and the Resolution One Association of Alberta joined forces to create a national organization. Today, the CTF has hundreds of thousands of supporters nation-wide.

The CTF maintains a federal office in Ottawa and regional offices in British Columbia, Alberta, Prairie (SK and MB), Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic. Regional offices conduct research and advocacy activities specific to their provinces in addition to acting as regional organizers of Canada-wide initiatives.

CTF offices field hundreds of media interviews each month, hold press conferences and issue regular news releases, commentaries, online postings and publications to advocate on behalf of CTF supporters. CTF representatives speak at functions, make presentations to government, meet with politicians, and organize petition drives, events and campaigns to mobilize citizens to affect public policy change.

Any Canadian taxpayer committed to the CTF's mission is welcome to join at no cost and receive Action Update emails. Financial supporters can additionally receive the CTF's flagship publication *The Taxpayer* magazine published three times a year.

The CTF is independent of any institutional or partisan affiliations. All CTF staff, board and representatives are prohibited from holding a membership in any political party. In 2024-25, the CTF raised \$6.6 million on the strength of 75,231 donations. Donations to the CTF are not deductible as a charitable contribution. The CTF does not accept foreign funding.



> Introduction

Taxpayers deserve to know how their mayors and councillors are spending their tax dollars. And they deserve to know how much other municipalities are spending in comparison.

The Saskatchewan government promised to help taxpayers with this basic transparency by posting municipalities' financial information online but failed to follow through on its promise for years.

The Saskatchewan government finally [posted](#) municipal financial statements online in early 2026.

Using this new transparency and accountability tool, this report calculates and ranks the per-person spending of Saskatchewan's cities and towns in 2024, the latest year available through the government's online system.

The report highlights the cities and towns that spent the most and least per person.

Per-person spending provides the most meaningful and comparable measure of a municipality's performance for taxpayers.

While a municipality is not in full control of how much revenue it takes in, it can decide how much it spends every year. Municipalities that spend more per person should copy those that spend less. That's because municipalities that spend less need to take less from taxpayers.

Out of the two major cities in the province, Saskatoon spends more per person than Regina at \$3,254. Saskatoon spent more per person than Regina for the last five years.

Out of the medium and small sized cities in the province, Swift Current spends the most per person at \$3,777. Warman spends the least per person at \$1,858.

Looking at towns, Gravelbourg spends the most per person in the province at \$4,367. Ponteix spends the least at \$1,570.

The Saskatchewan government's directory of municipal financial statements can be found [HERE](#).

> Analysis:

2024 per-person spending in Saskatchewan municipalities

Saskatoon and Regina

Over the five years between 2020 and 2024, Saskatoon increased per-person spending by four per cent. Regina increased it by 15 per cent. Saskatoon spent \$3,254 per person in 2024. Regina spent \$3,011.

Saskatoon			
	Total Expenses	Population	Per-Person Spending
2020	\$856,386,000	274,971	\$3,114
2021	\$892,301,000	275,202	\$3,242
2022	\$906,989,000	281,698	\$3,220
2023	\$988,598,000	296,007	\$3,340
2024	\$1,011,078,000	310,715	\$3,254

Regina			
	Total Expenses	Population	Per-Person Spending
2020	\$614,194,000	234,137	\$2,623
2021	\$662,588,000	233,674	\$2,836
2022	\$731,910,000	236,282	\$3,098
2023	\$765,498,000	246,053	\$3,111
2024	\$776,544,000	257,915	\$3,011

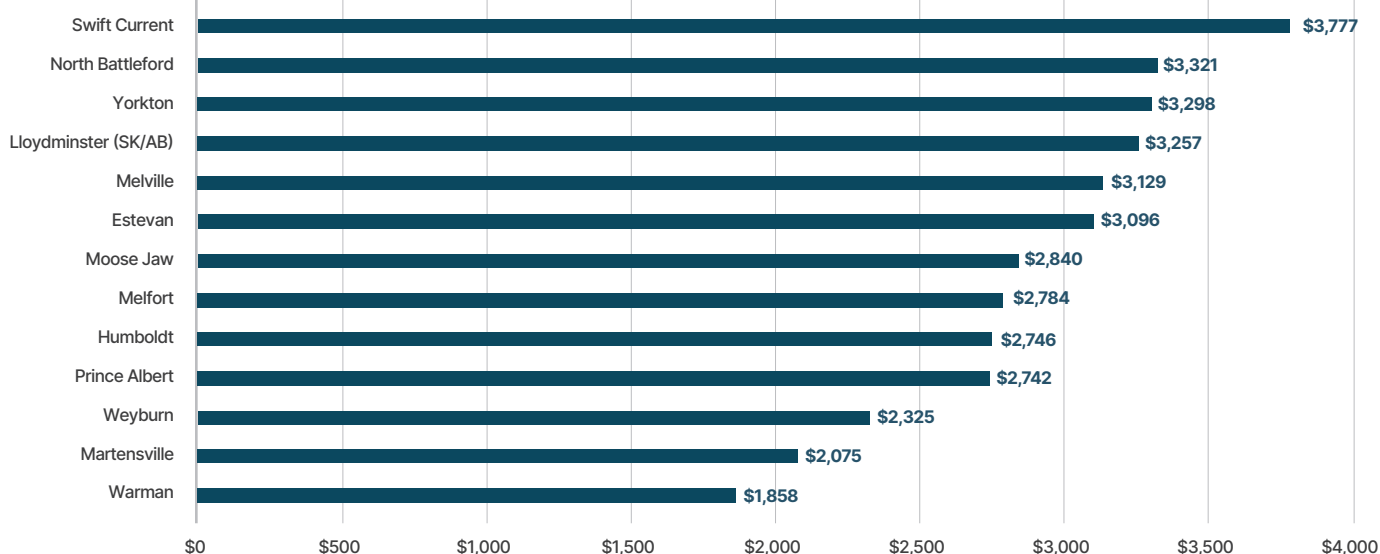
Medium and Small Cities

Of the other cities in the province, Swift Current spent the most per person in 2024 at \$3,777. Warman spent the least per person at \$1,858.

The annual average per-person spending of these cities was \$2,912 in 2024.

Meadow Lake was not included in this ranking because neither the city nor the provincial government has made the 2024 financial statements publicly available.¹

Medium and Small City Per-Person Spending



Rank	City	Total Expenses 2024	Population	Per-Person Spending
1	Swift Current	\$67,694,395	17,922	\$3,777
2	North Battleford	\$48,003,360	14,455	\$3,321
3	Yorkton	\$56,998,867	17,285	\$3,298
4	Lloydminster (SK/AB)	\$109,654,193	33,670	\$3,257
5	Melville	\$14,207,473	4,541	\$3,129
6	Estevan	\$34,809,294	11,244	\$3,096
7	Moose Jaw	\$102,964,656	36,256	\$2,840
8	Melfort	\$17,013,738	6,112	\$2,784
9	Humboldt	\$17,659,587	6,431	\$2,746
10	Prince Albert	\$110,073,466	40,137	\$2,742
11	Weyburn	\$27,203,293	11,698	\$2,325
12	Martensville	\$24,225,287	11,675	\$2,075
13	Warman	\$26,011,987	13,999	\$1,858
	Meadow Lake		5,576	
	All 13 cities (combined)	\$656,519,596	225,425	\$2,912

¹ <https://meadowlake.ca/financials>

Towns

The average per-person spending among towns in Saskatchewan was \$2,563 in 2024. Gravelbourg spent the most at \$4,367 per person, while Ponteix spent the least at \$1,570 per person.

Sintaluta is not included as its financial statements are also not available on the portal.

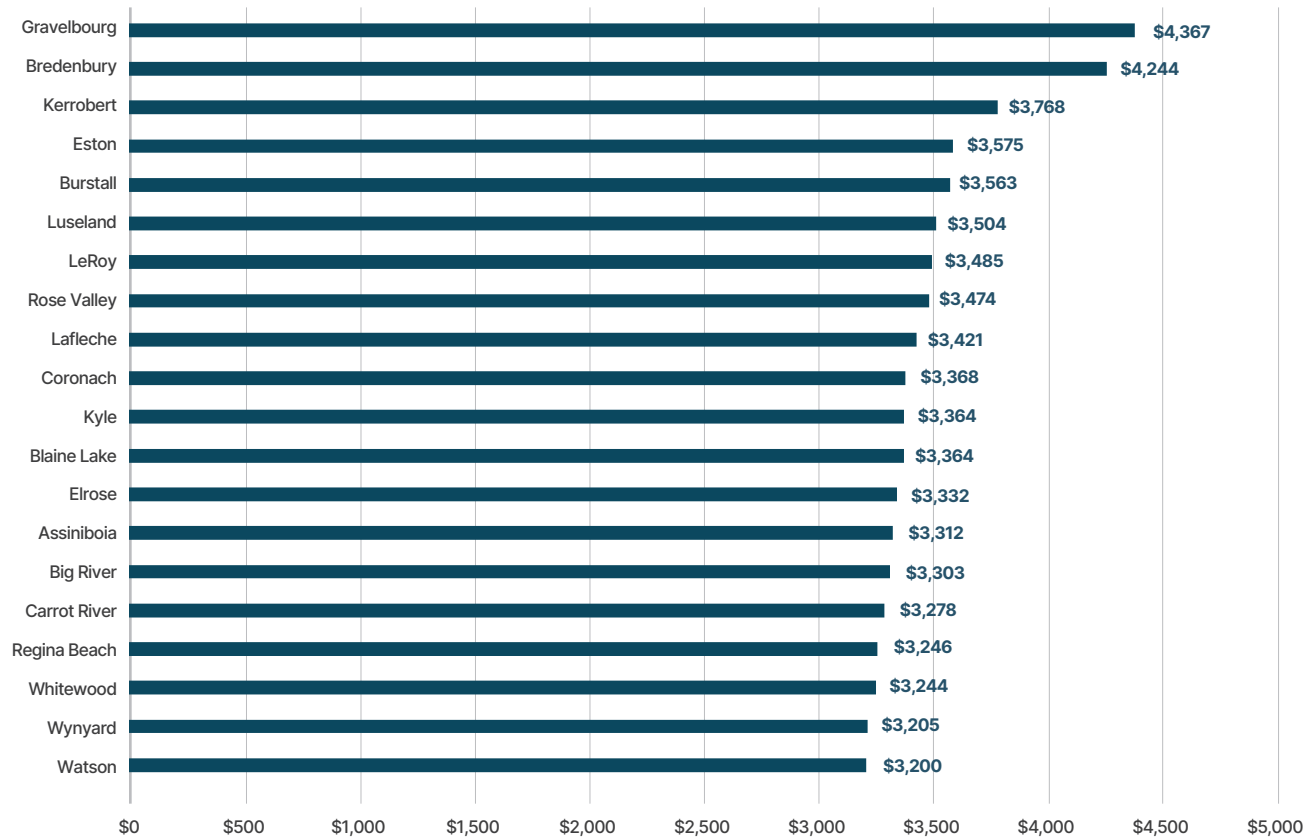
Five highest-spending towns per-person, 2024

Rank	Town	Total Expenses 2024	Population	Per-Person Spending
1	Gravelbourg	\$4,340,424	994	\$4,367
2	Bredenbury	\$1,685,034	397	\$4,244
3	Kerrobert	\$3,711,720	985	\$3,768
4	Eston	\$3,578,646	1,001	\$3,575
5	Burstall	\$1,122,345	315	\$3,563

Five lowest-spending towns per-person, 2024

Rank	Town	Total Expenses 2024	Population	Per-Person Spending
142	Vonda	\$750,809	437	\$1,718
143	Osler	\$2,434,644	1,443	\$1,687
144	Grand Coulee	\$1,117,638	685	\$1,632
145	Francis	\$323,107	204	\$1,584
146	Ponteix	\$976,833	622	\$1,570

Town Per-Person Spending



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1	Gravelbourg	\$4,340,424	994	\$4,367
2	Bredenbury	\$1,685,034	397	\$4,244
3	Kerrobert	\$3,711,720	985	\$3,768
4	Eston	\$3,578,646	1,001	\$3,575
5	Burstall	\$1,122,345	315	\$3,563
6	Luseland	\$2,025,187	578	\$3,504
7	LeRoy	\$1,763,542	506	\$3,485
8	Rose Valley	\$969,175	279	\$3,474
9	Lafleche	\$1,276,082	373	\$3,421
10	Coronach	\$2,027,817	602	\$3,368
11	Kyle	\$1,443,342	429	\$3,364
12	Blaine Lake	\$1,769,631	526	\$3,364
13	Elrose	\$1,619,424	486	\$3,332
14	Assiniboia	\$8,012,665	2,419	\$3,312
15	Big River	\$2,348,323	711	\$3,303
16	Carrot River	\$3,002,890	916	\$3,278
17	Regina Beach	\$4,417,145	1,361	\$3,246
18	Whitewood	\$2,945,631	908	\$3,244

19	Wynyard	\$5,899,538	1,841	\$3,205
20	Watson	\$2,236,951	699	\$3,200
21	Saltcoats	\$1,521,319	482	\$3,156
22	Kindersley	\$14,791,384	4,689	\$3,154
23	Carlyle	\$4,844,060	1,563	\$3,099
24	St. Walburg	\$2,042,776	660	\$3,095
25	Fleming	\$222,314	72	\$3,088
26	Lampman	\$2,110,318	689	\$3,063
27	Moosomin	\$8,711,093	2,865	\$3,041
28	Stoughton	\$2,091,818	691	\$3,027
29	Central Butte	\$1,304,667	433	\$3,013
30	Kamsack	\$5,356,699	1,789	\$2,994
31	Oxbow	\$3,908,587	1,309	\$2,986
32	Cabri	\$1,177,061	398	\$2,957
33	Eatonia	\$1,528,957	519	\$2,946
34	Hudson Bay	\$4,314,800	1,465	\$2,945
35	Naicam	\$2,020,803	692	\$2,920
36	Tisdale	\$8,851,989	3,063	\$2,890
37	Midale	\$1,520,989	528	\$2,881
38	Rosetown	\$7,315,268	2,551	\$2,868
39	Spiritwood	\$2,862,422	1,002	\$2,857
40	Allan	\$1,965,797	689	\$2,853
41	Carnduff	\$3,305,270	1,159	\$2,852
42	Raymore	\$1,488,000	522	\$2,851
43	Birch Hills	\$3,091,494	1,092	\$2,831
44	Mossbank	\$1,066,412	377	\$2,829
45	Balcarres	\$1,890,619	671	\$2,818
46	Leader	\$2,554,864	918	\$2,783
47	Eastend	\$1,672,800	603	\$2,774
48	Lumsden	\$5,594,923	2,022	\$2,767
49	Rocanville	\$2,593,511	938	\$2,765
50	Redvers	\$2,921,845	1,059	\$2,759
51	Macklin	\$3,373,693	1,223	\$2,759
52	Kinistino	\$1,967,372	714	\$2,755
53	Foam Lake	\$3,334,148	1,212	\$2,751
54	Willow Bunch	\$845,772	309	\$2,737
55	Rosthern	\$5,169,465	1,902	\$2,718
56	Canora	\$5,808,997	2,158	\$2,692
57	Shellbrook	\$4,215,725	1,571	\$2,683
58	Cut Knife	\$1,491,400	557	\$2,678
59	Nipawin	\$13,264,522	4,963	\$2,673
60	Davidson	\$3,016,091	1,134	\$2,660
61	Arcola	\$1,796,781	680	\$2,642
62	Bengough	\$896,551	340	\$2,637
63	Broadview	\$1,439,743	549	\$2,622

64	Nokomis	\$1,182,344	451	\$2,622
65	Colonsay	\$1,150,253	441	\$2,608
66	Ituna	\$1,843,395	708	\$2,604
67	Morse	\$591,206	228	\$2,593
68	Strasbourg	\$2,191,722	848	\$2,585
69	Wapella	\$858,033	332	\$2,584
70	Govan	\$591,537	230	\$2,572
71	Lemberg	\$739,919	289	\$2,560
72	Scott	\$193,439	76	\$2,545
73	Shaunavon	\$4,716,174	1,853	\$2,545
74	Kipling	\$2,757,221	1,087	\$2,537
75	Grenfell	\$2,865,208	1,135	\$2,524
76	Bruno	\$1,667,366	661	\$2,522
77	Dalmeny	\$4,858,152	1,931	\$2,516
78	Alameda	\$866,730	352	\$2,462
79	Outlook	\$6,424,538	2,628	\$2,445
80	Kelvington	\$2,067,312	846	\$2,444
81	Wadena	\$3,140,566	1,287	\$2,440
82	Herbert	\$2,014,042	828	\$2,432
83	Churchbridge	\$2,143,401	884	\$2,425
84	Wolseley	\$2,081,463	860	\$2,420
85	Aberdeen	\$1,864,623	771	\$2,418
86	Gull Lake	\$2,215,002	916	\$2,418
87	Biggar	\$5,676,340	2,353	\$2,412
88	Hague	\$2,315,199	962	\$2,407
89	Rockglen	\$930,315	387	\$2,404
90	Balgonie	\$4,765,170	1,984	\$2,402
91	Ogema	\$1,037,440	433	\$2,396
92	Watrous	\$4,971,085	2,110	\$2,356
93	Duck Lake	\$1,463,011	621	\$2,356
94	Hepburn	\$1,921,806	820	\$2,344
95	Dundurn	\$1,811,206	781	\$2,319
96	Wakaw	\$2,414,936	1,042	\$2,318
97	Preeceville	\$2,486,095	1,073	\$2,317
98	Lanigan	\$3,652,812	1,580	\$2,312
99	Bienfait	\$1,554,052	682	\$2,279
100	Wawota	\$1,247,063	548	\$2,276
101	Radville	\$1,797,492	792	\$2,270
102	Wilkie	\$2,792,217	1,240	\$2,252
103	Star City	\$860,658	385	\$2,235
104	Cupar	\$1,497,580	671	\$2,232
105	Cudworth	\$1,845,632	831	\$2,221
106	Maple Creek	\$5,090,991	2,300	\$2,213
107	Pilot Butte	\$6,973,554	3,167	\$2,202
108	Hanley	\$1,372,655	628	\$2,186

109	Arborfield	\$641,856	295	\$2,176
110	Radisson	\$1,040,890	479	\$2,173
111	Unity	\$5,414,018	2,499	\$2,166
112	Turtleford	\$1,152,686	533	\$2,163
113	Yellow Grass	\$928,506	430	\$2,159
114	Norquay	\$900,319	418	\$2,154
115	Esterhazy	\$5,330,369	2,514	\$2,120
116	Langenburg	\$2,648,093	1,249	\$2,120
117	Delisle	\$2,178,495	1,036	\$2,103
118	Rouleau	\$1,122,913	538	\$2,087
119	Porcupine Plain	\$1,809,172	872	\$2,075
120	Southey	\$1,682,401	813	\$2,069
121	Imperial	\$815,309	397	\$2,054
122	Lashburn	\$1,906,095	930	\$2,050
123	St. Brieux	\$1,378,191	687	\$2,006
124	Choiceland	\$703,224	352	\$1,998
125	Fort Qu'Appelle	\$4,370,002	2,207	\$1,980
126	Pense	\$1,298,099	660	\$1,967
127	Asquith	\$1,274,621	661	\$1,928
128	Sturgis	\$1,295,438	678	\$1,911
129	Craik	\$828,021	435	\$1,903
130	Springside	\$1,008,534	534	\$1,889
131	Indian Head	\$4,044,990	2,150	\$1,881
132	Qu'Appelle	\$1,382,458	741	\$1,866
133	Waldheim	\$2,509,791	1,362	\$1,843
134	Marshall	\$1,025,579	557	\$1,841
135	Maidstone	\$2,264,803	1,245	\$1,819
136	White City	\$7,688,060	4,301	\$1,788
137	Langham	\$3,066,091	1,756	\$1,746
138	Milestone	\$1,167,697	670	\$1,743
139	Zealandia	\$135,362	78	\$1,735
140	Battleford	\$8,031,473	4,629	\$1,735
141	Hafford	\$780,672	450	\$1,735
142	Vonda	\$750,809	437	\$1,718
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	Sintaluta		140	
	All towns (combined)	\$392,386,845	154,867	\$2,563

Methodology:

All population numbers come from [Statistics Canada](#) estimates.

Expense figures come from the [government of Saskatchewan](#).