



# Budget Message

## Fiscal Year 2025

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025





# City Budget

## The City's Funds

The financial accounts of the City are organized into Funds. A fund is a group of accounts used to control funds that have been earmarked for specific activities or objectives. By keeping the revenue in its appropriate funds, the City is able to obey laws that require certain money to be spent on specific uses - for example, the City cannot raise water bills to pay for Police services. Each fund is generally made up of expenses related to Personnel, Operational, Capital, and Other Expenses (such as debt, bank fees). The use of Fund Balance refers to utilizing unspent reserves collected in prior fiscal years.

### General Fund

The General Fund is the first major fund and funds general governmental services such as Police, Fire, and Public Works. The general fund is overall financially stable with sufficient Fund Balance. However, due to the addition of reoccurring expenses, the City needs to continue to look for ways to diversify and expand opportunities for revenue. This fund includes Community Partners and Joint Funded Agencies (agencies that have an agreement with the Fiscal Court). The City continues to invest heavily in Public Safety, accounting for approximately 69% of the General Fund. This includes Police, Fire, EMS, and E911. EMS and E911 are Joint Funded Agencies. The funding for these agencies increased in FY25 by over \$250,000 due to increased cost and prior years of maintaining funding rather than increasing funding. In the prior year, Hazardous Duty Retirement was implemented for Public Safety. Insurance costs also increased 26%. As a result, the use of additional Fund Balance is necessary. This budget continues to allocate funding for City road resurfacing and funding to address properties with chronic code enforcement concerns. This budget also provides for some technology improvements and replacement of aging fleet as a Capital Expense.

### Utility Fund

The Utility Fund is the second major fund and funds departments such as Water, Sewer, and Electric. The primary source of revenue for this fund is user fees. In FY24 a Rate Study was performed and the proposed budget anticipated adoption of the Rate Study to increase funding. There is a continued investment in infrastructure, with the largest expenses being related to the solid waste and recycling convenience center relocation and improvements to the water plant.

### Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

The City has created a Capital Improvement Plan. Capital improvements include projects such as street construction, utility infrastructure, public buildings, etc. Since capital projects tend to be expensive, the City may issue bonds or debt to cover the cost. The City issued Debt in FY24 to assist in funding major projects and is estimated at \$5.8M in projects in FY25 being covered by Grant Funding. The City also seeks grant funds for these projects. Vehicle Replacements is also part of the CIP. The Capital Cost is approximately 41% of the FY25 budget. A full copy of the CIP can be found on the City's website at [www.paris.ky.gov](http://www.paris.ky.gov).

# Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

*For the full Capital Improvement Plan visit [www.paris.ky.gov](http://www.paris.ky.gov)*

## Utility Fund (Highlights)

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>\$4,347,000</b> | Solid Waste and Recycling Convenience Center      |
| <b>\$250,000</b>   | Funding toward Automated Metering Infrastructure  |
| <b>\$265,000</b>   | Substation Rewinding for Spare Substation         |
| <b>\$4,772,500</b> | Water Plant and Distribution System Upgrades      |
| <b>\$20,000</b>    | Lift Station and Wastewater Plant Telemetry Study |
| <b>\$165,000</b>   | Renovation to Woodmont Lift Station               |
| <b>\$155,000</b>   | Fleet and Equipment Replacement (2)               |
| <b>\$60,000</b>    | Building Repairs to Multiple Facilities           |
| <b>\$3,478,248</b> | Millersburg Rd. Sanitary Sewer Extension          |
| <b>\$50,000</b>    | Vine St. Water Line Replacement                   |
| <b>\$430,000</b>   | Halo Meter and Service Line Replacement           |
| <b>\$30,000</b>    | Manhole Repairs                                   |

## General Fund (Highlights)

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>\$345,000</b> | Police Fleet Replacements (5)                       |
| <b>\$300,000</b> | Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (Fire Equipment) |
| <b>\$240,000</b> | Street Resurfacing                                  |
| <b>\$80,000</b>  | Public Works Mini Excavator                         |
| <b>\$68,300</b>  | Fire Stations Building Repairs                      |

# Personnel

| Department                   | Prior Year Full Time Headcount | Proposed Full Time Headcount |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Administration (1)   | 7                              | 8                            |
| Police                       | 34                             | 34                           |
| Dispatch                     | 11                             | 11                           |
| Fire & EMS (2)               | 36                             | 37                           |
| Public Works (3)             | 11                             | 11                           |
| Electric Distribution        | 7                              | 7                            |
| Electric Production (4)      | 1                              | 2                            |
| Water Plant                  | 7                              | 7                            |
| Wastewater Plant (1) (5) (6) | 7                              | 6                            |
| Field Operations (5) (6) (7) | 9                              | 10                           |
| Sanitation                   | 2                              | 2                            |
| Utility Administration (7)   | 4                              | 3                            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>136</b>                     | <b>138</b>                   |

\*Many departments have part time positions authorized.

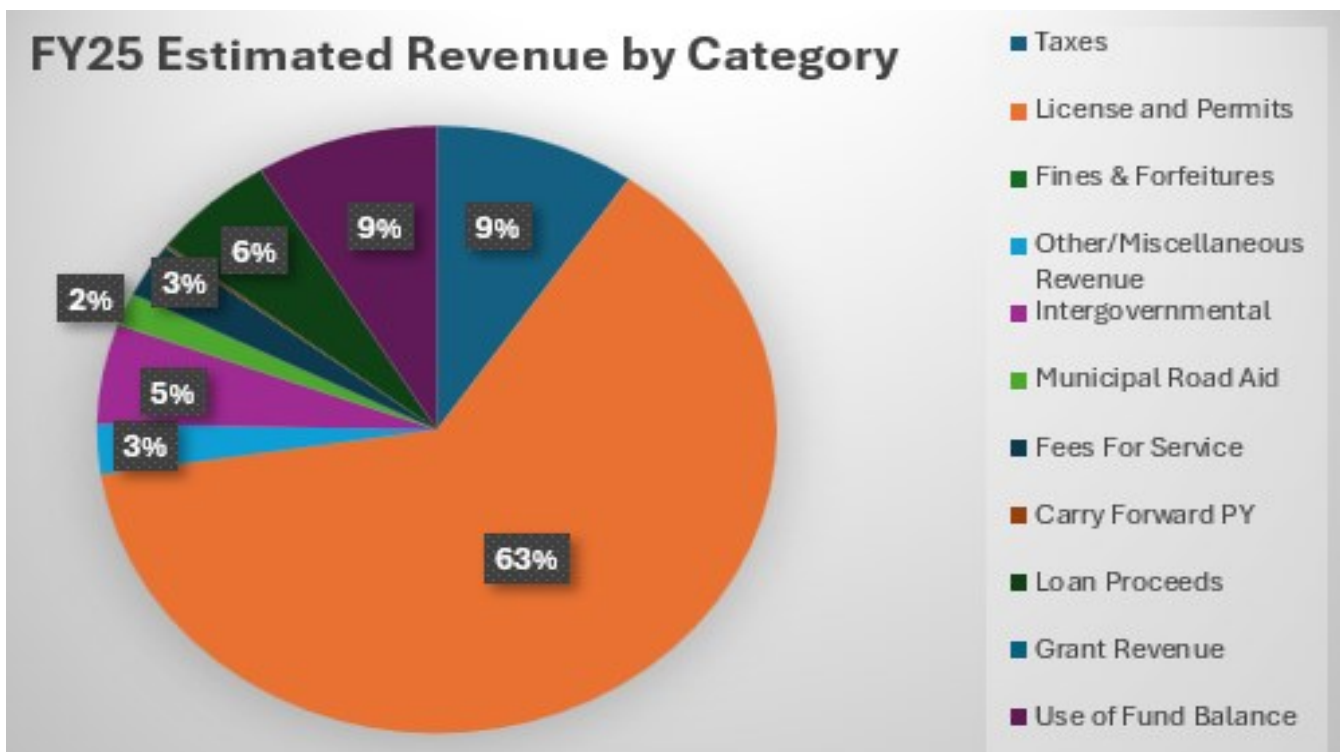
Budget includes adjustments to wage scales and increase to insurance costs.

- 1) GIS position funding moved from Wastewater to Administration (split).
- 2) Addition of Firefighter EMT/Medic for Transport.
- 3) One position held vacant half a year.
- 4) Temporary addition of Utility Generalist.
- 5) Lift Stations moved from Field Operations to Waste Water.
- 6) Vacant Wastewater position moved to Field Operations.
- 7) Meter Readers moved from Utility Administration to Field Operations.

# FY25 Proposed Budget

## REVENUES - General Fund

| Revenue Source      | FY24 Amended Budget | FY25 Proposed       |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Taxes               | \$1,011,000         | \$1,179,600         |
| License and Permits | \$7,620,000         | \$7,778,000         |
| Fines & Forfeitures | \$3,000             | \$1,500             |
| Other Revenue       | \$428,125           | \$326,125           |
| Intergovernmental   | \$684,500           | \$656,500           |
| Municipal Road Aid  | \$185,000           | \$215,000           |
| Carry Forward PY    | \$510,000           | \$17,000            |
| Loan Proceeds       | \$500,000           | \$730,000           |
| Grant Revenue       | \$20,000            |                     |
| Use of Fund Balance | \$809,664           | \$1,072,203         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$11,771,289</b> | <b>\$12,330,928</b> |

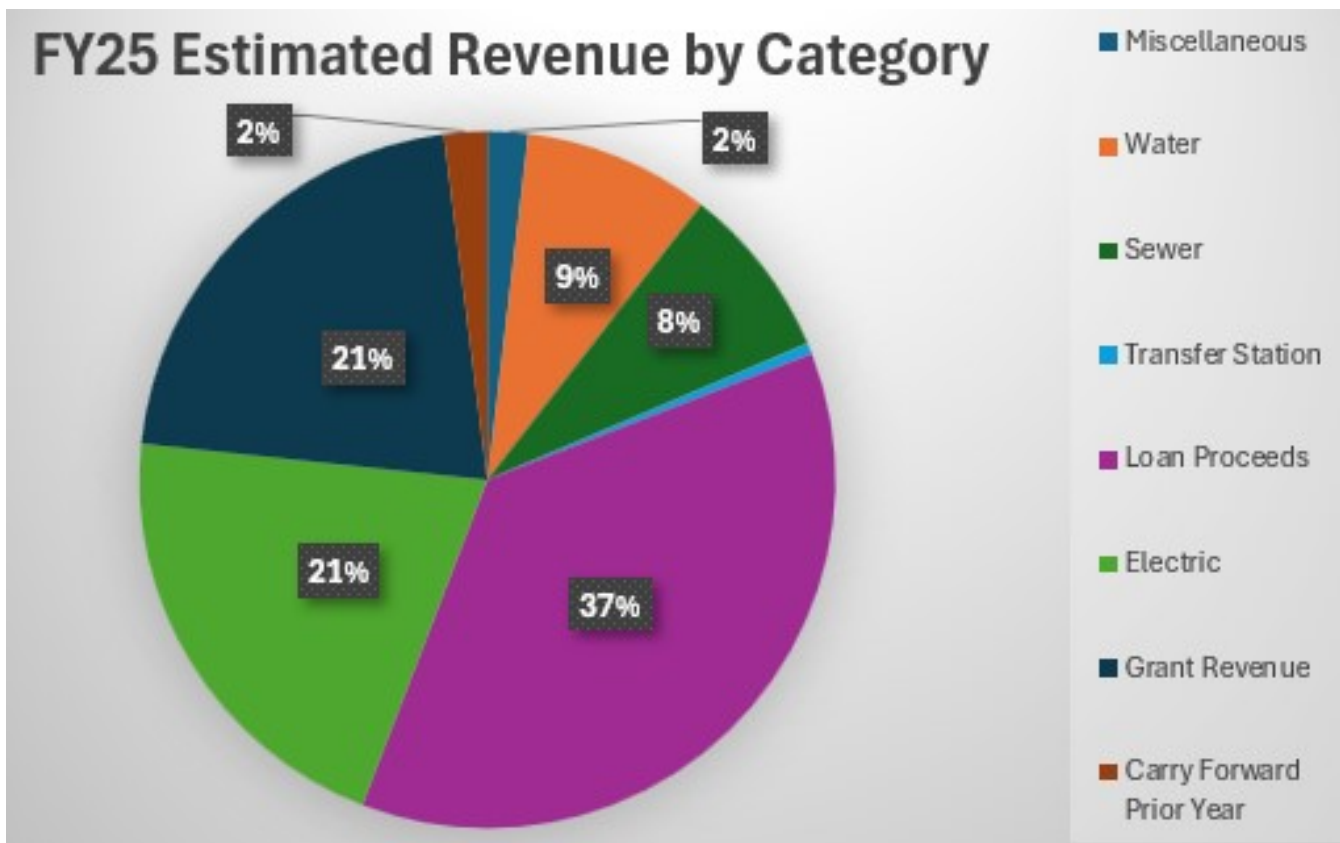


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# FY25 Proposed Budget

## REVENUES - Utility Fund

| Revenue Source                | FY24 Amended Budget | FY25 Proposed       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Miscellaneous                 | \$458,500           | \$520,000           |
| Water                         | \$2,257,500         | \$2,383,500         |
| Sewer                         | \$2,003,750         | \$2,228,750         |
| Transfer Station              | \$155,000           | \$140,000           |
| Loan Proceeds                 | \$10,655,000        | \$10,140,000        |
| Electric                      | \$6,242,000         | \$5,745,000         |
| Grants                        | \$3,956,936         | \$5,886,936         |
| Carry Over/Forward Prior Year | (\$317,855)         | \$533,000           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$25,410,831</b> | <b>\$27,597,186</b> |



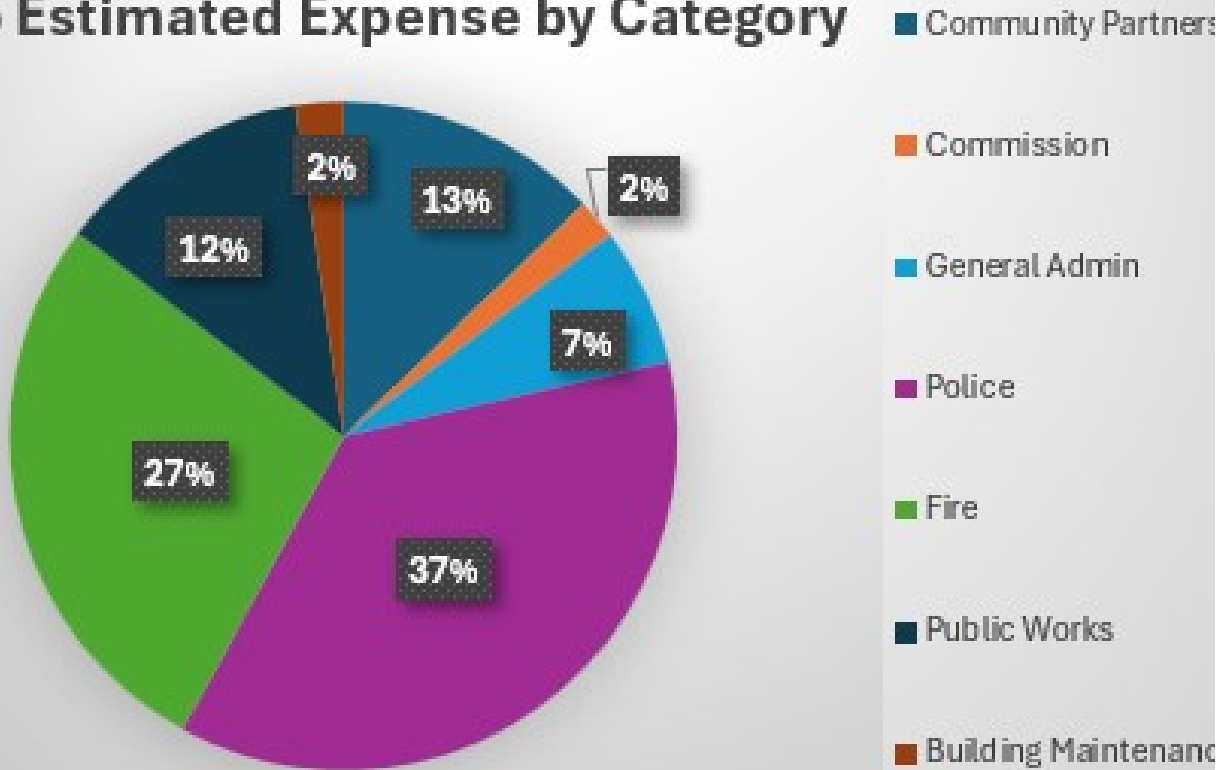
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# FY25 Proposed Budget

## EXPENSES - General Fund

| Revenue Source       | FY24 Amended Budget | FY25 Proposed       |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Community Partners   | \$1,276,070         | \$1,575,881         |
| Commission           | \$317,525           | \$237,300           |
| General Admin.       | \$1,023,320         | \$829,180           |
| Police               | \$4,321,463         | \$4,509,494         |
| Fire                 | \$2,791,106         | \$3,380,312         |
| Public Works         | \$1,407,505         | \$1,512,452         |
| Building Maintenance | \$634,300           | \$286,409           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$11,771,289</b> | <b>\$12,330,928</b> |

**FY25 Estimated Expense by Category**

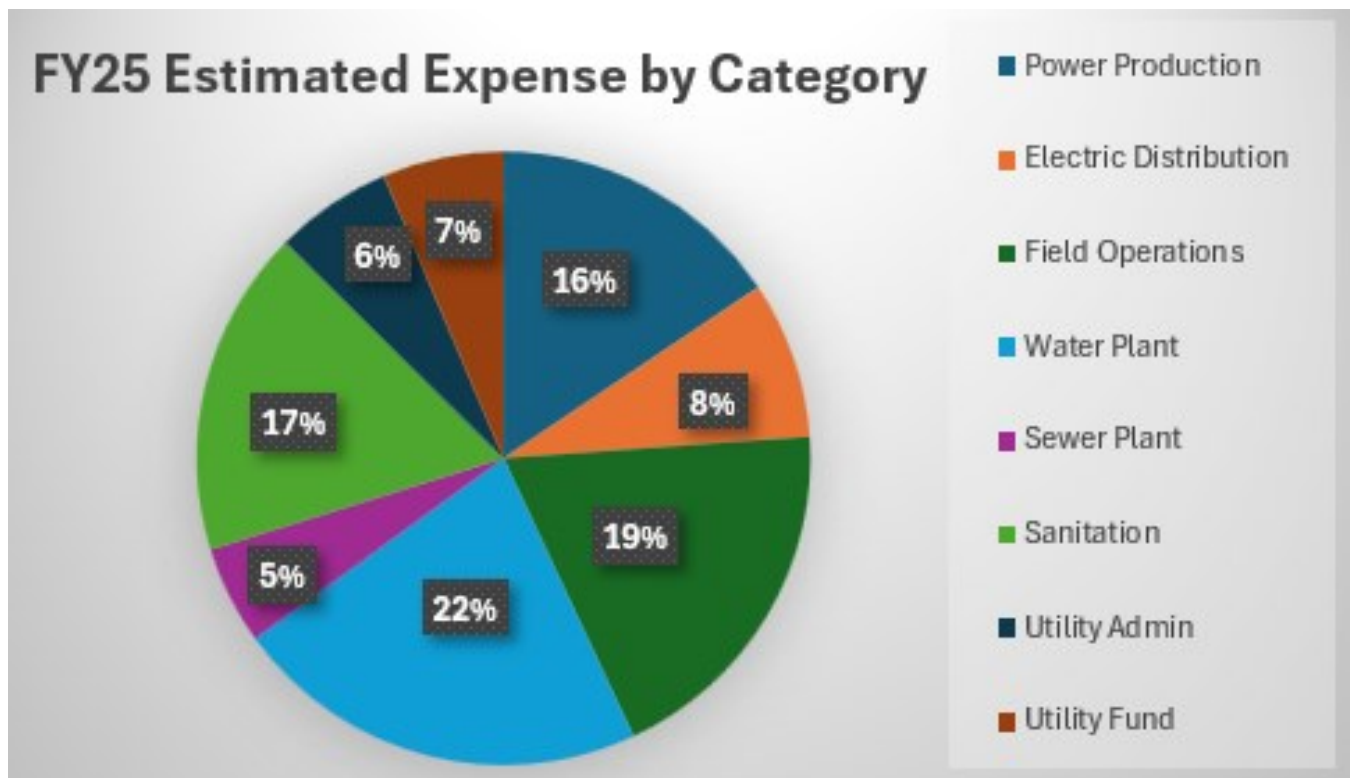


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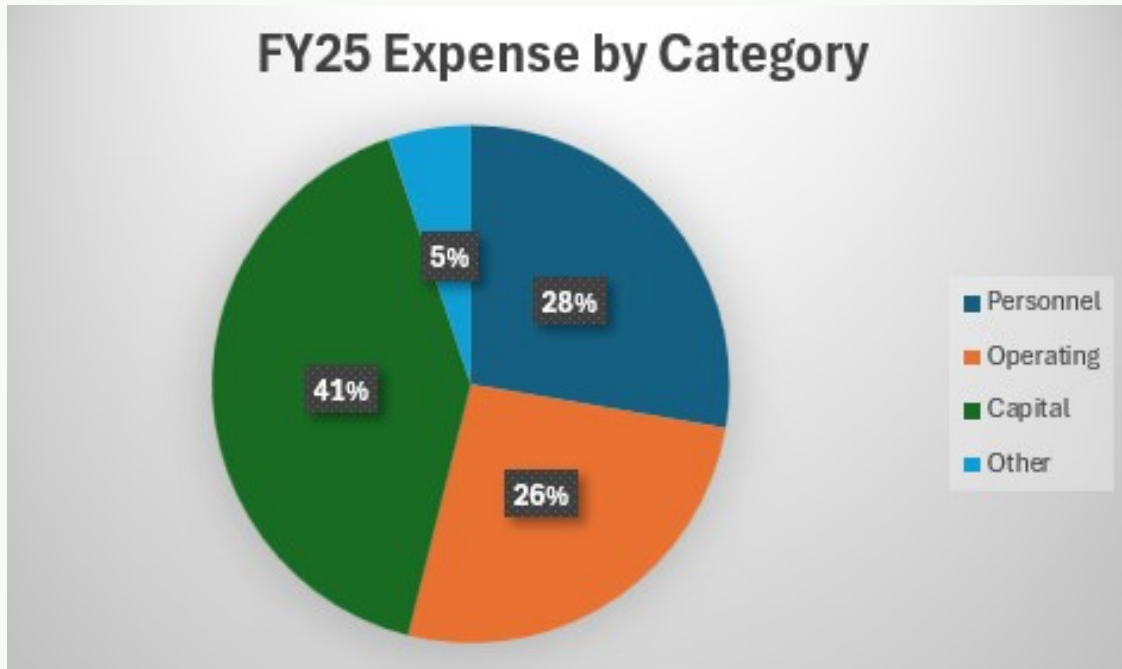
## EXPENSES - Utility Fund

| Revenue Source        | FY24 Amended Budget | FY25 Proposed       |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Power Production      | \$4,451,090         | \$4,302,042         |
| Electric Distribution | \$1,826,920         | \$2,289,354         |
| Field Operations      | \$1,326,595         | \$5,285,841         |
| Water Plant           | \$5,782,256         | \$6,061,229         |
| Sewer Plant           | \$1,623,740         | \$1,431,726         |
| Transfer Station      | \$5,023,970         | \$4,752,771         |
| Utility Admin.        | \$706,125           | \$1,713,152         |
| Utility Fund          | \$4,670,135         | \$1,713,071         |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>\$25,410,831</b> | <b>\$27,597,186</b> |

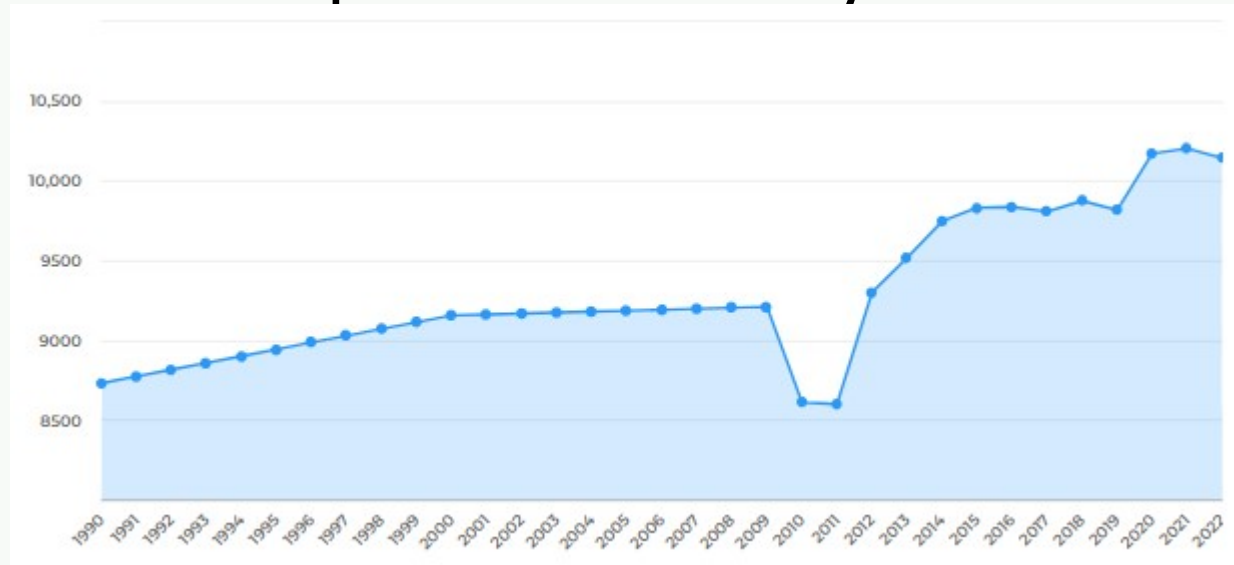




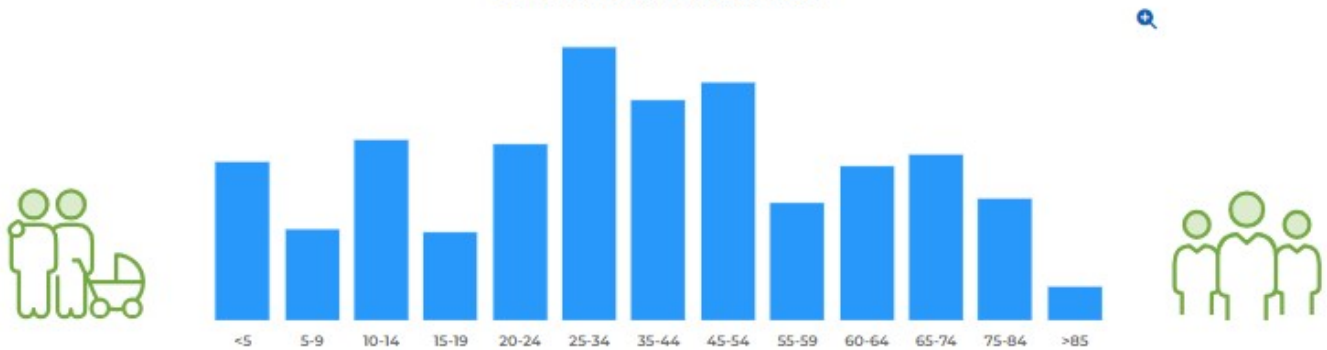
# Additional Information



## Population Growth History



## POPULATION BY AGE GROUP



# Additional Information

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Above \$200,000

**2%**

▼ **61%**  
lower than state average

Median Income

**\$46,752**

▼ **22%**  
lower than state average

Below \$25,000

**30%**

▲ **45%**  
higher than state average

## HOME OWNERS VS RENTERS

Paris State Avg.



2022 MEDIAN HOME VALUE

**\$158,700**

