



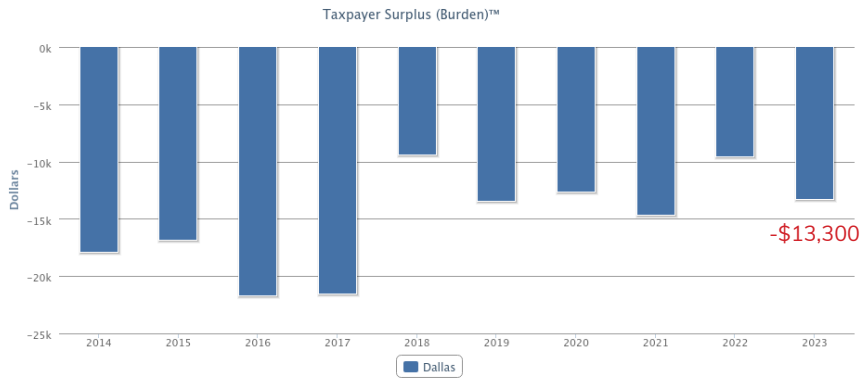


**\$5.9 billion**  
MONEY NEEDED TO PAY  
BILLS




**\$13,300**  
TAXPAYER BURDEN™

Dallas’ financial condition worsened. Based on our analysis of its audited financial report for fiscal year 2023, its financial hole deepened with a need for \$5.9 billion to cover its bills. This created a Taxpayer Burden™ of \$13,300, earning the city a “D” grade from Truth in Accounting and solidifying its status as a Sinkhole City.




While Dallas’ reported revenues exceeded expenses by over \$759 million, the city’s overall financial condition worsened by \$2.2 billion, primarily due to unrealized investment losses in its pension systems. These losses, recorded as of December 31, 2022, were a result of the market value of pension investments being notably low, contributing to a significant increase in liabilities.

Rising salaries and benefits increased expenses across all governmental activities, including public safety, public works, and culture and recreation. With growing pension liabilities and rising operational costs, Dallas must carefully manage its financial resources and long-term investments. Strategic planning will be essential to maintain fiscal health while ensuring continued support for essential public services and infrastructure.



**D**  
FINANCIAL GRADE



**65 out of 75**  
RANKING

## FINANCIAL FACTS

- Dallas had \$3.9 billion available to pay \$9.7 billion worth of bills.
- The outcome was a \$5.9 billion shortfall, which breaks down to a burden of \$13,300 per taxpayer.
- Dallas’ financial condition worsened by \$2.2 billion, due in part to unrealized pension investment losses and rising operational costs.

## The City’s Bills Exceeded Its Assets

Total Assets	\$18,534,839,000
Minus: Capital Assets	-\$13,383,097,000
Restricted Assets	-\$1,290,580,000
Assets Available to Pay Bills	\$3,861,162,000
Minus: Total Bills*	-\$9,748,271,000
Money needed to pay bills	\$5,887,109,000
Each taxpayer’s share of this burden	\$13,300

## \*Breakdown of Total Bills

Bonds	\$6,629,922,000
Other Liabilities	\$2,834,574,000
Minus: Debt Related to Capital Assets	-\$6,385,570,000
Unfunded Pension Benefits	\$6,460,923,000
Unfunded Retiree Health Care Benefits	\$208,422,000
Total Bills	\$9,748,271,000

<b>Grade:</b>	<b>Bottom line:</b>
<b>D</b>	Dallas would need \$13,300 from each of its taxpayers to pay all of its outstanding bills and received a “D” grade for its finances. According to Truth in Accounting’s grading scale, any government with a Taxpayer Burden between \$5,000 and \$20,000 is given a “D” grade.