

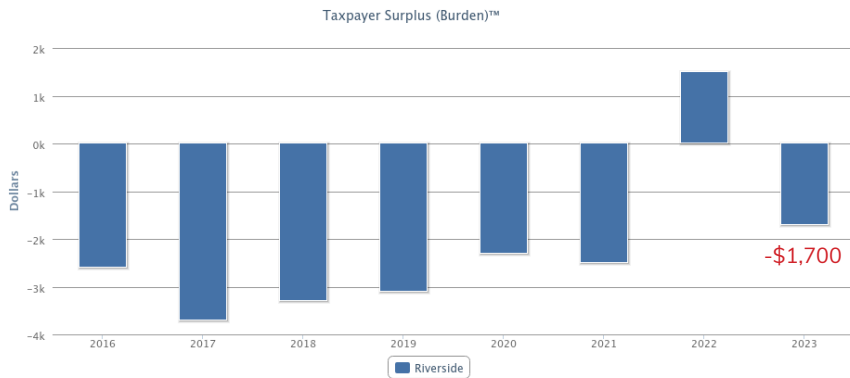
FINANCIAL STATE OF RIVERSIDE



\$205.4 million
MONEY NEEDED TO PAY
BILLS

\$1,700
TAXPAYER BURDEN™

Riverside’s financial condition worsened in 2023, transitioning from a Sunshine City to a Sinkhole City. Based upon our analysis of its audited financial report for fiscal year 2023, the city needed \$205.4 million to cover its bills. This led to a Taxpayer Burden™ of \$1,700, earning the city a “C” grade from Truth in Accounting.



The city’s pension plans shifted from overfunded to underfunded due to unrealized investment losses, reflecting market volatility. These losses increased long-term financial obligations, putting pressure on the city’s budget. Managing pension liabilities will require careful planning to balance obligations while maintaining fiscal stability and essential public services.

Consumer prices in the Riverside metro area rose by 3.4% in 2023, with food prices up 5.4%, while energy costs fell by 9.1%, offering some relief. These shifts affect household budgets and city operations, influencing economic policies. To ensure financial stability, the city must adapt to changing conditions while fostering sustainable growth and maintaining essential services.

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C
FINANCIAL GRADE

34 out of 75
RANKING

FINANCIAL FACTS

- Riverside had \$1.2 billion available to pay \$1.4 billion worth of bills.
- The outcome was a \$205.4 million shortfall, which breaks down to a burden of \$1,700 per taxpayer.
- Unrealized pension losses increased financial obligations, while rising consumer prices and falling energy costs challenge Riverside’s fiscal stability and growth.

The City’s Bills Exceeded Its Assets

Total Assets	\$4,792,427,000
Minus: Capital Assets	-\$3,302,316,000
Restricted Assets	-\$335,439,000
Assets Available to Pay Bills	\$1,154,672,000
Minus: Total Bills*	-\$1,360,057,000
Money needed to pay bills	\$205,385,000
Each taxpayer’s share of this burden	\$1,700

*Breakdown of Total Bills

Bonds	\$1,663,466,000
Other Liabilities	\$666,679,000
Minus: Debt Related to Capital Assets	-\$1,312,657,000
Unfunded Pension Benefits	\$297,098,000
Unfunded Retiree Health Care Benefits	\$45,471,000
Total Bills	\$1,360,057,000

Grade:	Bottom line:
C	<p>Riverside would need \$1,700 from each of its taxpayers to pay all of its outstanding bills and received a “C” grade for its finances. According to Truth in Accounting’s grading scale, any government with a Taxpayer Burden between \$0 and \$4,999 is given a “C” grade.</p>