



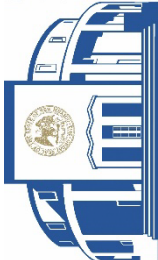
Local Government Dashboard Taos County and Red River

Legislative Finance Committee Hearing
July 21st, 2026
Red River, New Mexico

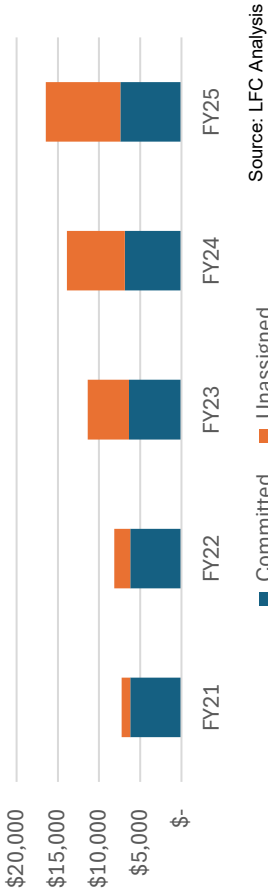
Following the Office of the State Auditor’s FY25 audit, Taos County had four total findings: two material weakness findings, one other noncompliance finding, and one other matter finding. The material weakness findings included improper reporting of a grant application and its management and various deficiencies in cybersecurity. The county has made progress on resolving both findings.

Following the Office of the State Auditor’s FY25 audit, Red River had one other noncompliance finding. One travel request for reimbursement was not signed by the supervisor.

Source: OSA Audits

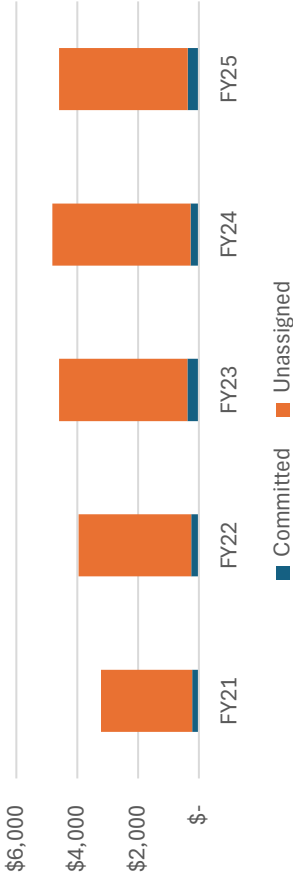


Taos County General Fund Balance by Liquidity
(in thousands)



Taos County’s general fund balance by liquidity has increased steadily from FY21 to FY25.

Town of Red River General Fund Balance By Liquidity
(in thousands)



The Town of Red River’s general fund balance by liquidity has remained relatively consistent from FY21 to FY25 and largely unassigned.

Taos County Residential Property Tax by Use,
(per thousand dollars in property value, 2024)



In 2024, Taos County paid less in overall property taxes than the statewide average. Taos County residents pay about two dollars less per one thousand dollars of property value towards school debt than the statewide average.

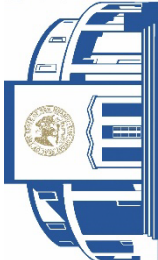
Source: LFC Analysis

Taos County's total revenues have seen an upward trajectory from FY18 to FY25. The county's expenditures peaked in FY18, then fell in FY19, and have seen a gradual increase back to FY18 levels since.

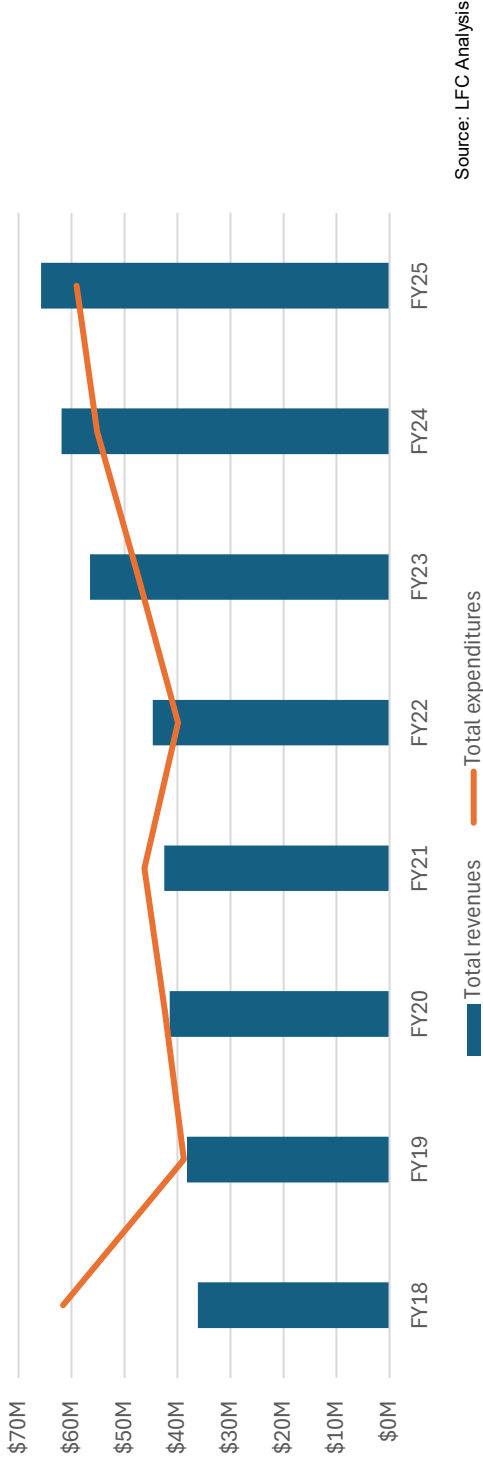
Taos County's total debt service to revenues is consistently greater than its population cluster. The largest disparity was in 2018. Since then, the county's total debt services to revenues has gotten closer to the population cluster.

Note: Taos County is in the medium population cluster median. Counties in the medium cluster are between the 25th and 27th percentile of population size. These counties include Chaves, Cibola, Colfax, Curry, Eddy, Grant, Lincoln, Los Alamos, Luna Otero, Rio Arriba, Rosevelt, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, and Torrance.

Source: LFC Analysis



Taos County General Fund Revenues vs. Expenditures
(in millions)



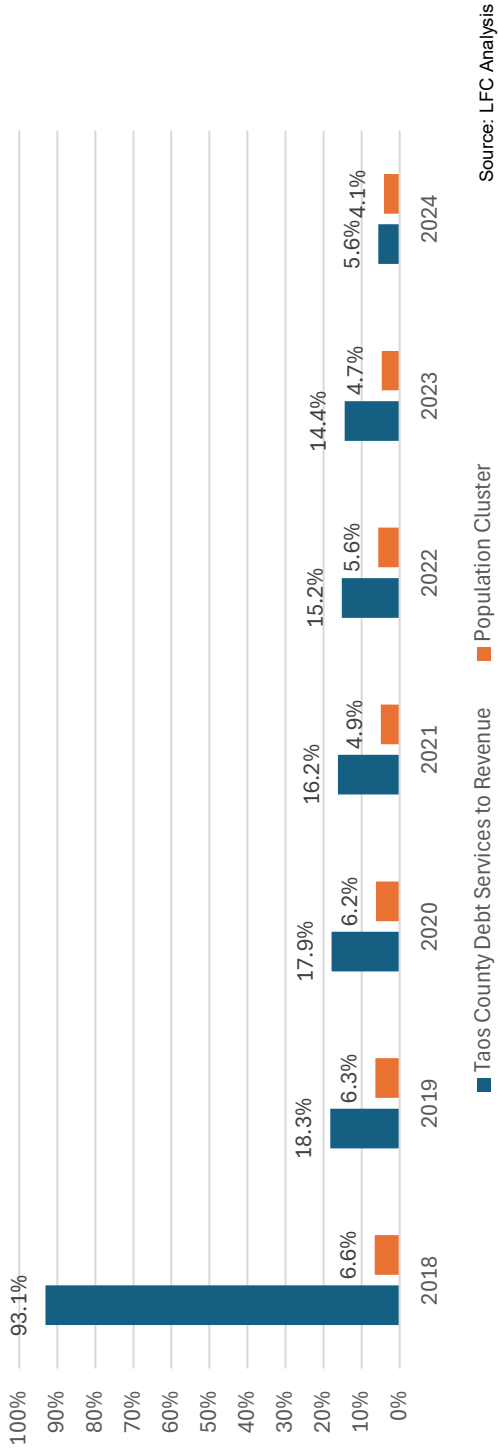
Taos County's matched taxable gross receipts have decreased by \$19 million (6.2 percent) from Q2 to Q3 of FY26. This is \$9 million less than the eight quarter average from the last two fiscal years.

The county's top five industries by matched taxable gross receipts are retail trade, construction, accommodation and food service, professional, scientific, and technical services, and other services (except public administration).

The industries that saw the greatest year-over-year growth were management of companies and enterprises and manufacturing. The industries that saw the greatest year-over-year decrease were mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction, and public administration.

Source: Economic Development Department

Taos County Total Debt Services to Revenues
(as a percent)



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ICIP Priorities

The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) is a planning tool administered by the DFA Infrastructure Planning and Development Division. It establishes priorities for anticipated capital infrastructure projects for counties, municipalities, tribal governments, special districts, and senior citizen facilities.

For FY26-30, Taos County's ICIP submission included 18 projects totaling \$54.4 million, with 71 percent unfunded at the time of submission.

For the same period, Red River's ICIP submission included 27 projects totaling \$87.3 million, with 97 percent unfunded at the time of submission.



Taos County and Red River Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) Priorities FY26-30

ICIP Ranking	Project Title	Total Cost	Percent Unfunded	Planned Cost Share: Local State Federal		
Taos County						
1	Tom Holder Bridge/Road	\$2.16 million	100%	0%	100%	0%
2	Sheriffs Office Parking Lot	\$420 thousand	100%	0%	100%	0%
3	Blueberry Hill Road A-007	\$13.2 million	83%	2.7%	96.3%	0%
4	Affordable Housing Project	\$1.65 million	91%	9%	91%	0%
5	Ambulance Purchase	\$1.25 million	66%	0%	100%	0%
Town of Red River						
1	Sewage Collection System Improve	\$1.92 million	100%	0%	100%	0%
2	Dispatch Communications	\$300 thousand	100%	0%	100%	0%
3	Workforce Housing	\$28 million	100%	0%	100%	0%
4	2024 John Deere 624P Loader	\$300 thousand	100%	0%	100%	0%
5	Bridges Maintenance + Construction	\$3.9 million	100%	0%	100%	0%

Source: DFA ICIP FY26-30 Project Summaries.
Note: this data was pulled from the time of each entity's FY26-30 ICIP submission (2025). Exact percentages may have changed since that time.

Capital Outlay

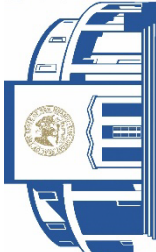
From 2022 to 2025, Taos County received 23 capital outlay appropriations totaling \$37 million, with balances totaling an estimated \$23.8 million (**35 percent expended**).

In the same period, Red River received 5 capital outlay appropriations totaling \$3.2 million, with balances totaling an estimated \$310 thousand (**90 percent expended**).

Other entities within Taos County received the following significant appropriations for projects from 2022-2026:

- Taos Recycling center Construction, \$8M, 2025
- Taos Regional Airport Renovations (REAUTH), \$5.4M, 2024
- Taos MSD Auxiliary Gym Construction, \$3.5M, 2024
- Taos Affordable Housing Construction, \$2.9M, 2023

Source: LFC \$1 Million and Greater Quarterly Report Q3 FY26.



5 Largest Capital Outlay Projects 2022-2025

Project Title	Year	Amount	Funding Source	Percent Expended	Reauth?	Progress Rating
Taos County						
Dixon to Peñaasco Gas Pipeline	2022	\$14.5 million	STB	16%	2026	R
Historic Courthouse Ren.	2024	\$5.4 million	GF	54%	No	G
Taos Co. Veterans Cemetery	2023	\$3.5 million	GF	99%	No	G
HWY 518 Gas Pipeline	2023	\$3 million	STB	0%	2026	R
MSD Auxiliary Gym Const.	2023	\$3.5 million	GF	62%	No	G
Red River						
Multipurpose Public Facility	2023	\$2.3 million	GF	99%	No	G
Bridges Repair + Const.	2024	\$325 thousand	GF	22%	No	G
2024 John Deere Loader	2025	\$300 thousand	GF	93%	No	G
Water Lines Construction	2023	\$150 thousand	STB	100%	No	B
Water Facility Construction	2023	\$125 thousand	STB	91%	No	G

Source: LFC \$1 Million and Greater Quarterly Report Q3 FY26.

In the LFC \$1 Million and Greater Capital Outlay Quarterly Report for the third quarter of FY26, entities within Taos County reported the completion of 6 large capital outlay projects totaling \$9.8 million. In the same report, there are 6 outstanding capital projects within Taos County rated “red” for lack of progress, totaling \$26.6 million with balances of \$22.1 million (**17 percent expended**).

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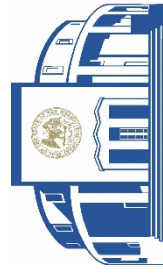
= significantly behind

= project on schedule

= project delayed

= project complete

Significant reversions:
Taos County lost \$22.5 million in HB2 funding for the Holy Cross Medical Center expansion, appropriated in 2022, after none had been expended or reappropriated by the reversion deadline of June 30th, 2026. Taos still has \$12 million from an appropriation in the 2026 session General Appropriation Act for the same project.



Earmarked Funds, Match Funds, and Infrastructure Grants

Taos County 2022-2026

Project Title	Year	Amount
Transportation Project Fund		
Pilar Bridge maintenance	2022	\$470.3 thousand
Rio Chiquito Bridge	2023	\$950 thousand
Blueberry Hill Road	2025	\$3.2 million
Capital Development Program Fund		
Taos Co. Detox Center	2024	\$400 thousand
County Historic Courthouse	2024	\$600 thousand
Recreation and Quality of Life Grants		
Filemon Sanchez Sports Complex	2023	\$95 thousand
Peñasco Community Center ¹	2025	\$100 thousand

Red River 2022-2026

Project Title	Year	Amount
Transportation Project Fund		
NMSR 38 sidewalk	2022	\$5.5 million
High Street improvements	2024	\$2.4 million
Water Trust Fund		
Water distribution improv.	2022	\$3.63 million
High Street water system	2023	\$6.7 million
Match Funds		
Wastewater Collection ²	2025	\$1.25 million

***Notes:**

¹The Town of Taos received an additional \$95 thousand in funding for the same project.
² Red River received a total of \$3.1 million in combined funding for this project, including \$1.25 million from state funds, \$1.25 million from federal funds, and \$600 thousand from local funds.

Law Enforcement Agencies

Taos County Sherriff's Office

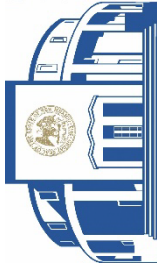
Leadership:
Sheriff Steve Miera
Certified Officers: 28

Taos Police Department

Leadership:
Chief Mark Archuleta
Certified Officers: 17

Taos Ski Valley PD

Leadership: Chief Virgil Vigil
Certified Officers: 4



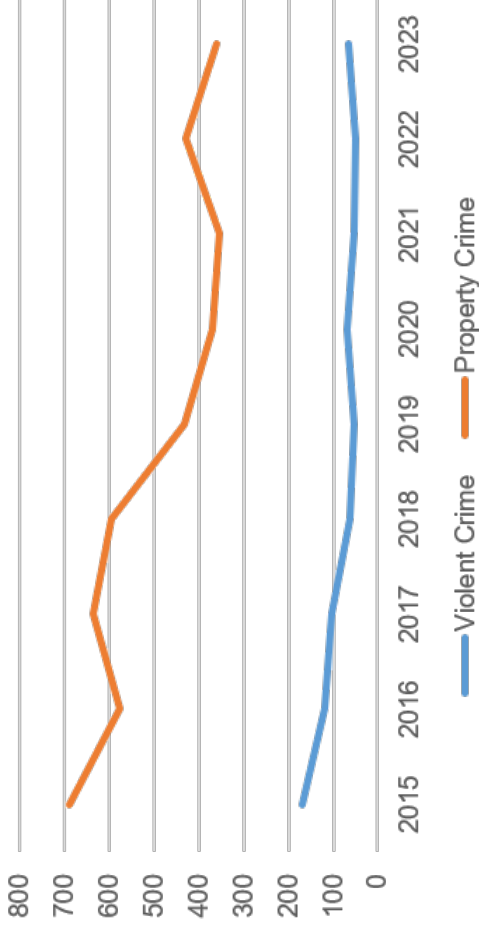
Crime Trends and Data Reporting

Rates of Violent and Property Crime had been declining in 2019, which was the last year the FBI has full data for the region.

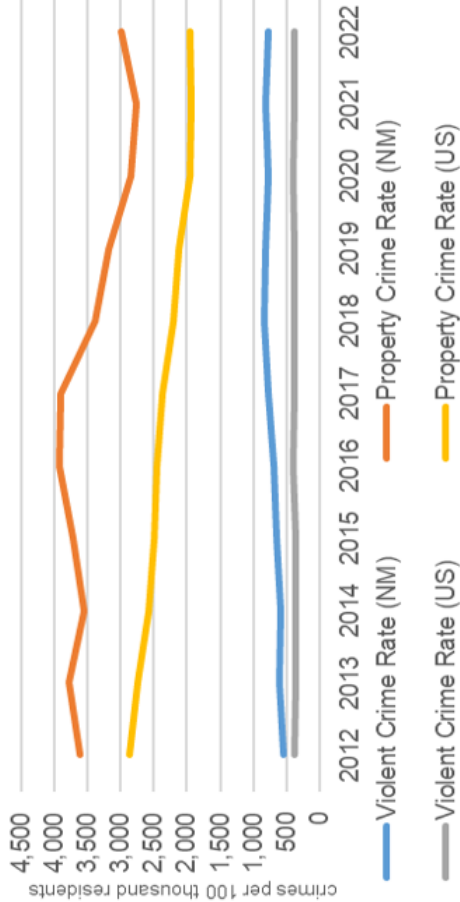
*The Taos County Sheriff's Office has not reported to the National Incident-Based Reporting System, and consequently, data is incomplete from 2021-2023

Summary Crime Reported

(Taos County SO*, Taos PD, Red River, Questa PD, Taos Ski Valley PD)



Crime Rate History



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Taos County Leadership

- County Commissioners:
Miguel Romero Jr.
FR Bob Romero
Darlene Vigil
AnJanette Brush
Ronald Mascareñas
- County Manager
Brent Jaramillo
- County Clerk
Valerie Montoya



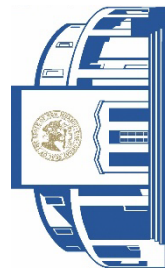
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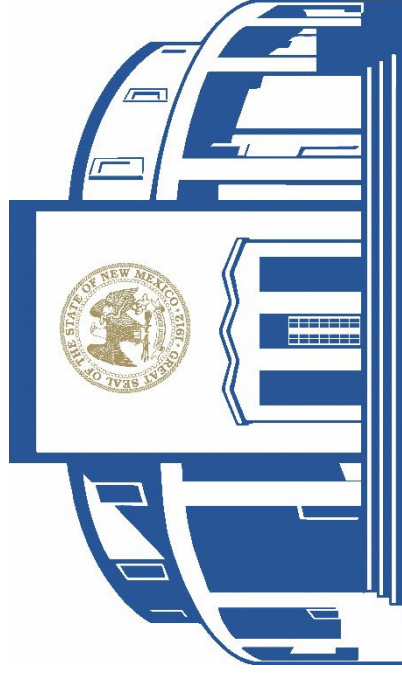


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Red River Leadership

- Mayor
Linda Calhoun
- Town Council
Steve Cherry
Daniel Lamb
Angela Black
Justin Brandenburg
- Taos Pueblo Leadership
 - Governor
Mike Martinez
 - War Chief
Curtis Sandoval Sr.
 - Lt. Governor
Delbert Chisholm





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- <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/lfc/lfcdefault.aspx>
- Session Publications – Budgets
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