

2023 Budget Proposal

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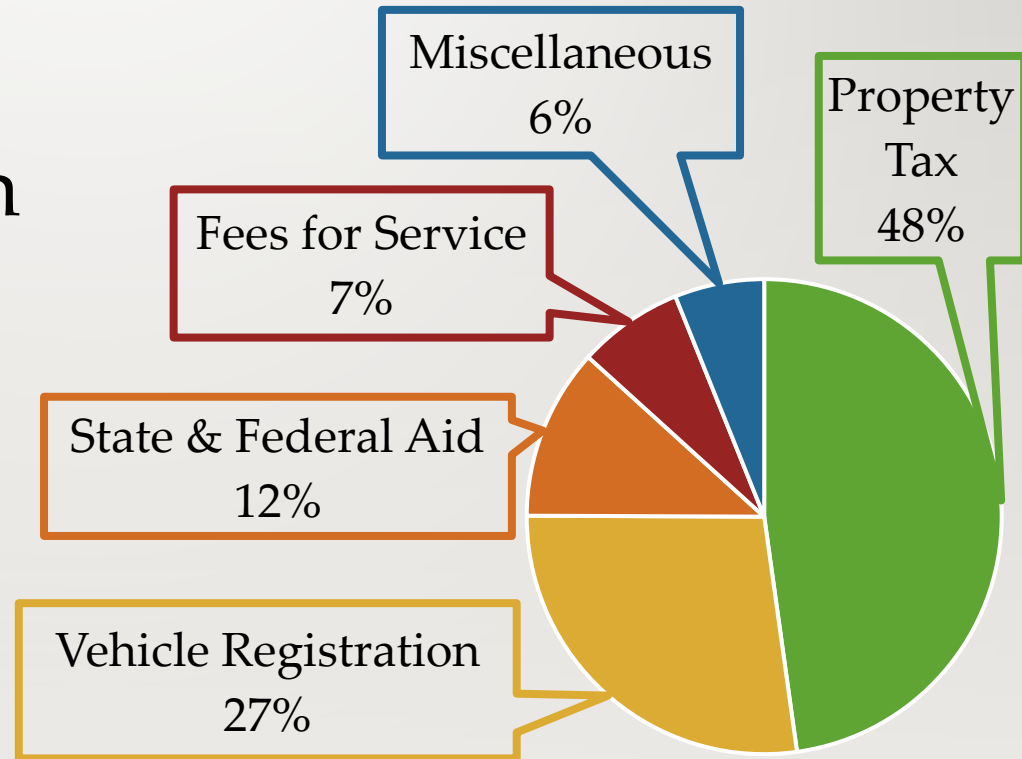
Barrington Population & Demographics

- Consumer Price Index
 - 18-Month: 9.67%
 - 12-Month: 7.19%
- 9,444: Population (+118 from 2020)
 - 10-Year Average of 75 Residents per Year
- \$98,275: Average Household Income
 - 3.5% Poverty Rate
- 92.1%: Owner-Occupied Housing
- Sources: US Census (2020 and 2019 ACS 5-Year Survey); data.bls.gov



Funding Local Government Services

- Property Tax
- Vehicle Registration
- Fees for Service
- State & Federal Aid
- Miscellaneous



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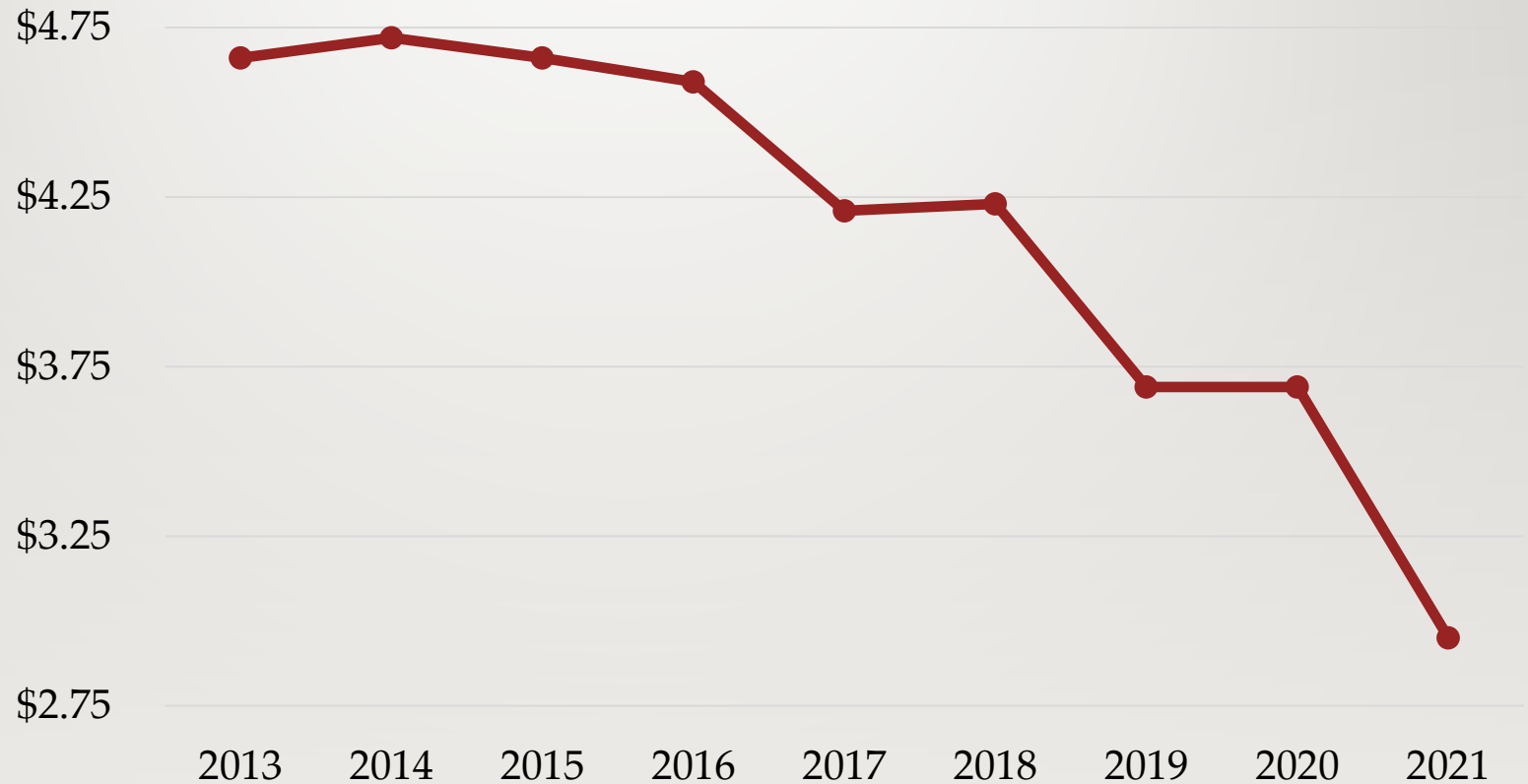
Municipal Tax Rate History

- 2014 \$4.72
- 2015 \$4.66
- 2016 \$4.59
- 2017 \$4.21* (Assessment +8.4%)
- 2018 \$4.23
- 2019 \$3.69* (Assessment +12.5%)
- 2020 \$3.69
- 2021 \$2.95* (Assessment +20%, Rate -20%)



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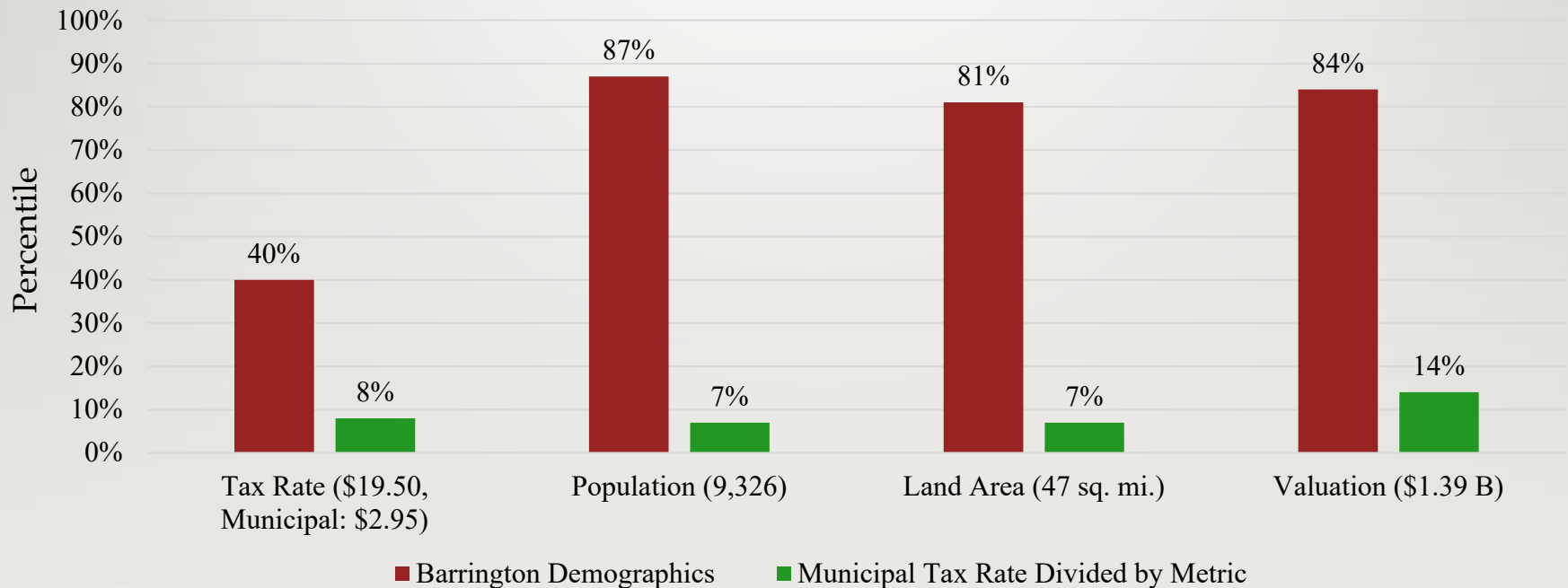


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Barrington's Municipal Tax Rate is Small

Barrington Compared to NH Municipalities - Percentile



Tax Rate Data: <https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/municipal/property-tax-rates.htm>;

Population and Area Data: <https://www.nh.gov/osi/data-center/population-estimates.htm>

Measures of Financial Stability

- Stable Municipal Tax Rate
 - Limited Budgetary Tax Impact for ten years (budget increases covered by tax base and increased revenues)
- Unassigned Fund Balance of 8%-17% as Recommended by the NH Department of Revenue Administration
 - Barrington holds \$3,926,763 or 12.3%



Unassigned Fund Balance and Use

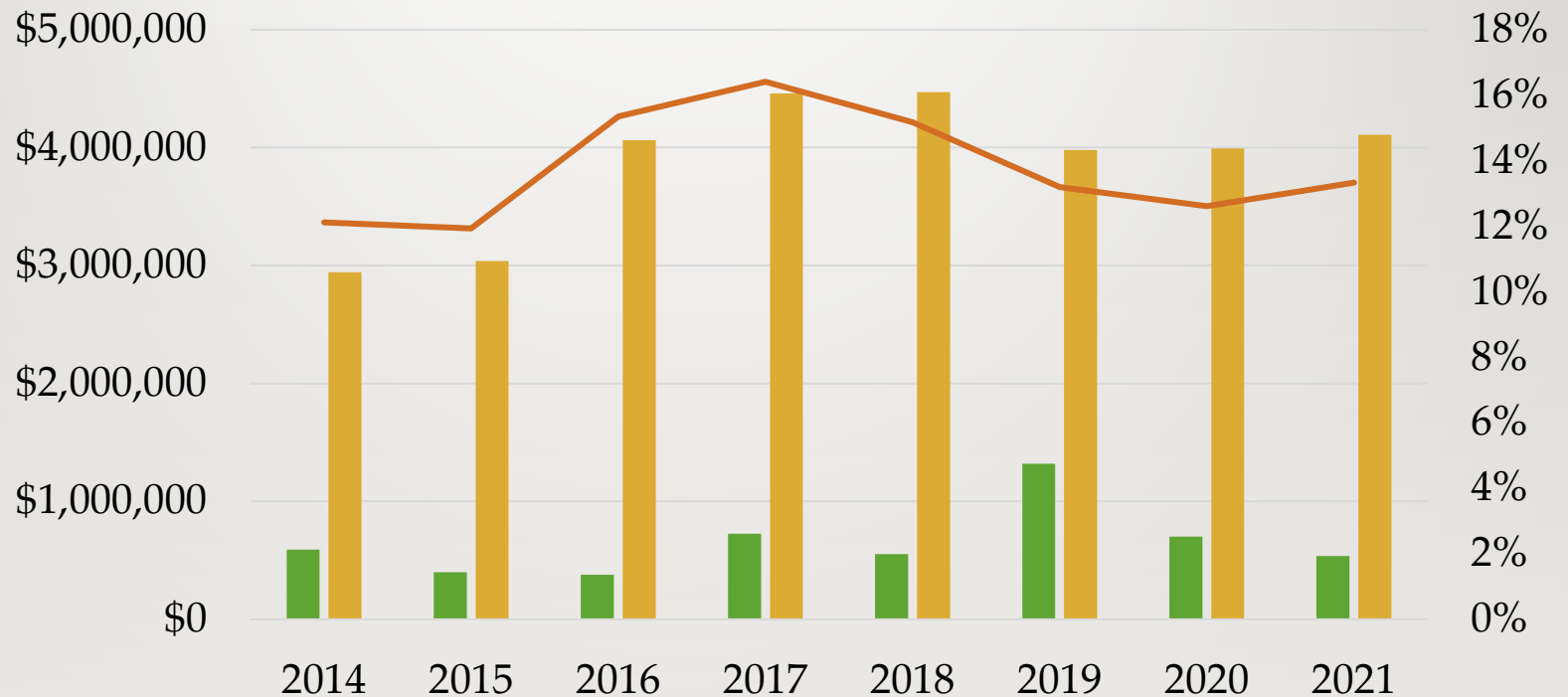
• Year	Balance	Used by Town Meeting
• 2015	\$ 3,041,459	\$ 339,463
• 2016	\$ 4,063,777	\$ 378,000
• 2017	\$ 4,460,259	\$ 726,536
• 2018	\$ 4,470,997	\$ 554,050
• 2019	\$3,979,805	\$1,320,000
• 2020	\$3,992,393	\$703,000
• 2021	\$4,109,505	\$538,500
• 2022	\$3,926,763	\$726,000



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Unassigned Fund Balance

Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) History



■ UFB Used at Town Meeting ■ Available UFB — UFB Percent Retained

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Proposed Operating Budget

- Approved 2022 \$7,647,871
- Proposed 2023 \$8,297,108

- Difference \$649,237
- Difference 8.49%

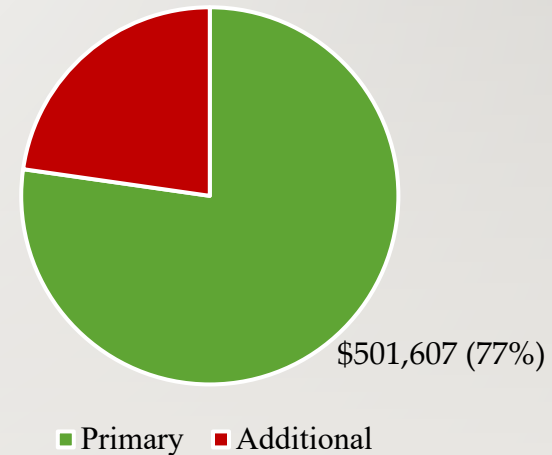


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Primary Budget Impact Factors

- Fire Department Staffing Changes: \$96,291
 - Added One Full-Time Firefighter/EMTs (starting in September 2022)
- Library Staffing Changes: \$65,393
 - Library Process Regrade and Part-Time to Full-Time: \$58,253
 - Add Library Page Position: \$7,140
- Police Department Staffing Changes: \$30,308
 - Remaining 25% of One Full-Time Officer: \$16,050
 - Police Per-Diem Wages (to minimize OT): \$14,258
- Other Staffing Changes: \$309,615
 - Census Updates (primarily health elections): \$104,287
 - Pay Plan Step Increase Allowance (Merit): \$70,512
 - Cost of Living Adjustment (2.5%): \$66,232
 - Benefit Cost Increase (estimated): \$40,029
 - Custodian (SAU #74 cancelled contract): \$28,555

2023 Proposed Budget Increase



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2023 Revenue Impacts

- State Approved Budget Increases Local Revenue
 - In 2022 Meals and Rooms: More Than 30% Increase (+\$160,000 to \$620,000)
 - 2023 Highway Block Grant: Expected to Remain Stable (\$220,000)
- Motor Vehicle Registration Revenue
 - Eight-Year Increase Trend has Stabilized
- Building Permit Revenue
 - Revenue has Stabilized from 2021 Fee Structure Update
- Interest on Investments
 - Increases as Interest Rates Rise
- Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes
 - Continues to Decrease as Delinquency Rates Decrease



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2023 Budget General Information

- Proposed Wage Increases
 - Step for Eligible Employees
 - 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment
 - Funding Available to Implement Wage Survey Recommendations
- Benefits
 - Insurances: Estimating 10% Rate Increase



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Budget Increases of \$10,000+

- Incident Fund +\$60,000 to \$110,000
 - Funding Available to Implement Wage Study Recommendations
- Admin Contracts +15,000 to \$170,000
 - Improved Cybersecurity with Redundancy and Cloud Services
- Electric +11,000 to \$55,000
 - Conservative Increase Based on Increased Costs and Decreased Utilization
- Vehicle Fuel +58,500 to \$136,000
 - See Vehicle Fuel Analysis; Utilization is Decreasing, Costs Increasing
- Paving +50,000 to \$650,000
 - Increasing to Fund Pavement Management Plan
- Winter Contractors +25,000 to \$125,000
 - Rate Increase and Fuel Escalation
- Salt and Sand +45,000 to \$215,000
 - 43% Increase in December 2021



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Budget Decreases of (\$10,000)+

- Gen. Govt. Contracts (\$13,000) to \$21,500
 - SAU #74 Cancelled Custodial Contract
- Gen. Govt. Bldgs. Lease (\$49,999) to \$1
 - Move to New Town Hall in 2022
- Vehicle Maintenance (\$15,000) to \$65,000
 - Newer Vehicles and Better Preventative Maintenance
- Bulky Waste (\$11,000) to \$55,000
 - Based on Reduced Utilization
- Recycling (\$15,000) to \$35,000
 - Based on 2022 Utilization and Recycled Materials Value
- General Assistance (\$15,000) to \$15,000
 - Based on Historic Utilization
- Bond Interest (\$24,999) to \$1
 - No Bond Required for New Town Hall

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Requested Warrant Articles

- \$300,000 Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve
- \$300,000 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve
- \$150,000 Swains Lake Dam Capital Reserve
- \$100,000 Paving Non-Lapsing Warrant Article
- \$100,000 Fire Truck Capital Reserve
- \$75,000 Library Capital Reserve

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Requested Warrant Articles (cont.)

- \$50,000 Emergency Communication Capital Reserve
- \$25,000 Transfer Station Capital Reserve
- \$11,000 Police Equipment Capital Reserve
- \$10,000 Fire Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve
- \$3,000 Library Technology Capital Reserve

- **\$1,124,000: Total Requested Use of Unassigned Fund Balance**

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Questions

- More Information
 - www.Barrington.nh.gov/2023Budget
 - Entire Budget Binder Available Electronically
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