

Funds and Fees of Office Report

County of El Paso October 2021 – September 2022

Directly linked to the County Strategic Plan

Goal 1 - Financially Sound County Government

Funds and Fees report shows detailed collections of County and State court costs and County fines, including trends in collections by department.

This report is required by the Texas Local Government Code §114.025.

Comparative Summary

Allocation of Collections to Courts (Collected by District Clerk, County Clerk, Sheriff and EPC CSCD)

	2022	2021	Differences	Percentage Variance
District Courts	\$3,555,143	\$3,888,569	(\$333,426)	(8.57%)
County Courts	1,807,129	1,978,158	(171,029)	(8.65%)
Probate Courts	800,949	800,403	546	0.07%
Mental Health Courts	125,552	93,760	31,792	33.91%
Jury Duty Court	4,730	3,931	799	20.33%

Comparative Summary

(Collecting Departments)

	2022	2021	Difference	Percentage
				Variance
District Clerk*	\$3,791,702	\$3,507,266	\$284 <i>,</i> 436	8.11%
County Clerk*	13,146,651	13,649,607	(502,956)	-3.7%
County Attorney	80,206	68,177	12,029	17.64%
County Sheriff	21,809,834	18,698,133	3,111,701	16.64%
County Tax Office	440,789,211	407,571,195	33,218,016	8.15%
Domestic Relations	783,195	770,657	12,538	1.63%
EPC CSCD	2,954,178	3,070,458	(116,280)	-3.79%
Justice Courts	4,893,705	4,534,014	359,691	7.93%
Financial Recovery	1,270,686	1,371,728	(101,042)	-7.37%
Constables**	1,270,082	1,002,449	267,633	26.70%

*Includes regular fees and miscellaneous fees **Bond collections included in Constables totals

Individual Collecting Departments With Increases or Decreases Greater than \$100,000

Department	Dollar Amount	Variance
County Tax Assessor-Collector	\$33,218,016	Increase
County Sheriff	3,111,701	Increase
District Clerk	284,436	Increase
Constables - All Precincts	267,633	Increase
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5	114,072	Increase
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1	102,654	Increase
County Clerk	502,956	Decrease
County Court at Law No. 5	121,417	Decrease
El Paso County Community Supervision and		
Corrections (EPC CSCD)	116,280	Decrease
Financial Recovery Division	101,042	Decrease

*Includes regular fees and miscellaneous fees

Increase/Decrease Explanations

- Increase of \$33,218,016 or 8.15% in County Tax Assessor collections is a combination of an increase of vehicle sales tax, new construction, and an increase of property values.
- Increase of \$3,111,701 or 16.64% in County Sheriff collections is due to an increase of 31% of Federal Prisoners fee collected due to an increase in federal inmate population.
- Increase of \$284,436 or 8.11% in District Clerk collection, due to an increase in District clerk fees.
- Increase of \$267,633 or 26.70% in Constables-All Precincts, due to an increase of 57.25% in civil and small claims fees.
- Increase of \$114,072 or 41.93% in Justice of Peace No. 5, due to a Increase of 64.12% in civil cases: Constable fees increase \$53,831, Justice court state consolidated civil fee increase of \$26,292 and increase of civil Justice fees of \$19,823 and an increase of 19.37% in misdemeanor fees.

Increase/Decrease Explanations

- Justice of the Peace, Precinct no. 1 increase of \$102,654 or 44.08% is attributed to 65.04% increase in civil fees and a 23.38% increase in Misdemeanor fees; the collections increase is a combination of the following fees, Constables by \$60,470, State fees by \$26,297 and Justice fees by \$14,591.
- County clerk decrease by (\$502,956) or 3.68% attributed to a decrease in filings and recording fees by (\$241,931) and decrease of County clerk's fee by (\$247,341).
- County Court at Law No. 5 decrease of (\$417,846) or 19.36% in due to a decrease of 15.31% in civil cases filed.
- El Paso County Community Supervision and Corrections (EPD CSCD) decrease of (\$116,280) or 3.79% attributed to a 12.88% decrease in a restitution funds.
- Financial Recovery Division decrease by (\$101,042) or 7.37% attributed to an overall decrease in County court costs and fees, and State court cost collected by Financial recovery division.