

ARLINGTON FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

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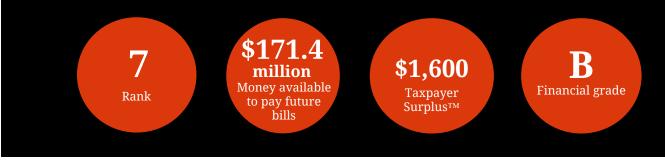
THE FINANCIAL STATE OF ARLINGTON, TX

Truth in Accounting's (TIA) new city report ranks and grades the 75 most populous cities in the United States by their financial health. Arlington ranks No. 7, earning it a "B" on TIA's grading scale.

Unlike most cities, Arlington's elected officials have only promised the amount of benefits they can afford to pay. Because of this, the city has enough money to pay all of its bills. When broken down, the amount available to pay future bills results in a surplus of \$1,600 for each Arlington taxpayer.

Arlington's Taxpayer Surplus™ increased from \$100 to \$1,600 in 2016. The increase was primarily because the city's unrestricted assets increased by \$111.8 million while their unfunded retiree healthcare liability decreased by \$100 million.

A new accounting standard implemented last year requires state and local governments to report all of their pension debt on the balance sheet. And in fiscal year 2018, governments will have to disclose unfunded retiree healthcare debt as well. Arlington should be commended because it isn't hiding any debt from taxpayers in its 2016 annual financial report.



Data included in this report is derived from the city of Arlington's 2016 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and retirement plans' actuarial reports. Visit statedatalab.org for more information.

ARLINGTON FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

FAST FACTS

- + Arlington has \$550.3 million available in assets to pay \$378.8 million worth of bills.
- + The outcome is a \$171.4 million surplus, which breaks down to \$1,600 per taxpayer.
- + Unlike most cities, Arlington reports all of its retirement liabilities on its balance sheet.

THE CITY'S ASSETS EXCEED ITS BILLS	
Assets	\$2,992,700,000
Minus: Capital assets	-\$2,327,758,000
Restricted assets	-\$114,672,000
Assets available to pay bills	\$550,270,000
Minus: Bills	-\$378,839,000
Money available to pay bills	\$171,431,000
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Unfunded retiree healthcare

GRADE: B

Bills

Bottom line: Arlington has enough money to pay its bills, so it has received a "B" for its finances from Truth in Accounting. A "B" grade is given to cities with a Taxpayer SurplusTM between \$100 and \$10,000.

\$21,648,000

\$378,839,000

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