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Money Needed to Pay Bills

-\$27.5 million

Taxpayer Burden™

-\$300

Financial Grade

C

Ranking

16 out of 75

Stockton Earned ‘C’ Grade For Fiscal Health



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Financial State of Stockton, CA

Despite receiving support from COVID relief grants and other federal programs, Stockton’s overall financial condition did not improve during the onset of the pandemic. Based upon the city’s fiscal year 2020 audited financial report, Stockton had a Taxpayer Burden™ of \$300, earning it a “C” grade from Truth in Accounting.

Stockton had a debt burden of \$27.5 million, which came to \$300 for every city taxpayer. In 2020 the city’s investment in capital assets increased leaving fewer resources available to pay bills. Stockton’s financial problems stem mostly from unfunded pension obligations that have accumulated over the years. The city had set aside only 72 cents for every dollar of promised pension benefits. The city does not have any retiree health care benefits.

Stockton did not have enough money set aside to weather the pandemic. Like all other cities, Stockton received federal assistance from the CARES Act and other COVID-19 related grants which came with stipulations on how the money could be spent. The city has not been properly funding its pension which places a burden on future taxpayers.

The data included in this report is derived from the city of Stockton’s 2020 audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and retirement plans’ reports. To compare prior years and other city financial, demographic, and economic information go to Data-Z.org.

Stockton’s Financial Breakdown

Fast Facts

- Stockton had \$666.5 million available to pay \$694 million worth of bills.
- The outcome was a \$27.5 million shortfall, which breaks down to a burden of \$300 per taxpayer.
- As a result of its bankruptcy plans for 2012, city bonds were renegotiated and retired city workers agreed to forgo free retiree health care benefits.

THE CITY’S BILLS EXCEEDED ITS ASSETS

Total assets	\$2,520,974,000
Minus: Capital assets	-\$1,489,431,000
Restricted assets	-\$365,007,000
Assets available to pay bills	\$666,536,000
Minus: Total bills	-\$694,049,000
Money available (needed) to pay bills	-\$27,513,000
Each taxpayer’s share of this burden	-\$300

BILLS THE CITY ACCUMULATED

Bonds	\$469,596,000
Other liabilities	\$152,258,000
Minus: Debt related to capital assets	-\$463,833,000
Unfunded pension benefits	\$536,028,000
Unfunded retiree health care benefits	\$0
Total bills	\$694,049,000

Grade:

C

Bottom line: Stockton would need \$300 from each of its taxpayers to pay all of its bills, so it has received a “C” for its finances. According to Truth in Accounting’s grading scale, any government with a Taxpayer Burden between \$0 and \$4,900 receives a “C” grade.

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