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Toledo Finances Earn 'D' Grade

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The Financial State of Toledo

A new analysis of the latest available audited financial report found Toledo has a Taxpayer Burden™ of \$5,500, earning it a "D" grade based on Truth in Accounting's grading scale.

Toledo's elected officials have made repeated financial decisions that have left the city with a debt burden of \$519.7 million, according to the analysis. That equates to a \$5,500 burden for every city taxpayer.

Toledo's financial problems stem mostly from unfunded retirement obligations that have accumulated over many years. Of the \$1.8 billion in retirement benefits promised, the city has not funded \$326.7 million in pension and \$272.1 million in retiree health care benefits.

Here's the truth:

\$519.7
million
Money needed
to pay bills

-\$5,500
Taxpayer
Burden

D
Financial grade

Data included in this report is derived from the city of Toledo 2017 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and retirement plans' reports.

TOLEDO

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

FAST FACTS

- + Toledo has \$480.9 million available in assets to pay \$1 billion worth of bills.
- + The outcome is a \$519.7 million shortfall and a \$5,500 Taxpayer Burden.
- + The city is hiding all of its retiree health care debt from its balance sheet.

THE CITY'S BILLS EXCEED ITS ASSETS

Assets	\$2,225,526,000
Minus: Capital assets	-\$1,579,701,000
Restricted assets	-\$164,877,000
Assets available to pay bills	\$480,948,000
Minus: Bills	-\$1,000,643,000
Money needed to pay bills	-\$519,695,000
Each taxpayer's share of this debt	-\$5,500

BILLS THE CITY HAS ACCUMULATED

Bonds	\$494,309,000
Other liabilities	\$664,604,000
Minus: Debt related to capital assets	-\$757,102,000
Unfunded pension benefits	\$326,686,000
Unfunded retiree health care	\$272,146,000
Bills	\$1,000,643,000

GRADE: D

Bottom line: Toledo does not have enough money to pay its bills, so it has received a "D" for its finances from Truth in Accounting. A "D" grade is given to cities with a Taxpayer Burden between \$5,000 and \$20,000.