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Pittsburgh Ranks No. 67 for Fiscal Health

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The Financial State of Pittsburgh

A new analysis of the latest available audited financial report found Pittsburgh has a Taxpayer Burden™ of \$17,800, earning it a "D" grade based on Truth in Accounting's grading scale.

Pittsburgh's elected officials have made repeated financial decisions that have left the city with a debt burden of \$1.9 billion, according to the analysis. That equates to a \$17,800 burden for every city taxpayer.

Pittsburgh's financial problems stem mostly from unfunded retirement obligations that have accumulated over many years. Of the \$1.9 billion in retirement benefits promised, the city has not funded \$871.7 million in pension and \$513.9 million in retiree health care benefits.

Here's the truth:

\$1.9
billion
Money needed
to pay bills

-\$17,800
Taxpayer
Burden

D
Financial grade

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

PITTSBURGH

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

FAST FACTS

- + Pittsburgh has \$406.7 million available in assets to pay \$2.3 billion worth of bills.
- + The outcome is a \$1.9 billion shortfall and a \$17,800 Taxpayer Burden.
- + The city is hiding \$370.8 million of retiree health care debt from its balance sheet.

THE CITY'S BILLS EXCEED ITS ASSETS

Assets	\$1,769,281,000
Minus: Capital assets	-\$1,080,099,000
Restricted assets	-\$282,467,000
Assets available to pay bills	\$406,715,000
Minus: Bills	-\$2,275,624,000
Money needed to pay bills	-\$1,868,909,000
Each taxpayer's share of this debt	-\$17,800

BILLS THE CITY HAS ACCUMULATED

Bonds	\$1,399,384,000
Other liabilities	\$324,185,000
Minus: Debt related to capital assets	-\$833,537,000
Unfunded pension benefits	\$871,667,000
Unfunded retiree health care	\$513,925,000
Bills	\$2,275,624,000

GRADE: D

Bottom line: Pittsburgh 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.