

# Justice Courts Expenses and Revenue Preliminary Analysis

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# Challenges

- Categorization uniformity across justice courts
- Contributions to the state
  - Saratoga Springs
  - Sandy
- Unknown Expenses
  - Non-Departmental Costs attributed to JC (Saratoga Springs)
  - Contributions–Interlocal (Davis)
- Auditor's Transparency Data

# Data Overview

- Data from 13 justice courts:

<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class II</b>	<b>Class III</b>	<b>Class IV</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Davis County</li><li>• Orem City</li><li>• Salt Lake City</li><li>• Sandy City</li><li>• West Valley City</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carbon County</li><li>• Millard County</li><li>• City of North Salt Lake</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Herriman City</li><li>• Parowan City</li><li>• Saratoga Springs City</li><li>• Wellsville City</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Garland City</li></ul>

- FY2018 – FY2020

# Categorization

## 1) Total Building Expenses

- Maintenance
- Rent/Building Fee
- Utilities
- Other

## 2) Total Employee Expenses

- Attorneys
- Bailiff/Security
- Judge
- Other

## 3) Equipment & Supplies

## 4) IT(Computer/Phone)

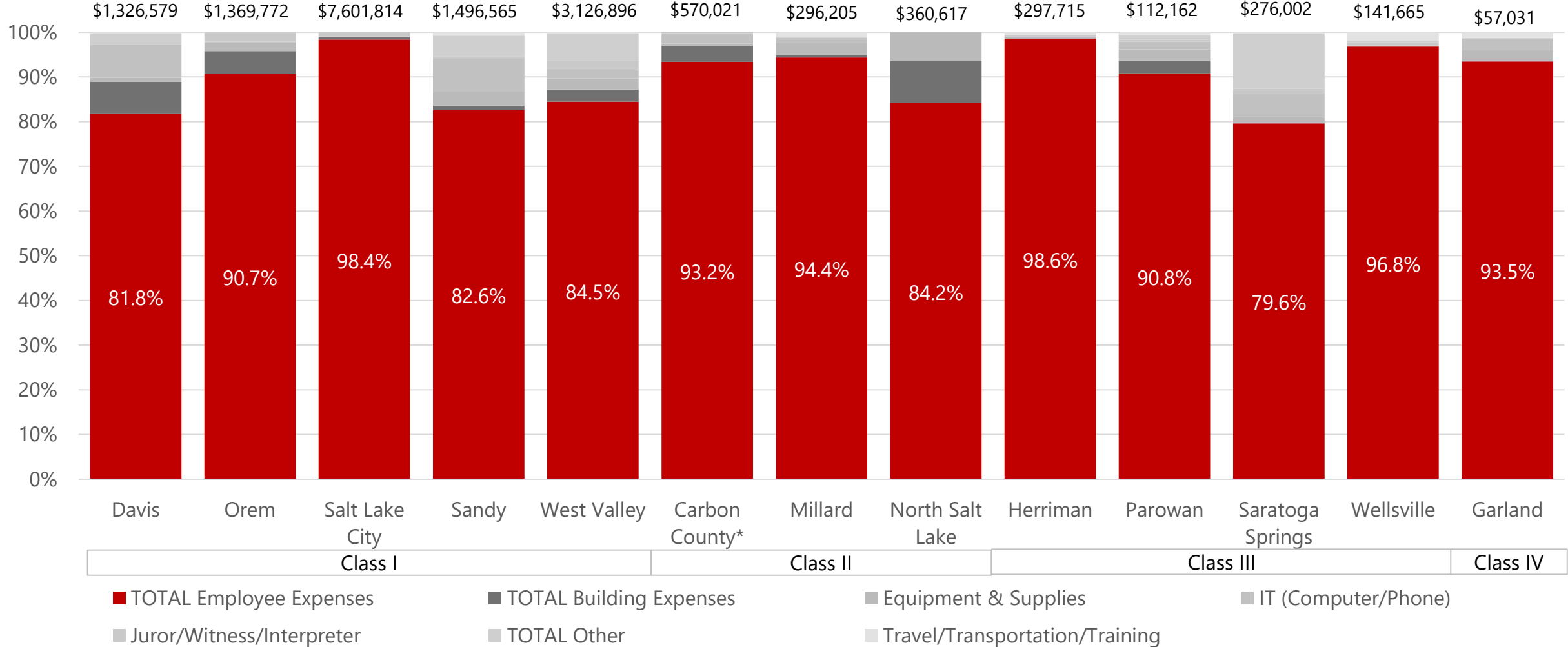
## 5) Juror/Witness/Interpreter

## 6) Travel/Transportation/Training

## 7) Total Other

- General
- State Fees Paid
- Unknown

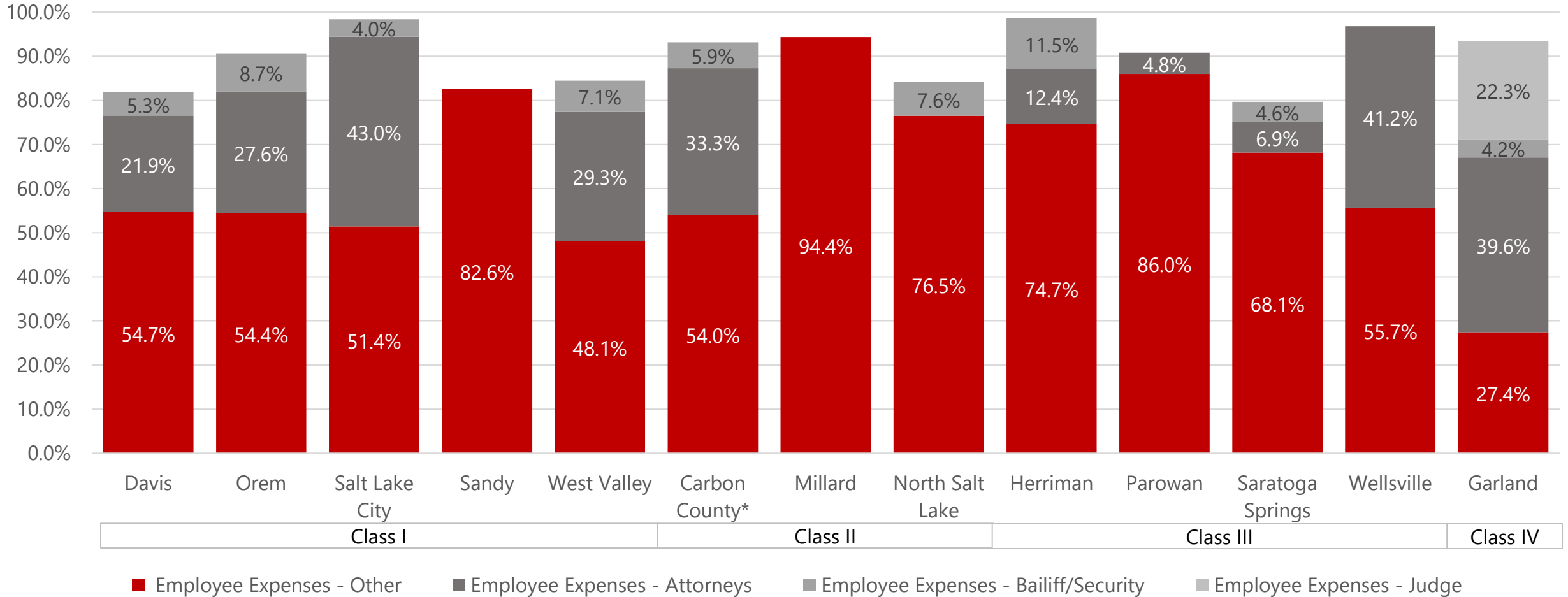
# 3-Year Average Expenses (2018-2020)



\*Carbon County's 3-year average is 2019-2021.  
Excludes state fees paid.

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute analysis of data provided by Administrative Office of the Courts

# 3-Year Average Employee Expenses (2018 -2020)

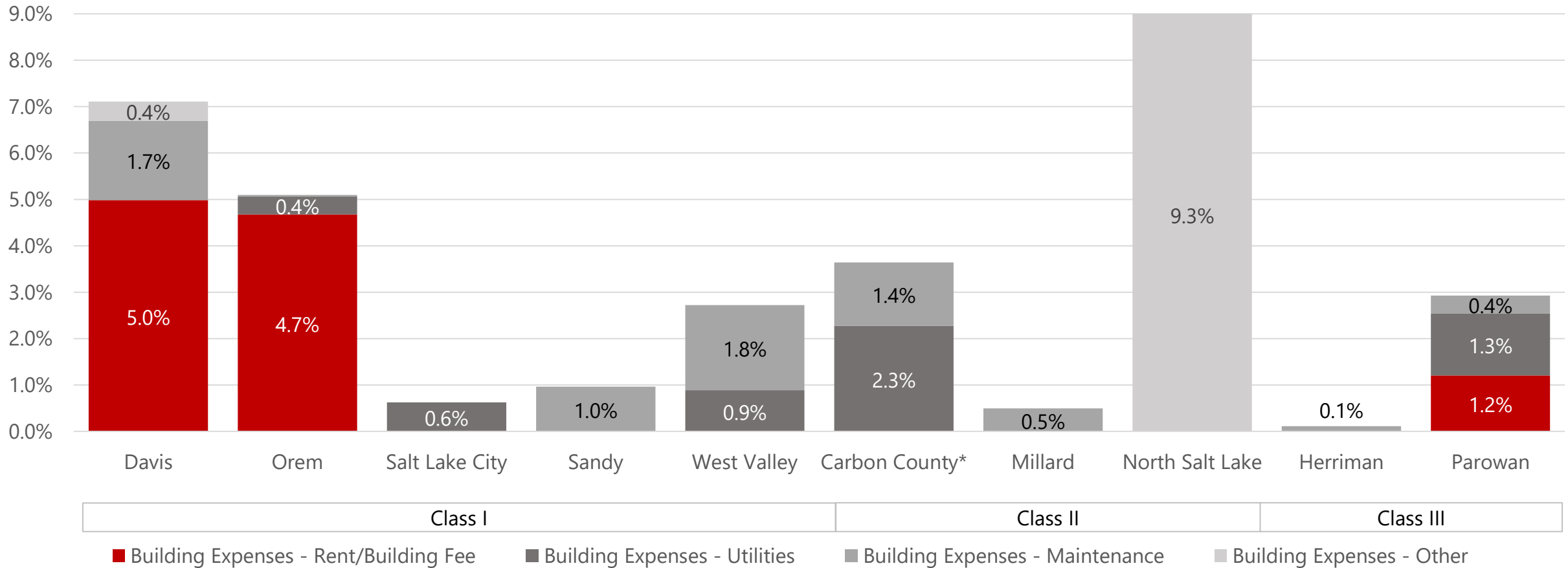


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# 3-Year Average Building Expenses (2018-2020)

- Garland (Class IV) and Saratoga Springs and Wellsville (Class III) did not report building expenses.



\*Carbon County's 3-year average is 2019-2021.

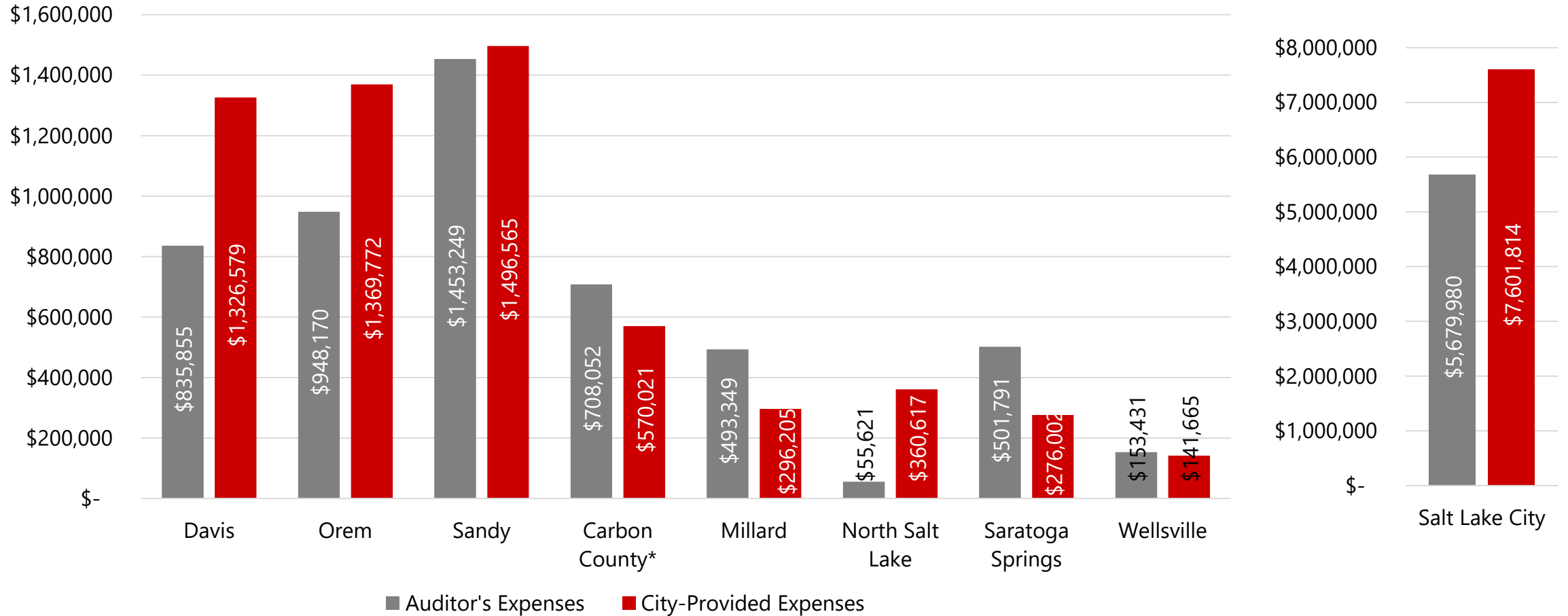
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# City-Provided Expenses Compared with Auditor's Database Expenses

*3-year average (2018-2020)*

- West Valley, Herriman, Parowan, and Garland did not have expenses reported under "Justice Courts" in the Auditor's database.



\*Carbon County uses a 2-year average of 2019-2020.

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# Data Definitions

- **Expenses** – 2-year average (2018 & 2019) expenses provided by justice courts
- **% Expenses** – Expenses multiplied by the share of cases retained
- **Total Revenue** – Total revenue collected
- **OLD Retained** – Amount of revenue retained by justice courts under current system
- **Justice Revenue** – Amount of revenue that justice courts would collect under new system (excludes division court revenue)
- **NEW Retained** – Amount of revenue that justice courts would retain under new system (excludes division court revenue and amount disbursed to the state)

# If Expenses Stayed the Same

## *Worst Case Scenario*

	Class I					Class II			Class III				Class IV
	Davis County	Orem	Salt Lake City	Sandy	West Valley	Carbon County*	Millard County	North Salt Lake	Herriman	Parowan	Saratoga Springs	Wellsville	Garland
<b>Total Revenue – Expenses</b>	\$418,538	\$1,178,081	\$(2,628,604)	\$ 880,743	\$(259,288)	\$315,483	\$308,910	\$322,413	\$54,346	\$28,240	\$111,497	\$142,058	\$7,413
<b>OLD Retained – Expenses</b>	\$(158,497)	\$264,633	\$(4,260,589)	\$(28,678)	\$(1,084,337)	\$(7,733)	\$63,084	\$113,383	\$(71,925)	\$(20,463)	\$(22,770)	\$41,961	\$(15,436)
<b>Justice Revenue – Expenses</b>	\$(457,236)	\$(70,534)	\$(4,359,565)	\$256,917	\$(1,799,088)	\$(83,717)	\$143,562	\$(38,469)	\$(39,425)	\$(36,347)	\$(108,257)	\$20,292	\$(28,543)
<b>NEW Retained – Expenses</b>	\$(784,229)	\$(644,203)	\$(5,703,208)	\$(524,061)	\$(2,392,310)	\$(331,183)	\$(93,409)	\$(149,763)	\$(134,421)	\$(69,803)	\$(182,901)	\$(41,766)	\$(39,221)

Note: Data is a two-year average from 2018-2019. 2020 was excluded due to pandemic impacts on revenue. Carbon County is 2019 only as 2018 data was incomplete.

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# If Share of Expenses = Share of Cases Retained

## *Best Case Scenario*

	Class I					Class II			Class III				Class IV
	Davis County	Orem	Salt Lake City	Sandy	West Valley	Carbon County*	Millard County	North Salt Lake	Herriman	Parowan	Saratoga Springs	Wellsville	Garland
<b>Justice Revenue – % Expenses</b>	\$(36,307)	\$304,632	\$(1,062,345)	\$527,248	\$(384,885)	\$93,621	\$176,090	\$67,084	\$15,322	\$(8,252)	\$(17,426)	\$41,728	\$(6,692)
<b>NEW Retained – % Expenses</b>	\$(363,300)	\$(269,037)	\$(2,405,987)	\$(253,730)	\$(978,107)	\$(153,845)	\$(60,880)	\$(44,210)	\$(79,674)	\$(41,708)	\$(92,070)	\$(20,330)	\$(17,370)

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# Status Quo Compared with “Best Case Scenario”

	Class I					Class II			Class III				Class IV
	Davis County	Orem	Salt Lake City	Sandy	West Valley	Carbon County*	Millard County	North Salt Lake	Herriman	Parowan	Saratoga Springs	Wellsville	Garland
<b>Status Quo</b> <i>OLD Retained</i> – <i>Expenses</i>	\$(158,497)	\$264,633	\$(4,260,589)	(\$28,678)	\$(1,084,337)	\$(7,733)	\$63,084	\$113,383	\$(71,925)	\$(20,463)	(\$22,770)	\$41,961	\$(15,436)
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<b>Status Quo</b> – <b>Best Case Scenario</b>	(\$204,803)	(\$533,670)	\$1,854,602	(\$225,053)	\$106,230	(\$146,112)	(\$123,964)	(\$157,593)	(\$7,749)	(\$21,245)	(\$69,300)	(\$62,291)	(\$1,934)
	-1.3X	-2.0X	0.4 X	-7.85X	0.1X	-18.9X	-2.0X	-1.4X	-0.1X	-1.0X	-3.04X	-1.5X	-0.1X

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# Retained Cases and Revenue

	<b>% of Revenue Retained</b>	<b>% of Cases Retained</b>
<b>Davis</b>	46%	68%
<b>Orem</b>	42%	71%
<b>Salt Lake City</b>	45%	52%
<b>Sandy</b>	66%	82%
<b>West Valley</b>	34%	54%
<b>Carbon County</b>	41%	68%
<b>Millard</b>	56%	89%
<b>North Salt Lake</b>	43%	70%
<b>Herriman</b>	65%	78%
<b>Parowan</b>	46%	75%
<b>Saratoga Springs</b>	34%	66%
<b>Wellsville</b>	55%	85%
<b>Garland</b>	41%	61%

Note: % of Revenue Retained was calculated as New Retained/Old Retained

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