

**COUNTY OF ERIE
NEW YORK**

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report



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- **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**
- **SUMMARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**





ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

KEVIN R. HARDWICK

June 15, 2026

To:

The Residents of the County of Erie, New York

Honorable Members
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Honorable Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive
95 Franklin Street, 16th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Erie County Residents, Honorable Members and County Executive Poloncarz:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (“ACFR”) of the County of Erie, New York (the “County”), for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 is hereby submitted in accordance with Section 1802 (9) of the Erie County Charter.

INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared by the Erie County Comptroller's Office in conformance with current accounting and financial reporting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) and the New York Office of the State Comptroller. County management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

The certified public accounting firm Drescher & Malecki LLP, the County’s independent external auditor, has issued an unmodified (“clean”) opinion on the County’s financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025. The independent auditors’ report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”) immediately follows the independent auditors’ report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

PROFILE OF THE GOVERNMENT

Basic Information

The County is a metropolitan center covering 1,058 square miles that is located on the western border of New York State, adjacent to Lake Erie. Situated within the County are 3 cities, 25 towns, and 16 villages, including the City of Buffalo, which serves as the County seat and is the State's second most populous and largest city. The County provides a variety of mandated and discretionary services covering the areas of culture, parks and recreation, social services, police, libraries, youth, health, senior services, roads, mental health, probation, corrections, emergency services, motor vehicle bureau, and sanitary sewerage.

The County is a major New York industrial and commercial center and is favorably located relative to the commercial markets of both the United States and Canada. Access to these markets is enhanced by the County's standing of being among the largest rail centers in the United States; that it is provided trucking services by numerous transcontinental, international and common carriers and is a focal point of international water-borne transportation.

Subject to the New York State Constitution and Laws, the County operates pursuant to a County Charter ("Charter") and Administrative Code. Additionally, various New York State laws govern the County to the extent that such laws are applicable to counties operating under a charter form of government.

Legislative authority of the County is vested in an 11-member governing body, the County Legislature ("Legislature"), each member of which is elected for a two-year term. Principal functions of the Legislature include adoption of the annual budget, levying of taxes, review and approval of budget modifications, adoption of local laws, and authorization of the incurrence of all County indebtedness.

In addition to the members of the Legislature, there are five County-wide elected officials, each elected to four-year terms: County Executive, County Comptroller, County Clerk, District Attorney, and Sheriff. The County Comptroller serves as the County's chief fiscal, accounting, financial reporting and auditing officer.

Component Units

Consistent with criteria promulgated in the GASB Codification, the financial statement reporting entity includes the County of Erie, New York (the primary government) and its significant component units: the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, the Erie County Medical Center Corporation and its three component units (i.e., Research for Health in Erie County, Inc., ECMC Foundation, Inc. and The Grider Initiative, Inc.), two component units of the Erie Community College proprietary fund (i.e., the Auxiliary Services Corporation of Erie Community College, Inc. and the Erie Community College Foundation, Inc.), the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority, the Erie Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation ("ETASC"), ErieNet Local Development Corporation ("ELDC"), and the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation, Inc. ("ILDC").

Additional detailed information relating to the specific organizations and the manner of inclusion (discrete presentation or blending) in the reporting entity as component units, and the basis for making such determinations, are also discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

In July 2005, the New York State Legislature and Governor created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority ("ECFSA") to monitor the County's finances. Under the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority Act ("Act"), the legislation establishing the ECFSA, the County is required to develop and submit a Four-

Year Financial Plan to ECFSA for its approval. Under the Act, if the County fails to meet certain criteria, or if the County meets other criteria such as the County having “incurred a major operating funds deficit of one percent or more in the aggregate results of operations of such funds of the County during its fiscal year,” (§ 3959 of the Act) the ECFSA may declare and enter into a “control period.” Under the Act, in a control period, the ECFSA may engage in a number of actions including establishing a wage and/or hiring freeze, setting maximum levels of County spending and requiring its approval for any County borrowing. On November 3, 2006, citing deficiencies in the County’s 2007-2010 Four Year Financial Plan, ECFSA imposed a control period on Erie County, which continued until June 2, 2009, at which time the ECFSA voted to return to an advisory status in which it continues to function.

ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

Local Economy

Erie County’s annual Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) is approximately \$81 billion (in 2024 US dollars), larger than the annual GDP of five US states. The County’s economic output has grown every year since 2011, in inflation-adjusted real dollars, and 2020 through 2024 saw an average annualized growth of 10.6%, the largest on record since 2001. In recent years a wide range of positive economic factors have contributed to the County’s economic growth, including low unemployment, and a significant number of public and private sector construction and economic development initiatives.

The region's manufacturing jobs are expected to grow 12% from 2022 through 2032, doubling the 6% growth rate nationally, according to a projection by the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council. In 2025, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (“ECIDA”) approved approximately \$42.2 million in incentives for fourteen projects, generating approximately \$728.0 million in private investment in the County, creating or retaining 562 full-time and 16 part-time jobs. These projects generate \$178.0 million in annual payroll to local workers and provide an estimated \$3.9 billion in total economic impact to the County. A major part of the industrial expansion in Erie County has occurred at the former Bethlehem Steel site in Lackawanna, now known as the Renaissance Commerce Park (“RCP”).

This industrial expansion (and the Buffalo Bills Stadium project) is one of the factors which has spurred construction sector growth. 11 of the 14 ECIDA-incentivized projects in 2025 were in the industrial sector; four of those projects, as well as an additional non-incentivized project, were expansions of foreign manufacturers here in Erie County. To date, there are three large, FDI industrial projects under non-disclosure agreements with interest in RCP. These projects bring higher-wage employment and large numbers of construction jobs. Between work being done at the Buffalo Bills Stadium, the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, and industrial expansion, construction employment continues to grow.

Erie County has increasingly become a center of bioinformatics and medical research including development at the University at Buffalo, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, and Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as the continued growth of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo since its inception in 2001. Roswell Park is involved in the Federal government’s National Cancer Plan (called Operation Moonshot). In September 2023, the new \$23.0 million, 30,000 square foot Roswell Park Scott Bieler Amherst Center opened, the cancer center’s first new building outside of its sprawling downtown Buffalo campus.

At the edge of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, the redevelopment of the former Trico Products plant in downtown Buffalo by the Krog Group has been completed and opened. The \$115.0 million project converted the historic 500,000 square foot former windshield wiper plant into 242 apartments, office space, and indoor and on-site parking.

One of the largest projects in the County has been the redevelopment of Seneca One, the tallest building in the City of Buffalo. The structure has been brought back to life with offices, apartments and event spaces. The mixed-use building's anchor tenant is M&T Bank, one of the region's largest employers. M&T Bank houses its tech hub in the building. In addition to M&T Bank, several tech companies and health insurer Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield have moved into Seneca One. M&T Bank spent \$24.0 million in 2023 opening a second tech hub in downtown Buffalo to house 500 employees at the Lafayette Court building.

During the past decade, Erie County and New York State have spent over \$50.0 million to buy land, move rail lines and create road, water and sewer infrastructure at the RCP. The ECIDA's Industrial Land Development Corporation ("ILDC") owns 25% of the complex and has remediated the land. Since then, the private sector has invested more than \$130.0 million at the property creating manufacturing and warehouse complexes. Welded Tube of Canada built a \$48.0 million facility in 2013; TMP Technologies constructed a \$22.7 million factory to make the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser; Sucro Sourcing invested \$35.0 million to buy and refurbish three existing buildings into a new sugar refinery and storage operation; and then purchased 10 acres next to its refinery and build a new 126,000 square foot warehouse and distribution facility; and Total Quality Assurance International has leased 108,000 square feet of Uniland Development Company's first 150,000 square foot warehouse, constructed at a cost of \$17.0 million. Max Advanced Brakes of Markham, Ontario, has occupied 42,000 square feet in a Uniland warehouse. Uniland built a second warehouse on the site at a cost of \$20.0 million and has leased the entirety of the building to two tenants: 90,000 square feet of the 150,000 square foot building is occupied by KPM Exceptional, a regional distributor of outdoor power equipment and the remainder of the building has been leased to Agri-Plastics, a manufacturer that makes livestock equipment in a \$3.5 million project.

Currently, sewer and water has been extended in strategic locations across the RCP property, with utility stubs conveniently located for future tenants. During the 2026 construction season, work is underway to extend three more public roads further into the park, to provide better access for current and future industrial tenants. A \$12.0 million rail-relocation project is also commencing in 2026, which will unlock an additional +/- 70 acres of developable land at RCP.

In May 2025, J.G. Petrucci Development entered into a purchase agreement to purchase and redevelop 23.73 acres at RCP. The agreement stipulates that the developer would have up to 12 months from signing a contract to find a light-industrial or manufacturing user to occupy the site and commit to 150 new full-time jobs. Petrucci then has up to 18 months after closing to build the project. There is currently an interest under a non-disclosure agreement conducting due-diligence on the property.

Tecumseh Redevelopment, which owns most of the property that has not been purchased by the ILDC, has committed to spending \$69.0 million over a ten year period to remediate 489 acres to allow for new construction. At the Port of Buffalo, adjacent to the site, operator New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. has 14 tenants on site, including: Castaloo USA, CDI Investigations, Compass Minerals, Cryptalo Ltd., Engineered Mix, Ferrous Manufacturing Inc., Linta Design and Manufacturing Corp., NESL Redi-Mix, Powers Coke & Coal, Rybo Marine, Southside Precast, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and WS Services LLC.

On the other side of Route 5 in Lackawanna, at the former Bethlehem Steel campus, a renewable energy project was constructed in late 2025 at the new Bethlehem Solar Park at a cost of \$6.0 million. The site includes 4,300 solar panels laid out across 10 acres of land.

In late 2023, pharmaceutical equipment manufacturer IMA Life North America ("IMA Life") purchased 15 acres of vacant land in the Town of Tonawanda for \$2.29 million in order to construct an 80,000 square foot manufacturing facility. IMA Life makes freeze-drying equipment for the pharmaceutical industry. IMA Life started construction in early 2024 and stated it will spend \$27.6 million on the new facility,

supplementing its existing 50,000 square foot facility in the Town of Tonawanda. In 2025, the company received approvals to construct a Phase 2, 40,000 square foot addition to the facility at a cost of \$12.5 million.

Moog, a local aerospace high tech manufacturing company plans to invest \$25.0 million in its Western NY facilities. The investment will increase local employment from 3,500 to 4,000 employees.

General Motors announced in June 2025 that, as part of a revised economic landscape, the company is increasing the previously announced \$300.0 million investment in its Tonawanda Engine plant. The investment will be increased to \$888.0 million, with a switched focus from the production of electric vehicle drive units to the production of V-8 engines. GM's continued investment in the Tonawanda facility is a vote of confidence in the future of the plant. The plant currently employs 870 workers.

The downtown waterfront district known as Canalside is teeming with construction activity. In November 2025, the \$14.25 million Chandlery building opened, with a new Visit Buffalo welcome center, history exhibits, and offices for the Be Out Guest hospitality management firm. Pennrose Development will begin construction in June 2026 on a \$190.0 million North Aud Block project for 360 apartments, parking ramp and commercial spaces. Construction at Sinatra Development's \$45.0 million Heritage Point mixed-use project has resumed, after being shuttered post-COVID. The project is expected to be completed in June 2027 and will bring 64 apartments and new commercial space. Next door, the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority plans to commence construction on a new \$400.0 million Marine Drive Apartments project, featuring demolition of all existing 12-story buildings and their replacement with new towers featuring 738 apartments.

Using American Rescue Plan ("ARP") funds, Erie County finished the planning and design for the \$36.7 million ErieNET broadband open-access internet network that will lay at least 400 miles of fiber optic lines across the County. Construction began in late spring 2023 and most of the installation is projected to be completed by the end of 2026. About 85% of the cable will be on utility poles and 15% will be underground. The County recently announced it had signed long term ErieNet contracts with Go Net Speed, an independent service provider with networks through most states in the Northeast; and Cogent, a network service provider for commercial businesses in countries around the world. Go Net Speed is a final-mile provider which would provide final-mile lines in various communities across Erie County. Cogent will provide business and commercial connections.

Construction continues on the 240-acre Erie County Agribusiness Park project. The project is redeveloping the vacant Eden-Angola Airport in the Town of Evans into an industrial park dedicated to food processing businesses to support Erie County's agricultural community. Several related water infrastructure projects have been completed using ARP funds to support this transition including construction of a water tower and extension of related water lines to key points of the property. Construction had been completed turning the former runway into a public access road, and water and electrical utilities have been routed through the adjacent right-of-ways. In 2025, the County secured a \$11.5 million grant from NYS to predominantly fund the Park buildout, which will help expand sewer capacity during the 2026 construction season.

Erie County has made a concerted effort to invest in affordable housing. The County allocated \$23.0 million in ARP funding and HUD Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME-ARP) funding for the development of 1,143 new rental and homeownership affordable housing units for low to moderate income families, seniors, and other vulnerable populations by 2028. The investments will be matched by approximately \$490.0 million in total construction investment, representing a significant step in addressing the affordability crisis and also a significant investment in the construction industry and tax base of Erie County.

In February 2026, the County's unemployment rate stands at 4.9%, below the New York State rate of 5.2%. The County continues to be an attractive location for investment, as evidenced by the sustained investment in existing facilities along with attracting new businesses, including the businesses highlighted below:

Deckorators, a Michigan-based composite decking company, is investing \$77.0 million to build a new manufacturing and warehouse facility in Lackawanna. It is anticipated that this project will bring at least 50 new jobs to the region.

The Town of West Seneca-based Rosina Food Products has completed a \$47.0 million project to expand its manufacturing facility for protein production (meatballs). Rosina also hired 150 new employees for the facility. Rosina's expansion has been so successful, they are contemplating further expansion in 2026 in a previously moth-balled building.

Upstate Niagara Dairy Cooperative's \$250.0 million investment to construct a 250,000 square foot manufacturing facility in West Seneca is anticipated to create 130 new jobs (in addition to the company's 240 currently existing jobs). Agile Cold Storage of Georgia constructed a \$60.5 million, 132,865 square foot facility which will create 55 new jobs.

Milk-Bone, a subsidiary of J.M. Smucker Co., is planning a \$52.7 million expansion and modernization of its Buffalo plant, adding 17 jobs to its current workforce of 283 employees that will be retained. The pet food manufacturer will add a new refrigeration warehouse and modernize its existing 550,000 square foot plant, allowing increased production and implementation of environmental and food safety elements.

U.S. Sugar Co. is investing \$10.0 million into its Buffalo plant, adding packaging lines and printing presses for its sugar products. The facility has 208 employees, including 67 that were added in 2025.

The Buffalo Urban Development Corp. is continuing its efforts to revive the Northland Corridor on the East Side into a new industrial hub at a cost of \$56.0 million. Located at the Northland Workforce Training Center, the projects will add more than 120,000 square feet of new and renovated industrial space for lease. The projects are fully funded, through federal, state and local funds as well as grants from National Grid and brownfield and historic tax credits.

On Amherst Street in Buffalo, a bowling center closed for twenty years has been demolished and construction is underway on a new apartment building with 134 apartment units. The \$26.0 million project for affordable housing is funded in part by New York State Homes and Community Renewal tax credits and brownfield cleanup tax credits.

Finally, County Executive Mark Poloncarz has proposed that the Department of Environment and Planning ("DEP") be restructured to promote additional community and economic development. Part of this proposal will be to pass a local law to amend the County Charter and Administrative Code to rename DEP to the Department of Economic Development, and rename and restructure its divisions of planning, environmental compliance and sewerage management to the more appropriate divisions of Economic Development, Climate Resiliency and Clean Water, respectively. The goal of this proposal is to continue to increase economic development within Erie County to allow for additional growth, like the projects outlined above.

TAX ABATEMENTS

The County directly through its Department of Environment and Planning, and indirectly, through the Erie County Industrial Development Agency ("ECIDA") and local industrial development agencies ("IDA") and the City of Buffalo's agencies, provides property and sales tax abatements and incentives to incentivize economic development projects. The IDA's in Erie County have adopted a Countywide Industrial

Development Agency Uniform Tax Exemption Policy to provide for uniform policies for the claiming of IDA incentives. Permissible business activities include traditional manufacturing, distributive services, business services, and arts, entertainment and recreation.

Many of the current abatements have been made to assist businesses in expanding their operations and property in Erie County, locating in Erie County (from outside of the County), and/or retaining and expanding employment. Other abatements provide for housing opportunities for low-income individuals. The County and its local partners have engaged in such abatements to expand the local tax base, create employment for local residents, repurpose brownfields or contaminated former manufacturing parcels, and provide for new housing for needy local residents.

As of December 31, 2025, the County provides property tax abatements through a Housing for Low and Very Low Income Households Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) program. The program was established to stimulate development of affordable housing in the region, especially for those with the lowest level of income.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Relevant Financial Policies

The County Charter, amended by Local Law 3-2006 and the Budget Modernization Act Local Law 2-2012, includes specific provisions for fund balance. The Charter requires the County to establish and maintain “a balance in the General Fund established in the budget equal to or greater than five percent of the amount contained in the budget of the Fund in the immediately preceding fiscal year.” The Charter also provides for limits and specific requirements governing the County’s use/appropriation of fund balance including legislative approval and that the County may not appropriate fund balance below the five percent level.

Monthly Accrual/Monitoring System

Since 1985, the County has maintained a Budget Monitoring System which compares budgetary estimates at the department and account level to fully accrued actual data on a monthly basis. The monitoring reports are used as a management tool during the fiscal year. All major variances are reconciled and, as appropriate, corrective measures are taken to ensure any projected deficit condition will be prevented or minimized. The County Administration is also required to submit monthly budget monitoring reports to the County Legislature.

Independent Audit

Since 1975, it has been the County's policy to have an independent external audit of its annual financial statements performed by a certified public accounting firm. The Charter provides for an independent Audit Committee that is responsible for recommending one or more specific firms to conduct annual audits of the County and the Erie Community College. The County has complied with the Charter’s requirement to have an independent audit performed and the auditors’ opinion is provided in the Financial Section of this report.

Erie County’s 2026 Budget

Under the Charter, the County Executive is required to submit the tentative annual budget to the County Legislature by October 15th. On October 15, 2025, the County Executive presented his 2026 Tentative Budget to the Legislature for review and action. On December 4, 2025, the County Legislature adopted the 2026 Amended Budget. The County annually budgets appropriations for its General Fund, Road Special Revenue Fund, Sewer Special Revenue Fund, Downtown Mall Special Revenue Fund, E-911 Special

Revenue Fund, Pharmaceutical Litigation Settlements Special Revenue Fund and Debt Service Fund. Of those funds, the General Fund, the Road Special Revenue Fund, the Sewer Special Revenue Fund, the E-911 Special Revenue Fund, and the Debt Service Fund, typically appropriate fund balance during the budget process.

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (“GFOA”) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. This was the nineteenth consecutive year that the County has received this award. To be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for one year. We believe the County’s ACFR for fiscal year 2025 continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program’s requirements and we will submit the document to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efforts of the Comptroller's Office’s Accounting Division staff, other cooperating County departments, and Drescher & Malecki LLP. I extend my appreciation to everyone who assisted and contributed to the preparation of the County’s ACFR for the 2025 fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin R. Hardwick, Ph.D.
Erie County Comptroller

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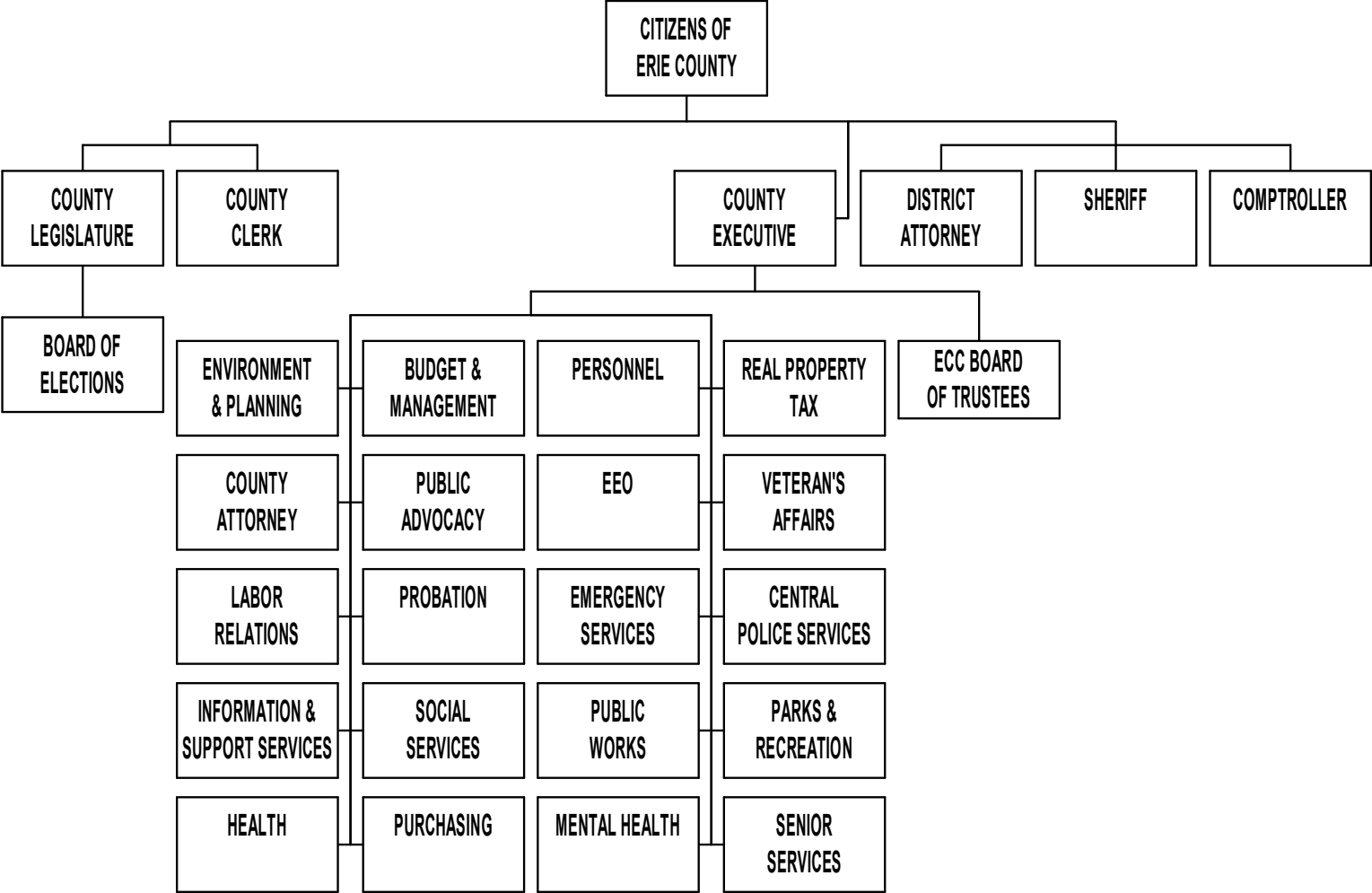
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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

December 31, 2025



COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
SUMMARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS
December 31, 2025

COUNTY CLERK	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	SHERIFF	COUNTY COMPTROLLER
Michael P. Kearns	Mark C. Poloncarz	Michael J. Keane	John C. Garcia	Dr. Kevin R. Hardwick

ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATORS

District No. 1	Lawrence J. Dupre	District No. 7	Timothy J. Meyers
District No. 2	Taisha St. Jean Tard	District No. 8	Frank J. Todaro
District No. 3	Michael H. Kooshoian	District No. 9	John J. Gilmour
District No. 4	John A. Bargnesi, Jr.	District No. 10	Lindsay Lorigo
District No. 5	Jeanne M. Vinal	District No. 11	John J. Mills
District No. 6	Christopher D. Greene		

FINANCIAL SECTION

This section contains the following:

- INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
- MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
- BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
- COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable County Executive
Honorable County Comptroller
Honorable Members of the County Legislature
County of Erie, New York:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County of Erie, New York (the "County"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025 (with SUNY Erie for the year ended August 31, 2025), and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County, as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparison of the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority ("ECFSA"), which represent 3.5% and 0.7% of the assets and revenues, respectively, of the governmental activities. We did not audit the financial statements of the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation, Inc. ("ILDC"), which represent 10.0% and 2.1% of the assets and revenues, respectively, of the business-type activities. We did not audit the financial statements of Erie County Medical Center Corporation ("ECMCC"), a discretely presented component unit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Erie Community College Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation"), which is shown as an aggregate discretely presented component unit, and represents 82.8% and 58.2% of the assets and revenues, respectively, of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the ECFSA, ILDC, ECMCC, and Foundation, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, during the year ended August 31, 2025, SUNY Erie (the “College”), a business-type activity of the County, implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County’s ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement issuance date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors’ report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and other Required Supplementary Information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information provided in the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The other information comprises the Introductory Section and Statistical Section, as listed in the table of contents, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Drescher & Malecki LLP

June 15, 2026



COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended December 31, 2025

As management of the County of Erie, New York (the "County"), we offer readers of the County's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the County's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. We encourage the reader to consider the information contained in this analysis in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the County's financial statements, which follow this narrative. For comparative purposes, certain data from the prior year has been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation. All amounts in this Management's Discussion and Analysis, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

Financial Highlights

- The primary government's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources at the close of the 2025 fiscal year by \$460,567. This consists of \$579,314 net investment in capital assets, \$142,893 restricted for specific purposes (restricted net position), and unrestricted net position of \$(1,182,774) at December 31, 2025.
- As a result of current year activity, the primary government's total net position increased by \$91,977. Governmental activities increased the County's net position by \$60,597 and business-type activities increased the County's net position by \$31,380.
- As of December 31, 2025, the County's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$757,106, a decrease of \$51,072 in comparison to the prior year. Approximately 19.6% of the total combined governmental funds fund balance, \$148,771, is available to meet the County's current and future needs (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the fiscal year, *unassigned fund balance* for the General Fund was \$149,614, or 36.9%, of the total General Fund fund balance of \$405,216. Nonspendable, restricted and assigned General Fund fund balance totaled \$255,602 at December 31, 2025.
- The net bonded debt of the primary government increased by \$24,772, or 2.5%, during the 2025 fiscal year as a result of the issuance of general obligation and refunding serial bonds and annual net interest accretion of the ETASC Subordinate Turbo Capital Appreciation Bonds ("CABs") partially offset by principal payments made during the year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The discussion and analysis provided here is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, other supplementary information is included.

Government-wide Financial Statements—The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of County finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents financial information on all County assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of these government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all, or a significant portion, of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the County include general government, education, public safety, health, transportation, economic assistance and opportunity, culture and recreation, and home and community services.

The business-type activities of the County include SUNY Erie (“College”), the Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (“ILDC”), the ErieNet Local Development Corporation (“ELDC”), and the Utilities Aggregation Fund. A fiscal year ending August 31 is mandated by New York State law for the College. Accordingly, financial information for the College is presented as of and for the fiscal year then ended.

On July 12, 2005, the Governor of the State of New York signed legislation creating the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”). The ECFSA began its work during 2005 in an advisory role and provides the County with financial oversight while giving local leaders the ability to improve the County’s fiscal condition without further State intervention. The ECFSA is included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the County itself (i.e., *the primary government*) but also the legally separate Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (the “Library”), Erie County Medical Center Corporation (the “ECMCC”) and other component units. Financial information for these *discretely presented component units* of the County is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself. The Library does not issue separate financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements—A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate finance-related legal compliance. All funds of the County are divided into three categories: *governmental funds*, *proprietary funds*, and *fiduciary funds*.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental funds financial statements focus on *near-term inflows* and *outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the County’s near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds’ Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The County maintains fifteen (15) individual governmental funds. Additionally, the County reports the activities of its *blended component units* within its governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds' Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund and the General Fund of the ECFSA blended component unit (reported as a major special revenue fund). Data from the remaining nonmajor governmental funds and nonmajor blended component units are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The County adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund.

Proprietary funds—The County maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for the College, ILDC, ELDC, and the Utilities Aggregation Fund which is used to account for the bulk purchase and resale of gas, oil, and electric utilities.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The College, ILDC, and the ELDC are considered to be major proprietary funds of the County.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The County has one fiduciary fund, the Custodial Fund, which is used to report resources held by the County in a custodial capacity for individuals, private organizations and other governments.

Notes to the Financial Statements—The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information—In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's net pension liability/(asset), and the changes in the County's total other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") obligation. Required supplementary information and the related notes to the required supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

Combining and Individual Fund Financial Statements and Schedules—This report also provides combining statements and schedules for nonmajor governmental funds and combining statements for other component units. They are presented immediately following the required supplementary information.

Statistical Section—The Statistical Section presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the County's overall financial health.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the County's primary government, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$460,567 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

Summary Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2025 and 2024

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2025	2024	2025	2024 (as restated)	2025	2024 (as restated)
Current and other assets	\$ 1,296,298	\$ 1,378,521	\$ 112,508	\$ 106,928	\$ 1,408,806	\$ 1,485,449
Capital and right-to-use assets	1,020,178	949,801	47,953	30,766	1,068,131	980,567
Total assets	<u>2,316,476</u>	<u>2,328,322</u>	<u>160,461</u>	<u>137,694</u>	<u>2,476,937</u>	<u>2,466,016</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	254,757	349,214	32,463	44,906	287,220	394,120
Current and other liabilities	338,077	366,335	50,900	52,644	388,977	418,979
Long-term liabilities	2,266,699	2,215,303	170,680	166,970	2,437,379	2,382,273
Total liabilities	<u>2,604,776</u>	<u>2,581,638</u>	<u>221,580</u>	<u>219,614</u>	<u>2,826,356</u>	<u>2,801,252</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	335,851	525,889	62,517	85,539	398,368	611,428
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	543,099	485,407	36,215	29,758	579,314	515,165
Restricted	138,061	267,371	4,832	2,731	142,893	270,102
Unrestricted	(1,050,554)	(1,182,769)	(132,220)	(155,042)	(1,182,774)	(1,337,811)
Total net position	<u>\$ (369,394)</u>	<u>\$ (429,991)</u>	<u>\$ (91,173)</u>	<u>\$ (122,553)</u>	<u>\$ (460,567)</u>	<u>\$ (552,544)</u>

A significant portion of the County’s primary government net position at December 31, 2025, \$579,314, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, improvements, infrastructure, equipment, and right-to-use lease assets), net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding and any unspent proceeds from bond issues. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; accordingly, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the County’s investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources used to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the County’s primary government net position, \$142,893, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

The remaining component of the County’s primary government net position, \$(1,182,774), represents *unrestricted net position* which reflects all liabilities that are not related to the County’s capital assets and which are not expected to be repaid from restricted resources. Long-term liabilities are typically funded annually in the funds with revenues of that year. The combined total of (1) Erie Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (“ETASC”) (a blended component unit of the County) bonds net of discount, (\$382,262), issued to be paid back with future tobacco proceeds which are anticipated to be received annually over the next thirty-five (35) years, and (2) the long-term liability associated with other post-employment benefits (“OPEB”) (\$1,017,652), is greater than this deficit. As the revenue recognition criteria for the future funding of these liabilities has not been met, no assets have been recorded to offset these liabilities.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the County is able to report positive balances in two of the three categories of net position for the County as a whole. Governmental and business-type activities have an unrestricted net position of \$(1,050,554) and \$(132,220), respectively, at December 31, 2025.

The following table indicates the changes in net position for governmental and business-type activities for the current and prior fiscal years:

Summary of Changes in Net Position for the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 116,524	\$ 100,859	\$ 51,861	\$ 43,820	\$ 168,385	\$ 144,679
Operating grants and contributions	669,954	654,549	32,266	16,168	702,220	670,717
Capital grants and contributions	28,062	6,281	-	-	28,062	6,281
General revenues:						
Property taxes	356,087	343,432	-	-	356,087	343,432
Sales and use taxes	1,119,346	1,057,982	-	-	1,119,346	1,057,982
Transfer and other taxes	20,744	17,742	-	-	20,744	17,742
Federal, state and local appropriations	-	-	57,287	50,974	57,287	50,974
Unrestricted interest earnings	21,717	27,554	2,722	3,327	24,439	30,881
Miscellaneous and other	6,281	8,125	-	-	6,281	8,125
Total revenues	<u>2,338,715</u>	<u>2,216,524</u>	<u>144,136</u>	<u>114,289</u>	<u>2,482,851</u>	<u>2,330,813</u>
Expenses:						
General government support	625,479	618,531	-	-	625,479	618,531
Education	97,354	93,022	-	-	97,354	93,022
Public safety	236,392	248,112	-	-	236,392	248,112
Health	133,007	127,408	-	-	133,007	127,408
Transportation	119,785	119,665	-	-	119,785	119,665
Economic assistance and opportunity	784,405	771,071	-	-	784,405	771,071
Culture and recreation	131,234	136,556	-	-	131,234	136,556
Home and community services	87,441	72,440	-	-	87,441	72,440
Interest expense	43,273	39,170	-	-	43,273	39,170
College	-	-	95,954	82,400	95,954	82,400
ILDC	-	-	3,044	2,139	3,044	2,139
Purchase and resale of utilities	-	-	1,123	1,130	1,123	1,130
ErieNet LDC	-	-	32,439	22,406	32,439	22,406
Total expenses	<u>2,258,370</u>	<u>2,225,975</u>	<u>132,560</u>	<u>108,075</u>	<u>2,390,930</u>	<u>2,334,050</u>
Excess (deficiency) before transfers	80,345	(9,451)	11,576	6,214	91,921	(3,237)
Transfers	<u>(19,748)</u>	<u>(23,281)</u>	<u>19,804</u>	<u>23,297</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>16</u>
Change in net position	60,597	(32,732)	31,380	29,511	91,977	(3,221)
Net position - beginning	(429,991)	(397,259)	(122,553)	(148,096)	(552,544)	(545,355)
Restatement	-	-	-	(3,968)	-	(3,968)
Net position - ending	<u>\$ (369,394)</u>	<u>\$ (429,991)</u>	<u>\$ (91,173)</u>	<u>\$ (122,553)</u>	<u>\$ (460,567)</u>	<u>\$ (552,544)</u>

Governmental Activities

During the year ended December 31, 2025, governmental activities increased the County's net position by \$60,597. Revenues increased by \$122,191 (5.5%) and expenses increased by \$32,395 (1.5%) from 2024 to 2025. Key elements of these changes are as follows:

- Sales and use taxes increased by \$61,364 (5.8%) as a result of increased sales tax distributions received from the state and through the ECFSA.
- Operating and capital grants and contributions increased \$37,186 (5.6%) primarily as a result of increase state and federal aid for social services and additional grants for capital projects.
- Home and community costs increased \$15,001 (20.7%) from additional costs related to repairing and maintaining the County's sewer infrastructure and additional allocation towards the affordable housing program.
- Economic assistance and opportunity expenses increased by \$13,334 (1.7%) due increasing costs of child care and family assistance social service programs.
- Public safety decreased by \$11,720 (4.7%) primarily due to a one-time retirement incentive that was offered in 2024.

Business-type Activities

Business-type activities increased the County's net position by \$31,380 in the 2025 fiscal year. The College generated increases in net position of \$19,731 and \$22,905 for the years ended August 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The College's operating loss at August 31, 2025 was more than the operating loss at August 31, 2024 by \$5,302, as operating expenses increased \$12,988. Expenses generated during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025 increased primarily due to increases in scholarships. The County sponsorship share of support to the College for the College's fiscal year ended August 31, 2025 was \$19,804, and is reported as a 2025 transfer to the College from the County's General Fund. The ILDC generated a decrease in net position of \$43 and \$179 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. ErieNet generated an increase in net position of \$11,362 and \$7,894 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

As noted earlier, the County uses *fund accounting* to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds—The general government functions are contained in the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service, and Capital Projects Funds. The focus of the County's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the County's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance*, which is available to meet the County's current and future operational needs, may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. Approximately 19.6% of the County's total fund balances consists of *unassigned fund balance*, \$148,771. At December 31, 2025, the County's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$757,106, which is a decrease of \$51,072 in comparison with the prior year.

Nonspendable fund balance totaling \$21,856 consists of prepaid items. Nonspendable amounts represent net current financial resources that are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance in the amount of \$239,773 is constrained to specific purposes and consists of \$143 for education, advocacy and increased public awareness of handicapped parking laws, \$29,477 for community development loans, \$26,475 for opioid prevention, \$46,773 for the future repayment of bonded debt service and \$136,905 to fund capital projects and the purchase of capital assets.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts intended to be used for a specific purpose that are subject to a purpose constraint imposed by a formal action of the Erie County Legislature. Significant assignments by the County at December 31, 2025 include \$28,259 to meet expenditure requirements in the 2026 fiscal year, \$21,380 assigned to fund future settlements of various claims and litigation, \$186,741 for approved supplemental appropriations in the 2025 fiscal year, \$30,677 to General Fund year-end encumbrances, \$25,168 encumbrances in the Special Revenue Funds, \$307 the positive residual fund balance in ECFSA General Fund, and \$54,174 that represents the positive residual balances of special revenue funds.

Following is a discussion of the significant balances and operations of the major and selected nonmajor funds.

- **General Fund**—The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the County. At December 31, 2025, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$149,614, while total fund balance was \$405,216. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it is useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 7.8% of total expenditures (excluding other financing uses), while total fund balance represents 21.2% of that same amount. Fund balance in the County's General Fund increased by \$55,522 during the 2025 fiscal year primarily due to budgetary savings coupled with favorable sales tax and sales tax transferred from the ECFSA, which increased by \$59,217.
- **ECFSA General Fund**—This fund is the chief operating fund of the ECFSA and is reported as a special revenue fund of the County. Total fund balance at the end of the current fiscal year was \$329, a decrease of \$35 from the 2024 amount, and is classified as nonspendable for prepaid items (\$22) and assigned fund balance (\$307) in the County's fund financial statements. The ECFSA General Fund decreased from the 2024 fiscal year due to a decrease in interest earnings coupled by an increase in general government support costs.
- **Road Special Revenue Fund**—Ending fund balance increased by \$6,440 from 2024. Total revenues increased by \$3,486. Total expenditures remained relatively stable year to year.
- **Sewer Special Revenue Fund**—Total fund balance at the end of the current fiscal year was \$53,070, a decrease of \$204 from the 2024 amount. Total revenues increased by \$2,022 mainly due to increases in sewer user charges.
- **Capital Projects Funds**—The County reports five (5) capital projects funds (General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements; Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment; Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements; Tobacco Proceeds; and the Special Capital Projects) as nonmajor funds. These funds account for the construction and re-construction of general public improvements. At the end of the 2025 fiscal year, the total fund balances restricted for future capital projects amounted to \$136,905, of which \$93,664 was encumbered for contracted projects underway.

During 2025, the County’s capital outlay decreased in the General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Fund (\$22,951) and the Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements Fund (\$1,867), while capital outlay increased in the Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment Fund (\$15,164), and the Special Capital Projects Fund (\$6,773).

Proprietary funds—The County’s proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements but in more detail. The College and Utilities Aggregation Fund reported an unrestricted net position of \$(146,865) at August 31, 2025 and \$(360) at December 31, 2025, respectively, while the ILDC and the ErieNet LDC reported total net position of \$7,364 and \$23,409, respectively, at December 31, 2025.

The following table shows actual revenues, expenses, and results of operations for the current and prior fiscal years:

Summary of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	Major Funds						Nonmajor Fund		Total Proprietary Funds	
	College (August 31,)		ILDC		Erie Net LDC		Utilities Aggregation			
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024		
Operating revenues	\$ 36,791	\$ 29,105	\$ 596	\$ 491	\$ 100	\$ 560	\$ 32,769	\$ 21,297	\$ 70,256	\$ 51,453
Operating expenses	95,326	82,338	1,011	513	1,118	1,130	32,439	22,406	129,894	106,387
Operating (loss) income	(58,535)	(53,233)	(415)	(22)	(1,018)	(570)	330	(1,109)	(59,638)	(54,934)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses), net	58,462	52,841	372	(157)	12,380	8,464	-	-	71,214	61,148
Net (loss) income before contributions and transfers	(73)	(392)	(43)	(179)	11,362	7,894	330	(1,109)	11,576	6,214
Transfers	19,804	23,297	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,804	23,297
Change in net position	\$ 19,731	\$ 22,905	\$ (43)	\$ (179)	\$11,362	\$ 7,894	\$ 330	\$ (1,109)	\$ 31,380	\$ 29,511

The net income before contributions and transfers of enterprise funds during 2025 of \$11,576 is comprised of a net loss of \$73 for the College and \$43 for the ILDC, and a net income of \$11,362 for the ErieNet LDC, and \$330 for the Utilities Aggregation Fund. The College reports transfers from the County of \$19,804 for the year ended August 31, 2025.

The College reported a total deficit net position of \$121,586 at August 31, 2025. The ILDC reported net position of \$7,364, the ErieNet LDC reported a net position of \$23,409, and the Utilities Aggregation Fund reported a total deficit net position of \$360 at December 31, 2025.

Other factors concerning the activities of these funds have been addressed in the previous discussion of the County’s business-type activities.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, except that encumbrances are reported as budgeted expenditures in the year of incurrence of commitment to purchase.

During the 2025 fiscal year there was a \$538,335 decrease in total budgeted revenues between the original and final budget. The main component of the net decrease is the reclassification of \$635,565 from the 'Sales and use taxes' line to the 'Transfers in' line to match sales tax transfers received from the ECFSA which intercepts the County portion of sales tax remitted by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

The budget for other financing sources was increased during the year by \$635,565, for the sales and use taxes reclassification referred to in the previous paragraph.

Budgeted appropriations and other financing uses increased by \$68,926. Notable budgeted expenditures increased in economic assistance and opportunity (\$32,013), primarily for social services programs; general government support (\$18,479), primarily for the distribution of sales tax; culture and recreation (\$3,916), to support the County's parks and other cultural programs; and, budgeted interfund transfers out increased (\$3,802).

For the year, actual revenues were lower than budgeted revenues by \$9,672. This was mainly due to negative variances in intergovernmental aid (\$11,291) and real property taxes and tax items (\$8,507).

Budgetary actual expenditures were less than final budget by \$11,614, primarily from economic assistance and opportunity (\$3,292), public safety (\$2,607), and health (\$2,566).

The total budget to budgetary actual variance for the year amounted to a positive \$1,874.

Capital Assets, Right-to-use Assets, and Debt Administration

Capital Assets and Right-to-use Assets

The County's investment in capital assets and right-to-use assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2025, amounted to \$1,068,131 (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization). This investment in capital assets includes land, infrastructure, buildings and improvements, improvements other than buildings, equipment, right-to-use lease and subscription assets, College library collections, and construction in progress. The total increase in the County's investment in capital assets and right-to-use assets for the current period was 8.9%.

The County's infrastructure assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost in the government-wide financial statements as required by GASB. The County has elected to depreciate infrastructure assets.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included net increases to the governmental activities construction in progress (\$77,353), transportation network (\$25,902), sewer network (\$18,680) and machinery and equipment (\$14,142).

Capital assets net of depreciation/amortization for the governmental and business-type activities are presented below:

Summary of Capital Assets at December 31, 2025 and 2024 (net of depreciation/amortization)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Land	\$ 35,021	\$ 34,981	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,021	\$ 34,981
Construction in progress	255,791	178,438	20,986	10,046	276,777	188,484
Buildings and improvements	200,584	220,209	15,950	16,663	216,534	236,872
Sewer and transportation networks	414,046	414,199	-	-	414,046	414,199
Improvements other than buildings	21,659	23,594	285	3	21,944	23,597
Machinery and equipment	38,846	26,888	4,444	2,984	43,290	29,872
Right-to-use lease assets	38,149	37,170	172	-	38,321	37,170
Right-to-use SBITA assets	16,082	14,322	5,741	616	21,823	14,938
Library collections	-	-	375	454	375	454
Total	<u>\$ 1,020,178</u>	<u>\$ 949,801</u>	<u>\$ 47,953</u>	<u>\$ 30,766</u>	<u>\$ 1,068,131</u>	<u>\$ 980,567</u>

Additional information on the County's capital assets can be found in Notes 1 and 7 of this report.

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2025, the primary government had total bonded debt outstanding of \$1,006,080, as compared to \$981,308 in the prior year. During the year, payments and other reductions of bonded debt amounted to \$67,416, while additions and accretions amounted to \$92,188. The issuance of long-term debt is a direct function of the County and is reported within the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Summary of Long-term Bonded Debt Outstanding at December 31, 2025 and 2024

	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
Erie County bonds	\$ 444,188	\$ 420,868
Less: ECFSA mirror bonds	<u>(24,775)</u>	<u>(27,750)</u>
Net Erie County bonds	419,413	393,118
ECFSA bonds	143,620	152,400
ETASC tobacco settlement bonds	392,115	382,963
Unamortized bond discounts - ETASC	(9,853)	(9,992)
Unamortized bond premiums	60,785	62,819
Total primary government long-term bonded debt outstanding	<u>\$ 1,006,080</u>	<u>\$ 981,308</u>

Tobacco settlement bonds are payable only from the assets of ETASC and are not legal obligations of the County.

New York State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to 7% of its five-year valuation. The current available debt-limitation for the County is \$5,616,786, which is only 6.69% exhausted by the County's outstanding general obligation debt of \$402,773 (which includes a \$47,945 bond guaranty to ECMCC).

The County's current bond ratings are as follows: Standard & Poor's at AA (stable outlook); Moody's at Aa3 (stable outlook); Fitch Ratings at AA (positive outlook); and Kroll Ratings at AA (stable outlook).

Additional information on the County's long-term debt can be found in Note 15 of this report.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the County's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information, should be addressed to the Erie County Office of the Comptroller, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1100, Buffalo, New York 14202.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Primary Government			Component Units		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Library	ECMCC	Other
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 359,533	\$ 64,102	\$ 423,635	\$ 17,020	\$ 42,372	\$ 361
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	233,372	-	233,372	437	195,549	-
Investments	-	4,453	4,453	-	-	8,757
Restricted investments	19,285	11,360	30,645	-	13,122	-
Receivables (net of allowance):						
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	108,666	-	108,666	-	-	-
Leases	691	1,351	2,042	-	550	-
Other	43,007	15,895	58,902	7	146,099	269
Due from component unit	128,848	5,010	133,858	-	-	-
Internal balances	7,021	(3,881)	3,140	-	-	-
Intergovernmental receivables	373,905	3,079	376,984	1,092	-	-
Prepaid items	21,856	166	22,022	878	19,194	89
Other assets	-	-	-	-	7,710	23
Noncurrent net pension asset	-	4,342	4,342	-	-	-
Noncurrent other assets	114	153	267	-	-	315
Land held for sale	-	6,478	6,478	-	-	-
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	290,812	21,803	312,615	11,855	31,565	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	729,366	26,150	755,516	3,976	265,895	106
Total assets	<u>2,316,476</u>	<u>160,461</u>	<u>2,476,937</u>	<u>35,265</u>	<u>722,056</u>	<u>9,920</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred charge on refunding	11,408	-	11,408	-	-	-
Deferred outflows—relating to pensions	122,051	11,614	133,665	5,287	72,607	-
Deferred outflows—relating to OPEB	121,298	20,849	142,147	3,948	11,771	-
Deferred outflows—other	-	-	-	-	8,200	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>254,757</u>	<u>32,463</u>	<u>287,220</u>	<u>9,235</u>	<u>92,578</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	56,290	11,710	68,000	357	70,905	103
Accrued liabilities	179,449	6,969	186,418	1,030	97,301	33
Due to primary government	-	-	-	-	133,858	-
Intergovernmental payables	36,282	3,706	39,988	-	-	-
Retained percentages payable	7,644	-	7,644	59	-	-
Unearned revenue	35,347	28,515	63,862	437	153,711	-
Notes payable	23,065	-	23,065	-	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities:						
Net assets held on behalf of others	-	-	-	-	-	316
Due within one year	128,956	3,497	132,453	922	22,378	-
Due in more than one year	2,137,743	167,183	2,304,926	68,479	578,858	-
Total liabilities	<u>2,604,776</u>	<u>221,580</u>	<u>2,826,356</u>	<u>71,284</u>	<u>1,057,011</u>	<u>452</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred gain on refunding	2,049	-	2,049	-	-	-
Deferred inflows—relating to leases receivable	670	1,351	2,021	-	1,169	-
Deferred inflows—relating to pensions	8,557	3,924	12,481	371	20,058	-
Deferred inflows—relating to OPEB	324,461	57,242	381,703	24,900	14,474	-
Deferred inflows—relating to forward purchase agreement swap	114	-	114	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>335,851</u>	<u>62,517</u>	<u>398,368</u>	<u>25,271</u>	<u>35,701</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	543,099	36,215	579,314	15,831	71,350	105
Restricted for:						
Community development loans	29,477	-	29,477	-	-	-
Opioid prevention	26,475	-	26,475	-	-	-
Debt service	37,963	-	37,963	-	-	-
Capital projects	44,003	-	44,003	-	-	-
Other purposes	143	4,832	4,975	-	51,559	9,363
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,050,554)	(132,220)	(1,182,774)	(67,886)	(400,987)	-
Total net position	<u>\$ (369,394)</u>	<u>\$ (91,173)</u>	<u>\$ (460,567)</u>	<u>\$ (52,055)</u>	<u>\$ (278,078)</u>	<u>\$ 9,468</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

Functions/Programs	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position									
	Program Revenues				Primary Government			Component Units		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Library	ECMCC	Other
Primary government:										
Governmental activities:										
General government support	\$ 625,479	\$ 39,281	\$ 79,787	\$ 1,085	\$ (505,326)	\$ -	\$ (505,326)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Education	97,354	95	53,040	15,630	(28,589)	-	(28,589)	-	-	-
Public safety	236,392	5,474	7,704	148	(223,066)	-	(223,066)	-	-	-
Health	133,007	5,194	84,347	-	(43,466)	-	(43,466)	-	-	-
Transportation	119,785	-	19,296	4,180	(96,309)	-	(96,309)	-	-	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	784,405	23,489	394,720	107	(366,089)	-	(366,089)	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	131,234	2,017	9,973	6,697	(112,547)	-	(112,547)	-	-	-
Home and community services	87,441	40,974	8,239	215	(38,013)	-	(38,013)	-	-	-
Interest expense	43,273	-	12,848	-	(30,425)	-	(30,425)	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>2,258,370</u>	<u>116,524</u>	<u>669,954</u>	<u>28,062</u>	<u>(1,443,830)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,443,830)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Business-type activities										
College	95,954	18,396	18,395	-	-	(59,163)	(59,163)	-	-	-
ILDC	3,044	596	2,405	-	-	(43)	(43)	-	-	-
ErieNet LDC	1,123	100	11,466	-	-	10,443	10,443	-	-	-
Utilities aggregation	32,439	32,769	-	-	-	330	330	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>132,560</u>	<u>51,861</u>	<u>32,266</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,433)</u>	<u>(48,433)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 2,390,930</u>	<u>\$ 168,385</u>	<u>\$ 702,220</u>	<u>\$ 28,062</u>	<u>(1,443,830)</u>	<u>(48,433)</u>	<u>(1,492,263)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Component units:										
Library	\$ 33,215	\$ 195	\$ 5,145	\$ -				(27,875)	-	-
ECMCC	979,772	910,531	43,561	881				-	(24,799)	-
Other	2,276	1,516	377	-				-	-	(383)
Total component units	<u>\$ 1,015,263</u>	<u>\$ 912,242</u>	<u>\$ 49,083</u>	<u>\$ 881</u>				<u>(27,875)</u>	<u>(24,799)</u>	<u>(383)</u>
General revenues:										
Property taxes levied for mall, sewer, and general purposes					356,087	-	356,087	-	-	-
Property taxes levied for library					-	-	-	30,947	-	-
Sales and use taxes					1,119,346	-	1,119,346	-	-	-
Transfers and other taxes					20,744	-	20,744	-	-	-
Unrestricted state and local appropriations					-	29,471	29,471	-	-	-
Federal and state student financial aid					-	27,816	27,816	-	-	-
Interest earnings					21,717	2,722	24,439	187	11,676	21
Gain on sale of capital assets					465	-	465	-	-	-
Miscellaneous					5,816	-	5,816	299	-	519
Transfers					(19,748)	19,804	56	-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>1,504,427</u>	<u>79,813</u>	<u>1,584,240</u>	<u>31,433</u>	<u>11,676</u>	<u>540</u>
Change in net position					60,597	31,380	91,977	3,558	(13,123)	157
Net position—beginning, as previously stated					(429,991)	(118,585)	(548,576)	(55,613)	(264,955)	9,311
Restatement for GASB implementation					-	(3,968)	(3,968)	-	-	-
Net position—beginning, as restated					<u>(429,991)</u>	<u>(122,553)</u>	<u>(552,544)</u>	<u>(55,613)</u>	<u>(264,955)</u>	<u>9,311</u>
Net position—ending					<u>\$ (369,394)</u>	<u>\$ (91,173)</u>	<u>\$ (460,567)</u>	<u>\$ (52,055)</u>	<u>\$ (278,078)</u>	<u>\$ 9,468</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Balance Sheet—Governmental Funds
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	General Fund	Emergency Response Fund	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Capital Projects Fund	ECFSA General Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 167,414	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 354	\$ 191,765	\$ 359,533
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	15,672	-	-	968	216,732	233,372
Restricted investments	-	-	-	-	19,285	19,285
Receivables (net of allowance):						
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	97,051	-	-	-	157	97,208
Leases	691	-	-	-	-	691
Other	7,722	-	-	-	35,285	43,007
Due from other funds	153,394	-	-	8	34,399	187,801
Due from component unit	30	-	-	-	-	30
Intergovernmental receivables	255,260	-	-	72,001	46,644	373,905
Prepaid items	16,661	-	-	22	5,173	21,856
Total assets	<u>\$ 713,895</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 73,353</u>	<u>\$ 549,440</u>	<u>\$ 1,336,688</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 24,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 31,622	\$ 56,290
Accrued liabilities	162,775	-	-	-	7,864	170,639
Due to other funds	99	-	-	72,977	107,704	180,780
Intergovernmental payables	36,121	-	-	-	161	36,282
Retained percentages payable	-	-	-	-	7,644	7,644
Unearned revenue	15,528	-	-	-	19,819	35,347
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	23,065	23,065
Total liabilities	<u>239,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,024</u>	<u>197,879</u>	<u>510,047</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue—property taxes	68,865	-	-	-	-	68,865
Deferred inflows—relating to leases	670	-	-	-	-	670
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>69,535</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,535</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable:						
Prepaid items	16,661	-	-	22	5,173	21,856
Restricted:						
Handicapped parking	143	-	-	-	-	143
Community development loans	-	-	-	-	29,477	29,477
Opioid prevention	-	-	-	-	26,475	26,475
Debt service	-	-	-	-	46,773	46,773
Capital expenditures	-	-	-	-	136,905	136,905
Assigned:						
Subsequent year's expenditures	-	-	-	-	28,259	28,259
Judgments and claims	21,380	-	-	-	-	21,380
Other purposes	217,418	-	-	307	79,342	297,067
Unassigned	149,614	-	-	-	(843)	148,771
Total fund balances	<u>405,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>351,561</u>	<u>757,106</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 713,895</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 73,353</u>	<u>\$ 549,440</u>	<u>\$ 1,336,688</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet—Governmental Funds
to the Government-wide Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (page 15) are different because:

Total fund balances—governmental funds (page 17)	\$	757,106	
Capital assets and right-to-use lease/SBITA assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements. The cost of the assets is \$2,634,973 and the accumulated depreciation/amortization is \$1,614,795.			1,020,178
Uncollected property taxes are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred inflows of resources in the fund statements.			68,865
A long-term asset owed to ETASC by New York State is not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, is not reported in the fund statements.			11,458
Due from a component unit was deemed to be not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the fund statements.			128,818
Certain deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and certain deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements.			
Unamortized deferred charge on refundings	\$	1,004	
Unamortized deferred gain on refundings		(2,049)	
Unamortized deferred charge on refundings - ETASC		<u>10,404</u>	9,359
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements:			
Deferred outflows related to employer contributions	\$	44,179	
Deferred outflows related to experience, changes of assumptions, investment earnings, and changes in proportion for pensions		77,872	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		(8,557)	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB liability		121,298	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB liability		<u>(324,461)</u>	(89,669)
Net accrued interest expense for general obligation bonds of \$7,985 and accrued interest on ETASC bonds of \$825 is not reported in the fund statements.			(8,810)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements. The effects of these items are:			
Serial bonds—County	\$	(563,033)	
Unamortized bond premiums—County		(60,785)	
ETASC Tobacco Settlement Bonds and Subordinate Turbo CABs accreted interest		(392,115)	
ETASC Tobacco Settlement Bonds and Subordinate Turbo CABs discount		9,853	
Lease liability		(39,807)	
SBITA liability		(16,512)	
Compensated absences		(93,262)	
Judgments and claims		(44,096)	
Other postemployment benefits obligation		(873,892)	
Net pension liability		<u>(193,050)</u>	<u>(2,266,699)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$		<u>(369,394)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances—Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	General Fund	Emergency Response Fund	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Capital Projects Fund	ECFSA General Fund	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 321,497	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,845	\$ 347,342
Sales and use taxes	479,668	-	-	635,622	4,056	1,119,346
Transfer and other taxes	782	-	-	-	19,962	20,744
Intergovernmental	515,237	-	-	-	163,623	678,860
Interfund revenues	5,321	-	-	-	-	5,321
Departmental	72,836	-	-	-	48,129	120,965
Interest	20,897	-	-	2	13,666	34,565
Miscellaneous	3,263	-	-	-	10,102	13,365
Total revenues	<u>1,419,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635,624</u>	<u>285,383</u>	<u>2,340,508</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government support	609,542	-	-	447	30,117	640,106
Education	99,898	-	-	-	-	99,898
Public safety	216,913	-	-	-	24,150	241,063
Health	116,510	-	-	-	21,149	137,659
Transportation	32,498	-	-	-	44,119	76,617
Economic assistance and opportunity	770,233	-	-	-	22,967	793,200
Culture and recreation	40,400	-	-	-	425	40,825
Home and community services	6,192	-	-	-	76,737	82,929
Debt service:						
Principal	12,676	-	-	-	46,396	59,072
Interest and other fiscal charges	2,208	-	-	-	35,378	37,586
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	247,160	247,160
Total expenditures	<u>1,907,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>548,598</u>	<u>2,456,115</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(487,569)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635,177</u>	<u>(263,215)</u>	<u>(115,607)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-	60,185	60,185
Premium on bond issuance	-	-	-	-	6,725	6,725
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-	-	11,640	11,640
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	-	-	(12,174)	(12,174)
Premiums on refunding bonds issuance	-	-	-	-	986	986
Issuance of leases	12,332	-	-	-	-	12,332
Issuance of SBITAs	4,124	-	-	-	-	4,124
Sale of property	465	-	-	-	-	465
Transfers in	646,753	-	-	-	148,045	794,798
Transfers out	(120,583)	-	-	(635,212)	(58,751)	(814,546)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>543,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(635,212)</u>	<u>156,656</u>	<u>64,535</u>
Net change in fund balances	55,522	-	-	(35)	(106,559)	(51,072)
Fund balances—beginning, as previously reported	349,694	13,617	147,200	364	297,303	808,178
Change within financial reporting entity (major to nonmajor)	-	(13,617)	(147,200)	-	160,817	-
Fund balances—beginning, as adjusted	<u>349,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>458,120</u>	<u>808,178</u>
Fund balances—ending	<u>\$ 405,216</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 329</u>	<u>\$ 351,561</u>	<u>\$ 757,106</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balances—Governmental Funds to the Government-wide Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (page 16) are different because:		
Net change in fund balances—total governmental funds (page 19)	\$	(51,072)
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation/amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays and gain on disposal of assets exceeded depreciation/amortization expense in the current period.</p>		
Capital asset/right-to-use lease/SBITA additions	\$ 158,134	
(Loss) on disposal of assets	(6)	
Depreciation/amortization expense	<u>(87,751)</u>	70,377
<p>Certain tax and other revenue in the governmental funds is deferred or not recognized because it is not available soon enough after year end to pay for the current period's expenditures. On the accrual basis, however, this is recognized regardless of when it is collected.</p>		
ETSAC tobacco revenue	\$ (3,454)	
Real property taxes	<u>8,745</u>	5,291
<p>Governmental funds report loans to a component unit to be repaid on a long-term basis as expenditures. In the statement of net position, however, the cost of those outlays increases the due from component unit and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of long-term loan principal is a revenue in the governmental funds and thus contributes to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, however, repayment of long-term loan principal reduces the amount due from the component unit and does not affect the statement of activities.</p>		
		(7,549)
<p>Net differences between pension contributions recognized on the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements are as follows:</p>		
County pension contributions	\$ 5,732	
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	<u>9,821</u>	15,553
<p>Deferred outflows and inflows of resources relating to OPEB result from actuarial changes in the census, changes in medical premiums that are different than expected healthcare cost trend rates, and changes in assumptions and other inputs. These amounts are shown net of current year amortization and are as follows:</p>		
Changes of assumptions	\$ (43,779)	
Differences between expected and actual experience	94,512	
Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,670</u>	53,403
<p>In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as it accrues, regardless of when it is paid.</p>		
		(531)
<p>The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal on long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. Additionally, in the statement of activities, certain operating expenses are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). The net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and the related items is as follows:</p>		
Issuance of serial bonds	\$ (60,185)	
Issuance of refunding bonds	(11,640)	
Refunded bonds	11,930	
Repayment of serial bonds	42,380	
Premium on serial bonds and refunding bonds issued	(7,711)	
Amortization of premiums on serial bonds	9,745	
Repayment of ETASC Tobacco Settlement Bonds	3,500	
Accreted interest on ETASC Subordinate Turbo CABs	(12,652)	
Amortization of ETASC bond discounts	(139)	
Change in deferred charge	109	
Change in deferred gain	(1,975)	
Issuance of leases	(12,332)	
Repayment of lease liability	10,961	
Issuance of SBITA	(4,124)	
Repayment of SBITA	2,231	
Change in compensated absences	(1,734)	
Change in judgments and claims	1,944	
Change in other postemployment benefits obligation	<u>4,817</u>	<u>(24,875)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>60,597</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—General Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Budgeted Amounts		Budgetary	Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 330,004	\$ 330,004	\$ 321,497	\$ (8,507)
Sales and use taxes	1,074,956	475,990	479,668	3,678
Transfer and other taxes	530	530	782	252
Intergovernmental	479,746	526,528	515,237	(11,291)
Interfund revenues	5,448	5,448	5,321	(127)
Departmental	63,316	66,495	72,836	6,341
Interest	10,198	20,856	20,897	41
Miscellaneous	3,310	3,322	3,263	(59)
Total revenues	1,967,508	1,429,173	1,419,501	(9,672)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government support	594,546	613,025	611,216	1,809
Education	98,008	100,452	99,898	554
Public safety	216,627	218,083	215,476	2,607
Health	128,464	119,370	116,804	2,566
Transportation	31,509	32,498	32,498	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	751,212	783,225	779,933	3,292
Culture and recreation	36,198	40,114	39,591	523
Home and community services	6,741	6,274	6,011	263
Debt service:				
Principal	-	12,676	12,676	-
Interest and other fiscal charges	-	2,208	2,208	-
Total expenditures	1,863,305	1,927,925	1,916,311	11,614
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	104,203	(498,752)	(496,810)	1,942
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Issuance of leases	-	12,332	12,332	-
Issuance of SBITA	-	4,124	4,124	-
Sale of property	322	322	465	143
Transfers in	353	635,565	646,753	11,188
Transfers out	(104,878)	(109,184)	(120,583)	(11,399)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(104,203)	543,159	543,091	(68)
Net change in fund balances	\$ -	\$ 44,407	\$ 46,281	\$ 1,874

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Net Position—
Proprietary Funds
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Business-Type Activities				Total Proprietary Funds
	Major Funds			Nonmajor Fund	
	SUNY Erie (August 31, 2025)	Buffalo and Erie County ILDC	ErieNet LDC	Utilities Aggregation Fund	
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 56,609	\$ 4,654	\$ 2,839	\$ -	\$ 64,102
Investments	-	-	4,453	-	4,453
Restricted investments	-	-	11,360	-	11,360
Receivables (net of allowances)	8,666	5,212	1,896	-	15,774
Lease receivables	1,351	-	-	-	1,351
Loan receivables	-	121	-	-	121
Due from other funds	2,424	-	-	512	2,936
Due from component unit	-	-	-	5,010	5,010
Intergovernmental receivables	-	-	-	3,079	3,079
Prepaid items	151	-	4	11	166
Total current assets	<u>69,201</u>	<u>9,987</u>	<u>20,552</u>	<u>8,612</u>	<u>108,352</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Net pension asset	4,342	-	-	-	4,342
Loan receivables, net	-	153	-	-	153
Land held for sale	-	6,478	-	-	6,478
Capital assets, not being depreciated	-	-	20,986	-	20,986
Capital assets, net of depreciation/amortization	26,625	170	172	-	26,967
Total noncurrent assets	<u>30,967</u>	<u>6,801</u>	<u>21,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,926</u>
Total assets	<u>100,168</u>	<u>16,788</u>	<u>41,710</u>	<u>8,612</u>	<u>167,278</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred outflows—relating to pensions	11,614	-	-	-	11,614
Deferred outflows—relating to OPEB	20,849	-	-	-	20,849
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>32,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,463</u>
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	2,299	180	6,760	2,471	11,710
Accrued liabilities	6,949	-	6	13	6,968
Due to other funds	405	-	-	6,412	6,817
Intergovernmental payables	-	3,630	-	76	3,706
Unearned revenue	11,540	5,614	11,361	-	28,515
Lease liability - current	-	-	1	-	1
SBITA liability - current	480	-	-	-	480
Fringe benefits payable - current	3,017	-	-	-	3,017
Total current liabilities	<u>24,690</u>	<u>9,424</u>	<u>18,128</u>	<u>8,972</u>	<u>61,214</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Accrued liabilities	899	-	-	-	899
Lease liability	-	-	173	-	173
SBITA liability	5,208	-	-	-	5,208
Fringe benefits payable	6,586	-	-	-	6,586
OPEB obligation	143,760	-	-	-	143,760
Net pension liability	10,557	-	-	-	10,557
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>167,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,183</u>
Total liabilities	<u>191,700</u>	<u>9,424</u>	<u>18,301</u>	<u>8,972</u>	<u>228,397</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred inflows—relating to leases receivable	1,351	-	-	-	1,351
Deferred inflows—relating to pensions	3,924	-	-	-	3,924
Deferred inflows—relating to OPEB	57,242	-	-	-	57,242
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>62,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,517</u>
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	20,937	170	15,108	-	36,215
Restricted—Other	4,342	490	-	-	4,832
Unrestricted (deficit)	(146,865)	6,704	8,301	(360)	(132,220)
Total net position	<u>\$ (121,586)</u>	<u>\$ 7,364</u>	<u>\$ 23,409</u>	<u>\$ (360)</u>	<u>\$ (91,173)</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position—
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Business-Type Activities				
	Major Funds			Nonmajor Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
	SUNY Erie (August 31, 2025)	Buffalo and Erie County ILDC	ErieNet LDC	Utilities Aggregation Fund	
OPERATING REVENUES					
Student tuition and fees	\$ 18,396	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,396
Intergovernmental revenues and charges	2,607	-	-	-	2,607
Administrative fees	-	596	-	-	596
State and local contracts	14,337	-	-	-	14,337
Interfund revenues	-	-	-	9,545	9,545
Other operating revenue	1,451	-	100	23,224	24,775
Total operating revenues	<u>36,791</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>32,769</u>	<u>70,256</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Employee wages	47,260	-	305	298	47,863
Employee benefits	9,913	-	-	143	10,056
Professional services	-	-	730	-	730
Scholarships	15,524	-	-	-	15,524
Supplies, services and general	17,106	305	-	-	17,411
Utilities and telephone	2,203	-	-	31,998	34,201
Depreciation/amortization	3,320	5	4	-	3,329
Transfer to Erie County Industrial Development Agency	-	701	-	-	701
Other	-	-	79	-	79
Total operating expenses	<u>95,326</u>	<u>1,011</u>	<u>1,118</u>	<u>32,439</u>	<u>129,894</u>
Operating income (loss)	(58,535)	(415)	(1,018)	330	(59,638)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Unrestricted state and local appropriations	29,471	-	-	-	29,471
Federal and state student financial aid	27,816	-	-	-	27,816
Income from investments, net	1,803	-	919	-	2,722
Grant income	-	2,405	11,466	-	13,871
Grant expenses	-	(2,033)	-	-	(2,033)
Interest expense	-	-	(5)	-	(5)
Loss on disposal of plant assets	(628)	-	-	-	(628)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>58,462</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>12,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,214</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	(73)	(43)	11,362	330	11,576
TRANSFERS IN					
County contributions	19,804	-	-	-	19,804
Total transfers in	<u>19,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,804</u>
Change in net position	19,731	(43)	11,362	330	31,380
Net position—beginning, as previously stated	(137,349)	7,407	12,047	(690)	(118,585)
Restatement for GASB implementation	(3,968)	-	-	-	(3,968)
Net position—beginning, as restated	<u>(141,317)</u>	<u>7,407</u>	<u>12,047</u>	<u>(690)</u>	<u>(122,553)</u>
Net position—ending	<u>\$ (121,586)</u>	<u>\$ 7,364</u>	<u>\$ 23,409</u>	<u>\$ (360)</u>	<u>\$ (91,173)</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Cash Flows—
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Business-Type Activities				
	Major Funds			Nonmajor Fund	Total Proprietary Funds
	SUNY Erie (August 31, 2025)	Buffalo and Erie County ILDC	ErieNet LDC	Utilities Aggregation Fund	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Tuition and fees	\$ 18,775	\$ 550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,325
Receipts from utility customers	-	-	-	20,315	20,315
Federal grants and contracts	2,607	-	-	-	2,607
State grants and contracts	13,663	-	-	-	13,663
Local grants	1,741	-	-	-	1,741
Other sources	1,451	178	100	-	1,729
Personal service payments	(47,203)	-	-	-	(47,203)
Payments for wages and fringe benefits	(24,302)	-	(302)	(440)	(25,044)
Payments to suppliers	(14,957)	(145)	(1,875)	(31,330)	(48,307)
Payments for scholarships and loans	(15,524)	(106)	-	-	(15,630)
Internal activity—payments from other funds	-	-	-	11,455	11,455
Transfer from Erie County Industrial Development Agency	-	(1,322)	-	-	(1,322)
Net cash (used for) operating activities	<u>(63,749)</u>	<u>(845)</u>	<u>(2,077)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(66,671)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
State appropriations	43,520	-	-	-	43,520
County contributions	19,804	-	-	-	19,804
Federal and state student financial aid grants	9,647	-	-	-	9,647
Chargeback revenues	1,475	-	-	-	1,475
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>74,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,446</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Acquisition/funding of capital projects	(9,210)	-	(6,294)	-	(15,504)
SBITA issued	6,320	-	-	-	6,320
Principal payment on lease/SBITA	(1,228)	-	(2)	-	(1,230)
Interest payment on lease/SBITA	-	-	(5)	-	(5)
Grant income	-	3,848	25	-	3,873
Grant expense	-	(2,033)	-	-	(2,033)
Net cash (used for) provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>(4,118)</u>	<u>1,815</u>	<u>(6,276)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,579)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Sale of investments	-	-	10,687	-	10,687
Interest, dividends, and realized gains on investments	1,803	-	7	-	1,810
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,803</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,497</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8,382	970	2,341	-	11,693
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning	48,227	3,684	498	-	52,409
Cash and cash equivalents—ending	<u>\$ 56,609</u>	<u>\$ 4,654</u>	<u>\$ 2,839</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 64,102</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Cash Flows—
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

(concluded)

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>				
	<u>Major Funds</u>			<u>Nonmajor Fund</u>	
	<u>SUNY Erie</u> <u>(August 31, 2025)</u>	<u>Buffalo and</u> <u>Erie County</u> <u>ILDC</u>	<u>ErieNet</u> <u>LDC</u>	<u>Utilities</u> <u>Aggregation</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Proprietary</u> <u>Funds</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash (used for) operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	\$ (58,535)	\$ (415)	\$ (1,018)	\$ 330	\$ (59,638)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash (used for) operating activities:					
Depreciation/amortization expense	3,320	5	4	-	3,329
Bad debt expense	-	(48)	-	-	(48)
Loss on land held for sale	-	(6)	-	-	(6)
Decrease in student receivables, net	380	-	-	-	380
(Increase) decrease in other receivables, net	1,053	-	(1,896)	(1,936)	(2,779)
Decrease in loan receivables	-	127	-	-	127
(Increase) in due from other funds	-	-	-	(248)	(248)
(Increase) in due from component unit	-	-	-	(971)	(971)
Decrease (Increase) in prepaid items	511	-	16	(2)	525
(Increase) in net pension asset	(2,129)	-	-	-	(2,129)
Decrease in deferred outflows of resources	12,444	112	-	-	12,556
Increase in accounts payable	748	-	814	-	1,562
Increase in accrued liabilities	56	-	3	669	728
Increase in retirement liabilities	506	-	-	-	506
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	514	(620)	-	-	(106)
Increase in due to other funds	-	-	-	2,158	2,158
Increase in unearned revenues	2,592	-	-	-	2,592
(Decrease) in OPEB obligation	(4,614)	-	-	-	(4,614)
Increase in net pension liability	1,653	-	-	-	1,653
(Decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	(22,248)	-	-	-	(22,248)
Total adjustments	<u>(5,214)</u>	<u>(430)</u>	<u>(1,059)</u>	<u>(330)</u>	<u>(7,033)</u>
Net cash (used for) operating activities	<u>\$ (63,749)</u>	<u>\$ (845)</u>	<u>\$ (2,077)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (66,671)</u>
Schedule of non-cash capital and related financing activities:					
Construction of capital assets on account	\$ -	\$ 5,464	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position—
Custodial Fund
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Custodial Fund
ASSETS	
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,151
Receivables	744
Bonds and securities held in custody	<u>20</u>
Total assets	<u>37,915</u>
LIABILITIES	
Held in custody for others	<u>10,176</u>
Total liabilities	<u>10,176</u>
NET POSITION	
Total net position restricted for individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 27,739</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position—
Custodial Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Custodial Fund
ADDITIONS	
Funds received on behalf of others	\$ 397,614
Total additions	397,614
DEDUCTIONS	
Funds distributed on behalf of others	391,596
Total deductions	391,596
Change in fiduciary net position	6,018
Net position—beginning	21,721
Net position—ending	\$ 27,739

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of County of Erie, New York (the “County”) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the County’s accounting principles are described below.

Description of Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from certain legally separate *component units* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

Reporting Entity

The County was established in 1821. Subject to the New York State Constitution, the County operates pursuant to its Charter and Administrative Code (the “Charter”), as well as various local laws. Additionally, certain New York State laws govern the County to the extent that such laws are applicable to counties operating under a charter form of government. The Charter was enacted by local law and approved by the electorate at a general election held in November 1959. The Administrative Code was enacted into local law in 1961. The County Legislature is the legislative body responsible for overall operations, the County Executive serves as chief executive officer, and the County Comptroller serves as chief fiscal, accounting, reporting and auditing officer.

The County provides mandated social service programs such as Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Safety Net. The County also provides services and facilities in the areas of culture, recreation, police, libraries, youth, health, senior services, roads, and sanitary sewerage. These general governmental programs and services are financed by various taxes, state and federal aid, and departmental revenue (which is primarily comprised of service fees and various types of program-related charges). Additionally, the County operates SUNY Erie (“the College”).

The financial reporting entity includes the County (the “primary government”) and its significant component units. A component unit is either a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of a primary government are financially accountable, or another organization for which the nature and significance of its relationship with a primary government is such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Blended Component Units—The following blended component units are separate entities from the County, but are, in substance, part of the County’s operations and therefore data from the units are combined with data of the primary government.

- **Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority**—Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) is included as a blended component unit of the County’s primary government pursuant to GASB. The ECFSA was created to monitor and oversee the finances of the County. Agencies and departments examined by the ECFSA’s activities include all of the County’s departments and sewer districts, the College and the Library. It reports using the governmental model and its general fund is reported as part of the County’s special revenue funds.

The ECFSA is a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York (the “State”) constituting a public benefit corporation created by the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority Act, Chapter 182 of the Laws of 2005, as supplemented by Chapter 183 of the Laws of 2005 (the “Act”). The Act became effective July 12, 2005.

The ECFSA is governed by seven directors, each appointed by the Governor, including one each appointed upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader of the State Senate, the Speaker of the State Assembly and the State Comptroller. The Governor also designates the chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the directors.

The ECFSA has power under the Act to monitor and oversee the finances of the County, and upon declaration of a “Control Period” as defined in the Act. The ECFSA is also empowered to issue its bonds and notes for various County purposes, defined in the Act as “Financeable Costs.”

On November 3, 2006, the Authority imposed a control period on the County in accordance with Section 3595(1)(e) of New York Public Authorities Law through resolution 06-49. The resolution empowered the ECFSA to operate with its maximum authorized complement of control over County finances. During a control period all County contracts of \$50,000 or more and filling of any positions are subject to ECFSA approval and ECFSA has the power to approve or reject all proposed County borrowings and the County may not borrow without formal ECFSA approval. In addition, the ECFSA has the right to freeze wages, although it has not elected to exercise that right. On June 2, 2009, the ECFSA revoked the control period and reverted to an advisory status with limited control over County finances.

In 2011, the ECFSA issued serial bonds to assist ECMCC in the construction of a new residential health care facility. Loan agreements were executed whereby the ECFSA loaned the proceeds to the County, who in turn loaned the monies to ECMCC. The facility was opened in February 2013.

Revenues of the ECFSA consist of sales tax revenues, defined as net collections from sales and compensating use taxes, penalties and interest authorized by the State and imposed by the County on the sales and use of tangible personal property and services in the County (“Sales Tax Revenues”), and investment earnings on money and investments on deposit in various ECFSA accounts. Sales tax revenues collected by the State Comptroller for transfer to the ECFSA are not subject to appropriation by the State or County. Revenues of the ECFSA that are not required to pay debt service, operating expenses and other costs of the ECFSA are payable to the County as frequently as practicable. Separate financial statements for ECFSA can be obtained from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority, 295 Main Street, Room 946, Buffalo, NY, 14203.

- **Erie County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation**—Erie Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (“ETASC”) is a special purpose local development corporation organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York and is an instrumentality of, but separate and apart from the County. ETASC was incorporated for the sole purpose of issuing tobacco settlement asset backed bonds in order to provide funds to purchase from the County all of the County’s right, title, and interest in annual payments to be received in settlement of certain smoking-related litigation. Tobacco settlement bonds are payable only from the assets of ETASC and are not legal obligations of the County. Although legally separate and independent of the County, ETASC is considered an affiliated organization under GASB and reported as a component unit of the County for financial reporting purposes and, accordingly, is included in the County’s financial statements. Separate financial statements for ETASC can be obtained from the Erie Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Treasurer, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1600, Buffalo, NY, 14202.
- **The Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation**—The Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation (“ILDC”) is a legally separate entity of which the County, acting by and through the County Executive, is the sole member, resulting in the presentation of a blended component unit. The ILDC is managed by its Board of Directors. Although ILDC does not meet the GASB requirements to be presented as a major fund, the County has elected to show ILDC as a major fund.

In 2009, ILDC by-laws and organizing documents were changed and specific activities first became under the direct governance of the County. These changes allow the ILDC to provide tax-exempt bond financing for not-for-profit organizations. Such debt of the ILDC can never be the debt of the County or any political subdivision thereof and can only be paid out of specific revenues and receipts of the ILDC. The ILDC provides no services to the County. Separate financial statements can be obtained from Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land Development Corporation Inc., Chief Operating Officer, 95 Perry Street, Suite 403, Buffalo, NY 14203.

- **ErieNet Local Development Corporation**—The ErieNet Local Development Corporation (“ELDC”) is a public benefit corporation established in 2022 under Section 1411 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The ELDC was established to create a foundation to address the broadband needs of unserved areas, improve services in unserved areas of the community and enable world class broadband investment and deployment county wide. The ELDC is a legally separate entity of which the County, acting by and through the County Executive, is the sole member, resulting in a presentation as a blended component unit. Although legally separate and independent of the County, ELDC is considered an affiliated organization under GASB and reported as a blended component unit of the County for financial reporting purposes and, accordingly, is included in the County’s financial statements. The ELDC does not meet the GASB requirements to be presented as a major fund, however, the County has elected to show ELDC as a major fund. Separate financial statements can be obtained from the ELDC, Executive Director, 1 Seneca Street, 29th Floor, Buffalo, NY, 14203.

Discretely Presented Component Units—The component units column in the basic financial statements includes the financial data of the County’s discretely presented component units. These units are reported separately from the financial data of the primary government to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County.

- **The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library**—The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (the “Library”), formed through a consolidation of several public and private libraries, was established by the County and chartered by the State University Board of Regents in 1953. It is a separate and distinct

legal corporation that receives an annual budgetary contribution from the County. Library operations are governed by a Board of Trustees who are appointed by the County Legislature. Bonds and notes for Library capital costs are issued by the County and are obligations of the County. Title to real and personal property acquired with County funds vests with the County. The Library is included as a component unit of the County in the financial statements based on the fact that it is a legally separate entity for which the County is financially accountable. The Library does not issue separate financial statements.

- **Erie County Medical Center Corporation**—Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”) is a public benefit corporation created in 2003 for the purpose of acquiring and operating the health facilities of the County. Effective January 1, 2004, a transaction was executed which transferred ownership of the capital assets, equipment, inventories and certain other assets to ECMCC in exchange for a payment of \$85,000,000 from ECMCC to the County. Concurrent with the transaction, \$101,375,000 of ECMCC bonds were issued, which are guaranteed by the County. Pursuant to consent decrees entered into between the County and ECMCC, the County is committed to providing ongoing operating and capital support to ECMCC. The following component units are included within ECMCC:
 - **Research for Health in Erie County, Inc.** (“RHEC”) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and increasing the facilities of the public health institutions, agencies, and departments of the County. Additionally, RHEC is committed to provide more extensive conduct of studies and research into the causes, nature, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and defects of particular importance to the public health. RHEC’s support comes primarily from investment income. The financial statements of RHEC have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. RHEC is exempt from income tax as a not-for-profit corporation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The entity has not been receiving funding in recent years. The annual financial report can be obtained by writing Grant Administration, Research for Health in Erie County, Inc., 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215.
 - **ECMC Foundation, Inc.** (the “Foundation”), formerly the ECMC Lifeline Foundation, Inc., is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation was formed for the purpose of supporting ECMC programs. The annual financial report can be obtained by writing to: Executive Director, ECMC Foundation, Inc., 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215.
 - **The Grider Initiative, Inc.** (the “Physician Endowment”) is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Physician Endowment was formed in 2009, and funded in 2010, for the purpose of recruiting physicians who shall practice on the Grider Street campus of ECMCC. The entity was funded with an initial transfer of \$10,000 from ECMCC. Earnings from the investment of the initial transfer may be used only for physician recruitment and reasonable and necessary expenses of the entity. The annual financial report can be obtained by writing to: Chair, The Grider Initiative, Inc., 424 Main Street, Suite 2000, Buffalo, NY 14202.

ECMCC is considered to be a component unit of the County and is discretely presented based on the fact that it is a legally separate entity for which the County is financially accountable. Separate financial statements for ECMCC can be obtained from ECMCC, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY 14215.

- **The Auxiliary Services Corporation of Erie Community College, Inc.** (the “ECC Auxiliary Corporation”), and the **Erie Community College Foundation, Inc.** (the “ECC Foundation”) are both included as discretely presented component units of the County’s primary government based on the fact that they are legally separate entities for which the College and County are financially accountable. They receive or hold economic resources that are significant to, and can be accessed by, the College that are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of its constituents (students).

The purpose of the ECC Auxiliary Corporation, a New York nonprofit corporation, is to promote and cultivate educational and social relations through the operation of bookstores, on-campus dining services, vending facilities, childcare, and student centers for the convenience of the students, faculty and staff of the College. The ECC Auxiliary Corporation is funded through sales of merchandise and food, federal and state grants, and other fees. Separate financial statements can be obtained from the Auxiliary Services Corporation of Erie Community College, Inc., Executive Director, 4041 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY 14127.

The ECC Foundation is a New York State nonprofit corporation established to support the College. Its purpose is to raise, receive, and administer all private gifts and program services for the College, its programs, and its students. Separate financial statements can be obtained from Erie Community College Foundation, Inc., Executive Director, 121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.

Excluded from the Financial Reporting Entity—Although the following are related to the County, they are not included in the County reporting entity:

- **Related Organizations**—County elected officials nominate and confirm the three-member board of the Erie County Water Authority, (“Water Authority”) and also appoint a voting majority of the board of the Buffalo Convention Center Management Corporation (“BCCMC”). The Erie County Industrial Development Agency (“ECIDA”), is a public benefit corporation created to promote and assist private sector industrial/business development thereby advancing job opportunities and economic well-being to the people of Erie County. The County’s accountability for these legally separate organizations does not extend beyond making the board appointments. Specifically, the County cannot impose its will on any of these organizations. In addition, in the case of the Water Authority, no financial operating assistance is provided to, nor is the County liable for, any debt issued by this public benefit corporation. In regard to the not-for-profit BCCMC, the entity and the County are parties to an exchange transaction under which the BCCMC is responsible for operating and managing the area’s convention center. These related organizations are not component units of the County and do not meet the basic criteria for inclusion in the County reporting entity.
- **Joint Ventures:**
 - **Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation**—The County is a participant in the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation (“OTB”), a public benefit corporation established under New York State Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law. The OTB conducts within the region a system of off-track pari-mutuel betting on horse races, and distributes net revenues to the participants in accordance with a predetermined formula. Separate financial data for this joint venture has been excluded from the financial statements, consistent with GASB. Additional information about this joint venture is presented in Note 18.

- **Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation**—The Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (“BENLIC”) was organized on June 6, 2012, pursuant to Article 16 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. BENLIC was formed through a joint venture of the County of Erie and Cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda. BENLIC was created to confront and alleviate the problems distressed properties cause to communities by supporting municipal and regional revitalization efforts and strategically acquiring, improving, assembling, and selling distressed, vacant, abandoned, and/or tax-delinquent properties. Separate financial data for this joint venture has been excluded from the financial statements, consistent with GASB. Additional information about this joint venture is presented in Note 18.

Basis of Presentation—Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the County’s enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide statements.

As discussed earlier, the County has four discretely presented component units, with two major component units being shown in separate columns and two nonmajor component units being aggregated into a single column in the government-wide financial statements.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are interfund services provided and used such as Utilities Aggregation Fund billings to other funds. Eliminations of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Basis of Presentation—Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the County’s funds, including its fiduciary fund and blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

- *General Fund*—The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the County and is used to account for all financial resources of the general government except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- *ECFSA General Fund*—The ECFSA General Fund is used to account for all of the operations of the ECFSA, included as a blended component unit. This fund accounts for sales tax revenues received by ECFSA and for general operating expenditures of ECFSA.

The County reports three major enterprise funds:

- *SUNY Erie*— SUNY Erie (the “College”) is a locally sponsored, two-year College established for the purpose of providing education services primarily to the residents of the County. Resources received and used for college purposes are accounted for through the College. A fiscal year ending August 31 is mandated by New York State law for the College. Accordingly, financial information for the College is presented as of and for the 2024-2025 fiscal year then ended.

The College does not account for certain capital projects, certain capital assets or certain indebtedness. These are direct functions of the County and are reported within the governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The County determined that the College is not legally separate from the County and the County provides significant financial support and holds the titles to the College’s assets.

Additional information as excerpted from the College’s financial statements is as follows:

- The County Executive and the County Legislature approve the College’s annual budget, with the County providing funding for one-half and approximately one-fifth of capital and operating costs, respectively.
- Equipment of the College has been included in the business-type activities column in the statement of net position. This equipment is recorded at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are stated at acquisition value as of the date received.

Separate financial statements for the College can be obtained from SUNY Erie, Controller, 6025 Main St., Williamsville, NY, 14221.

- *Buffalo and Erie County ILDC*—The Buffalo and Erie County ILDC (“ILDC”) is a blended component unit of the government, incorporated for the purpose of participating in the acquisition and development of industrial sites and to provide financial assistance for the acquisition or renovation of capital assets by industrial companies locating or expanding within the County.
- *ErieNet LDC*—The ErieNet LDC (“ELDC”) is a blended component unit of the government, incorporated for the purpose of creating a foundation to address the broadband needs of unserved areas, improve services in unserved areas of the community and enable world class broadband investment and deployment county wide.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund type:

- *Fiduciary Funds*—These funds are used to account for assets held by the County in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Trust funds account for resources received and disbursements made in accordance with trust agreements or applicable legislative enactments for each particular fund. Fiduciary funds include the *Custodial Fund*. Activities reported in the fiduciary funds include monies from outside entities, controlled and administered by the County for the benefit of others, including monies related to social services, probation fines, bid deposits, and miscellaneous trust programs.

During the course of operations the County has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfer in the business-type activities column.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period and considers all other revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt services expenditures, as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases and SBITAs are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue sources (within 60 days of year-end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period of availability for this revenue source. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The proprietary funds and fiduciary funds are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*.

Budgetary Information

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted and employed for control of the General Fund; the Road, Sewer, Downtown Mall, and E-911 Special Revenue Funds; the Utilities Aggregation Enterprise Fund; and the Debt Service Fund, minimally detailed to the department and account level. These budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP, except that encumbrances are reported as budgetary expenditures in the year of incurrence of commitment to purchase in the General Fund, the enumerated Special Revenue Funds and the Debt Service Fund. All unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Budgetary comparisons presented in this report are on the budgetary basis and represent the budget as modified. Annual appropriated budgets are not employed for the Emergency Response Fund, and Grants and Community Development Special Revenue Funds.

Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments—All highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments are stated at fair value, the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties.

Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments—Restricted cash and investments represent amounts to support restricted fund balance, amounts with constraints placed on their use by either external parties and/or statute, amounts held on behalf of others, unearned revenues and for unspent bond proceeds.

Receivables—Receivables are stated net of estimated allowances for uncollectible amounts. Amounts due from state and federal governments represent amounts owed to the County to reimburse it for expenditures incurred pursuant to state and federally funded programs. All major revenues of the County are considered “susceptible to accrual” under the modified accrual basis. These include property tax, sales tax, State and Federal aid, and various grant program revenues.

Prepaid Items—Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenses/expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

Capital and Right-to-Use Lease/SBITA Assets—All capital assets which are acquired or constructed for general governmental purposes are reported as expenditures in the fund that finances the asset acquisition and are accounted for and reported in the government-wide financial statements as capital assets, if they meet the County’s capitalization criteria. These statements also contain the County’s infrastructure assets that are required to be capitalized under GAAP. Infrastructure assets include public domain assets such as roads, bridges, and sewer systems. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. Right-to-use lease and subscription-based information technology arrangement (“SBITA”) assets are initially measured as the initial amount of the liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs and are amortized on a straight-line basis over their useful lives. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Equipment with an initial individual cost equal to or greater than \$10,000 and an estimated useful life of five or more years is capitalized. All purchases of library books are capitalized because there is no minimum capitalization threshold.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component units, are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated Useful Life (Years)
Improvements other than buildings	5-25
Buildings and improvements	15-40
Infrastructure	20-100
Right-to-use lease/SBITA assets	5-100
Library collections	5-10

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library has a rare book collection that is classified as a Work of Art and Historical Treasure for financial reporting purposes. This collection is deemed an inexhaustible asset, and therefore, is not depreciated.

When capital and right-to-use lease/SBITA assets are retired, or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation/amortization are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period in the government-wide statements. Amortization of right-to-use lease/SBITA assets is computed using the straight-line method over the lease term or the estimated useful lives of the assets, whichever is shorter. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; significant renewals and betterments are capitalized.

The *capital outlays* character classification is employed only for expenditures reported in the Capital Projects Fund. Routine capital expenditures in the General Fund and other governmental funds are included in the appropriate functional category (for example, the purchase of a new sheriff vehicle included as part of *expenditures—public safety*). At times, amounts reported as *capital outlays* in the Capital Projects Fund will also include non-capitalized, project-related costs (for example, furnishings).

Unearned Revenue—Certain cash receipts and receivables have not met the revenue recognition criteria for government-wide or fund financial statement purposes. The County received cash in advance related to grants, but has not performed the services, and therefore recognizes a liability. Included within unearned revenues at December 31, 2025, the County reported \$8,651,335 within the Emergency Response Fund for unspent American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources—In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. At December 31, 2025, the County’s primary government has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to the deferred charge on refunding which results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The second relates to pensions and represents the effect of the net change in the County’s proportion of the collective net pension liability, the difference during the measurement periods between the County’s contributions and its proportionate share of the total contribution to the pension systems not included in the pension expense, and any contributions to the pension systems made subsequent to the measurement date. The final item represents the effects of the change in the County’s proportion of the collective OPEB liability and difference during the measurement period between certain of the employer’s contributions and its proportionate share of the total of certain contributions from employers included in the collective OPEB liability.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. At December 31, 2025, the primary government of the County has six items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is a deferred gain on refunding, which the County reports within its governmental activities. A deferred gain on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The second item is related to leases receivable and reported on the government-wide statements and on the balance sheet of governmental funds, is recognized at the commencement of the County's lease receivable and amortized over the life of the lease. The third item represents the effect of the net change in the County's proportion of the collective net pension liability and the difference during the measurement periods between the County's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension system not included in pension expense and is reported on the government-wide statements. The fourth item represents the effects of the change in the County's proportion of the collective OPEB liability and difference during the measurement period between certain of the employer's contributions and its proportionate share of the total of certain contributions from employers included in the collective OPEB liability and is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The fifth item relates to the accumulated change in the fair value of ETASC's forward purchase swap agreement. The final item, reported within the governmental fund financial statements represents unavailable revenues from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

Net Position Flow Assumption—Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted—net position and unrestricted—net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted—net position to have been depleted before unrestricted—net position is applied.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption—Sometimes the County will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the County's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last. The General Fund is the only governmental fund that can report positive unassigned fund balance.

Fund Balance Policies—Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The County itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance). The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the County's highest level of decision-making authority. The Erie County Legislature is the highest level of decision-making authority for the County that can, by adoption of a Legislative Resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the resolution remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution) to rescind or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the County for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The County Legislature authorizes assigned amounts of fund balance. The County Legislature may also assign fund balance when appropriating fund balance to lower a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment.

Revenues and Expenses/Expenditures

Program Revenues—Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions (including special assessments) that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Property Tax Revenue Recognition—The County-wide property tax is levied by the County Legislature effective January 1 of the year the taxes are recognizable as revenue. Taxes become a lien on the related property on January 1 of the year for which they are levied. Accordingly, property tax is only recognized as revenue in the year for which the levy is made, and to the extent that such taxes are received within the reporting period or 60 days thereafter in the fund financial statements.

Delinquent property taxes not collected at year-end (excluding collections in the 60-day subsequent period) are recorded as deferred inflow—unavailable revenue in the fund financial statements. The portion of delinquent property taxes for prior years estimated to be uncollectible at December 31, 2025, amounted to \$55,136,012. This amount has been recorded as an allowance against the property taxes receivable account.

Compensated Absences—Most employees are granted vacation, personal, and sick leave and earn compensatory time in varying amounts. When they leave service, employees are entitled to payment for accumulated vacation, unused compensatory time and unused sick time at various rates subject to certain maximum limitations. In addition, depending on the applicable collective bargaining agreement, retirees may be eligible to receive a direct cash payment for a portion of unused sick time upon retirement.

Compensated absences for governmental fund type employees are reported as a liability and expense in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental funds recognize the expenditure when paid. For proprietary fund type employees, the accumulation is recorded as an accrued liability and/or other long-term obligation of the proprietary fund type.

Payment of compensated absences recorded in the government-wide financial statements is dependent upon many factors; therefore, timing of future payment is not readily determinable. However, management believes that sufficient resources will be made available for the payment of compensated absences when such payments become due. Additional information regarding compensated absences is included in Note 15.

Pension Plans—The County is mandated by New York State law to participate in the New York State Teacher's Retirement System and the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability/(asset), deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the defined benefit pension plan, and changes thereof, have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the respective defined benefit pension plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee

contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. More information regarding pensions is included in Note 9.

Other Postemployment Benefits—In addition to providing pension benefits, the County provides health insurance benefits for retired employees as required by the union contracts. The employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the County. More information regarding OPEB is included in Note 10.

Proprietary Funds Operating and Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses—Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing educational services and the purchase and resale of utilities in connection with the proprietary fund's ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. The principal operating revenues of the College, the ILDC, and the ELDC, the County's major proprietary funds, are charges to students for tuition and fees, and administrative fees, respectively. Operating expenses for the College include employee wages and benefits and student scholarships. Operating expenses for the ILDC include supplies and services, depreciation expense, and a transfer to the Erie County Industrial Development Agency. Operating expenses for the ELDC include employee wages and professional services.

Other

Estimates—The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Statement of Cash Flows—For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include the following items: cash on hand; cash in checking and time accounts; and certain short-term items maturing three months or less from the date acquired, as permitted by State statute.

Reclassifications—Certain amounts were reclassified from ECFSA's financial statements to conform to the County's reporting presentation. In the ECFSA's statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, \$15,919,806 representing principal and interest revenue received from the County relating to mirror bonds and a revenue anticipation note purchased by the ECFSA, and \$619,292,344 representing sales tax revenue and other distributions to the County, were reclassified as transfers in and transfers out, respectively.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements—During the year ended December 31, 2025, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. GASB Statement No. 102 provides users with timely information regarding certain concentrations or constraints and related events that have occurred or have begun to occur that make a government vulnerable to a substantial impact. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 102 did not have a material impact on the County's financial position or results from operations.

Future Impacts of Accounting Pronouncements—The County has not completed the process of evaluating the impact that will result from adopting GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*; and No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2026; No. 105 *Subsequent Events*, effective for the year ending December 31, 2027. The County is, therefore, unable to disclose the impact that adopting GASB Statements No. 103, 104, and 105 will have on its financial position and results of operations when such statements are adopted.

Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Legal Compliance—Budgets—The County’s annual procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements are as follows:

- In accordance with the County Charter and Administrative Code, no later than October 15, the County Executive submits a tentative operating and capital budget which details proposed expenditures and the proposed means of financing to the Erie County Legislature for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The College budget is not included in the County Executive’s tentative budget, since it is separately adopted during the first County legislative meeting in July for the fiscal year commencing September 1.
- After public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments, the County Legislature (governing board) adopts the budget no later than the second Tuesday in December.
- The County Executive is authorized to make budget transfers within the same administrative unit up to a cumulative total of \$10,000 between accounts or line items. Any proposed transfer which would result in an increase exceeding \$10,000 in any one line item in the budget, as adopted during the fiscal year or would affect any salary rate or salary total, would need prior approval by resolution of the County Legislature. In no instance shall a transfer be made from appropriations for debt service, and no appropriations may be reduced below any amount which is required by law to be appropriated.
- Capital Projects Funds are subject to project budgets determined primarily by the bonding authorizations used to fund a particular project rather than annual budgetary appropriations. These budgets do not lapse at year-end; rather, they lapse upon termination of the project.
- Expenditures within the General, Special Revenue, Utilities Aggregation Enterprise, and the Debt Service funds may not legally exceed the amount appropriated for such accounts within a department. During the year, numerous supplementary appropriations were necessary.
- Formal annual budgetary accounts are adopted and employed for control of the General and other governmental funds except for the Emergency Response Fund, General Government Buildings, Equipment, and Improvements Capital Projects Fund, Grants Fund, the Community Development Fund, the ECFSA and ETASC blended component unit funds and the remaining Capital Projects Funds.

Individual governmental fund comparisons of budgetary and actual data at the legal level of control established by the adopted budget (i.e., minimally the department and account level) are not presented in this report for those funds with annual appropriated budgets due to the excessive detail involved. However, a separate budgetary comparison report is available which contains this information. An electronic version of this report can be obtained from the Erie County Office of the Comptroller, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1100, Buffalo, New York 14202.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded for budgetary control purposes to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is employed in all County funds except the Enterprise Funds and the Custodial Fund. Outstanding encumbrances at year end, except for grant-related commitments that are not reported in the financial statements, are presented for GAAP reporting purposes as assignments of fund balances, and do

not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The County reports its budgetary status with the actual data including encumbrances as charges against budgeted appropriations. Following is a reconciliation of the budgetary basis (i.e. non-GAAP) and the GAAP basis operating results (dollars in thousands):

	<u>General Fund</u>
Net change in fund balance - GAAP basis	\$ 55,522
Less:	
Encumbrances at December 31, 2025	(30,677)
Plus:	
Encumbrances at January 1, 2025	<u>21,436</u>
Net change in fund balance - basis of budgeting	<u>\$ 46,281</u>

Budget columns presented in the accompanying financial statements reflect deficiencies of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses. These deficiencies are caused by the anticipated use of prior-year’s fund balance, which had been assigned for 2025 expenditures through the budget process. When compared to the final budget, the County exceeded the final budget amount for transfers out due to additional transfers to the Capital Projects Fund, which were not included in the final budget.

Deficit Net Position—The Governmental Activities reported a total net position deficit of approximately \$369,394,000 at December 31, 2025, resulting primarily from the effect of GASB required recognition of the obligation for other postemployment benefits annually and also from ETASC’s net position deficit of \$340,796,065, which is caused by its recognition of bonds payable with no offsetting capital assets.

The College proprietary fund reported a total net position deficit of approximately \$121,586,000 that primarily represents the effect of GASB required recognition of the other postemployment benefits obligation. It is anticipated that this trend will continue. The Utilities proprietary fund reported a total net position deficit of approximately \$360,000 that was caused primarily from a decrease in revenues.

2. RESTATEMENT

During the year ended August 31, 2025, the College implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. As a result of this implementation the College’s long-term liabilities were restated as of August 31, 2024. Accordingly, net position at August 31, 2024 has been restated by \$3,968,289.

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Primary Government, Fiduciary Fund and Library Component Unit

Available cash of the County is deposited and invested in accordance with the County’s own written investment guidelines which have been established by the Comptroller’s Office, approved by the County Legislature and are in compliance with provisions of applicable State statutes. The ECFSA does not have a formal investment policy.

Custodial Fund bank accounts are maintained at financial institutions where monies of the County's other funds are also on deposit. In addition, the Library does not maintain a separate bank account; instead, it participates in the pooled cash of the County. The banks calculate and report FDIC coverage and collateral requirements for the County's Custodial Fund, the County's other funds and Library together, separately from that of the College.

Interest Rate Risk—As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from fluctuating interest rates, it is the County's policy to generally limit investments to municipal bonds or investments of 180 days or less.

Credit Risk—In compliance with New York State law, it is the County's policy to limit its investments to obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America, obligations of the State of New York, time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit issued by a bank or trust company located in and authorized to do business in New York State and certain joint or cooperative investment programs.

Custodial Credit Risk—For investments, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. A margin of 2% or higher of the fair value of purchased securities in repurchase transactions must be maintained and the securities must be held by a third party in the County's name. For deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the County's deposits may not be returned to it. Collateral is required for deposits and certificates of deposit in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of all deposits not covered by federal deposit insurance. Banks can satisfy collateral requirements by furnishing a letter of credit, a surety bond, or by pledging eligible securities as specified in Section 10 of New York State General Municipal Law. New York State Education Law does not require collateral for college checking accounts, unless the Board of Trustees deems it necessary. If collateral is required, it can be in the form of a surety bond or obligations of the United States, the State, or any municipality or college of the State. Certain balances for accounts held in trust are collateralized by the State of New York.

Concentration of Credit Risk—To promote competition in rates and service cost, and to limit the risk of institutional failure, County deposits and investments are placed with multiple institutions. The general rule is not to place more than \$200,000,000 or 50% of the County's total investment portfolio, whichever is less, in overnight investments with any one institution.

Deposits—The County deposits cash into a number of bank accounts. Monies must be deposited in demand, time or NOW accounts or certificates of deposit issued by FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Some of the County's accounts are required by various statutes and borrowing restrictions for specific funds, while the remainder are used for County operating cash and for investment purposes.

As of December 31, 2025 (August 31, 2025 as to the College), the bank deposits of the primary government, Library, and Custodial Fund were either FDIC insured or fully collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the County's name.

Cash and Cash Equivalents—All highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents. Existing policies require that any underlying securities for repurchase transactions must be only federal obligations. Such obligations are explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government and therefore not considered to have credit risk. At December 31, 2025, the fair value of

money market accounts was \$61,161,608 which were fully collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s agent in the County’s name. In addition, ECFSA has \$7,871,725 in money market accounts at December 31, 2025.

Investments—All investments are carried at fair value and are held by a third party in the County’s or ETASC’s name. Investments for the primary government at year-end are shown below (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value
Treasury notes	15,813
Corporate commercial paper	19,285
Total investments	<u>\$ 35,098</u>

ELDC reported \$15,813,431 in investment in treasury notes at December 31, 2025.

ETASC’s investment in corporate commercial paper at December 31, 2025 consisted of \$19,285,234 of General Electric Capital Corporation Commercial Paper which was rated P-1 by Moody’s.

Fair Value Measurements—Accounting standards provide the framework for measuring fair value. This guidance requires entities to expand their fair value disclosures by determining major categories of debt and equity securities within the fair value hierarchy on the basis of the nature and risk of the investment. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Management utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs (Level 1 and 2) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (Level 3) within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB. Assets and liabilities carried at fair value are required to be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1 - Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the County has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for similar assets, quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, directly or indirectly. The County has no Level 2 assets.
- Level 3 - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These are generally company generated inputs and are not market-based inputs. The County has no Level 3 assets.

The primary government has the following fair value measurements as of December 31, 2025:

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Debt Securities:				
Treasury notes	\$ 15,813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,813
Corporate commercial paper	19,285	-	-	19,285
Total	<u>\$ 35,098</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,098</u>

Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”)

The ECMCC maintains various accounts for depositing, disbursing and investing its funds. The ECMCC’s investments are made in accordance with State regulations and its investment guidelines.

Cash and Cash Equivalents—Include cash on hand and monies deposited in checking and money market accounts. Excluding assets whose use is limited, cash and cash equivalents total \$42,372,000 as of December 31, 2025.

Interest Rate Risk—Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. ECMCC’s cash equivalent securities are limited to maturities of no greater than eighteen months; short-term fixed income securities are limited to maturities of no greater than five years; and long-term fixed income securities are limited to maturities to no more than ten years. Substantially all of ECMCC’s investments and assets whose use is limited have stated maturities of less than one year.

Other Component Units

Erie Community College Foundation, Inc.—The Foundation considers all money market mutual funds and highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Foundation to off-balance-sheet credit risk include cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions which were insured for up to \$250,000 by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At various times throughout the year ended August 31, 2025, the Foundation’s balance in its accounts has exceeded these federally insured limits.

The Foundation uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. The Foundation’s investments are reported at fair value as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Fair Value	Quoted Market Prices (Level 1)
Fixed income	\$ 2,859	\$ 2,859
Equity securities	5,090	5,090
Totals	<u>\$ 7,949</u>	<u>\$ 7,949</u>

Auxiliary Services Corporation of Erie Community College, Inc.—For the year ended August 31, 2025 the Corporation reported cash, cash equivalents and investments of \$1,073,936 and receivables of \$149,778, as financial assets available for general expenditure that are, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the balance sheet date. The Corporation ensures funds are invested to provide high levels of safety and liquidity, while also looking to maximize yield in a conservative manner.

4. RESTRICTED CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND INVESTMENTS

Primary Government

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents—At December 31, 2025 the County reported the following restricted cash and cash equivalents (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Handicapped parking	\$ 143
Unearned revenue	24,453
Emergency response	27,981
ECFSA General Fund	968
Opioid prevention	27,563
Debt service	8,003
Capital expenditures	<u>144,261</u>
Total	<u>\$ 233,372</u>

Restricted Investments—At December 31, 2025, the County reported restricted investments of \$19,285,234 and \$11,360,661 to support restricted fund balance within the County’s ETASC Debt Service Fund and unearned revenue within ErieNet LDC.

Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”)

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments—All investments are carried at fair value, and are categorized as insured or uninsured, and collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution in the ECMCC’s name. The ECMCC’s investments and restricted cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2025 are shown below (dollars in thousands).

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Money market mutual funds, bank accounts and deposits	\$ 115,347
Marketable equity securities	31,846
Corporate bonds	<u>47,594</u>
Total restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments	
ECMCC primary government	194,787
Foundation Component Unit	3,997
Physician Endowment Component Unit	<u>9,887</u>
Total ECMCC restricted cash and cash equivalents and investments	<u>\$ 208,671</u>
	<u>Fair Value</u>
Restricted investments	\$ 13,122
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>195,549</u>
Total	<u>\$ 208,671</u>

Fair Value Measurements—ECMCC primary government has the following fair value measurements as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Description	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments and assets whose use is limited:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 115,347	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,347
Marketable equity securities:				
Small/Mid-cap value equities	4,391	-	-	4,391
Growth equities	1,675	-	-	1,675
Core equities	13,685	-	-	13,685
International equities	12,095	-	-	12,095
Short-term fixed income	47,594	-	-	47,594
Total	\$ 194,787	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,787

Assets Whose Use is Limited—Assets whose use is limited are reported as restricted cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2025 and consist of the following (dollars in thousands), as shown below:

	Fair Value
Assets whose use is limited-current	\$ 87,984
Assets whose use is limited-noncurrent	93,681
Total	\$ 181,665

5. PROPERTY TAXES

The Countywide property tax is levied by the County upon the taxable real property in the towns and cities in the County in late December of each year at the last meeting of the County Legislature and becomes a lien on the next succeeding January 1. Such taxes are collected by the respective collection officers in each town and in the cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda until the date established for return of the tax rolls to the County, which can be no later than September 15. For the City of Buffalo, the County collects these taxes from the lien date.

With respect to the cities, the County taxes are due by February 15, and penalties are imposed as follows: 1.5% prior to March 1; 3% prior to March 16; 4.5% prior to April 1; 6% prior to April 16; 7.5% prior to May 1; and 1.5% additional each month thereafter. The cities each levy and collect their city taxes, and the County is not responsible for any unpaid city taxes. The County is responsible only for uncollected County taxes levied in such cities.

With respect to the towns, the countywide property tax is levied by the County together with town property taxes, which include special district, fire district, and highway taxes. In towns of the first class, taxes are due without penalties by February 15. Penalties are 1.5% prior to March 1; 3% prior to March 16; 4.5% prior to April 2; 6% prior to April 16; 7.5% prior to May 1; and 1.5% additional for each month thereafter. In towns of the second class, taxes are due without penalty within ten days after receipt of the tax roll by the respective collection agency. Penalties are 1.5% prior to March 16 unless waived; 7.5% prior to May 1; and 1.5% additional each month thereafter. All towns first retain their share of taxes from collections and remit the balance to the County. The County is responsible for uncollected taxes of all subordinate jurisdictions, except for the three cities.

The County levies taxes for most school districts throughout the County and is responsible for uncollected school district taxes outside the cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda.

Additionally, at the option of villages within the County, the County may also be responsible for uncollected village taxes.

Constitutional Tax Limit—The amount that may be raised by the countywide tax levy on real estate in any fiscal year (for purposes other than debt service on County indebtedness) is limited to one and one-half per centum (subject to increase up to two per centum by resolution of the County Legislature) of the five-year average full valuation of taxable real estate of the County, per New York State statutes. On November 13, 1978, a local law became effective which limits the maximum amount of real estate taxes which can be levied other than for debt service to one per centum of such average full valuation of all the taxable real estate within the County.

The County constitutional tax limit (per New York State statutes) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 is computed as follows (dollars in thousands):

Five-year average full valuation of taxable real estate (2021-2025)	<u>\$ 94,362,247</u>
Tax limit @ 1.5%	\$ 1,415,434
Statutory additions	<u>56,358</u>
Total taxing power	1,471,792
Total levy	<u>(397,403)</u>
Tax margin	<u>\$ 1,074,389</u>

6. RECEIVABLES

All major revenues of the County’s governmental funds are considered “susceptible to accrual” based on the 60 day rule under the modified accrual basis. These include property tax, sales tax, state and federal aid, and various grant program revenues. The proprietary funds record revenues using the accrual basis of accounting.

Major revenues accrued by the County in the various governmental fund types at December 31, 2025 include real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens of \$152,343,747, net of an allowance for estimated uncollectible property taxes of \$55,136,012; sales and use taxes in the amount of \$72,000,622; state and federal assistance for social services of \$155,273,376; other state and federal aid (including grants) approximating \$146,631,000; a lease receivable of \$691,426; and other receivables of \$43,007,000.

Receivables at year-end of the County’s major individual funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are outlined on the following page (dollars in thousands).

Receivables and intergovernmental receivables Governmental Funds	General Fund	ECFSA General	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	\$ 152,187	\$ -	\$ 157	\$ 152,344
Sales and use tax	-	72,001	-	72,001
Federal and state assistance for social services programs	155,273	-	-	155,273
Other federal and state aid	99,987	-	46,644	146,631
Leases	691	-	-	691
Other	7,722	-	35,285	43,007
Gross receivables	415,860	72,001	82,086	569,947
Less: allowances for uncollectibles	55,136	-	-	55,136
Total receivables	\$ 360,724	\$ 72,001	\$ 82,086	\$ 514,811

Receivables and intergovernmental receivables Proprietary Funds	College (8/31/24)	ILDC	ErieNet LDC	Utilities Aggregation Fund	Total
Accounts receivable	\$ 21,375	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,375
Grant receivable	-	5,212	-	-	5,212
Leases	1,351	-	-	-	1,351
Other	5,027	121	1,896	3,079	10,123
Gross receivables	27,753	5,333	1,896	3,079	38,061
Less: allowances for uncollectibles	17,736	-	-	-	17,736
Total receivables	\$ 10,017	\$ 5,333	\$ 1,896	\$ 3,079	\$ 20,325

All Governmental and Proprietary Fund receivables are expected to be collected within one year with exception of those that report offsetting deferred inflows of resources.

Lease Receivable—The County recognizes the lease of land, buildings, and office space to third parties. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the County’s governmental activities recognized \$198,011 in lease revenue and \$30,777 in interest revenue, whereas the County’s business-type activities recognized \$772,986 in lease revenue and \$87,621 in interest revenue, during the current fiscal year related to these leases. As of December 31, 2025, the County’s receivable for lease payments was \$691,426 as to the governmental activities and \$1,350,573 as to the business-type activities. Also, the County has a deferred inflow of resources associated with these leases that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of December 31, 2025, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources reported within the governmental activities and the business-type activities was \$670,448 and \$1,350,573, respectively.

7. CAPITAL ASSETS

Primary Government

Governmental activities—Capital asset activity for governmental activities for fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 follows (dollars in thousands):

	Balance 1/1/2025	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/2025
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 34,981	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 35,021
Construction in progress	178,438	121,148	(43,795)	255,791
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>213,419</u>	<u>121,188</u>	<u>(43,795)</u>	<u>290,812</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	762,292	1,738	-	764,030
Transportation network	848,020	25,902	-	873,922
Sewer network	382,618	18,680	-	401,298
Improvements other than buildings	57,265	694	-	57,959
Machinery and equipment	142,836	17,273	(3,131)	156,978
Right-to-use lease asset - buildings and use of space	39,868	4,622	-	44,490
Right-to-use lease asset - machinery and equipment	19,617	7,709	(3,190)	24,136
Right-to-use SBITA asset	21,799	4,123	(4,574)	21,348
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>2,274,315</u>	<u>80,741</u>	<u>(10,895)</u>	<u>2,344,161</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	(542,083)	(21,363)	-	(563,446)
Transportation network	(659,542)	(37,143)	-	(696,685)
Sewer network	(156,897)	(7,592)	-	(164,489)
Improvements other than buildings	(33,671)	(2,629)	-	(36,300)
Machinery and equipment	(115,948)	(5,309)	3,125	(118,132)
Right-to-use lease asset - buildings and use of space	(16,737)	(6,392)	-	(23,129)
Right-to-use lease asset - machinery and equipment	(5,578)	(4,960)	3,190	(7,348)
Right-to-use SBITA asset	(7,477)	(2,363)	4,574	(5,266)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(1,537,933)</u>	<u>(87,751)</u>	<u>10,889</u>	<u>(1,614,795)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>736,382</u>	<u>(7,010)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>729,366</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 949,801</u>	<u>\$ 114,178</u>	<u>\$ (43,801)</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,178</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions and programs of the governmental activities as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government support	\$ 25,297
Public safety	5,997
Health	789
Transportation	38,948
Economic assistance and opportunity	3,346
Culture and recreation	2,528
Education	924
Home and community services	9,922
Total depreciation expense—governmental activities	<u>\$ 87,751</u>

Business-type activities—Capital asset activity for business-type activities for fiscal year ended December 31, 2025 follows (dollars in thousands):

	Beginning Balance*	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance*
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Construction in progress	\$ 10,046	\$ 12,351	\$ (1,411)	\$ 20,986
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>10,046</u>	<u>12,351</u>	<u>(1,411)</u>	<u>20,986</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:				
Building improvements	35,780	1,119	-	36,899
Land improvements	64	292	-	356
Equipment	21,474	2,250	(88)	23,636
Library collections	1,329	46	(222)	1,153
Right-to-use lease assets	515	176	-	691
Right-to-use SBITA asset	1,707	6,320	(1,707)	6,320
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>60,869</u>	<u>10,203</u>	<u>(2,017)</u>	<u>69,055</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Building improvements	(19,117)	(1,832)	-	(20,949)
Land improvements	(61)	(10)	-	(71)
Equipment	(18,490)	(790)	88	(19,192)
Library collections	(875)	(113)	210	(778)
Right-to-use lease assets	(515)	(4)	-	(519)
Right-to-use SBITA asset	(1,091)	(579)	1,091	(579)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(40,149)</u>	<u>(3,328)</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>(42,088)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>20,720</u>	<u>6,875</u>	<u>(628)</u>	<u>26,967</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 30,766</u>	<u>\$ 19,226</u>	<u>\$ (2,039)</u>	<u>\$ 47,953</u>

*Capital asset table above presented for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 for the College and for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for the ILDC and ELDC.

Depreciation expense for the College was \$3,319,836 for the year ended August 31, 2025. The Utilities Aggregation Fund does not report any capital assets.

ILDC's land held for resale is recorded at net realizable value based on the assessment of the fair value of each project. The net realizable value as of December 31, 2025 amounted to \$6,447,657. The ILDC also had capital assets in the amount of \$184,285 and reported accumulated depreciation of \$14,260.

The ELDC reported construction in progress of \$20,985,548 and right-to-use lease assets of \$176,404 and reported amortization expense of \$3,920.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (the “Library”)

Capital asset activity for the Library for the year ended December 31, 2025 was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Balance 1/1/2025	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/2025
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Rare book collection	\$ 11,842	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ 11,855
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:				
Machinery, equipment, and library materials	55,957	1,827	(7,324)	50,460
Right-to-use SBITA assets	671	-	-	671
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>56,628</u>	<u>1,827</u>	<u>(7,324)</u>	<u>51,131</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Machinery, equipment, and library materials	(51,942)	(1,891)	7,181	(46,652)
Right-to-use SBITA assets	(369)	(134)	-	(503)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(52,311)</u>	<u>(2,025)</u>	<u>7,181</u>	<u>(47,155)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>4,317</u>	<u>(198)</u>	<u>(143)</u>	<u>3,976</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 16,159</u>	<u>\$ (185)</u>	<u>\$ (143)</u>	<u>\$ 15,831</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense for the Library was \$2,025,000 for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”)

Capital asset activity for ECMCC for the year ended December 31, 2025 was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Balance 1/1/2025	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/2025
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Construction in progress	\$ 5,019	\$ 29,114	\$ (2,568)	\$ 31,565
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>5,019</u>	<u>29,114</u>	<u>(2,568)</u>	<u>31,565</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:				
Land and land improvements	41,221	12	-	41,233
Buildings and improvements	549,452	1,699	-	551,151
Fixed/major moveable equipment	165,046	9,344	-	174,390
Right-to-use lease assets - real estate	12,199	713	-	12,912
Right-to-use lease assets - equipment	42,540	10,234	(21,774)	31,000
Right-to-use SBITA assets	50,180	14,794	(889)	64,085
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>860,638</u>	<u>36,796</u>	<u>(22,663)</u>	<u>874,771</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(583,025)</u>	<u>(45,761)</u>	<u>19,910</u>	<u>(608,876)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>277,613</u>	<u>(8,965)</u>	<u>(2,753)</u>	<u>265,895</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 282,632</u>	<u>\$ 20,149</u>	<u>\$ (5,321)</u>	<u>\$ 297,460</u>

8. PAYABLES, ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL PAYABLES

Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and intergovernmental payables reported by the governmental funds and proprietary funds at December 31, 2025, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Accounts and retained percentage payable, accrued liabilities and intergovernmental payables - Governmental Funds	General Fund	ECFSA General	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total	
Accounts payable	\$ 24,621	\$ 47	\$ 31,622	\$ 56,290	
Salaries & fringes	18,025	-	4,276	22,301	
Other	144,750	-	3,588	148,338	
Intergovernmental payables	36,121	-	161	36,282	
Retained percentages	-	-	7,644	7,644	
Total	<u>\$ 223,517</u>	<u>\$ 47</u>	<u>\$ 47,291</u>	<u>\$ 270,855</u>	
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and intergovernmental payables and fringe benefits payable - current Proprietary Funds	College (8/31/25)	ILDC	ELDC	Utilities Aggregation Fund	Total
Accounts payable	\$ 2,299	\$ 180	\$ 6,760	\$ 2,471	\$ 11,710
Fringes benefits payable - current	3,017	-	-	-	3,017
Other	6,949	3,630	6	89	10,674
Total	<u>\$ 12,265</u>	<u>\$ 3,810</u>	<u>\$ 6,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,560</u>	<u>\$ 25,401</u>

9. PENSION PLANS

All tables within this note present dollars in thousands.

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS")—The County participates in the ERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system (the "System"). ERS provides retirement benefits, as well as death and disability benefits. Obligations of employers and employees to contribute and benefits to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law ("NYSRSSL"). As set forth in the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller of the State of New York ("Comptroller") serves as sole trustee and administrative head of the ERS. System benefits are established under the provisions of the NYSRSSL. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

The System is noncontributory, except for those employees who joined the ERS after July 27, 1976 who contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010, who generally contribute 3.0% to 3.5% of their salary for their entire length of service. Those joining after April 1, 2012 (Tier 6) are required to contribute a percentage ranging from 3% to 6%, based on salary. Under the authority of the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employer's contributions based on the salaries paid during the ERS's fiscal year ending March 31. The County's pension plan does not have any assets accumulated in a GASB-compliant trust.

New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS")—The County participates in the TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system (the "System"). TRS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the NYSRSSL. TRS is governed by a 10 member Board of Trustees. TRS benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York State Public Schools and BOCES who elect to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in TRS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding TRS may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSSTR Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which can be found on TRS's website at www.nystrs.org.

Pension Liabilities/(Asset), Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions—At December 31, 2025, the County reported the following liabilities/(asset) for its proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) for ERS and TRS (dollars in thousands), shown on the following page. The net pension liability/(asset) was measured as of March 31, 2025 for ERS and as of June 30, 2025 for TRS. The total pension liability/(asset) used to calculate the net pension liability/(asset) were determined by actuarial valuations as of April 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024, respectively, with update procedures used to roll forward the total net pension liability/(asset) to the measurement dates. The County's proportion of the net pension liability/(asset) were based on projections of the County's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating

members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the Systems in reports provided to the County and College. For ERS, the Library is under the County's plan. The County determined a percentage allocated to the Library for their portion of the County's net pension liability/(asset).

	ERS			TRS
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Primary Government	Business-type Activities
Measurement date	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2025	June 30, 2025
Net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 193,050	\$ 10,557	\$ 203,607	\$ (4,342)
County's portion of the Plan's total net pension liability/(asset)	1.126110%	0.061572%	1.187682%	0.073324%

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the County recognized ERS pension expense of \$41,469,829 and \$2,267,774 for governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively. The County recognized TRS pension expense of \$(77,351) for business-type activities. The aggregate amount of pension expense for the primary government for ERS and TRS for the year ended December 31, 2025 was \$43,660,252. At December 31, 2025 and August 31, 2025 (as to the College), the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources as shown below:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			
	ERS			TRS
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Primary Government	Business-type Activities
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ 47,924	\$ 2,620	\$ 50,544	\$ 2,276
Changes in assumptions	8,097	443	8,540	1,719
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	15,149	829	15,978	-
Changes in proportion and differences between the County's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	6,702	365	7,067	797
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	44,179	1,352	45,531	1,213
Total	<u>\$ 122,051</u>	<u>\$ 5,609</u>	<u>\$ 127,660</u>	<u>\$ 6,005</u>

	Deferred Inflows of Resources			
	ERS			TRS
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Primary Government	Business-type Activities
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ 2,261	\$ 123	\$ 2,384	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	-	-	-	47
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	-	-	3,391
Changes in proportion and differences between the County's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	6,296	344	6,640	19
Total	<u>\$ 8,557</u>	<u>\$ 467</u>	<u>\$ 9,024</u>	<u>\$ 3,457</u>

The County's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability/(asset) in the years ending December 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026 (as to the College).

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as shown below.

Year Ending December 31, (*August 31,)	ERS			TRS
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities*	Primary Government	Business-type Activities*
2026	\$ 33,093	\$ 1,809	\$ 34,902	\$ 2,407
2027	49,864	2,726	52,590	(701)
2028	(15,424)	(844)	(16,268)	(782)
2029	1,782	97	1,879	(82)
2030	-	-	-	412
Thereafter	-	-	-	81

Actuarial Assumptions—The total pension liability/(asset) as of the measurement date was determined by using actuarial valuations as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the respective measurement dates. The actuarial valuations used the actuarial assumptions presented below:

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2025	June 30, 2025
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2024	June 30, 2024
Interest rate	5.90%	6.95%
Salary scale	4.40%	1.95%-5.18%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2015- March 31, 2020	July 1, 2015- June 30, 2020
Inflation rate	2.9%	2.4%
Cost-of-living adjustment	1.5%	1.3%

For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020 System experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2021, applied on a generational basis. For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2020.

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020. For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2024 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020.

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which the best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by each the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized in the table on the following page.

Measurement date	Target Allocation		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
	TRS	ERS	TRS	ERS
			June 30, 2025	March 31, 2025
Asset class:				
Domestic equities	33.0 %	25.0 %	6.7 %	3.5 %
International equities	15.0	14.0	7.4	6.6
Global equities	4.0	0.0	6.9	0.0
Private equity	9.0	15.0	10.0	7.3
Real estate	11.0	12.0	6.3	5.0
Opportunistics/Absolute return strategies	0.0	3.0	0.0	5.3
Credit	0.0	4.0	0.0	5.4
Domestic fixed income securities	16.0	0.0	2.6	0.0
Global fixed income securities	2.0	0.0	2.5	0.0
High-yield fixed income securities	1.0	0.0	4.8	0.0
Opportunistic portfolio	0.0	0.0	5.9	0.0
Real assets	6.0	4.0	3.9	5.6
Fixed income	0.0	22.0	0.0	2.0
Cash	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.3
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %		

Discount Rate—The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 6.95% for TRS and 5.90% for ERS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that the contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset) to the Discount Rate Assumption—The chart on the following page presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) calculated using the discount rate of 6.95% for TRS and 5.90% for ERS, as well as what the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.95% for TRS and 4.90% for ERS) or one percentage-point higher (7.95% for TRS and 6.90% for ERS) than the current assumption.

ERS	1% Decrease (4.90%)	Current Assumption (5.90%)	1% Increase (6.90%)
Governmental Activities:			
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 558,797	\$ 193,080	\$ (112,294)
Business-type Activities:			
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 30,553	\$ 10,557	\$ (6,140)
Primary Government:			
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 589,350	\$ 203,637	\$ (118,434)
TRS	1% Decrease (5.95%)	Current Assumption (6.95%)	1% Increase (7.95%)
Business-type Activities (College):			
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 8,342	\$ (4,342)	\$ (15,014)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position—The components of the current-year net pension liability/(asset) of the employers as of the respective valuation dates, were as follows:

	TRS	ERS
Valuation date	June 30, 2024	April 1, 2024
Employers' total pension liability	\$ 148,272,069	\$ 247,600,239
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>154,193,125</u>	<u>230,454,512</u>
Employers' net pension liability/(asset)	<u>\$ (5,921,056)</u>	<u>\$ 17,145,727</u>
System fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	104.0%	93.1%

Payables to the Pension Plan—For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2025. Accrued retirement contributions as of August 31, 2025 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier, and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. The College reports accrued retirement contributions as of August 31, 2025 of \$1,736,064.

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends of March 31st. Accrued retirement contributions as of August 31, 2025 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. The College reports accrued retirement contributions as of August 31, 2025 of \$763,998.

Defined Contribution Plan

Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund

Plan Description—TIAA/CREF is a college Optional Retirement Program (“ORP”) and offers benefits through annuity contracts. The TIAA/CREF issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The Report may be obtained by writing to the Teachers’ Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund, 730 Third Avenue, New York, New York, 10017.

Funding Policy—TIAA/CREF provides benefits through annuity contracts and provides retirement and death benefits to those employees who elected to participate in the ORP. Benefits are determined by the amount of individual accumulations and the retirement income option selected. All benefits generally vest after the completion of one year of service if the employee is retained thereafter. TIAA/CREF is contributory for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent (3.0%) of their salary. For employees enrolled after July 27, 1992, the College contributes 8 percent (8.0%) of salary for the first seven years of employment and 10 percent (10.0%) of salary thereafter. For employees enrolled between July 27, 1976 and July 17, 1992, the College contributes 9 percent (9.0%) of the first \$16,500 in salary and 12 percent (12.0%) thereafter. Those joining after April 1, 2013 contribute a percentage ranging from 3 percent (3.0%) to 6 percent (6.0%), based on salary for their entire length of service. Employee contributions are deducted from their salaries and remitted on a current basis to TIAA/CREF.

The College’s contributions to TIAA/CREF for the most recent three fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Year Ended August 31,</u>	<u>Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>
2025	\$ 995,222	\$ 71,029
2024	914,267	53,968
2023	1,059,279	68,014

The College’s contribution made to the TIAA/CREF was equal to 100 percent of the contributions required for each year.

10. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (“OPEB”) OBLIGATION

All tables within this note present dollars in thousands.

Plan Description—The County provides continuation of medical insurance coverage to employees if they have been continuously employed by the County for the equivalent of at least five years at the time of retirement through a single employer defined benefit plan. The obligation of the County to contribute to the cost of these benefits has been established pursuant to legislative resolution and various collective bargaining agreements. The retiree and his or her beneficiaries receive this coverage for the life of the retiree. Healthcare benefits for non-union employees are similar to those of union employees. The retiree’s share of premium costs in most instances range from 0% to 50% depending on the employee group, length of service and year of retirement. The County’s OPEB plan does not have any assets accumulated in a GASB-compliant trust.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms—At January 1, 2025, the valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Active employees	4,282	514
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	3,536	549
Total	<u>7,818</u>	<u>1,063</u>

Under GASB Statement No. 75, the total OPEB liability represents the sum of expected future benefit payments which may be attributed to past service (or “earned”), discounted to the end of the fiscal year using the current discount rate. The total OPEB liability is analogous to the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (“UAAL”) under GASB Statement No. 45.

Total OPEB Liability—The County’s governmental activities and business-type activities total OPEB liabilities of \$873,892,051 and \$143,759,681, respectively, were measured as of December 31, 2025, and were determined by actuarial valuations as of January 1, 2025.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions—Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and on the historical pattern of cost sharing between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. Included coverages are “experience-rated” and annual premiums for experience-rated coverages were used as a proxy for claims costs with age adjustments for pre-65 and post-65 participants.

In the January 1, 2025 actuarial valuation, the liabilities were computed using the entry age normal actuarial cost method, over a level percent of pay was used. The actuarial assumptions utilized an inflation rate of 2.50%. The single discount rate changed from 3.77% effective January 1, 2024 to 4.16% effective December 31, 2025, which is based on the projected long-term earning rate of the assets expected to be available to pay benefits. Because the County does not currently segregate funding for these benefits, the rate selected is the expected return on the County’s assets. The expected rate of compensation increase was assumed to be 2.25%. The valuation assumes healthcare cost trends as follows: pre-65 medical, 7.75%; post-65 medical, 4.04% and prescription, 7.75%. Healthcare trends are reduced by decrements to reach a rate of 4.04% in 2075.

Medical Reimbursements—The County’s Medicare Part D prescription drug subsidy, which reduces the cost of retiree healthcare premiums, is accrued as revenue only in the current year. Projected subsidies for future years cannot be recognized as a reduction to the actuarial accrued liability.

Business-type activities—In the January 1, 2025 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method, over a level percent of pay was used. The single discount rate changed from 3.77% effective December 31, 2024 to 4.16% effective December 31, 2025. The salary scale assumed to increase at 2.25% per year. The sex-distinct and job category-specific headcount weighted Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables for employees and healthy retirees, adjusted for mortality improvements with scale MP-2021 mortality improvement scale on a generational basis were used for mortality rates. In order to estimate

the change in the cost of healthcare, the actuaries initial healthcare cost trend rate used is 7.75% while the ultimate healthcare cost trend rate is 4.04%. An inflation rate of 2.50% was assumed for developing the rate of increase in healthcare costs.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability—The following table presents the changes to the total OPEB liability during the fiscal year, by source:

	Total OPEB Liability		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities*	Primary Government
Balance at December 31, 2024 (August 31, 2024*)	\$ 878,709	\$ 148,373	\$ 1,027,082
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	14,195	2,974	17,169
Interest	32,948	5,578	38,526
Changes of assumptions	3,621	(10,850)	(7,229)
Differences between expected and actual experience	(39,172)	1,009	(38,163)
Change of benefit terms	21,475	3,449	24,924
Benefit payments	(37,884)	(6,774)	(44,658)
Net changes	(4,817)	(4,614)	(9,431)
Balance at December 31, 2025 (August 31, 2025*)	\$ 873,892	\$ 143,759	\$ 1,017,651

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to the Change in the Discount Rate and Healthcare Cost Trend Rate—The discount rate assumption can have an impact on the total OPEB liability. The following table presents the effect a 1% change in the discount rate assumption would have on the total OPEB liability:

	1% Decrease (3.16%)	Current Discount Rate (4.16%)	1% Increase (5.16%)
Governmental activities:			
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,000,692	\$ 873,892	\$ 769,957
Business-type activities:			
Total OPEB liability	\$ 163,987	\$ 143,759	\$ 127,108
Primary Government:			
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,164,679	\$ 1,017,651	\$ 897,065

Additionally, healthcare costs can be subject to considerable volatility over time. The following table presents the effect on the OPEB liability of a 1% change in the initial (7.75%)/ultimate (4.04%) healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (6.75%/3.04%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (7.75%/4.04%)	1% Increase (8.75%/5.04%)
Governmental activities:			
Total OPEB liability	\$ 755,960	\$ 873,892	\$ 1,020,828
Business-type activities:			
Total OPEB liability	\$ 124,853	\$ 143,759	\$ 167,132
Primary Government:			
Total OPEB liability	\$ 880,813	\$ 1,017,651	\$ 1,187,960

Funding Policy—Governmental Activities—Authorization for the County to pay all, a portion, or none of retiree health insurance premiums was enacted by resolution of the Legislature or through union contracts, which are ratified by the Legislature. Retirees hired on or prior to August 7, 2014 with fifteen or more years’ service and retire on or prior to December 31, 2023 will have 100% of their retiree health insurance premium paid by Erie County. Retirees hired on or prior to August 7, 2014 with less than fifteen years’ service and retire on or prior to December 31, 2023 will pay an adjusted percentage based on years of service per the ratified contract. Retirees hired on or prior to August 7, 2014 and retire after January 1, 2022 will have 95% of their retiree health insurance paid by the County. The County has no contribution requirement for employees hired after August 7, 2014. The County currently pays for governmental activities post-employment health care benefits on pay-as-you-go basis, primarily from the General Fund (81%). The remainder is allocated to Emergency Response, Road, Sewer, E-911, Grants, Community Development, and Pharmaceutical Settlements Litigation Special Revenue Funds. These financial statements assume that pay-as-you-go funding will continue. The County contributed \$37,884,190 for the year ended December 31, 2025 and recognized an OPEB expense of \$17,666,962.

Funding Policy—Business-type Activities—Authorization for the College to pay a portion, or all, of retiree health insurance premiums was enacted by resolution of the Board of Trustees or through union contracts, which are ratified by the Board. Retirees responsible for a portion of their health insurance premiums pay based on one of two scenarios. Employees who retired prior to January 1, 2003, pay approximately 50% of health insurance costs while the College pays the remainder. Individuals who retired on or after January 1, 2003 pay between 0% and 25% of premiums based on the amount of sick leave the retiree has banked as of their retirement date. The remainder of the retirees make no contribution and the College pays 100% of premiums. The College recognizes the cost of providing these benefits by expensing the annual insurance premiums when invoiced by the County or by the health insurance provider. The College contributed \$6,774,471 for the year ended August 31, 2025 and recognized an OPEB expense of \$5,488,169.

The aggregate amount of OPEB expense for the primary government for the year ended December 31, 2025 (August 31, 2025 to the College) was \$23,155,131.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB—The County reports deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources due to differences during the measurement period between the employer’s contributions and its proportionate share of the total of certain contributions from employers included in the collective total OPEB liability. The table on the following page presents the County’s deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for governmental activities and business-type activities at December 31, 2025 and August 31, 2025, respectively.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Primary Government	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Primary Government
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,190	\$ 822	\$ 5,012	\$ 113,984	\$ 23,533	\$ 137,517
Changes of assumptions	77,581	15,820	93,401	210,477	33,709	244,186
Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date	39,527	4,207	43,734	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 121,298</u>	<u>\$ 20,849</u>	<u>\$ 142,147</u>	<u>\$ 324,461</u>	<u>\$ 57,242</u>	<u>\$ 381,703</u>

County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the years ending December 31, 2026 and August 31, 2026 for governmental and business-type activities, respectively. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending December 31, (*August 31)	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities*	Primary Government
2026	\$ (58,789)	\$ (12,527)	\$ (71,316)
2027	(67,351)	(14,366)	(81,717)
2028	(71,402)	(12,549)	(83,951)
2029	(40,379)	(1,157)	(41,536)
2030	(647)	-	(647)
Thereafter	(4,123)	-	(4,123)

11. CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

Construction Commitments—The County has a number of active construction projects at December 31, 2025. The amounts spent to date and remaining commitments (encumbrances) presented by major project groupings are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Capital Projects Funds	Spent-to-date	Construction Commitments
General Government Buildings, Equipment, and Improvements	\$ 11,368	\$ 40,215
Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	6,361	28,574
Sewers, Facilities, Equipment	6,043	19,454
Special Capital Projects	1,094	5,421
Total	<u>\$ 24,866</u>	<u>\$ 93,664</u>

12. RISK MANAGEMENT

Insurance—The County assumes the liability for most risk including, but not limited to, property damage, personal injury liability, medical malpractice, and workers' compensation. Asserted and incurred but not reported judgments and claims are recorded when it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. Such recording is consistent with the requirements of GAAP. Governmental fund type estimated current contingent loss liabilities for property damage, personal injury liability, medical malpractice, and workers' compensation are reported within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Loss contingency liabilities arising from operations of the College are recorded in accordance with GASB by the County and are reported in full within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and in the General Fund when payment is due. They are only recognized as a College liability when invoiced from the County.

Self-Insurance Programs—The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County assumes the liability for risks relating to property damage, personal injury liability, medical malpractice and workers’ compensation. The County has also elected to purchase some minor policies from commercial insurers to provide for items such as comprehensive crime and boiler/machinery coverage, as well as protection of valuable papers and records; settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Judgments and claims are recognized as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements when it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. These liabilities include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported, and the effects of both specific, incremental claims adjustment expenditures/expenses and estimated recoveries on unsettled claims, if any. Judgments and claims reportable as part of the County’s governmental type fund activities are recognized as expenditures and liabilities in the General Fund when payment is due.

The County Attorney is responsible for analyzing the County’s judgments and claims and providing an opinion regarding the County’s ability to cover its liabilities in the self-insurance programs. Based on this analysis, judgments and claims of \$44,095,915 were recorded as governmental activities long-term liabilities at December 31, 2025.

In addition, the County has claims in the range of \$3,427,000 to \$55,645,000 for which there is a reasonable possibility of a future loss. No accrual has been recorded for such possible losses as of December 31, 2025.

The amounts and classifications of the judgments and claims noted above are based upon information and opinions from the County Attorney.

The changes since December 31, 2023 in the County’s judgment and claims liability for risk financing activities were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,	Liability, Beginning of Year	Claims and Adjustments	Claim Payments	Liability, End of Year
2025	\$ 46,040	\$ 11,103	\$ 13,047	\$ 44,096
2024	45,811	10,899	10,670	46,040
2023	50,888	4,632	9,709	45,811

Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”)

Losses from asserted and unasserted claims identified under ECMCC’s incident reporting system are accrued based on actuarial estimates that incorporate ECMCC’s past experience, the nature of each claim or incident, relevant trend factors, and estimated recoveries on unsettled claims. Approximately \$30,825,000 has been accrued at December 31, 2025, discounted at 2.50% and included as liabilities in the accompanying statement of net position. ECMCC has recorded liabilities of approximately \$19,800,000 for

workers' compensation related exposure, discounted at 3.25%. Effective April 1, 2016, ECMCC became self-insured for workers' compensation through a combination of self-insurance and a high-deductible plan.

13. LEASE AND SBITA LIABILITIES

The County is a lessee for noncancellable leases of buildings, vehicles, and parking space and a subscriber of various information technology agreements. Under GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, the County recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the financial statements. Under GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements*, the County recognizes a SBITA liability and SBITA asset in the government-wide financial statements. The County recognizes lease and SBITA liabilities if they are considered significant, individually or in the aggregated, to the financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease/SBITA, the County initially measures the lease/SBITA liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease/SBITA term. Subsequently, the lease/SBITA liability is reduced by the principal portion of the lease/SBITA payments made. The lease/SBITA asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease/SBITA liability, adjusted for lease/SBITA payments made at or before the lease/SBITA commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease/SBITA asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases/SBITAs include how the County determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease/SBITA payments to present value, (2) lease/SBITA term, and (3) lease/SBITA payments.

- The County uses the interest rates charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the County generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases/SBITAs.
- The lease/SBITA terms include the noncancellable period of the lease/SBITA. Lease/SBITA payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the County is reasonably certain to exercise.

The County monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease/SBITA and will remeasure the asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the liability.

Lease/SBITA assets are reported with other capital assets and lease/SBITA liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

During current and previous years, the County's governmental activities entered into long-term, lease agreements as the lessee for the acquisition and use of various buildings and vehicles. As of December 31, 2025, the value of the lease liabilities was \$39,807,348 in governmental funds. The County is required to make annual principal and interest payments ranging from \$532,679 to \$13,756,288. The leases have interest rates ranging from 2.98% to 4.07%. The value of the right-to-use lease assets as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$68,626,281 and had accumulated amortization of \$30,477,179 for governmental activities.

The future principal and interest payments related to leases for governmental activities as of December 31, 2025, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 12,374	\$ 1,382	\$ 13,756
2027	10,839	1,042	11,881
2028	8,950	674	9,624
2029	4,131	364	4,495
2030	1,640	125	1,765
Thereafter	1,873	80	1,953
Total	<u>\$ 39,807</u>	<u>\$ 3,667</u>	<u>\$ 43,474</u>

At December 31, 2025, the County maintained certain subscription based information technology arrangements. As a result of the implementation of the GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*, the County now reports those as SBITA liabilities. As of December 31, 2025, the value of the SBITA liabilities was \$16,511,162. The County is required to make annual principal and interest payments ranging from \$101,463 to \$4,346,281. The agreements have interest rates ranging from 1.57% to 3.12%. The value of the right-to-use SBITA assets as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$21,347,983 and had accumulated amortization of \$5,266,289.

At December 31, 2025, the County's business-type activities, (the "College") maintained certain subscription based information technology arrangements. As a result of the implementation of the GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*, the College reports those as SBITA liabilities. As of August 31, 2025, the value of the subscription liability was \$5,688,049. The value of the right-to-use SBITA assets as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$6,320,054 and reported accumulated amortization of \$579,338.

The future principal and interest payments related to the SBITA liabilities for governmental activities as of December 31, 2025, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 3,851	\$ 495	\$ 4,346
2027	3,867	359	4,226
2028	3,693	222	3,915
2029	1,518	130	1,648
2030	1,126	92	1,218
Thereafter	2,457	80	2,537
Total	<u>\$ 16,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,378</u>	<u>\$ 17,890</u>

The future principal and interest payments related to the subscription liabilities for business-type activities as of August 31, 2025, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 480	\$ 171	\$ 651
2027	514	156	670
2028	550	141	691
2029	587	124	711
2030	626	107	733
Thereafter	<u>2,931</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>3,156</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,688</u>	<u>\$ 924</u>	<u>\$ 6,612</u>

14. NOTES PAYABLE

The County has been approved for a short-term Clean Water note payable for up to \$39 million dollars through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (“EFC”). During the year ended December 31, 2025, the County received reimbursement for approved costs in the amount of \$23,065,424. Accordingly, the County has recorded a liability of \$23,065,424 for the short-term EFC notes payable within its Nonmajor Capital Projects Fund. The EFC notes payable carry a 2.78% interest rate.

15. LONG-TERM DEBT

Bonded Indebtedness

Bonded indebtedness is reported in the government-wide financial statements.

On August 12, 2025, the County issued \$60,185,000 in Series 2025A public improvement bonds which were issued for governmental activities. The serial bonds were issued at a premium of \$6,725,000 and at an interest rate of 5.0 percent. Principal payments on the bonds begin September 15, 2026 and will be fully matured on September 15, 2039. Additionally, on August 12, 2025, the County issued \$11,640,000 in 2025B refunding serial bonds, which partially refunded the previously issued 2015B and 2015C. The refunding bonds were issued at a premium of \$986,000 and carry an interest rate of 5.0 percent. The County deposited \$11,640,000 with an escrow agent and as a result, the portions of the original bonds are considered refunded and the liability of these bonds, \$11,930,000, has been removed from the financial statements.

Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors, including bondholders and noteholders of the County to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action, although the present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment.

The table as shown below is a summary of bond transactions of the County for the year ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands).

<u>Purpose (1)</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/25</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/25</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental activities general obligation bonds issued by County of Erie:								
Capital	2001	2031	0.00	\$ 1,317	\$ -	\$ 182	\$ 1,135	\$ 184
Capital	2002	2031	1.362-5.082	370	-	50	320	50
Capital	2003	2032	1.031-4.901	465	-	50	415	55
Capital	2003	2029	2.549-6.259	1,565	-	975	590	135
Capital	2003	2032	0.00	136	-	16	120	17
Capital	2003	2032	0.790-4.612	425	-	45	380	50
Capital	2004	2033	1.02-4.63	420	-	40	380	40
Capital	2005	2034	1.56-4.57	1,327	-	114	1,213	119
Capital	2005	2033	2.06-4.13	990	-	100	890	100
Capital	2006	2035	0.00	755	-	70	685	70
Capital	2007	2036	3.63-4.79	2,495	-	185	2,310	185
Capital	2011	2040	0.00	284	-	18	266	18
Capital	2012	2042	0.27-4.27	2,185	-	90	2,095	90
Capital	2014	2026	2.00-5.00	2,520	-	2,520	-	-
Capital	2014	2028	2.00-5.00	195	-	195	-	-
Capital	2015	2028	5.00	11,210	-	11,210	-	-
Refunding	2015	2029	5.00	4,850	-	4,850	-	-
Capital	2015	2028	3.00-5.00	785	-	785	-	-
Capital	2016	2029	4.00-5.00	14,990	-	2,715	12,275	2,850
Capital	2016	2028	3.00-5.00	875	-	205	670	215
Capital	2017	2031	3.00-5.00	19,815	-	2,425	17,390	2,550
Refunding	2017	2036	2.00-5.00	7,935	-	550	7,385	580
Capital	2017	2047	0.96-3.98	12,270	-	445	11,825	445
Capital	2018	2031	4.00-5.00	24,570	-	3,015	21,555	3,170
Capital	2018	2033	3.375-5.00	1,570	-	145	1,425	150
Capital	2019	2034	4.00-5.00	29,329	-	3,025	26,304	3,180
Capital	2020	2035	4.00-5.00	28,005	-	2,490	25,515	2,615
Refunding	2020	2028	1.07-1.71	7,635	-	2,140	5,495	5,030
Refunding	2020	2039	3.23-4.60	3,120	-	160	2,960	165
Capital	2021	2036	3.00-5.00	20,145	-	1,425	18,720	1,495
Capital	2021	2036	3.00-5.00	1,065	-	65	1,000	70
Refunding	2021	2041	3.26-4.89	8,730	-	500	8,230	525
Capital	2022	2037	5.00	25,575	-	1,445	24,130	1,515
Capital	2023	2035	5.00	27,710	-	1,950	25,760	2,050
Capital	2024	2040	4.00-5.00	44,290	-	1,655	42,635	1,995
Capital	2024	2049	4.00-5.25	110,945	-	2,655	108,290	2,435
Capital	2025	2039	5.00	-	60,185	-	60,185	2,930
Refunding	2025	2029	5.00	-	11,640	-	11,640	3,525
Total				<u>420,868</u>	<u>71,825</u>	<u>48,505</u>	<u>444,188</u>	<u>38,603</u>

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Purpose (1)	Issue	Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Balance 1/1/25	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/25	Due Within One Year
Totals brought forward				\$ 420,868	\$ 71,825	\$ 48,505	\$ 444,188	\$ 38,603
Less bonds issued by the County to ECFSA (mirror bonds):								
Capital	2017	2031	3.00-5.00	(19,815)	-	(2,425)	(17,390)	(2,550)
Refunding	2017	2036	0.96-3.98	(7,935)	-	(550)	(7,385)	(580)
Total mirror bonds				(27,750)	-	(2,975)	(24,775)	(3,130)
Net general obligation bonds issued by County of Erie				393,118	71,825	45,530	419,413	35,473
Governmental activities general obligation bonds issued by ECFSA:								
Capital	2017	2031	4.00-5.00	19,815	-	2,425	17,390	2,550
Refunding	2017	2036	2.00-5.00	7,935	-	550	7,385	580
ECMCC facility	2017	2034	3.00-5.00	42,355	-	3,525	38,830	3,700
ECMCC capital	2017	2039	3.00-5.00	82,295	-	2,280	80,015	2,375
Total general obligation bonds issued by ECFSA				152,400	-	8,780	143,620	9,205
Total general obligation bonds issued by County of Erie and ECFSA				545,518	71,825	54,310	563,033	44,678
Premium on bond issuance				49,374	7,711	7,613	49,472	-
Premium on bond issuance-ECFSA				13,445	-	2,132	11,313	-
Total County of Erie and ECFSA bonds payable-net				608,337	79,536	64,055	623,818	44,678
Governmental activities bonds issued by ETASC(2):								
Tobacco refunding	2005	varies	varies	201,580	-	3,500	198,080	-
Subordinate CABs	2005	varies	varies	32,870	-	-	32,870	-
Subordinate CABs	2006	varies	varies	17,695	-	-	17,695	-
Subordinate CABs	2005-06	varies	varies	130,818	12,652	-	143,470	-
Subtotal bonds issued by ETASC				382,963	12,652	3,500	392,115	-
Discount on ETASC bonds				(8,675)	-	(117)	(8,558)	-
Discount on ETASC subordinate CABs				(1,317)	-	(22)	(1,295)	-
Total ETASC bonds payable-net				372,971	12,652	3,361	382,262	-
Governmental activities bonds payable for financial statement purposes				\$ 981,308	\$ 92,188	\$ 67,416	\$ 1,006,080	\$ 44,678

(1) Capital—Capital acquisition and construction.

(2) ETASC bonds payable original issue were not for capital purposes. Refer to discussion following this table regarding outstanding ETASC bonds payable, including Capital Appreciation Bonds (CABs).

Erie Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (“ETASC”)

In 2000, ETASC issued \$246,325,000 of tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds, Series 2000, pursuant to an indenture dated as of September 1, 2000. The \$246,325,000 bond issuance was comprised of \$196,985,000 tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds Series 2000A and \$49,340,000 tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds Series 2000B. The net proceeds of the Series 2000 Bonds were used to purchase from the County all of the County’s right, title, and interest to TSR to which the County would otherwise be entitled under the MSA and the Decree and the proceeds of the bonds were used for operating and maintenance purposes.

On August 15, 2005, ETASC issued \$318,834,680 in tobacco settlement asset-backed bonds (Series 2005A, E) and capital appreciation bonds (“CABs”) (Series 2005B, C, D), with interest rates ranging from 5.00% to 6.75% to advance refund \$239,060,000 of outstanding Series 2000 Bonds bearing interest rates ranging from 5.0% to 6.5% originally issued in 2000. The net proceeds amounted to \$305,330,026 after original issuance discount and payment of \$13,504,654 for underwriting fees, insurance, and other issuance costs, of which \$267,037,311 was used to fund an irrevocable trust to defease the remaining original bonds. This transaction enabled ETASC to release \$55,231,709 in previously restricted funds for debt service and trapping events to the County.

On September 15, 2005, ETASC entered into an agreement with the bondholders to replace the government securities in the irrevocable trust with government agency securities. This transaction generated a savings of \$2,802,806. Of this, \$1,331,893 was transferred to the County and the remainder less costs of sale was paid to the bondholders for their concessions. During 2010, the bonds were called and the balance in the irrevocable trust was used to satisfy all required debt payments.

On January 5, 2006, ETASC issued \$17,694,720 of tobacco settlement asset-backed CABs, Series 2006A, with an interest rate of 7.65%. ETASC entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the County on January 1, 2006, in which ETASC purchased the County’s sole undivided beneficial interest in and to the trust established by ETASC pursuant to the Declaration and Agreement of Trust dated September 1, 2000, between ETASC and the Wilmington Trust Company (“2000 Residential Trust”), in its capacity as trustee, including the County’s right to receive residual tobacco settlement revenues payable to the County, as sole beneficiary of the 2000 Residential Trust. The net proceeds of \$15,638,465 were transferred to the County.

The payment of the Series 2005 and Series 2006 Bonds is dependent on the receipt of TSRs. The amount of TSRs actually collected is dependent on many factors, including cigarette consumption and the continued operations of the OPMs. Such bonds are secured by and payable solely from TSRs and investment earnings pledged under the Indenture and amounts established and held in accordance with the Indenture. ETASC has no financial assets other than the collections and reserves and amounts held in the other funds and accounts established under the Bond Indenture.

ETASC has covenanted to apply 100% of funds not used to make principal and interest payments, if any, in the turbo redemption account to the special mandatory redemption (“Turbo Redemption”) of the authorized denominations of the Series 2005 Bonds in order of maturity and then to the Series 2006A Bonds to the extent that there exists excess funds. Any such surplus revenues shall be applied on each distribution date beginning on June 1, 2006.

Interest on the Series 2005A bonds are payable each June 1 and December 1. The 2005 Series B, C, and D and the Series 2006A are subordinate CABs and accrete interest throughout the life of the bonds but is payable at redemption. Series 2005B, C, and D CABs were subject to redemption at the option of ETASC beginning in years after 2016. The Series 2006A CABs were subject to redemption after May 31, 2017.

Details of long-term debt as of December 31, 2025, are as follows:

Series 2005
\$318,834,680
Term Bond

Issue Amount	Rate	Description	Final Redemption Date
\$ 30,330,000	5.000 %	Series 2005A Bonds due June 1, 2031, semiannual interest-only payments through maturity, may be redeemed at the option of ETASC at anytime in whole or in part after June 1, 2015.	June 1, 2031
74,685,000	5.000	Series 2005A Bonds due June 1, 2038, semiannual interest-only payments through maturity, may be redeemed at the option of ETASC at anytime in whole or in part after June 1, 2015.	June 1, 2038
111,480,000	5.000	Series 2005A Bonds due June 1, 2045, semiannual interest-only payments through maturity, may be redeemed at the option of ETASC at anytime in whole or in part after June 1, 2015.	June 1, 2045
9,163,000	5.750	Series 2005B Bonds due June 1, 2047, semiannual interest accrued but not payable until maturity, subject to redemption at the option of ETASC anytime after June 1, 2015 at accreted values as follows: June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, 102%; June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, 101%; and June 1, 2017 and thereafter, 100%.	June 1, 2047
12,565,080	6.250	Series 2005C Bonds due June 1, 2050, semiannual interest accrued but not payable until maturity, subject to redemption at the option of ETASC anytime after June 1, 2015 at accreted values as follows: June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, 102%; June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, 101%; and June 1, 2017 and thereafter, 100%.	June 1, 2050

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11,141,600	6.750	Series 2005D Bonds due June 1, 2055, semiannual interest accrued but not payable until maturity, subject to redemption at the option of ETASC anytime after June 1, 2015 at accreted values as follows: June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016, 102%; June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, 101%; and June 1, 2017 and thereafter, 100%.	June 1, 2055
69,470,000	6.000	Series 2005E Taxable Bonds due June 1, 2028, semiannual interest only payments through maturity, fully redeemed in June 2022.	Fully redeemed June 2022
		Series 2006 \$17,694,720 Term Bond	

<u>Issue Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Final Redemption Date</u>
\$ 17,694,720	7.650 %	Series 2006A Taxable Bonds due June 1, 2060, semiannual interest accrued but not payable until maturity, subordinate to the Series 2005A-E Bonds, subject to redemption at the option of ETASC anytime after June 1, 2016 at accreted values as follows: June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, 102%; June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, 101%; and June 1, 2018 and thereafter, 100%.	June 1, 2060

Changes in ETASC bonded indebtedness for the year ended December 31, 2025 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	<u>Tobacco Settlement Bonds</u>	<u>Subordinate CABs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bonds payable at January 1, 2025	\$ 201,580	\$ 181,383	\$ 382,963
Principal payments during 2025	(3,500)	-	(3,500)
Annual net interest accretion	-	12,652	12,652
Bonds payable at December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 198,080</u>	<u>\$ 194,035</u>	<u>\$ 392,115</u>

The ETASC’s debt service requirements for the Series 2005A as of December 31, 2025 are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ -	\$ 9,904	\$ 9,904
2027	-	9,904	9,904
2028	-	9,904	9,904
2029	-	9,904	9,904
2030	-	9,904	9,904
2031-2035	11,915	46,839	58,754
2036-2040	74,685	37,206	111,891
2041-2045	<u>111,480</u>	<u>25,083</u>	<u>136,563</u>
Total	<u>\$ 198,080</u>	<u>\$ 158,648</u>	<u>\$ 356,728</u>

Amortization of Bond Premiums and Discounts—The total unamortized discount as of December 31, 2025 was \$9,851,840. The County’s governmental funds report the effect of premiums when the debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized within governmental activities. The total unamortized premium as of December 31, 2025 was \$60,785,000. ETASC issued serial bonds and CABs which included a bond discount. The discounts are being amortized using the effective interest rate and straight-line methods over the life of the bonds, with maturity dates ranging from 2028 to 2060.

Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”)

Bonds Payable—The following is a summary of long-term bonded debt at December 31, 2025:

Erie County—Guaranteed Senior Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (interest of 4.1% to 5.7%)	<u>\$ 47,945</u>
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The Series 2004 bonds are secured by a pledge of the gross receipts of ECMCC and amounts on deposit in certain debt service reserve funds. To the extent that the debt service reserve funds fall below their requirements, the County has agreed to restore such accounts to their requirement.

Pursuant to a Guaranty Agreement, the County has unconditionally guaranteed to ECMCC the punctual payment of the principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, on the Series 2004 Bonds, as the same shall become due and payable, and has pledged the faith and credit of the County for the performance of such guaranty. A municipal bond insurance policy has been purchased by ECMCC to guarantee all debt service payments in case of default by ECMCC and the County.

The Series 2004 Bonds require ECMCC to make monthly payments to certain debt service accounts for the semiannual payment of interest and the annual payment of principal (principal payments commenced November 1, 2009).

Other Long-Term Liabilities

Retirement Liabilities—The College’s total liability relating to retirement is \$2,571,091 as of August 31, 2025. Of this, \$2,313,982 is recorded in current liabilities as of August 31, 2025, and \$257,109 is classified as fringe benefits payable on the enterprise funds’ statements as of August 31, 2025.

Lease Liability—The County entered into leases for acquisition and use of various buildings and vehicles. The outstanding balance at December 31, 2025 was \$39,807,348. Refer to Note 13 for additional information related to the County’s leases.

SBITA Liability—The County has entered into long-term subscription based information technology agreements. The outstanding balance at December 31, 2025 was \$16,511,162. Refer to Note 13 for additional information related to the County’s SBITA liability.

The College has entered into various long-term subscription based information technology arrangements. The outstanding balance at August 31, 2025 was \$5,688,049. Refer to Note 13 for additional information related to the College’s SBITA liability.

Compensated Absences—The value recorded in the government-wide financial statements for compensated absences at December 31, 2025, for governmental activities is \$93,262,000 classified as a long-term liability in the accompanying financial statements, which includes \$17,871,000 due within one year. The following governmental funds have been used in prior years to liquidate this liability: General Fund and the Road, Sewer, E-911, Grants and Community Development Special Revenue Funds.

Compensated absences of \$7,032,492 have been reported for business-type activities, classified as fringe benefits payable, on the enterprise funds’ financial statements, which includes \$703,250 due within one year.

Compensated absences of the Library component unit totaling \$5,015,000 have been reported as a long-term liability, which includes \$752,000 due within one year. Compensated absences of the ECMCC component unit totaling approximately \$19,647,000 have been reported as an accrued liability.

Judgments and Claims—As explained in Note 12, the County is self-insured. Liabilities are established for workers’ compensation, general and malpractice claims in accordance with GAAP. Estimated long-term contingent loss liabilities of governmental fund types total \$44,095,915 and have been reported as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements.

Also, as further explained in Note 12, ECMCC is self-insured and has recorded approximately \$30,825,000 and \$19,800,000 for the long-term portions of medical malpractice and workers’ compensation liability related exposures, respectively.

Other Postemployment Benefit Obligation—As discussed in Note 10, the County’s total other postemployment benefit obligation at December 31, 2025 is estimated to be \$873,892,000 and \$143,759,000 for governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively. The County’s governmental activities reported \$40,713,000 as due within one year. The County’s business-type activities has not reported an amount due within one year.

Net Pension Liability—The County reports a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Employees’ Retirement System. The net pension liability is estimated to be \$193,050,000 and \$10,556,929 for the governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively. Refer to Note 9 for additional information related to the County’s net pension liability.

Summary of Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of the County's long-term debt at December 31, 2025 follows (in thousands):

	Balance 1/1/2025	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2025	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Serial bonds	\$ 545,518	\$ 71,825	\$ (54,310)	\$ 563,033	\$ 44,678
Unamortized bond premiums	62,819	7,711	(9,745)	60,785	-
ETASC bonds payable-net	372,971	12,651	(3,360)	382,262	-
Lease liability	38,436	12,332	(10,961)	39,807	12,374
SBITA liability	14,620	4,123	(2,231)	16,512	3,851
Compensated absences*	91,528	1,734	-	93,262	17,871
Judgments and claims	46,040	11,103	(13,047)	44,096	9,469
Other postemployment benefits obligation	878,709	72,239	(77,056)	873,892	40,713
Net pension liability*	163,932	29,118	-	193,050	-
Accrued derivative liability-ETASC	701	-	(701)	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,215,274</u>	<u>\$ 222,836</u>	<u>\$ (171,411)</u>	<u>\$ 2,266,699</u>	<u>\$ 128,956</u>

*Additions to compensated absences and the net pension liability are shown net of reductions.

The General Fund or applicable special revenue funds are the governmental funds that generally have been used in prior years to liquidate compensated absences, judgments and claims, other postemployment benefits obligation and net pension liabilities.

	Beginning Balance (as restated)	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Business-type activities:					
Retirement liabilities	\$ 2,227	\$ 344	\$ -	\$ 2,571	\$ 2,314
Lease liability	-	174	-	174	1
SBITA liability	596	6,320	(1,228)	5,688	480
Compensated absences*	6,870	162	-	7,032	703
Other postemployment benefits obligation	148,373	13,010	(17,623)	143,760	-
Net pension liability*	8,904	1,653	-	10,557	-
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 166,970</u>	<u>\$ 21,663</u>	<u>\$ (18,851)</u>	<u>\$ 169,782</u>	<u>\$ 3,498</u>

*Addition to compensated absences and the net pension liability are shown net of reductions.

Component Units

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (the “Library”)

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

	Balance 1/1/2025	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2025	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences*	\$ 4,937	\$ 78	\$ -	\$ 5,015	\$ 752
SBITA liability	322	-	(140)	182	145
OPEB liability	56,514	5,711	(6,400)	55,825	25
Net pension liability*	<u>7,044</u>	<u>1,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,379</u>	<u>-</u>
Library Component Unit long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 68,817</u>	<u>\$ 7,124</u>	<u>\$ (6,540)</u>	<u>\$ 69,401</u>	<u>\$ 922</u>

*Additions to compensated absences and the net pension liability are shown net of reductions.

Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”)

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

	Balance 1/1/2025	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/2025	Due Within One Year
Bonds payable for financial statement purposes	\$ 52,580	\$ -	\$ 4,635	\$ 47,945	\$ 4,895
Leases and SBITAs	42,952	22,501	18,824	46,629	16,912
Finance obligations	3,181	-	571	2,610	571
Judgments and claims (2)	44,840	-	2,562	42,278	-
OPEB obligation*	278,596	1,750	-	280,346	-
Net pension liability *	155,324	20,263	-	175,587	-
Other	<u>8,957</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,116</u>	<u>5,841</u>	<u>-</u>
ECMCC Component Unit long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 586,430</u>	<u>\$ 44,514</u>	<u>\$ 29,708</u>	<u>\$ 601,236</u>	<u>\$ 22,378</u>

* Additions to the OPEB obligation and the net pension liability are shown net of reductions.

Long-term loan due to the County (1)	<u>\$ 136,366</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,548</u>	<u>\$ 128,818</u>	<u>\$ 7,749</u>
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(1) Refer to discussion within Note 17 regarding long-term loan due to primary government.

(2) Refer to discussions within Note 12 regarding judgments and claims of ECMCC.

Additional judgments and claims liabilities for workers’ compensation and medical malpractice have been recorded by ECMCC as accrued liabilities in the amounts of \$6,192,000 and \$2,155,000, respectively.

Maturity Schedules

The table below presents the primary government's remaining annual maturities of long-term liabilities as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Year	Total	Bonds	Leases	SBITAs	Retirement	Compensated Absences	Judgments and Claims	OPEB	Net Pension Liability
2026	\$ 132,454	\$ 44,678	\$ 12,375	\$ 4,331	\$ 2,314	\$ 18,574	\$ 9,469	\$ 40,713	\$ -
2027	57,555	41,904	11,012	4,382	257	-	-	-	-
2028	57,034	43,841	8,950	4,243	-	-	-	-	-
2029	48,339	42,103	4,131	2,105	-	-	-	-	-
2030	43,207	39,815	1,640	1,752	-	-	-	-	-
2031-2035	192,063	184,803	1,873	5,387	-	-	-	-	-
2036-2040	191,559	191,559	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2041-2045	143,430	143,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2046-2050	28,980	28,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various (1)	1,490,928	194,035	-	-	-	81,720	34,627	976,939	203,607
	<u>2,385,549</u>	<u>955,148</u>	<u>\$ 39,981</u>	<u>\$ 22,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,571</u>	<u>\$ 100,294</u>	<u>\$ 44,096</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,652</u>	<u>\$ 203,607</u>
Discount - ETASC	(9,853)	(9,853)							
Premium - County	49,472	49,472							
Premium - ECFSA	11,313	11,313							
	<u>\$ 2,436,481</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,080</u>							

(1) Payment of Subordinate CABs, compensated absences, judgments and claims, net pension liability, and accrued derivative liability are dependent upon many factors; therefore, timing of future payments is not readily determinable.

The table below presents the primary government's remaining annual interest payments due on serial bonds as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Year	Primary Government
2026	\$ 36,595
2027	34,449
2028	32,393
2029	30,324
2030	28,268
2031-2035	111,511
2036-2040	66,630
2041-2045	36,527
2046-2050	3,512
Totals	<u>\$ 380,209</u>

The table below presents the remaining principal and interest payments due on County mirror bonds to ECFSA as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Year	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 3,130	\$ 1,106
2027	3,290	946
2028	3,450	778
2029	3,630	602
2030	3,810	417
2031-2035	7,250	497
2036-2040	215	7
Totals	<u>\$ 24,775</u>	<u>\$ 4,353</u>

The table below presents the remaining annual maturities of long-term liabilities of the Library (County Component Unit) as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Year	Total	Compensated Absences	SBITA liability	OPEB	Net Pension Liability
2026	\$ 922	\$ 752	\$ 145	\$ 25	\$ -
2027	37	-	37	-	-
2028	-	-	-	-	-
2029	-	-	-	-	-
Various (1)	<u>68,442</u>	<u>4,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,800</u>	<u>8,379</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 69,401</u>	<u>\$ 5,015</u>	<u>\$ 182</u>	<u>\$ 55,825</u>	<u>\$ 8,379</u>

(1) Payment of compensated absences, OPEB liability, and net pension liability are dependent on many factors; therefore, timing of future payments is not readily determinable.

The table below presents the remaining annual maturities of long-term liabilities of ECMCC (County Component Unit) as of December 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Year	Total	Serial Bonds	Leases and SBITAs	Judgments and Claims	Finance Obligations	OPEB	Net Pension Liability	Other	Long-term Loan
2026	\$ 30,127	\$ 4,895	\$ 16,912	\$ -	\$ 571	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,749
2027	25,718	5,746	12,021	-	-	-	-	-	7,951
2028	20,789	6,041	6,591	-	-	-	-	-	8,157
2029	18,500	6,019	4,105	-	-	-	-	-	8,376
2030	17,532	6,300	2,637	-	-	-	-	-	8,595
2031-2035	71,092	18,944	4,099	-	-	-	-	-	48,049
2036-2040	40,205	-	264	-	-	-	-	-	39,941
2041-2050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Various (1)	<u>506,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,278</u>	<u>2,039</u>	<u>280,346</u>	<u>175,587</u>	<u>5,841</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 730,054</u>	<u>\$ 47,945</u>	<u>\$ 46,629</u>	<u>\$ 42,278</u>	<u>\$ 2,610</u>	<u>\$ 280,346</u>	<u>\$ 175,587</u>	<u>\$ 5,841</u>	<u>\$ 128,818</u>

(1) Payment of the judgments and claims, OPEB liability, and net pension liability is dependent on many factors; therefore, timing of future payments is not readily determinable.

Permanent Financing Requirements

Under New York State statutes, permanent bonding of general County improvements must take place within five to seven years of the date of initial financing. Specially assessed improvements, (e.g., sewer), have no limitation as to their period of temporary financing, except that a three-year limitation exists where such financing has been obtained through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation. The County has permanently financed all significant indebtedness subject to this permanent financing statute.

Constitutional Debt Limit

The County constitutional debt limit at December 31, 2025 is computed as follows (dollars in thousands):

Five-year average full valuation of taxable real estate (2021-2025)	<u>\$ 85,993,698</u>
Debt limit @ 7%	\$ 6,019,559
Net indebtedness (after statutory exclusions)	<u>437,230</u> *
Net debt contracting margin	<u>\$ 5,582,329</u>
Percentage of debt contracting power exhausted	<u>7.26%</u>

*Net indebtedness includes general obligation bonds of \$384,284,322 and ECMCC bond guaranty of \$47,945,000 (excludes ETASC bonds of \$392,115,908 to be paid with tobacco settlement proceeds by ETASC, sewer bonds for self-supporting districts of \$54,903,908, and ECFSA bonds of \$80,015,000 for capital projects and \$38,830,000 for the nursing home refunding, totaling \$118,845,000 to be paid by ECMCC. The capital projects bonds will mature in September 2039 while the refunding bonds will mature in September 2034).

16. NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

- **Net Investment In Capital Assets**—This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation/amortization and the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce the balance in this category.
- **Restricted Net Position**—This category represents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted Net Position**—This category represents net position of the County not restricted for any project or other purpose.

In the governmental fund financial statements, nonspendable amounts represent net current financial resources that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance maintained by the County at December 31, 2025 includes prepaid items.

- **Prepaid Items**—\$21,856,000 representing amounts prepaid to vendors that are applicable to future accounting periods. The County reported prepaid items in the amount of \$21,856,000 at December 31, 2025.

In the fund financial statements, restricted fund balances are amounts constrained to specific purposes (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government) through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation. Restricted fund balance of the County at December 31, 2025 includes:

- **Handicapped Parking**—\$143,000 representing monies restricted for education, advocacy and increased public awareness of handicapped parking laws.
- **Community Development Loans**—\$29,477,000 representing amounts offset for community development loans receivable, which are legally required to be maintained intact.
- **Opioid Prevention**—\$26,475,000 representing amounts restricted for specific public health measures to combat opioid abuse.
- **Debt Service**—\$46,773,000 representing funds to be used toward the future repayment of bonded debt service.
- **Capital Expenditures**—\$136,905,000 representing funds that have been reserved to fund capital projects and the purchase of capital assets. This amount includes commitments (encumbrances) of \$93,664,361 for capital projects currently in process.

The County Legislature authorizes assigned amounts of fund balance. Assigned funds represent amounts intended to be used for a specific purpose. In the fund financial statements, assignments by the County at December 31, 2025 include:

- **Subsequent Year's Expenditures**—Represents available fund balance of \$28,259,000 appropriated to meet expenditure requirements in the 2026 fiscal year.
- **Judgments and Claims**—Represents amounts to fund future settlements of various claims and litigation in the amount of \$21,380,000.
- **Other Purposes**—Includes amounts assigned for supplemental appropriations (\$186,741,000) within the 2026 year which were approved by the Legislature subsequent to the adoption of the 2026 budget in the General Fund, General Fund encumbrances (\$30,677,000), positive residual balance of (\$307,000) in the ECFSA General Fund, encumbrances in the Special Revenue Funds (\$25,168,000) and positive residual balances of (\$54,174,000) in the Special Revenue Funds.

Accounting prescription set by the Erie County Comptroller provides for a sunset provision of one fiscal year for all fund balance assignments. Legislature approval is required to establish and subsequently appropriate fund balance assignments.

The County considers encumbrances to be significant for amounts that are encumbered in excess of \$1,000,000 for a particular purpose. As of December 31, 2025, significant encumbrances are as follows:

Purpose	Other Governmental Funds
Countywide Capital Overlay Program	\$ 17,516,164
Countywide Sewer Costs	17,148,227
Countywide Road Construction and Preservation	11,971,784
Countywide Workplace Development	5,500,375
Countywide Affordable Housing	3,732,264
Countywide In Rem	1,742,941
Countywide Child Poverty Reduction	5,875,000

In circumstances where an expenditure is to be made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, it is the County’s policy that the order in which resources will be expended is as follows: restricted fund balance, followed by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and lastly, unassigned fund balance.

17. INTERFUND BALANCES AND ACTIVITY

Interfund receivables and payables are short term in nature and exist because of temporary advances or payments made on behalf of other funds. All interfund balances are expected to be collected/paid within the subsequent year.

The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2025 is shown below:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	ECFSA General	\$ 72,978
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	73,295
	College	710
	Nonmajor Proprietary Fund	<u>6,411</u>
		<u>153,394</u>
ECFSA General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>8</u>
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>34,399</u>
College	General Fund	<u>2,424</u>
Nonmajor Proprietary Fund	College	436
	General Fund	<u>76</u>
		<u>512</u>
Total receivables		190,737
Less: timing differences		<u>(3,140)</u>
Total payables		<u>\$ 187,597</u>

Interfund receivables exceed interfund payables by \$3,140,000. This difference represents interfund receivables recorded by the County and the College that are not reflected as interfund payables in the corresponding balance sheets because of the difference between the County and the College fiscal year end. All balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Due To/From Component Unit and Primary Government—Amounts due between the component units and the primary government at December 31, 2025, consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

<u>Receivable Entity</u>	<u>Payable Entity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Primary Government-General Fund	ECMCC Component Unit	<u>\$ 30</u>
Primary Government-Governmental Activities	ECMCC Component Unit	<u>\$ 128,818</u>
Primary Government-Nonmajor Proprietary Fund	ECMCC Component Unit	<u>\$ 5,010</u>

During 2011, the ECFSA issued serial bonds in the amount of \$86,250,000 to assist ECMCC in the construction of a new residential health care facility. Loan agreements were executed whereby the ECFSA loaned the proceeds and net premium of \$10,614,413 to the County, who in turn loaned the monies to ECMCC. In 2017, these serial bonds were refunded through a similar agreement. The par amount of the refunded bonds issued was \$62,745,000. Although the amortization schedules on the bonds and the loan are approximately the same in total, the principal and interest components vary. On a monthly basis, ECMCC pays the County directly, while the ECFSA withholds sales tax revenue that otherwise would be transferred to the County. The ECFSA retains these monies until the semi-annual debt service on the bonds are due. Principal and interest payments on long-term obligations between the ECFSA and the County are reported as transfers in and transfers out in the fund financial statements.

Principal payments received from ECMCC during 2025 totaling \$7,749,000 are recorded within miscellaneous revenues in the County's Debt Service Fund and eliminated in the government-wide statements. The remaining amount due from ECMCC in the amount of \$128,818,000 is reported on the government-wide financial statements only. This balance is shown as a reconciling item on the Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position.

The remaining principal and interest payments on ECMCC's long-term loan payable to the County are as follows (dollars in thousands):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 7,749	\$ 3,850	\$ 11,599
2027	7,951	3,622	11,573
2028	8,157	3,388	11,545
2029	8,376	3,148	11,524
2030	8,595	2,903	11,498
2031-2035	48,049	10,478	58,527
2036-2040	<u>39,941</u>	<u>2,377</u>	<u>42,318</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 128,818</u>	<u>\$ 29,766</u>	<u>\$ 158,584</u>

The County made the following transfers during the year ended December 31, 2025:

<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose - provide financial resources:</u>
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	8,193	For the local share of grant programs
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	19,072	For highway improvements
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	9,080	To support E-911 operations
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	199	To support community development grants
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	504	For Emergency Response operations
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	42,681	For general debt service
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	3,455	To support various capital projects
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	6,113	For sewer projects
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	11,482	For interfund transfer share
	College	19,804	To support College operations
		<u>120,583</u>	
ECFSA	General Fund	<u>635,212</u>	For general operations from sales tax receipts
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	13,613	To support various capital projects
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	6,064	For sewer debt service
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	17,239	For ECFSA debt service
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	8,455	Capital project ARPA adjustments
	General Fund	1,889	Budget balance adjustment
	General Fund	11,491	For ARPA adjustments
		<u>58,751</u>	
Total transfers out		814,546	
Less: timing differences		<u>56</u>	
Total transfers in		<u>\$ 814,602</u>	

18. TAX ABATEMENTS

As of December 31, 2025, the County provides property tax abatements through a Housing for Low and Very Low Income Households Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) program. The program was established to stimulate development of affordable housing in the region, especially for those with the lowest level of incomes.

The State of New York passed Articles 5 and 11 of the New York State Private Housing Finance Law and section 421-e of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, which allows municipal governments to enter into agreements with developers to make a PILOT agreement. In 1999, the Erie County PILOT Policy was approved by the Erie County Legislature through resolution 21E-26. This policy defined two PILOT agreements for low income households in Erie County.

PILOT A refers to PILOT agreements that are used with housing for low income households. The criteria for PILOT A agreements is that 60% of units are affordable (no more than 30% of resident’s imputed income) to people earning no more than 60% median income for the area.

PILOT B refers to PILOT agreements that are used with housing for very low income households. The criteria for PILOT B agreements is that 60% of units are affordable (no more than 30% of resident’s imputed income) to people earning no more than 50% median income for the area.

Both PILOTs A & B must have a fifteen year commitment for low-income use that includes appropriate regulatory restrictions.

Applicants for a PILOT agreement must supply the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning and the local taxing jurisdiction with information that includes, but is not limited to, the percentage of units

for low and very low income residents, the planned development’s five year operating budget, the number of residential units and square footage and a letter indicating community support from the chief elected official.

Once the application is received by Erie County, the Commissioner of Environment and Planning will respond within fifteen business days with a letter acknowledging the receipt of the application. The Commissioner will then write a letter of recommendation to approve or disapprove the PILOT request within thirty days of receipt of the completed application. If recommended for approval, the Commissioner will submit the PILOT agreement to the County Legislature within forty days of receipt of the application. Once approved by the Legislature, the PILOT agreement will be submitted to the County Executive for his signature. It is expected that the applicant will concurrently seek approval from the local taxing jurisdiction in which the planned development is located.

The initial PILOT payment will be 5% of the housing project’s Total Effective Income for PILOT A agreements, and 3% of the housing project’s Total Effective Income for PILOT B agreements. Under both PILOT agreements, in each and every subsequent year, a 3% escalator will be applied to the previous year’s PILOT payment. Payments will continue for 15 years, after which time the property will be subject to full taxation. Of the PILOT payments, 75% will be paid directly to the local taxing jurisdiction in which the Development is located, and 25% of will be paid directly to the County.

During 2025, the County received payments for 60 PILOT agreements from within the City of Buffalo, which encompassed 145 properties. The County real property taxes for these properties totaled \$1,498,970 while \$475,456 was received for PILOT payments. This resulted in tax abatements totaling \$1,023,514.

There were also two additional agreements with properties in the Town of Amherst that were not covered under an IDA. The County real property taxes for these properties totaled \$30,975 while \$28,246 was received for PILOT payments. This resulted in tax abatements totaling \$2,730.

The County also is subject to tax abatements granted by five (5) Industrial Development Agencies (“IDA’s”), entities created under New York State Law. The IDA’s in Erie County have adopted a Countywide Industrial Development Agency Uniform Tax Exemption Policy to provide for uniform policies for the claiming of IDA incentives. Permissible business activities include traditional manufacturing, distributive services, business services, and arts, entertainment and recreation.

Property tax abatements for the year ended December 31, 2025 were as follows:

<u>IDA</u>	<u>Real Property Taxes</u>	<u>PILOT Payments</u>	<u>Tax Abatements</u>
Amherst	\$ 821,510	\$ 436,306	\$ 385,204
Clarence	113,147	83,049	30,098
Erie County (ECIDA)	2,561,612	1,433,055	1,128,557
Hamburg	361,657	159,879	201,778
Lancaster	<u>528,320</u>	<u>244,209</u>	<u>284,111</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,386,246</u>	<u>\$ 2,356,498</u>	<u>\$ 2,029,748</u>

19. CONTINGENCIES

Litigation—The County is involved in litigation in the ordinary course of its operations. Various legal actions are pending against the County. The outcome of these matters is not presently determinable but, in the opinion of management, the ultimate liability will not have a material adverse effect on the County's financial condition or results of operation.

Sales Tax Audits—The State of New York periodically audits its distribution of sales tax revenues to counties throughout the State. Subsequent revisions to the revenues recorded as of December 31, 2025, if any, would be reflected in the operating statement in the year that they are calculated.

Supplemental 1% Sales Tax—Through legislation approved by the County and the State of New York, first effective in March of 1985, the County extended an additional 1% sales and compensating use tax. An added requirement of this legislation commencing in 2007, is that the County is required to share \$12,500,000 of this tax with other local municipalities. This tax generated approximately \$230,725,421 (gross) for the year ended December 31, 2025. The enabling legislation allowing this additional tax expires November 30, 2027. Legislative approval by both New York State and the County is required for the continuation of this revenue source.

Supplemental 0.25% Sales Tax—Through legislation approved by the County and the State of New York, the County initiated an additional 0.25% sales and compensating use tax effective July 1, 2005. This tax generated approximately \$57,669,788 for the year ended December 31, 2025. The enabling legislation allowing this additional tax expires November 30, 2027. Legislative approval by both New York State and the County is required for the continuation of this revenue source.

Supplemental 0.50% Sales Tax—The County Legislature approved a home rule message requesting approval of the New York State Legislature to raise the sales tax 0.50%, to 8.75%. The New York State Legislature approved the Sales Tax Request in January 2006 and the County Legislature enacted the tax increase effective January 15, 2006. This tax generated approximately \$115,339,576 for the year ended December 31, 2025. The enabling legislation allowing this additional tax expires November 30, 2027. Legislative approval by both New York State and the County is required for the continuation of this revenue source.

Federal and State Aid—The County receives federal aid, state aid, or both for a portion of its mandated social services program expenditures (reported in the Economic Assistance and Opportunity category in the financial statements), such as Medicaid, Family Assistance and Safety Net. The County appropriates only the local share of state administered Medicaid expenditures. Conversely, the County appropriates total expenditures for Family Assistance and Safety Net programs, and budgets state and/or federal aid as revenue. Federal and state aid represents approximately 42% of 2025 County appropriations for social services programs.

The County also receives certain federal, state and private grants. These grants are used primarily to augment current operations, and for special demonstration projects and programs. Should funding of any such grant be stopped at any point, the County may assume the cost thereof in its operating budget or suspend the programs funded by such grant.

The Federal and State governments are not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue current levels of federal and state aid to the County. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that present federal and state aid levels will be maintained in the future. Federal and state budgetary restrictions which may eliminate or substantially reduce federal or state aid could have a material adverse effect upon the County, requiring

either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources or a curtailment of non-mandated expenditures. Social Services and Medicaid expenditures are generally mandated by New York State law.

20. JOINT VENTURES

Western Regional Off-Track Betting—Pursuant to authority provided by New York State statute, a regional off-track betting corporation was established in 1973 to operate a system of off-track pari-mutuel betting within the Western New York area. This public benefit corporation, known as the Western Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation (“OTB”), is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of one member from each participating county and city. The OTB net revenue is divided among the participating counties, with one-half being distributed based on population and the remainder based on each entity’s share of the total wagering in the region. A county containing an eligible city that has elected to participate in the OTB must relinquish a portion of the revenue to which it would otherwise be entitled to such city in an amount equal to the percentage of the county population attributable to the city. In the case of Erie County, both the County and the City of Buffalo participate in the OTB.

The OTB has the power to issue bonds and notes to carry out the purposes for which it was formed. Such bonds, notes or other, obligations are not a debt of the participating municipalities, and they may only be paid from the OTB’s funds.

OTB total undistributed net revenue decreased by \$8,633,573 for the year ended December 31, 2025. The OTB reported net revenue available for distribution to participating municipalities of \$2,647,546. Separate financial statements for this joint venture can be obtained from the OTB Chief Financial Officer at 8315 Park Road, Batavia, New York, 14020.

Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation—The Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (“BENLIC”) was established on June 6, 2012 under New York State’s Land Bank Act (Article 16 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law). BENLIC’s mission is to confront and alleviate the problems distressed properties cause to communities by supporting municipal and regional revitalization efforts and strategically acquiring, improving, assembling, and selling distressed, vacant, abandoned, and/or tax-delinquent properties. BENLIC was formed through a joint venture of the County of Erie and Cities of Buffalo, Lackawanna, and Tonawanda and is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of 11 members.

BENLIC has the power to incur debt to carry out the purposes for which it was formed. Such debt is not an obligation of the participating municipalities, and may only be paid from BENLIC funds.

BENLIC is eligible to receive financial assistance from federal and state governmental agencies in the form of grants. BENLIC reported revenues and other support totaling \$17,163,451 and expenses totaling \$1,512,711 for year ended December 31, 2025. BENLIC reported net assets of \$21,188,437 at December 31, 2025, all of which was reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

Separate financial statements for this joint venture can be obtained from the BENLIC Executive Director at 403 Main Street, Buffalo, New York, 14203.

21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 15, 2026, which is the date the financial statements are available for issuance, and have determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure under generally accepted accounting principles.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)—
Employees' Retirement System—Primary Government
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,									
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Measurement date	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2016
County's proportion of the net pension liability/(asset)	1.2611000%	1.1135661%	1.1164160%	1.1102710%	1.0851610%	1.0832760%	1.0962539%	1.0292170%	1.0072770%	0.9999660%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 203,637	\$ 172,866	\$ 238,995	\$ (90,761)	\$ 1,080	\$ 286,911	\$ 74,100	\$ 33,217	\$ 94,646	\$ 160,497
County's covered payroll	\$ 373,741	\$ 357,077	\$ 338,968	\$ 301,198	\$ 288,533	\$ 287,023	\$ 276,331	\$ 259,301	\$ 250,626	\$ 244,605
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	54.5%	48.4%	70.5%	(30.1%)	0.4%	100.0%	26.8%	12.8%	37.8%	65.6%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	93.1%	93.9%	90.8%	103.7%	100.0%	86.4%	96.3%	98.2%	94.7%	90.7%

The notes to the Required Supplementary Information is an integral part of this schedule.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of the County's Contributions—
Employees' Retirement System—Primary Government
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,									
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contributions	\$ 45,531	\$ 39,607	\$ 31,918	\$ 24,991	\$ 33,146	\$ 29,509	\$ 28,657	\$ 33,443	\$ 36,452	\$ 35,896
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(45,531)	(39,607)	(31,918)	(24,991)	(33,146)	(29,509)	(28,657)	(33,443)	(36,452)	(35,896)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County's covered payroll	\$ 342,791	\$ 326,440	\$ 285,359	\$ 275,589	\$ 260,318	\$ 257,564	\$ 238,181	\$ 233,337	\$ 232,041	\$ 227,722
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.3%	12.1%	11.2%	9.1%	12.7%	11.5%	12.0%	14.3%	15.7%	15.8%

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)—
Teachers' Retirement System—Primary Government
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended August 31,									
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Measurement date	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015
College's proportion of the net pension liability/(asset)	0.073324%	0.074164%	0.080257%	0.093321%	0.101297%	0.100454%	0.099898%	0.093727%	0.097612%	0.095057%
College's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ (4,342)	\$ (2,213)	\$ 918	\$ 1,791	\$ (17,554)	\$ 2,776	\$ (2,595)	\$ (712)	\$ 1,045	\$ (9,873)
College's covered payroll	\$ 13,463	\$ 12,967	\$ 13,754	\$ 14,929	\$ 15,730	\$ 16,557	\$ 16,066	\$ 15,317	\$ 15,568	\$ 14,377
College's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	(32.2%)	(17.1%)	6.7%	12.0%	(111.6%)	16.8%	(16.2%)	(4.7%)	6.7%	(68.7%)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	104.0%	102.1%	99.2%	98.6%	113.2%	97.8%	102.2%	100.7%	99.0%	110.5%

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of the County's Contributions—
Teachers' Retirement System—Primary Government
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended August 31,									
	2024	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contributions	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,382	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,639	\$ 1,511	\$ 1,705	\$ 1,737	\$ 1,997	\$ 2,503
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(1,456)</u>	<u>(1,382)</u>	<u>(1,525)</u>	<u>(1,620)</u>	<u>(1,639)</u>	<u>(1,511)</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>	<u>(1,737)</u>	<u>(1,997)</u>	<u>(2,503)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
College's covered payroll	\$ 13,948	\$ 13,108	\$ 13,847	\$ 14,932	\$ 15,784	\$ 16,615	\$ 16,354	\$ 15,591	\$ 14,912	\$ 15,544
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	10.4%	10.5%	11.0%	10.8%	10.4%	9.1%	10.4%	11.1%	13.4%	16.1%

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Changes in the County's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Eight Fiscal Years*
(dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,							
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Primary Government—Governmental Activities (the "County")								
Total OPEB liability								
Service cost	\$ 14,195	\$ 14,132	\$ 26,225	\$ 31,264	\$ 25,279	\$ 24,887	\$ 30,702	\$ 25,746
Interest	32,948	33,569	21,003	27,135	32,016	47,915	47,483	48,380
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	3,621	37,533	(313,640)	25,201	161,270	154,973	(167,270)	116,772
Differences between expected and actual experience	(39,172)	(1,991)	1,662	(260,700)	704	(323,707)	1,799	2,736
Changes in benefit terms	21,475	-	-	-	-	(16)	(17,014)	-
Benefit payments	<u>(37,884)</u>	<u>(38,511)</u>	<u>(33,055)</u>	<u>(33,184)</u>	<u>(32,250)</u>	<u>(31,252)</u>	<u>(34,573)</u>	<u>(33,172)</u>
Net changes in total OPEB liability	(4,817)	44,732	(297,805)	(210,284)	187,019	(127,200)	(138,873)	160,462
Total OPEB liability—beginning	<u>878,709</u>	<u>833,977</u>	<u>1,131,782</u>	<u>1,342,066</u>	<u>1,155,047</u>	<u>1,282,247</u>	<u>1,421,120</u>	<u>1,260,658</u>
Total OPEB liability—ending	<u>\$ 873,892</u>	<u>\$ 878,709</u>	<u>\$ 833,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,782</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,066</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,282,247</u>	<u>\$ 1,421,120</u>
Plan fiduciary net position								
Contributions—employer	\$ 37,884	\$ 38,511	\$ 33,055	\$ 33,184	\$ 32,250	\$ 31,252	\$ 34,573	\$ 33,172
Benefit payments	<u>(37,884)</u>	<u>(38,511)</u>	<u>(33,055)</u>	<u>(33,184)</u>	<u>(32,250)</u>	<u>(31,252)</u>	<u>(34,573)</u>	<u>(33,172)</u>
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
County's net OPEB liability—ending	<u>\$ 873,892</u>	<u>\$ 878,709</u>	<u>\$ 833,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,782</u>	<u>\$ 1,342,066</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,047</u>	<u>\$ 1,282,247</u>	<u>\$ 1,421,120</u>
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 342,791	\$ 326,440	\$ 285,359	\$ 275,589	\$ 260,317	\$ 257,564	\$ 238,181	\$ 209,308
County's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	254.9%	269.2%	292.3%	410.7%	515.6%	448.5%	538.3%	679.0%

*Information prior to the year ended December 31, 2018 is not available.

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Changes in the County's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Eight Fiscal Years*
(dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended August 31,							
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Primary Government—Business-type Activities (the "College")								
Total OPEB liability								
Service cost	\$ 2,974	\$ 3,101	\$ 5,501	\$ 6,912	\$ 5,605	\$ 4,987	\$ 5,845	\$ 4,955
Interest	5,578	5,702	3,522	4,486	5,319	7,949	7,644	7,830
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(10,850)	10,098	(51,594)	9,457	23,214	28,714	(25,585)	17,319
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,009	(5,546)	(943)	(48,156)	74	(58,675)	1,732	666
Changes in benefit terms	3,449	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(6,774)	(5,358)	(4,030)	(4,342)	(4,897)	(4,000)	(6,918)	(5,500)
Net changes in total OPEB liability	(4,614)	7,997	(47,544)	(31,643)	29,315	(21,025)	(17,282)	25,270
Total OPEB liability—beginning	148,373	140,376	187,920	219,563	190,248	211,273	228,555	203,285
Total OPEB liability—ending	\$ 143,759	\$ 148,373	\$ 140,376	\$ 187,920	\$ 219,563	\$ 190,248	\$ 211,273	\$ 228,555
Plan fiduciary net position								
Contributions—employer	\$ 6,774	\$ 5,358	\$ 4,030	\$ 4,342	\$ 4,897	\$ 4,000	\$ 6,918	\$ 5,500
Benefit payments	(6,774)	(5,358)	(4,030)	(4,342)	(4,897)	(4,000)	(6,918)	(5,500)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
College's net OPEB liability—ending	\$ 143,759	\$ 148,373	\$ 140,376	\$ 187,920	\$ 219,563	\$ 190,248	\$ 211,273	\$ 228,555
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 45,678	\$ 45,089	\$ 51,296	\$ 59,549	\$ 61,220	\$ 64,443	\$ 61,609	\$ 58,951
College's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	314.7%	329.1%	273.7%	315.6%	358.6%	295.2%	342.9%	387.7%

*Information prior to the year ended August 31, 2018 is not available.

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Changes in the County's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Eight Fiscal Years*
(dollars in thousands)

(concluded)

	Year Ended December 31, (August 31,)*							
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Primary Government—Total								
Total OPEB liability								
Service cost	\$ 17,169	\$ 17,233	\$ 31,726	\$ 38,176	\$ 30,884	\$ 29,874	\$ 36,547	\$ 30,701
Interest	38,526	39,271	24,525	31,621	37,335	55,864	55,127	56,210
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	4,630	47,631	(365,234)	34,658	184,484	183,687	(192,855)	134,091
Differences between expected and actual experience	(50,022)	(7,537)	719	(308,856)	778	(382,382)	3,531	3,402
Changes in benefit terms	24,924	-	-	-	-	(16)	(17,014)	-
Benefit payments	(44,658)	(43,869)	(37,085)	(37,526)	(37,147)	(35,252)	(41,491)	(38,672)
Net changes in total OPEB liability	(9,431)	52,729	(345,349)	(241,927)	216,334	(148,225)	(156,155)	185,732
Total OPEB liability—beginning	1,027,082	974,353	1,319,702	1,561,629	1,345,295	1,493,520	1,649,675	1,463,943
Total OPEB liability—ending	\$ 1,017,651	\$ 1,027,082	\$ 974,353	\$ 1,319,702	\$ 1,561,629	\$ 1,345,295	\$ 1,493,520	\$ 1,649,675
Plan fiduciary net position								
Contributions—employer	\$ 44,658	\$ 43,869	\$ 37,085	\$ 37,526	\$ 37,147	\$ 35,252	\$ 41,491	\$ 38,672
Benefit payments	(44,658)	(43,869)	(37,085)	(37,526)	(37,147)	(35,252)	(41,491)	(38,672)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position—ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Primary Government's net OPEB liability—ending	\$ 1,017,651	\$ 1,027,082	\$ 974,353	\$ 1,319,702	\$ 1,561,629	\$ 1,345,295	\$ 1,493,520	\$ 1,649,675
Plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 388,469	\$ 371,529	\$ 336,655	\$ 335,138	\$ 321,537	\$ 322,007	\$ 299,790	\$ 268,259
Primary Government's net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	262.0%	276.4%	289.4%	393.8%	485.7%	417.8%	498.2%	615.0%

*Information prior to the year ended December 31, 2018 (August 31, 2018 as to the College) is not available.

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. NET PENSION LIABILITY/(ASSET)

The schedules of local government's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset) and local government's contributions presents trend information of the components of the net pension liability/(asset) and related ratios for each retirement system the County participates in, including the pension plan's fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability, and the contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll. The County's pension plan does not have any assets accumulated in a GASB-compliant trust.

2. OPEB LIABILITY

Changes of Assumptions—Changes of assumptions reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate and the medical healthcare cost trend rate. The following summarizes the changes of assumptions for the governmental activities and business-type activities:

The discount rate was 4.16% as of the December 31, 2025 measurement date, as compared to 3.77% as of January 1, 2023. The salary scale assumed to increase at 2.25% per year. The sex-distinct and job category-specific headcount weighted Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables for employees and health retirees, adjusted for mortality improvements with Scale MP-2021 mortality improvement scale on a generational basis, were used for mortality rates. In order to estimate the change in the cost of healthcare, the valuation assumes healthcare cost trends as follows: pre-65 medical, 7.75%; post-65 medical, 4.50% and prescription, 7.75%. Healthcare trends are reduced by decrements to reach a rate of 4.04% in 2075. An inflation rate of 2.50% was assumed for developing the rate of increase in healthcare costs. Business-type activities utilizes an initial health initial healthcare cost trend rate used is 7.75% while the ultimate healthcare cost trend rate is 4.04%.

The County's OPEB plan does not have any assets accumulated in a GASB-compliant trust.

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COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

These financial statements and schedules provide more detailed information than is presented in the basic financial statements.

Combining statements are presented for the nonmajor governmental funds.

Individual fund statements and schedules present the following:

- Comparisons of budgetary and actual data for certain Special Revenue Funds and the Debt Service Fund.
- Fund financial statements for the discretely presented Library component unit.

Combining statements are presented for the discretely presented Other Component Units.



SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These funds include the Road, Sewer, Downtown Mall, E-911, Grants, Community Development Funds, and the Pharmaceutical Litigation Settlements Fund. In addition, the Erie Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (“ETASC”) General Fund is presented as a nonmajor Special Revenue Fund.

- **Road Fund**

Used to account for all revenues and expenditures related to the maintenance of County roads and bridges, snow removal, construction and reconstruction of County roads not required to be recorded in a Capital Projects Fund.

- **Sewer Fund**

Used to account for the activities of the various sewer districts currently in operation within the County.

- **Downtown Mall Fund**

Used to account for revenues raised through a special district charge levy and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the operation and maintenance of a downtown pedestrian/transit mall.

- **E-911 Fund**

Used to account for revenues raised through a telephone access line surcharge and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the establishment and maintenance of an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

- **Emergency Response Fund**

Used to account for revenues received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and expenditures associated with winter storms, other natural disasters, and certain pandemic response costs.

- **Grants Fund**

Used to account for federal and state operating grants (except the Community Development Block Grant) earmarked for specific programs, so that grantor accounting and reporting requirements can be satisfied.

- **ETASC General Fund**

Used to account for all financial resources associated with ETASC except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

- **Community Development Fund**

Used to assist participating municipalities in the development of locally approved community or economic development activities that are eligible under federal program regulations.

- **Pharmaceutical Litigation Settlements Fund**

Used to account for the County’s receipt and spending of pharmaceutical litigation settlement funds from national, state and County litigation against pharmaceutical companies. The County started receiving revenue from the Office of the New York State Attorney General in 2022. Much of the settlement funding is restricted and has to be spent on specific public health measures to combat opioid abuse. The Fund reports separate breakdowns for the usages of restricted funds and unrestricted funds.



DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Debt Service Funds are used to account for current payments of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, and for financial resources that have been accumulated to make future principal and interest payments on general long term indebtedness.

- **Debt Service Fund**

Used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and for the payment of, long-term bond principal, interest and related costs of the County.

- **ETASC Debt Service Fund**

Used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and for the payment of, long-term bond principal, interest and related costs of the ETASC.

- **ECFSA Debt Service Fund**

Used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and for the payment of, long-term bond principal, interest and related costs of the ECFSA.

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

- **General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Fund**

Used to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works involving the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of major or permanent facilities having a relatively long useful life and equipment purchased from the proceeds of long-term debt.

- **Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment Fund**

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works for the construction or reconstruction of County roads and bridges and the acquisition of equipment not accounted for in the Road Fund.

- **Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements Fund**

Used to account for capital projects relating to the construction and acquisition of sewer facilities and equipment by the operating sewer districts.

- **Tobacco Proceeds Fund**

Used to account for the net proceeds from the County's securitization of its share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry that will be used to fund capital projects that otherwise would have been supported by operating funds or the issuance of bonds.

- **Special Capital Projects Fund**

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by departments other than Public Works that are primarily for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment.



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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Balance Sheet—Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Special Revenue									Total
	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911	Formerly Major Fund Emergency Response	Grants	ETASC General	Community Development	Pharmaceutical Litigation Settlements	
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 45,669	\$ 25,715	\$ 132	\$ 5,116	\$ 12,515	\$ -	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,173
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	36,632	-	-	-	27,836	64,468
Restricted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables (net of allowance):										
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	157	-	-	-	-	-	-	157
Other	-	14	18	74	-	589	-	30,399	-	31,094
Due from other funds	-	26,056	-	-	3,556	-	-	-	-	29,612
Intergovernmental receivables	1,637	-	-	1,105	5	35,116	-	2,634	-	40,497
Prepaid items	564	3,433	-	299	-	805	34	38	-	5,173
Total assets	\$ 47,870	\$ 55,218	\$ 307	\$ 6,594	\$ 52,708	\$ 36,510	\$ 60	\$ 33,071	\$ 27,836	\$ 260,174
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	\$ 1,812	\$ 1,312	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 267	\$ 5,821	\$ 14	\$ 975	\$ 938	\$ 11,179
Accrued liabilities	1,356	772	307	351	-	1,695	-	50	103	4,634
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	35,809	20,525	-	100	-	56,434
Intergovernmental payables	-	-	-	-	71	23	-	21	46	161
Retained percentages payable	-	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	8,651	8,446	-	2,448	274	19,819
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	3,168	2,148	307	391	44,798	36,510	14	3,594	1,361	92,291
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)										
Nonspendable	564	3,433	-	299	-	805	34	38	-	5,173
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,477	26,475	55,952
Assigned	44,138	49,637	-	5,904	7,910	-	12	-	-	107,601
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	(805)	-	(38)	-	(843)
Total fund balances	44,702	53,070	-	6,203	7,910	-	46	29,477	26,475	167,883
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 47,870	\$ 55,218	\$ 307	\$ 6,594	\$ 52,708	\$ 36,510	\$ 60	\$ 33,071	\$ 27,836	\$ 260,174

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Balance Sheet—Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Debt Service			
	Debt Service	ETASC Debt Service	ECFSA Debt Service	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,708	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,708
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	1,099	6,904	8,003
Restricted investments	-	19,285	-	19,285
Receivables (net of allowance):				
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	4,787	-	-	4,787
Intergovernmental receivables	-	-	-	-
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 24,495</u>	<u>\$ 20,384</u>	<u>\$ 6,904</u>	<u>\$ 51,783</u>
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4
Accrued liabilities	62	-	7	69
Due to other funds	-	-	4,937	4,937
Intergovernmental payables	-	-	-	-
Retained percentages payable	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>66</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,944</u>	<u>5,010</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)				
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	24,429	20,384	1,960	46,773
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	<u>24,429</u>	<u>20,384</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>46,773</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 24,495</u>	<u>\$ 20,384</u>	<u>\$ 6,904</u>	<u>\$ 51,783</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Balance Sheet—Nonmajor Governmental Funds
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Nonmajor Capital Projects						(concluded)
	<u>Formerly Major Fund</u>						
	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements	Tobacco Proceeds	Special Capital Projects	Total	Total Nonmajor Funds
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,629	\$ 12,753	\$ 54,502	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,884	\$ 191,765
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	63,905	65,978	1,583	220	12,575	144,261	216,732
Restricted investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,285
Receivables (net of allowance):							
Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	-	-	-	-	-	-	157
Other	2,748	-	-	-	1,443	4,191	35,285
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,399
Intergovernmental receivables	1,494	1,190	-	-	3,463	6,147	46,644
Prepaid items	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,173
Total assets	<u>\$ 83,776</u>	<u>\$ 79,921</u>	<u>\$ 56,085</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ 17,481</u>	<u>\$ 237,483</u>	<u>\$ 549,440</u>
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	\$ 7,190	\$ 8,944	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 1,805	\$ 20,439	\$ 31,622
Accrued liabilities	1,364	39	-	-	1,758	3,161	7,864
Due to other funds	9,276	3,442	26,058	4	7,553	46,333	107,704
Intergovernmental payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
Retained percentages payable	2,041	1,518	2,878	-	1,143	7,580	7,644
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,819
Notes payable	-	-	23,065	-	-	23,065	23,065
Total liabilities	<u>19,871</u>	<u>13,943</u>	<u>54,501</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12,259</u>	<u>100,578</u>	<u>197,879</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)							
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,173
Restricted	63,905	65,978	1,584	216	5,222	136,905	239,630
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,601
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	(843)
Total fund balances	<u>63,905</u>	<u>65,978</u>	<u>1,584</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>5,222</u>	<u>136,905</u>	<u>351,561</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 83,776</u>	<u>\$ 79,921</u>	<u>\$ 56,085</u>	<u>\$ 220</u>	<u>\$ 17,481</u>	<u>\$ 237,483</u>	<u>\$ 549,440</u>

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Special Revenue									
	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911	Formerly Major Fund Emergency Response	Grants	ETASC General	Community Development	Pharmaceutical Litigation Settlements	Total
REVENUES										
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ 23,883	\$ 1,962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,845
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	4,056	-	-	-	-	-	4,056
Transfer and other taxes	19,962	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,962
Intergovernmental	19,296	-	-	47	29,293	68,413	-	5,941	-	122,990
Departmental	176	38,564	-	-	-	2,566	-	2,360	4,447	48,113
Interest	-	1,485	-	-	536	-	-	-	659	2,680
Miscellaneous	31	1,098	-	-	-	866	-	-	-	1,995
Total revenues	39,465	65,030	1,962	4,103	29,829	71,845	-	8,301	5,106	225,641
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General government support	-	-	1,962	-	-	27,529	139	-	-	29,630
Public safety	-	-	-	9,921	-	13,831	-	-	398	24,150
Health	-	-	-	2,044	-	14,225	-	-	4,880	21,149
Transportation	43,500	-	-	-	619	-	-	-	-	44,119
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-	-	22,285	-	305	377	22,967
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	425	-	-	-	425
Home and community services	-	52,970	-	-	14,981	1,743	-	7,043	-	76,737
Debt service:										
Principal	-	-	-	-	516	-	-	-	-	516
Interest and other fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	29
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	43,500	52,970	1,962	11,965	16,145	80,038	139	7,348	5,655	219,722
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(4,035)	12,060	-	(7,862)	13,684	(8,193)	(139)	953	(549)	5,919
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)										
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on bond issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premium on bond issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	19,072	-	-	9,080	504	8,193	-	199	-	37,048
Transfers out	(8,597)	(12,264)	-	-	(19,895)	-	-	-	-	(40,756)
Total other financing sources (uses)	10,475	(12,264)	-	9,080	(19,391)	8,193	-	199	-	(3,708)
Net change in fund balances	6,440	(204)	-	1,218	(5,707)	-	(139)	1,152	(549)	2,211
Fund balances—beginning, as previously reported	38,262	53,274	-	4,985	-	-	185	28,325	27,024	152,055
Change within financial reporting entity (major to nonmajor)	-	-	-	-	13,617	-	-	-	-	13,617
Fund balances—beginning, as adjusted	38,262	53,274	-	4,985	13,617	-	185	28,325	27,024	165,672
Fund balances—ending	\$ 44,702	\$ 53,070	\$ -	\$ 6,203	\$ 7,910	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 29,477	\$ 26,475	\$ 167,883

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Debt Service			Total
	Debt Service	ETASC Debt Service	ECFSA Debt Service	
REVENUES				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	-
Transfer and other taxes	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	51	12,786	-	12,837
Departmental	-	-	-	-
Interest	8,834	856	-	9,690
Miscellaneous	7,680	-	-	7,680
Total revenues	<u>16,565</u>	<u>13,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,207</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government support	487	-	-	487
Public safety	-	-	-	-
Health	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Home and community services	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal	33,600	3,500	8,780	45,880
Interest and other fiscal charges	18,273	9,992	7,084	35,349
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>52,360</u>	<u>13,492</u>	<u>15,864</u>	<u>81,716</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(35,795)</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>(15,864)</u>	<u>(51,509)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Issuance of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-
Premium on bond issuance	-	-	-	-
Refunding bonds issued	11,640	-	-	11,640
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	(12,174)	-	-	(12,174)
Premium on refunding bonds issuance	986	-	-	986
Transfers in	50,120	-	15,864	65,984
Transfers out	(15,864)	-	-	(15,864)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>34,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,864</u>	<u>50,572</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,087)	150	-	(937)
Fund balances—beginning	25,516	20,234	1,960	47,710
Change within financial reporting entity (major to nonmajor)	-	-	-	-
Fund balances—beginning, as adjusted	<u>25,516</u>	<u>20,234</u>	<u>1,960</u>	<u>47,710</u>
Fund balances—ending	<u>\$ 24,429</u>	<u>\$ 20,384</u>	<u>\$ 1,960</u>	<u>\$ 46,773</u>

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

(concluded)

	Nonmajor Capital Projects						Total Nonmajor Funds
	Formerly Major Fund	General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements	Tobacco Proceeds	Special Capital Projects	
REVENUES							
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,845
Sales and use taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,056
Transfer and other taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,962
Intergovernmental	8,387	3,783	8,500	-	7,126	27,796	163,623
Departmental	-	-	16	-	-	16	48,129
Interest	-	-	1,296	-	-	1,296	13,666
Miscellaneous	137	-	-	-	290	427	10,102
Total revenues	<u>8,524</u>	<u>3,783</u>	<u>9,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,416</u>	<u>29,535</u>	<u>285,383</u>
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General government support	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,117
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,150
Health	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,149
Transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,119
Economic assistance and opportunity	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,967
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	425
Home and community services	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,737
Debt service:							
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,396
Interest and other fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,378
Capital outlay	134,544	52,156	41,935	-	18,525	247,160	247,160
Total expenditures	<u>134,544</u>	<u>52,156</u>	<u>41,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,525</u>	<u>247,160</u>	<u>548,598</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(126,020)</u>	<u>(48,373)</u>	<u>(32,123)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,109)</u>	<u>(217,625)</u>	<u>(263,215)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Issuance of general obligation debt	19,042	28,989	3,609	-	8,545	60,185	60,185
Premium on bond issuance	2,128	3,239	403	-	955	6,725	6,725
Refunding bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,640
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12,174)
Premium on refunding bond issuance	-	-	-	-	-	-	986
Transfers in	21,623	8,600	14,721	-	69	45,013	148,045
Transfers out	(68)	(1,356)	(706)	-	(1)	(2,131)	(58,751)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>42,725</u>	<u>39,472</u>	<u>18,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,568</u>	<u>109,792</u>	<u>156,656</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(83,295)</u>	<u>(8,901)</u>	<u>(14,096)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,541)</u>	<u>(107,833)</u>	<u>(106,559)</u>
Fund balances—beginning, as previously reported	-	74,879	15,680	216	6,763	97,538	297,303
Change within financial reporting entity (major to nonmajor)	147,200	-	-	-	-	147,200	160,817
Fund balances—beginning, as adjusted	<u>147,200</u>	<u>74,879</u>	<u>15,680</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>6,763</u>	<u>244,738</u>	<u>458,120</u>
Fund balances—ending	<u>\$ 63,905</u>	<u>\$ 65,978</u>	<u>\$ 1,584</u>	<u>\$ 216</u>	<u>\$ 5,222</u>	<u>\$ 136,905</u>	<u>\$ 351,561</u>

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—Road Special Revenue Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Transfer and other taxes	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500	\$ 19,962	\$ 6,462
Intergovernmental	18,448	18,448	19,296	848
Departmental	180	180	176	(4)
Miscellaneous	-	-	31	31
Total revenues	<u>32,128</u>	<u>32,128</u>	<u>39,465</u>	<u>7,337</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Transportation	<u>45,263</u>	<u>45,530</u>	<u>43,795</u>	<u>1,735</u>
Total expenditures	<u>45,263</u>	<u>45,530</u>	<u>43,795</u>	<u>1,735</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>(13,135)</u>	<u>(13,402)</u>	<u>(4,330)</u>	<u>9,072</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	13,805	14,072	19,072	5,000
Transfers out	<u>(11,170)</u>	<u>(14,170)</u>	<u>(8,597)</u>	<u>5,573</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,635</u>	<u>(98)</u>	<u>10,475</u>	<u>10,573</u>
Net change in fund balances*	<u>\$ (10,500)</u>	<u>\$ (13,500)</u>	<u>\$ 6,145</u>	<u>\$ 19,645</u>

* The net change in fund balances was included in the budget as an appropriation (i.e., spenddown) of fund balance.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—Sewer Special Revenue Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 23,846	\$ 23,846	\$ 23,883	\$ 37
Departmental	39,033	39,033	38,564	(469)
Interest	765	765	1,485	720
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,098	1,098
Total revenues	<u>63,644</u>	<u>63,644</u>	<u>65,030</u>	<u>1,386</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Home and community service	66,442	66,829	52,017	14,812
Debt service:				
Interest and fiscal charges	10	10	-	10
Total expenditures	<u>66,452</u>	<u>66,839</u>	<u>52,017</u>	<u>14,822</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(2,808)</u>	<u>(3,195)</u>	<u>13,013</u>	<u>16,208</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	387	-	(387)
Transfers out	<u>(13,830)</u>	<u>(13,830)</u>	<u>(12,264)</u>	<u>1,566</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(13,830)</u>	<u>(13,443)</u>	<u>(12,264)</u>	<u>1,179</u>
Net change in fund balances *	<u>\$ (16,638)</u>	<u>\$ (16,638)</u>	<u>\$ 749</u>	<u>\$ 17,387</u>

* The net change in fund balances was included in the budget as an appropriation (i.e., spenddown) of fund balance.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—Downtown Mall Special Revenue Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 1,933	\$ 1,962	\$ 1,962	\$ -
Total revenues	<u>1,933</u>	<u>1,962</u>	<u>1,962</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government support	<u>1,933</u>	<u>1,962</u>	<u>1,962</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,933</u>	<u>1,962</u>	<u>1,962</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—E-911 Special Revenue Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Sales and use taxes	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,050	\$ 4,056	\$ 6
Intergovernmental	44	44	47	3
Total revenues	<u>4,094</u>	<u>4,094</u>	<u>4,103</u>	<u>9</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	11,260	11,132	9,921	1,211
Health	1,914	2,042	2,044	(2)
Total expenditures	<u>13,174</u>	<u>13,174</u>	<u>11,965</u>	<u>1,209</u>
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(9,080)</u>	<u>(9,080)</u>	<u>(7,862)</u>	<u>1,218</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers in	8,580	8,580	9,080	500
Total other financing sources	<u>8,580</u>	<u>8,580</u>	<u>9,080</u>	<u>500</u>
Net change in fund balances*	<u>\$ (500)</u>	<u>\$ (500)</u>	<u>\$ 1,218</u>	<u>\$ 1,718</u>

* The net change in fund balances was included in the budget as an appropriation (i.e., spenddown) of fund balance.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—Pharmaceutical Litigation Settlements Special Revenue Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Actual	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES:				
Departmental	\$ 10,343	\$ 10,343	\$ 4,447	\$ (5,896)
Interest	-	-	659	659
Total revenues	10,343	10,343	5,106	(5,237)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	478	478	398	80
Health	9,369	9,526	4,880	4,646
Economic assistance and opportunity	496	496	377	119
Total expenditures	10,343	10,500	5,655	4,845
 Net change in fund balances	 \$ -	 \$ (157)	 \$ (549)	 \$ (392)

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances—
Budget and Actual—Debt Service Fund
Non-GAAP Basis of Accounting
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Budgetary Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ 51	\$ -
Interest	1,313	9,378	8,834	(544)
Miscellaneous	-	7,533	7,680	147
Total revenues	<u>1,364</u>	<u>16,962</u>	<u>16,565</u>	<u>(397)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government support	-	487	487	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	36,569	33,609	33,600	9
Interest and fiscal charges	20,987	19,528	18,273	1,255
Total expenditures	<u>57,556</u>	<u>53,624</u>	<u>52,360</u>	<u>1,264</u>
(Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(56,192)</u>	<u>(36,662)</u>	<u>(35,795)</u>	<u>867</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Refunding bonds issued	-	11,640	11,640	-
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	-	(12,174)	(12,174)	-
Premium on refunding bonds issuance	-	986	986	-
Transfers in	53,258	53,258	50,120	(3,138)
Transfers out	-	(15,864)	(15,864)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>53,258</u>	<u>37,846</u>	<u>34,708</u>	<u>(3,138)</u>
Net change in fund balances *	<u>\$ (2,934)</u>	<u>\$ 1,184</u>	<u>\$ (1,087)</u>	<u>\$ (2,272)</u>

* The net change in fund balances was included in the budget as an appropriation (i.e., spenddown) of fund balance.

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LIBRARY COMPONENT UNIT

The financial data shown for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (the “Library”) is derived from records maintained on its behalf by the County. The Library does not issue separate financial statements. The inclusion of the Library as a component unit in the County’s basic financial statements reflects the County’s financial accountability for this legally separate entity.



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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Balance Sheet—Library Component Unit
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Library</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,020
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	437
Receivables (net of allowances)	7
Intergovernmental receivables	1,092
Prepaid items	<u>878</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 19,434</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 357
Accrued liabilities	1,030
Retainaged percentages payable	59
Unearned revenue	<u>437</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,883</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Nonspendable	878
Committed	4,252
Assigned	<u>12,421</u>
Total fund balances	<u>17,551</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 19,434</u>

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet—Library Component Unit to the
Government-wide Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

		<u>Library</u>
Total fund balance - Library component unit (page 107)	\$	17,551
Amounts reported for the Library component unit in the statement of net position (page 15) are different because:		
Capital and right-to-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements.		15,831
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements.		
Deferred outflows related to employer contribution, experience, changes of assumptions, investment earnings and changes in proportion for pensions	\$	5,287
Deferred outflows related to OPEB		3,948
Deferred inflows related to pension plans		(371)
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	<u>(24,900)</u>	(16,036)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund statements.		<u>(69,401)</u>
Net position of Library component unit	\$	<u>(52,055)</u>

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance—
Library Component Unit
Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	Library
REVENUES	
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 30,947
Intergovernmental	5,145
Departmental	195
Interest	187
Miscellaneous	299
Total revenues	36,773
EXPENDITURES	
Culture and recreation	36,678
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	140
Interest and fiscal charges	8
Total expenditures	36,826
Net change in fund balance	(53)
Fund balances—beginning	17,604
Fund balances—ending	\$ 17,551

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance—Library Component Unit to the
Government-wide Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

		<u>Library</u>
Net change in fund balance - Library component unit (page 109)	\$	(53)
Amounts reported for library component unit in the statement of activities (page 16) are different because:		
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and depreciated/amortized. This is the amount by which depreciation/amortization exceeded capital outlays in the current period.</p>		
Capital outlays, net of disposals of \$143	\$	1,697
Depreciation/amortization expense		<u>(2,025)</u> (328)
<p>Net differences between pension contributions recognized on the fund financial statements and the government-wide statements are as follows:</p>		
Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions	\$	(1,490)
Changes in assumptions		<u>6,085</u> 4,595
<p>Certain expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the fund financial statements.</p>		
		<u>(656)</u>
Change in net position of Library component unit	\$	<u>3,558</u>

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OTHER COMPONENT UNITS

Other Component Units of Erie County include:

The financial data shown for the Erie Community College Foundation, Inc. and the Auxiliary Services Corporation of Erie Community College, Inc. is derived from their separately issued financial statements. Both of these entities are included as component units in the County's basic financial statements, based on the fact that they are legally separate entities for which the College and County are financially accountable.



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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Statement of Net Position—
Other Component Units
December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Other Component Units</u>		<u>Total Other Component Units</u>
	<u>College Foundation (August 31, 2025)</u>	<u>Auxiliary Services Corporation (August 31, 2025)</u>	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 95	\$ 266	\$ 361
Investments	7,949	808	8,757
Other receivables	119	150	269
Inventories	-	23	23
Prepaid items	52	37	89
Total current assets	<u>8,215</u>	<u>1,284</u>	<u>9,499</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets	-	726	726
Less: accumulated depreciation	-	(620)	(620)
Net assets held on behalf of others	-	315	315
Total noncurrent assets	<u>-</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>421</u>
Total assets	<u>8,215</u>	<u>1,705</u>	<u>9,920</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	57	46	103
Accrued liabilities	-	33	33
Total current liabilities	<u>57</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>136</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Net assets held on behalf of others	-	316	316
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>316</u>
Total liabilities	<u>57</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>452</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	-	105	105
Restricted	8,158	1,205	9,363
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,158</u>	<u>\$ 1,310</u>	<u>\$ 9,468</u>

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position—
Other Component Units
Year Ended December 31, 2025
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Other Component Units</u>		Total Other Component Units
	College Foundation (August 31, 2025)	Auxiliary Services Corporation (August 31, 2025)	
OPERATING REVENUES			
Contributions	\$ 657	\$ -	\$ 657
Food service revenue, net	-	201	201
Bookstore revenue	-	97	97
Childcare service revenue	-	561	561
Other sources	254	123	377
Total operating revenues	<u>911</u>	<u>982</u>	<u>1,893</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Scholarships	287	-	287
Supplies, services and general	774	391	1,165
Depreciation	-	17	17
Food service	-	290	290
Childcare service	-	517	517
Total operating expenses	<u>1,061</u>	<u>1,215</u>	<u>2,276</u>
Operating loss	(150)	(233)	(383)
NONOPERATING REVENUES			
Income from investments, net	-	21	21
Miscellaneous revenue	-	13	13
Net realized and unrealized loss	506	-	506
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>506</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>540</u>
Change in net position	356	(199)	157
Net position—beginning	<u>7,802</u>	<u>1,509</u>	<u>9,311</u>
Net position—ending	<u>\$ 8,158</u>	<u>\$ 1,310</u>	<u>\$ 9,468</u>

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STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of Erie County’s annual comprehensive financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the County’s overall financial health.

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Net Position by Component
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017 (1)	2018	2019	2020	2021 (2)	2022 (3)	2023 (4)	2024 (5)	2025
Governmental activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 455,145	\$ 451,024	\$ 454,464	\$ 475,918	\$ 480,108	\$ 486,065	\$ 500,640	\$ 542,891	\$ 485,407	\$ 543,099
Restricted	64,928	84,055	82,025	80,411	111,876	139,114	228,974	235,735	267,371	138,061
Unrestricted (deficit)	(574,135)	(1,421,468)	(1,424,284)	(1,439,738)	(1,540,872)	(1,332,693)	(1,175,919)	(1,175,885)	(1,182,769)	(1,050,554)
Total governmental activities net position	\$ (54,062)	\$ (886,389)	\$ (887,795)	\$ (883,409)	\$ (948,888)	\$ (707,514)	\$ (446,305)	\$ (397,259)	\$ (429,991)	\$ (369,394)
Business-type activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 32,809	\$ 37,520	\$ 32,342	\$ 31,004	\$ 28,560	\$ 26,327	\$ 24,488	\$ 26,780	\$ 29,758	\$ 36,215
Restricted	-	208	205	221	206	652	608	540	518	4,832
Unrestricted (deficit)	(52,059)	(173,278)	(179,612)	(190,046)	(208,362)	(205,261)	(194,870)	(178,897)	(152,829)	(132,220)
Total business-type activities net position	\$ (19,250)	\$ (135,550)	\$ (147,065)	\$ (158,821)	\$ (179,596)	\$ (178,282)	\$ (169,774)	\$ (151,577)	\$ (122,553)	\$ (91,173)
Primary government:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 487,954	\$ 488,544	\$ 486,806	\$ 506,922	\$ 508,668	\$ 512,392	\$ 525,128	\$ 569,671	\$ 515,165	\$ 579,314
Restricted	64,928	84,263	82,230	80,632	112,082	139,766	229,582	236,275	267,889	142,893
Unrestricted (deficit)	(626,194)	(1,594,746)	(1,603,896)	(1,629,784)	(1,749,234)	(1,537,954)	(1,370,789)	(1,354,782)	(1,335,598)	(1,182,774)
Total primary government net position	\$ (73,312)	\$ (1,021,939)	\$ (1,034,860)	\$ (1,042,230)	\$ (1,128,484)	\$ (885,796)	\$ (616,079)	\$ (548,836)	\$ (552,544)	\$ (460,567)

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2018, the County implemented GASB Statement No.75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions. As a result, net position as of December 31, 2017 was restated to be \$(886,389) and \$(135,550) for governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively.

(2) During the year ended December 31, 2022, the County implemented GASB Statement No.87, Leases. As a result, net position as of December 31, 2021 was restated to be \$(707,514) for governmental activities.

(3) During the year ended December 31, 2023, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements. As a result, net position as of December 31, 2022 was restated to be \$(446,305) for governmental activities.

(4) During the year ended December 31, 2024, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. As a result, net position as of December 31, 2023 was restated to be \$(397,259) and \$(61,789) for governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively.

(5) During the year ended December 31, 2025, the County implemented GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. As a result, net position as of December 31, 2024 was restated to be \$(122,553) for business-type activities.

Source: Erie County Basic Financial Statements

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EXPENSES:										
Primary government:										
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 432,365	\$ 444,172	\$ 461,861	\$ 474,170	\$ 493,026	\$ 545,831	\$ 563,319	\$ 589,496	\$ 618,531	\$ 625,479
Education	72,784	69,060	70,572	84,592	73,839	73,019	80,687	87,414	93,022	97,354
Public safety	183,969	179,735	176,129	178,216	181,426	180,322	193,748	216,202	248,112	236,392
Health	86,713	97,574	92,076	94,365	170,829	104,764	108,537	123,818	127,408	133,007
Transportation	82,061	101,601	92,075	97,446	91,030	95,994	112,044	102,199	119,665	119,785
Economic assistance and opportunity	620,669	629,158	612,324	621,673	644,893	538,427	568,411	663,469	771,071	784,405
Culture and recreation	20,002	22,674	24,907	21,351	29,576	25,317	28,671	112,813	136,556	131,234
Home and community service	59,475	62,452	60,981	61,465	90,835	68,503	101,460	67,461	72,440	87,441
Interest expense	45,001	33,870	35,425	37,189	38,486	37,123	36,103	37,525	39,170	43,273
Total governmental activities expenses	1,603,039	1,640,296	1,626,350	1,670,467	1,813,940	1,669,300	1,792,980	2,000,397	2,225,975	2,258,370
Business-type activities:										
College (fiscal year ending August 31.)	138,975	134,468	140,049	134,427	139,415	115,785	117,960	84,649	82,400	95,954
ILDC	475	524	274	1,521	769	1,006	2,755	6,547	2,139	3,044
ErieNet LDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	841	22,406	1,123
Purchase and resale of utilities aggregation	15,105	16,114	18,972	17,275	15,973	23,464	35,022	21,345	1,130	32,439
Total business-type activities expenses	154,555	151,106	159,295	153,223	156,157	140,255	155,737	113,382	108,075	132,560
Total primary government expenses	\$ 1,757,594	\$ 1,791,402	\$ 1,785,645	\$ 1,823,690	\$ 1,970,097	\$ 1,809,555	\$ 1,948,717	\$ 2,113,779	\$ 2,334,050	\$ 2,390,930
PROGRAM REVENUES:										
Primary government:										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
General government	\$ 27,143	\$ 30,649	\$ 28,474	\$ 28,345	\$ 26,664	\$ 30,594	\$ 28,362	\$ 26,425	\$ 32,950	\$ 39,281
Education	95	95	95	95	95	739	666	813	95	95
Public safety	5,059	5,002	4,739	4,846	3,368	5,085	8,154	3,587	3,382	5,474
Health	2,302	2,597	2,514	2,207	2,004	2,221	2,236	2,628	2,966	5,194
Economic assistance and opportunity	28,857	25,636	22,296	21,261	25,869	22,210	19,536	18,127	22,948	23,489
Culture and recreation	1,456	1,453	1,525	1,483	1,156	1,718	1,824	1,916	1,908	2,017
Home and community service	17,961	29,797	31,776	31,783	32,566	33,479	31,894	35,191	36,610	40,974
Operating grants and contributions	403,575	396,823	399,656	399,873	486,180	477,946	559,271	568,651	654,549	669,954
Capital grants and contributions	9,177	23,807	14,600	14,160	16,561	12,049	12,814	12,022	6,281	28,062
Total governmental activities program revenues	495,625	515,859	505,675	504,053	594,463	586,041	664,757	669,360	761,689	814,540

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services:										
College (fiscal year ending August 31,)	35,726	36,246	37,342	36,626	28,409	27,593	22,617	23,065	21,472	18,396
ILDC	445	484	84	71	390	11	204	35	491	596
ErieNet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	560	100
Purchase and resale of utilities aggregation	14,342	16,077	18,673	17,231	15,987	22,732	34,964	21,410	21,297	32,769
Operating grants and contributions	9,982	15,457	7,563	6,469	13,077	22,220	35,003	18,251	16,168	32,266
Total business-type activities program revenues	60,495	68,264	63,662	60,397	57,863	72,556	92,788	62,761	59,988	84,127
Total primary government program revenues	\$ 556,120	\$ 584,123	\$ 569,337	\$ 564,450	\$ 652,326	\$ 658,597	\$ 757,545	\$ 732,121	\$ 821,677	\$ 898,667
NET (EXPENSE) / REVENUE:										
Governmental activities	\$ (1,107,414)	\$ (1,124,437)	\$ (1,120,675)	\$ (1,166,414)	\$ (1,219,477)	\$ (1,083,259)	\$ (1,128,223)	\$ (1,331,037)	\$ (1,464,286)	\$ (1,443,830)
Business-type activities	(94,060)	(82,842)	(95,633)	(92,826)	(98,294)	(67,699)	(62,949)	(50,621)	(48,087)	(48,433)
Total primary government net expense	\$ (1,201,474)	\$ (1,207,279)	\$ (1,216,308)	\$ (1,259,240)	\$ (1,317,771)	\$ (1,150,958)	\$ (1,191,172)	\$ (1,381,658)	\$ (1,512,373)	\$ (1,492,263)

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
GENERAL REVENUES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET POSITION:										
Governmental activities:										
Taxes										
Property taxes levied for mall, sewer, and general purposes	\$ 283,647	\$ 290,884	\$ 299,933	\$ 309,801	\$ 320,608	\$ 329,267	\$ 333,107	\$ 346,555	\$ 343,432	\$ 356,087
Sales and use taxes	756,591	779,855	813,134	846,543	819,939	963,524	1,032,034	1,058,368	1,057,982	1,119,346
Transfer and other taxes	14,054	13,167	15,059	15,522	14,632	20,177	22,026	17,103	17,742	20,744
Unrestricted interest earnings	694	1,373	2,223	7,899	3,551	2,574	9,831	28,548	27,554	21,717
Gain on sale of capital assets	168	274	157	520	1,103	640	567	718	1,236	465
Miscellaneous	21,125	27,525	7,317	9,199	12,969	27,981	13,566	7,918	6,889	5,816
Transfers	(18,054)	(18,054)	(18,554)	(18,684)	(18,804)	(18,949)	(21,657)	(20,147)	(23,281)	(19,748)
Total governmental activities	<u>1,058,225</u>	<u>1,095,024</u>	<u>1,119,269</u>	<u>1,170,800</u>	<u>1,153,998</u>	<u>1,325,214</u>	<u>1,389,474</u>	<u>1,439,063</u>	<u>1,431,554</u>	<u>1,504,427</u>
Business-type activities:										
Unrestricted state and local appropriations	32,760	32,098	31,640	31,863	30,344	29,977	29,203	29,761	29,244	29,471
Federal and state student financial aid	35,585	33,699	33,764	30,136	28,270	20,216	20,813	20,724	21,730	27,816
Unrestricted interest earnings	31	71	160	267	101	11	11	1,667	3,327	2,722
Transfers	18,054	18,054	18,554	18,804	18,804	18,809	21,430	20,147	23,297	19,804
Total business-type activities	<u>86,430</u>	<u>83,922</u>	<u>84,118</u>	<u>81,070</u>	<u>77,519</u>	<u>69,013</u>	<u>71,457</u>	<u>72,299</u>	<u>77,598</u>	<u>79,813</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 1,144,655</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,946</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,387</u>	<u>\$ 1,251,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,931</u>	<u>\$ 1,511,362</u>	<u>\$ 1,509,152</u>	<u>\$ 1,584,240</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION:										
Governmental activities	\$ (49,189)	\$ (29,413)	\$ (1,406)	\$ 4,386	\$ (65,479)	\$ 241,955	\$ 261,251	\$ 108,026	\$ (32,732)	\$ 60,597
Business-type activities	(7,630)	1,080	(11,515)	(11,756)	(20,775)	1,314	8,508	21,678	29,511	31,380
Total change in net position	<u>\$ (56,819)</u>	<u>\$ (28,333)</u>	<u>\$ (12,921)</u>	<u>\$ (7,370)</u>	<u>\$ (86,254)</u>	<u>\$ 243,269</u>	<u>\$ 269,759</u>	<u>\$ 129,704</u>	<u>\$ (3,221)</u>	<u>\$ 91,977</u>

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Source: Erie County Basic Financial Statements

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
General Fund:										
Nonspendable	\$ 8,595	\$ 8,603	\$ 8,301	\$ 1,320	\$ 9,725	\$ 11,028	\$ 16,996	\$ 23,187	\$ 16,400	\$ 16,661
Restricted	171	162	160	160	155	156	155	145	143	143
Assigned	11,192	28,072	53,933	69,370	20,095	183,094	260,489	261,765	183,678	238,798
Unassigned	100,154	101,939	102,490	102,898	104,050	113,395	136,463	141,067	149,473	149,614
Total General Fund	\$ 120,112	\$ 138,776	\$ 164,884	\$ 173,748	\$ 134,025	\$ 307,673	\$ 414,103	\$ 426,164	\$ 349,694	\$ 405,216
All Other Governmental Funds:										
Nonspendable	\$ 3,295	\$ 3,648	\$ 3,476	\$ 1,844	\$ 3,549	\$ 3,589	\$ 3,603	\$ 3,608	\$ 4,465	\$ 5,195
Restricted	148,734	173,264	175,524	186,708	214,643	232,611	309,133	295,465	347,797	239,630
Assigned	44,347	42,840	49,266	54,261	58,037	68,868	89,511	99,455	106,952	107,908
Unassigned	(6,868)	(444)	(400)	-	(460)	(508)	(396)	(536)	(730)	(843)
Total all other governmental funds	\$ 189,508	\$ 219,308	\$ 227,866	\$ 242,813	\$ 275,769	\$ 304,560	\$ 401,851	\$ 397,992	\$ 458,484	\$ 351,890

Source: Erie County Basic Financial Statements

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
REVENUES:										
Real property taxes and tax items	\$ 283,732	\$ 291,149	\$ 300,193	\$ 308,781	\$ 314,527	\$ 325,043	\$ 343,700	\$ 345,347	\$ 342,655	\$ 347,342
Sales and use taxes	756,591	779,855	813,134	846,543	819,939	963,524	1,032,034	1,058,368	1,057,982	1,119,346
Transfer and other taxes	14,054	13,167	15,059	15,522	14,632	20,177	22,026	17,103	17,742	20,744
Intergovernmental	423,586	409,571	408,427	411,147	500,621	485,455	566,001	567,454	637,795	678,860
Interfund revenues	730	299	920	241	402	644	-	145	9,823	5,321
Departmental	83,086	96,226	91,876	90,165	92,314	95,388	92,930	88,480	100,864	120,965
Interest	4,965	12,195	6,326	8,351	7,906	6,486	13,842	41,753	41,999	34,565
Miscellaneous	22,678	28,141	10,926	12,411	16,885	18,796	20,557	15,087	14,246	13,365
Total revenues	1,589,422	1,630,603	1,646,861	1,693,161	1,767,226	1,915,513	2,091,090	2,133,737	2,223,106	2,340,508
EXPENDITURES:										
Current:										
General government support	407,302	418,945	437,215	454,028	459,446	533,845	560,727	587,937	624,435	640,106
Education	70,846	69,886	72,153	79,570	69,990	70,903	79,830	87,852	94,102	99,898
Public safety	158,624	155,063	160,533	170,714	168,992	176,631	192,481	229,351	245,805	241,063
Health	76,812	87,306	89,235	92,725	164,136	105,051	111,808	128,890	131,672	137,659
Transportation	52,425	53,172	55,133	58,048	54,368	60,912	75,403	67,302	74,573	76,617
Economic assistance and opportunity	602,921	609,499	595,888	612,228	620,368	539,284	572,948	665,325	786,605	793,200
Culture and recreation	17,333	18,411	19,406	20,886	26,461	22,775	26,806	32,341	44,303	40,825
Home and community service	50,360	50,330	52,193	51,480	75,420	56,297	91,394	55,902	65,501	82,929
Capital outlay	72,025	66,081	60,854	67,023	61,733	67,531	92,296	204,603	250,041	247,160
Debt service:										
Principal	76,913	58,070	59,952	58,280	64,076	55,854	68,039	76,585	57,664	59,072
Other - advance refunding escrow	-	5,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	43,418	34,100	39,061	38,642	35,281	37,297	33,075	33,057	32,377	37,586
Total expenditures	1,628,979	1,626,380	1,641,623	1,703,624	1,800,271	1,726,380	1,904,807	2,169,145	2,407,078	2,456,115
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(39,557)	4,223	5,238	(10,463)	(33,045)	189,133	186,283	(35,408)	(183,972)	(115,607)

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COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(dollars in thousands)

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):										
Issuance of general obligation debt	32,765	151,111	42,420	42,990	34,785	25,655	28,190	29,380	155,235	60,185
Premium on bond issuance	14,984	43,529	5,405	9,448	9,558	5,960	4,828	4,385	18,952	7,711
Refunding bonds issued	44,335	62,745	-	-	16,181	10,185	-	-	-	11,640
Payments to refunded bond escrow agent	(46,295)	(86,938)	-	-	(16,545)	(10,185)	-	-	-	(12,174)
Payment from Erie County - advance loan refunding	-	79,491	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of loan by Erie County - advance loan refunding	-	(73,974)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discount on purchase of mirror bonds	-	(6,718)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of loan by Erie County	-	(92,115)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discount on loan to Erie County	-	(6,829)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,510	18,637	11,618	12,332
Issuance of subscription based IT arrangements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,637	4,234	4,124
Sale of property	168	274	157	520	1,103	640	567	718	1,236	465
Transfer to Trustee - debt service reserve	-	(8,281)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	613,113	654,881	629,551	650,325	668,778	734,765	864,043	891,452	829,275	794,798
Transfers out	(631,167)	(672,935)	(648,105)	(669,009)	(687,582)	(753,714)	(885,700)	(911,599)	(852,556)	(814,546)
Total other financing sources (uses)	27,903	44,241	29,428	34,274	26,278	13,306	17,438	43,610	167,994	64,535
Net change in fund balances	\$ (11,654)	\$ 48,464	\$ 34,666	\$ 23,811	\$ (6,767)	\$ 202,439	\$ 203,721	\$ 8,202	\$ (15,978)	\$ (51,072)
Debt service as a percentage of non-capital expenditures	7.7%	6.2%	6.3%	5.9%	5.5%	5.6%	5.5%	5.6%	4.1%	4.3%

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Source: Erie County Basic Financial Statements

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Taxable Sales by Category (1)
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

Category	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (2)
Construction	\$ 350,168	\$ 338,751	\$ 420,593	\$ 431,169	\$ 552,186	\$ 598,685	\$ 687,214	\$ 745,435	\$ 501,713	\$ 495,134
Manufacturing	539,075	536,291	891,419	965,244	1,059,120	1,153,933	1,331,521	1,413,592	1,317,298	1,371,599
Wholesale trade	815,940	798,842	850,041	894,517	958,423	909,336	1,134,410	1,211,822	1,149,994	1,208,475
Retail trade total	8,060,594	8,131,763	8,017,519	8,192,013	8,642,121	9,055,193	10,266,241	10,069,850	10,222,584	10,588,988
Information	716,610	755,901	661,059	647,610	646,687	617,395	649,922	685,359	900,892	1,001,443
Professional, scientific, and technical	273,361	268,948	280,312	302,471	350,371	374,465	432,368	506,563	520,016	633,880
Administrative/support services	408,457	402,667	422,294	450,717	536,376	438,444	492,544	569,069	582,675	631,851
Health care	25,069	13,393	15,329	17,269	2,026	16,731	23,137	23,953	25,949	30,877
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	187,551	200,990	205,739	199,206	212,969	69,965	215,057	270,015	274,341	325,743
Accommodation and food services	1,954,805	2,021,714	2,086,351	2,145,300	2,227,780	1,531,143	2,261,801	2,482,023	2,486,840	2,699,559
Other services total	608,815	591,115	611,889	685,289	693,918	590,583	770,680	819,187	827,454	935,744
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	18,312	19,290	20,071	21,957	23,143	29,840	33,390	33,530	32,646	31,662
Mining, quarry, and oil and gas extraction	23,875	18,291	19,857	19,236	22,370	25,069	28,850	38,618	38,663	34,532
Transportation and warehousing	77,221	70,135	75,603	74,866	85,172	55,571	82,197	113,318	114,538	140,626
Finance and insurance	53,800	68,458	70,381	75,158	84,937	100,657	118,652	161,210	162,504	123,070
Real estate and rental and leasing	361,075	370,141	377,875	417,905	441,412	368,707	430,603	495,130	500,529	549,822
Management of companies and enterprises	26,853	21,974	23,462	19,768	23,779	15,952	25,017	25,306	25,214	22,842
Educational services	13,421	14,934	13,468	14,440	13,704	9,646	11,195	13,165	14,194	14,658
Public administration	2,159	2,168	160,623	167,256	194,586	251,559	311,698	248,409	265,289	370,389
Utilities	779,985	749,502	850,599	915,192	938,392	979,428	1,151,533	1,364,976	1,367,515	1,138,352
Unclassified by industry	62,314	18,744	56,785	4,973	7,546	7,433	11,998	30,648	14,239	23,440
Total	\$ 15,359,460	\$ 15,414,012	\$ 16,131,269	\$ 16,661,556	\$ 17,717,018	\$ 17,199,735	\$ 20,470,028	\$ 21,321,178	\$ 21,345,087	\$ 22,372,686
County Direct Sales Tax Rate	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%	2.81%

Source: New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

Notes:

(1) NYS Department of Taxation & Finance's reporting period is March to February. Data represents the reporting periods beginning March 1, 2015 and ending February 28, 2025.

(2) Taxable Sales for fiscal year 2025 are preliminary.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Assessed and Equalized Full Value of Taxable Property (1)
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

Fiscal Year	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Total Assessed Property Value	Less: Tax-Exempt Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate (2)	Total Actual Taxable Equalized Full Value	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Equalized Full Value (1)
2016	\$ 31,420,866	\$ 10,956,886	\$ 42,377,752	\$ 2,088,451	\$ 40,289,301	\$ 6.50	\$ 51,961,517	77.54%
2017	31,874,701	11,091,876	42,966,577	1,974,692	40,991,885	6.44	54,929,481	74.63%
2018	33,265,365	11,630,059	44,895,424	1,914,651	42,980,773	6.33	58,098,574	73.98%
2019	33,931,405	11,759,913	45,691,318	1,880,078	43,811,240	6.13	60,970,410	71.86%
2020	33,453,607	12,527,487	45,981,094	2,016,575	43,964,519	5.98	64,771,315	67.88%
2021	38,786,015	14,123,537	52,909,552	2,098,309	50,811,243	5.57	70,645,602	71.92%
2022	41,278,295	14,639,061	55,917,356	2,096,839	53,820,517	5.43	74,148,295	72.58%
2023	31,486,552	25,472,853	56,959,405	2,258,768	54,700,637	4.98	83,955,197	65.15%
2024	32,918,102	25,007,712	57,925,814	2,413,052	55,512,762	4.37	96,968,303	57.25%
2025	38,038,455	29,130,775	67,169,230	2,792,094	64,377,136	4.27	104,251,092	61.75%

Source: Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services

Notes:

(1) Equalization rates are provided by New York State and applied by the County to the assessed valuation of taxable real estate to arrive at equalized full value which is comparable to estimated actual value.

(2) Per \$1,000 of assessed value.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(rate per \$1,000 of assessed value)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Erie County Direct Rates</u>			<u>Overlapping Rates</u>			
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Total Direct</u>	<u>Cities, Towns & Villages</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Special Districts</u>	<u>City of Buffalo (1)</u>
2016	\$ 4.96	\$ 1.54	\$ 6.50	\$ 3.74	\$ 18.55	\$ 4.77	\$ 18.26
2017	4.95	1.49	6.44	3.68	17.91	4.63	16.84
2018	4.95	1.38	6.33	3.66	17.48	4.54	14.89
2019	4.84	1.29	6.13	3.65	17.19	4.52	14.48
2020	4.71	1.27	5.98	3.54	16.60	4.31	13.85
2021	4.42	1.15	5.57	3.52	16.15	4.15	10.98
2022	4.32	1.11	5.43	3.27	15.60	4.03	10.86
2023	3.93	1.05	4.98	2.75	13.29	3.37	13.29
2024	3.39	0.98	4.37	2.74	12.29	3.17	9.39
2025	3.29	0.98	4.27	2.71	11.88	3.04	8.85

Source: Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services

Note:

(1) City of Buffalo is presented separately and is, therefore, not included in the column for cities, towns, and villages. The rate shown for the City of Buffalo includes the levy for the Buffalo Public School District, which receives funding from the City and is unable to levy taxes.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Principal Taxpayers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>2025</u>			<u>2016</u>		
	<u>Equalized Full Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Equalized Full Value (1)</u>	<u>Equalized Full Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Equalized Full Value (1)</u>
National Grid / Niagara Mohawk	\$ 1,594,772,418	1	1.53%	\$ 751,943,329	1	1.45%
Benderson Development Company	1,164,556,390	2	1.12%	594,513,263	3	1.14%
National Fuel Gas	1,078,693,582	3	1.03%	734,358,594	2	1.41%
Ellicott Group LLC	575,167,139	4	0.55%	n/a	n/a	n/a
NY State Electric & Gas Corporation . . .	441,783,340	5	0.42%	263,939,668	5	0.51%
Uniland Development	440,363,035	6	0.42%	147,911,719	8	0.28%
Norfolk/Conrail/CSX	404,626,860	7	0.39%	153,125,778	7	0.29%
Verizon	213,483,310	8	0.20%	215,623,449	6	0.40%
Ciminelli International	192,372,213	9	0.18%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Altus Group US	190,991,642	10	0.18%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pyramid Company of Buffalo	n/a	n/a	n/a	274,718,686	4	0.53%
Ellicott Group LLC	n/a	n/a	n/a	145,620,628	9	0.28%
MJ Peterson Real Estate	n/a	n/a	n/a	118,809,124	10	0.23%
Totals	\$ 6,296,809,929		6.04%	\$ 3,400,564,238		6.53%

Source: Erie County 2025 & 2016 Annual Reports published by the Department of Real Property Tax Services

Note:

(1) Percentage of equalized full value is calculated by dividing the valuation shown for each of the listed taxpayers by the County's total equalized full value (excluding exemptions).

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	County	All Other	Total Property Taxes Levied	Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
	Property Taxes Levied (1)	Property Taxes Levied (2)		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2016	\$ 257,638,097	\$ 437,982,920	\$ 695,621,017	\$ 677,125,859	97.34%	\$ 17,459,360	\$ 694,585,219	99.85%
2017	272,002,597	447,195,930	719,198,527	700,924,354	97.46%	17,053,458	717,977,812	99.83%
2018	287,386,093	457,147,623	744,533,716	725,368,656	97.43%	17,463,386	742,832,042	99.77%
2019	295,096,353	469,825,980	764,922,333	745,093,535	97.41%	18,057,052	763,150,587	99.77%
2020	305,272,912	481,191,141	786,464,053	765,776,625	97.37%	18,646,123	784,422,748	99.74%
2021	312,095,683	492,768,043	804,863,726	785,705,523	97.62%	16,790,992	802,496,515	99.71%
2022	319,959,718	498,290,359	818,250,077	800,581,184	97.84%	13,323,462	813,904,646	99.47%
2023	329,706,718	515,599,355	845,306,073	825,232,095	97.63%	11,675,151	836,907,246	99.01%
2024	328,709,718	539,253,495	867,963,213	847,222,961	97.61%	7,260,031	854,482,992	98.45%
2025	342,798,883	561,799,848	904,598,731	881,758,648	97.48%	N/A	881,758,648	97.48%

Sources:

Erie County Department of Real Property Tax Services

Erie County Govern Tax Collection System

Notes:

(1) Totals shown exclude amounts levied in accordance with State law to recover election expenditures from the municipalities that were incurred by the County.

(2) Totals shown are primarily comprised of taxes levied for the benefit of County towns, re-levy of uncollected school and village taxes, and sewer district taxes and user charges. See Note 5 - Property Taxes beginning on page 47 for more information on the annual property tax levy process.

N/A = Not Available

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands, except per capita)

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities					Business-type Activities			Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (3)(4)	Per Capita (3)(4)
	General Obligation Bonds (1)	General Obligation Bonds - Sewer & ECMCC (2)	ETASC Tobacco Securitization Asset Backed Bonds	Leases (5)	SBITAs	Leases (5)	SBITAs				
2016	\$ 390,827	\$ 139,928	\$ 333,159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,477	\$ -	\$ 865,391	0.89%	\$ 424	
2017	390,238	235,244	338,649	-	-	-	-	964,131	0.85%	422	
2018	376,799	230,072	343,419	-	-	-	-	950,290	0.79%	410	
2019	369,588	224,567	349,555	-	-	-	-	943,710	0.75%	402	
2020	349,588	219,087	354,718	-	-	-	-	923,393	0.67%	381	
2021	332,154	210,660	357,420	-	-	-	-	900,234	0.61%	349	
2022	311,493	201,444	361,217	25,597	7,055	207	-	907,013	0.57%	328	
2023	290,109	191,142	365,219	36,540	14,323	105	1,147	898,585	0.49%	307	
2024	427,531	180,806	372,971	38,436	14,620	-	596	1,034,960	0.69%	450	
2025	450,069	173,749	382,262	39,807	16,512	174	5,688	1,068,261	N/A	475	

Source: Erie County Basic Financial Statements 2016-2025

Notes:

(1) Amounts shown are net of related premiums, discounts and adjustments. Amounts exclude sewer bonds and ECMCC facility and capital bonds.

(2) Includes self-supporting sewer district bonds for the years 2015 to 2024 and bonds issued by the ECFSA in 2011 to assist ECMCC in the construction of a new residential health care facility. Loan agreements were executed whereby ECMCC will fund the repayment of the bonds in future years (\$74,565 was outstanding December 31, 2015; and \$70,355 was outstanding December 31, 2016). In 2017, the 2011 bonds issued by ECFSA for ECMCC's health care facility were refunded. ECFSA also issued bonds to assist ECMCC's capital projects in 2017. Similar loan agreements were executed, as mentioned above. As of December 31, 2025, \$38,830 was outstanding for the ECMCC facility bonds and \$80,015 was outstanding for the ECMCC capital projects bonds.

(3) Calculation excludes self-supporting debt (i.e., ETASC tobacco settlement bonds, sewer district bonds, ECMCC related bonds and ECC leases). ETASC bonds are not legal obligations of the County. The County operates sewer districts in select areas of the County only. ECMCC related debt and ECC leases are repaid solely by ECMCC and ECC, respectively.

(4) See the "Demographic and Economic Statistics" schedule on page 130 for personal income and population data.

(5) Previously, classified as capital leases before the implementation of GASB Statement No. 87, Leases.

N/A = Not Available

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Ratios of General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands, except per capita)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Net Bonded Debt Outstanding (1,2,3)</u>	<u>Percentage of Actual Taxable Value (4) of Property</u>	<u>Per Capita (5)</u>
2016	\$ 380,066	0.94%	\$ 412
2017	369,884	0.90%	400
2018	361,994	0.84%	394
2019	359,459	0.82%	391
2020	338,638	0.77%	369
2021	322,556	0.63%	339
2022	299,868	0.56%	316
2023	273,650	0.50%	289
2024	414,381	0.76%	436
2025	436,306	0.50%	461

Source: Erie County Basic Financial Statements 2016-2025

Notes:

(1) Does not include sewer bonds which are considered self-supporting debt.

(2) Excludes ECMCC bond guaranty of \$81,930 for 2016, \$78,910 for 2017, \$75,725 for 2018, \$72,365 for 2019, \$68,820 for 2020, \$65,080 for 2021, \$61,135 for 2022, \$56,970 for 2023, \$52,580 for 2024 and \$47,945 for 2025.

(3) Net of resources restricted for principal repayment of general bonded debt of \$13,762 at December 31, 2025.

(4) See the "Assessed and Equalized Full Value of Taxable Property" schedule on pages 121 for property value data.

(5) See the "Demographic and Economic Statistics" schedule on page 130 for population data.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2025 (1)		
Full value (average five-year valuation) (2)		\$ 85,993,698
Debt limit (7% of assessed value) (3)		\$ 6,019,559
Debt applicable to limit:		
General obligation bonds and guaranty	\$ 492,133	
Less: sewer bond exclusions	<u>(54,903)</u>	
Total net debt applicable to limit		<u>437,230</u>
Legal debt margin		<u>\$ 5,582,329</u>

	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Debt limit	\$ 3,409,653	\$ 3,517,372	\$ 3,670,816	\$ 3,852,445	\$ 4,070,238	\$ 4,331,815	\$ 4,600,879	\$ 4,962,871	\$ 5,466,842	\$ 6,019,559
Total net debt applicable to limit	<u>499,668</u>	<u>486,699</u>	<u>393,960</u>	<u>383,195</u>	<u>360,625</u>	<u>341,530</u>	<u>319,430</u>	<u>295,915</u>	<u>417,292</u>	<u>437,230</u>
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 2,909,985</u>	<u>\$ 3,030,673</u>	<u>\$ 3,276,856</u>	<u>\$ 3,469,250</u>	<u>\$ 3,709,613</u>	<u>\$ 3,990,285</u>	<u>\$ 4,281,449</u>	<u>\$ 4,666,956</u>	<u>\$ 5,049,550</u>	<u>\$ 5,582,329</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	14.65%	13.84%	10.73%	9.95%	8.86%	7.88%	6.94%	5.96%	7.63%	7.26%

Sources:
Property value - NYS Office of the State Comptroller - Data Management Unit
Indebtedness and exclusions - Erie County Comptroller's Office
Erie County Basic Financial Statements

- Notes:
- (1) The computation of net debt-contracting margin performed by municipalities in New York State is akin to the computation of legal debt margin performed by municipalities in other states.
- (2) Equalization rates are provided by New York State and applied by the County to the assessed valuations of taxable real estate to arrive at equalized full value.
- (3) Per New York State constitution, the County's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 7 percent of total average five-year assessed property value.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Pledged-Revenue Coverage
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(dollars in thousands)

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u>
Cities	06/30/24	\$ 340,928	100%	\$ 340,928
Towns	12/31/24	657,757	100%	657,757
Villages	05/31/24	109,673	100%	109,673
School districts	06/30/24	1,395,440	100%	1,395,440
Fire districts	12/31/24	14,484	100%	14,484
Subtotal, overlapping debt				<u>2,518,282</u>
County direct debt				680,137
ETASC direct debt				<u>382,262</u>
County and ETASC direct debt				<u>1,062,399</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt				<u>\$ 3,580,681</u>

Sources:

Net debt outstanding of Erie County - Erie County Comptroller's Office

All other information - Latest available from the New York State Office of the State Comptroller

Note:

(1) Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the County. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of Erie County. This process recognizes that, when considering the County's ability to issue and re-pay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Direct And Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt (1)
As of December 31, 2024
(dollars in thousands)

Tobacco Securitization Asset Backed Bonds (1)											
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tobacco Settlement Revenue</u>	<u>Interest Earnings</u>	<u>Operating Transfer-Out</u>	<u>Carry-forward of Prior Year Fund Balance Restricted for Future Debt Service</u>			<u>Less: Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Net Available Resources</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>		<u>Coverage</u>
									<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2016	\$ 30,091	\$ 166	\$ -	\$ 20,372	\$ -	\$ 50,629	\$ 18,015	\$ 12,053	1.68		
2017	13,176	271	-	20,561	-	34,008	1,950	11,553	2.52		
2018	14,267	459	(200)	20,505	-	35,031	3,190	11,656	2.36		
2019	13,518	617	-	20,185	-	34,320	2,380	11,649	2.45		
2020	15,508	365	(100)	20,291	-	36,064	3,950	10,794	2.45		
2021	16,771	17	(95)	21,320	-	38,013	7,050	10,435	2.17		
2022	17,201	292	(200)	20,528	-	37,821	6,640	10,412	2.22		
2023	16,254	672	(100)	20,769	-	37,595	7,165	10,601	2.12		
2024	14,019	870	(100)	19,829	-	34,618	4,200	10,184	2.41		
2025	12,786	856	-	20,234	-	33,876	3,500	9,992	2.51		

Source: ETASC Financial Statements

Note:

(1) Tobacco settlement bonds are payable only from the assets of ETASC and are not legal obligations of the County.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Calendar Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Personal Income (thousands of dollars)</u>	<u>Per Capita Personal Income</u>	<u>School Enrollment (Grades K-12)</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2016	921,046	\$ 43,804,180	\$ 47,559	140,620	5.0%
2017	925,528	45,656,251	49,330	137,587	5.1%
2018	919,719	47,401,067	51,539	138,055	4.4%
2019	918,702	49,148,494	53,498	137,067	4.1%
2020	917,241	52,051,398	56,748	135,527	9.1%
2021	950,683	54,783,277	57,625	130,183	5.5%
2022	950,312	54,594,961	57,450	130,001	3.6%
2023	946,147	58,857,067	62,207	130,152	3.8%
2024	950,602	61,599,944	64,801	130,651	3.9%
2025	946,741	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.0%

Sources:

Population: *The 2016 to 2024 estimates were compiled by the NYS Department of Commerce and the NYS Department of Economic Development, respectively, using data provided by the United States Bureau of the Census. 2025 is the estimated population provided by the United States Bureau of the Census.*

Personal Income: *United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis; material compiled by NYS Department of Commerce.*

School Enrollment: *NYS Education Department, Information Center on Education. School enrollment data represents the 2015-2016 to 2024-2025 school years.*

Unemployment Rate: *NYS Department of Labor.*

Note:

N/A = Not Available

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Principal Employers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago

<u>Employer</u>	<u>2025</u>			<u>2016</u>		
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u>
State of New York	26,861	1	6.04%	23,350	1	5.23%
U.S. Government	11,420	2	2.57%	10,000	2	2.24%
City of Buffalo (1).	9,700	3	2.18%	6,016	8	1.35%
Kaleida Health.	9,553	4	2.15%	10,000	3	2.24%
Catholic Health System.	7,949	5	1.79%	7,918	4	1.77%
M&T Bank.	7,938	6	1.78%	7,500	5	1.68%
University at Buffalo	7,018	7	1.58%	6,992	7	1.57%
Tops Markets LLC.	4,497	8	1.01%	3,942	10	0.88%
County of Erie (2)	4,471	9	1.00%	4,091	9	0.92%
Walmart	4,200	10	0.94%	n/a	n/a	n/a
People Inc	4,200	10	0.94%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employer Services Corp	n/a	n/a	n/a	7,488	6	1.68%
Total	<u>97,807</u>		<u>21.98%</u>	<u>87,297</u>		<u>19.55%</u>

Sources:

Total Employed Within Erie County: NYS Department of Labor.

All Other Employer Data: Business First - Book of Lists

Notes:

(1) Includes Buffalo Public School District.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Full-time County Government Employees by Function (1)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
General government support	637	637	674	653	682	691	719	734	740	746
Public safety	1,264	1,326	1,267	1,283	1,301	1,264	1,287	1,329	1,268	1,387
Health	295	230	298	297	316	328	329	357	290	400
Transportation	175	170	166	181	175	183	185	186	190	193
Economic assistance and opportunity	1,392	1,394	1,386	1,253	1,273	1,300	1,314	1,350	1,293	1,380
Culture and recreation	60	64	66	68	66	78	82	81	84	86
Education	27	27	27	25	27	26	27	27	27	25
Home and community service	241	236	229	242	247	229	236	244	237	254
Total	4,091	4,084	4,113	4,002	4,087	4,099	4,179	4,308	4,129	4,471

Source: Erie County Comptroller's Office

Note:

(1) Excludes SUNY Erie Community College.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Operating Indicators by Function/Program
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function/Program	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
General government support:										
Major construction projects successfully completed	12	12	3	17	19	8	10	8	12	10
Motor vehicle registrations processed by County Clerk	283,895	279,172	255,736	263,119	197,345	209,315	240,133	241,578	257,146	254,646
Cases prosecuted or arraigned by the District Attorney's Office	24,798	22,838	28,928	27,609	15,146	17,173	17,304	16,065	18,570	18,491
Public safety:										
Sheriff's calls for service	98,881	105,384	101,788	101,788	86,341	92,603	96,036	102,160	116,521	119,287
Vehicle and traffic arrests	10,900	11,112	7,573	6,897	2,135	2,437	2,469	2,810	3,720	3,308
Inmate population-Holding Center (average per day)	493	426	414	417	243	345	339	341	323	332
Inmate population-Correctional Facility (average per day)	690	644	543	433	296	337	394	434	424	470
Probation cases-supervised	5,424	4,938	5,239	5,185	4,400	4,187	4,091	3,983	4,107	4,298
Fire personnel trained	8,357	7,815	8,246	7,750	6,153	6,394	6,394	6,850	7,300	6,980
Health:										
Persons served by Mental Health agencies (per month)	3,341	3,949	2,352	2,729	3,145	3,195	3,890	3,903	3,968	3,440
Transportation:										
Bridges inspected	231	76	213	126	254	74	224	72	225	75
Miles of roads receiving surface treatment	199	158	131	178	39	78	54	120	101	121
Economic assistance and opportunity:										
Home Energy Assistance Program payments administered	157,902	105,892	141,132	181,245	82,733	148,472	145,263	145,773	151,720	125,780
Number of clients enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care programs	170,189	173,550	170,001	168,836	199,798	213,464	225,197	205,251	178,440	177,977
Senior services home care to frail elderly (hours)	74,982	80,405	58,244	79,705	77,002	61,415	76,883	81,573	46,688	36,773
Culture and recreation:										
Rounds of golf played	54,627	47,748	46,971	44,734	45,709	52,035	54,373	60,464	59,336	75,956
Education:										
Children with special needs receiving service	3,833	3,907	3,982	4,039	4,133	3,899	4,333	4,426	4,437	4,388
Erie Community College full-time student headcount (1)	7,422	7,077	6,702	6,168	5,768	4,593	4,316	4,112	4,027	4,178
Home and community service:										
Sewer flow per day (millions of gallons)	45	52	51	52	52	52	49	45	42	43

Source: Various County Departments

Notes:

(1) Average per semester.

N/A = Not Available

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Capital Asset Statistics by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function (1)	Fiscal Year									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Public safety:										
Emergency communication stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Training centers operated by the County	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Correctional facilities	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Holding centers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Health:										
Health Department clinics / in County-owned buildings	4 / 1	4 / 1	4 / 1	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4	4 / 4
Transportation:										
Miles of roads	1,187	1,187	1,179	1,177	1,177	1,177	1,177	1,177	1,177	1,177
Highway maintenance facilities	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Culture and recreation:										
Parks	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	24
Park and forest acreage	10,486	10,486	10,486	9,875	9,875	9,875	9,875	9,875	9,875	9,881
Golf courses	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Education:										
SUNY Erie Community College campuses	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
SUNY Erie Community College library volumes	107,702	104,453	102,613	97,304	92,971	92,358	94,309	93,403	87,890	87,448
Home and community service:										
Miles of sanitary sewer	1,074	1,080	1,082	1,085	1,141	1,140	1,140	1,141	1,142	1,142
Miles of storm sewer	48	48	48	48	53	53	53	53	53	53
Pumping stations	93	93	93	95	96	96	96	96	97	97
Grinder pumps	466	458	458	459	459	461	473	473	473	473

Source: Various County Departments

Note:

(1) No capital asset indicators are available for general government support and economic assistance and opportunity functions.