

# Inflation and the County Budget

Just as residents are feeling the rising costs of utilities, construction materials, insurance and everyday goods and services, so are the 40+ departments of Sedgwick County. Inflation, combined with the lingering effects of manufacturing shortages from the COVID-19 pandemic, have drastically increased the costs needed to provide the core services of local government.

Below are some examples of how costs have changed since the pandemic.

## UTILITIES

- The costs of natural gas to heat our facilities have increased by **57%**
- The costs for water at our facilities have increased **34%**

## CONSTRUCTION

General constructions costs for county facility projects have increased **45% since 2019**.

## INSURANCE

**Total cost for insurance covering our buildings, doctors, cybersecurity incidents, and more.**

2019	2024	
\$700,000	\$3.7 million	⬆️ <b>442%</b>

## VEHICLES

### New Ambulance Cost

2019*	2024	
\$220,518	\$364,176	⬆️ <b>65%</b>

\*Approximately \$30,000 of the difference is due to the transition to a different ambulance chassis in 2021.

### New Sheriff Patrol Vehicle Cost

2019	2024	
\$27,000	\$44,176	⬆️ <b>65%</b>

### New Dump Truck Cost

2022*	2024	
\$298,647	\$387,560	⬆️ <b>30%</b>

\*Different makes/models were purchased prior to 2022



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## ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

### Dell Laptop

2019	2024	
\$1,000	\$1,700	⬆️ <b>63%</b>

### Most Commonly Used Medications on Ambulances

Item	2019	2024	
Naloxone (Narcan)	\$39.06	\$39.10	⬆️ <b>0.1%</b>
Epinephrine 1:10,000	\$8.92	\$14.28	⬆️ <b>60%</b>
Normal Saline 1000 mL	\$73.78	\$113.40	⬆️ <b>54%</b>
Fentanyl	\$2.70	\$5.33	⬆️ <b>97%</b>

### Most Commonly Used Disposable Medical Supplies on Ambulances

Item	2019	2024	
Disposable Cot Sheets	\$77.24	\$124.39	⬆️ <b>61%</b>
Medical Oxygen (per cu. ft.)	\$0.25	\$0.87	⬆️ <b>248%</b>
Nitrile Gloves	\$17.62	\$8.15	⬆️ <b>54%</b>
All sizes of IV Catheter	\$82.00	\$134.50	⬆️ <b>64%</b>

## HOW DOES SEDGWICK COUNTY ADDRESS THESE RISING COSTS?

The burden of responsibility for managing taxpayer dollars is felt by every single department, as well as by County leadership. We are always striving for ways to keep costs down, without compromising the essential services our citizens expect. This can include shopping around for alternative products or suppliers, or leveraging contracts and purchasing groups for better prices.

For more information about the county budget, visit [sedgwickcounty.org/finance/budget](https://sedgwickcounty.org/finance/budget).