

2018 Local Government Investment in Water & Sewer Utilities

\$ 130 Billion Expenditure

Water \$72.6 Billion
Sewer \$57.4 Billion



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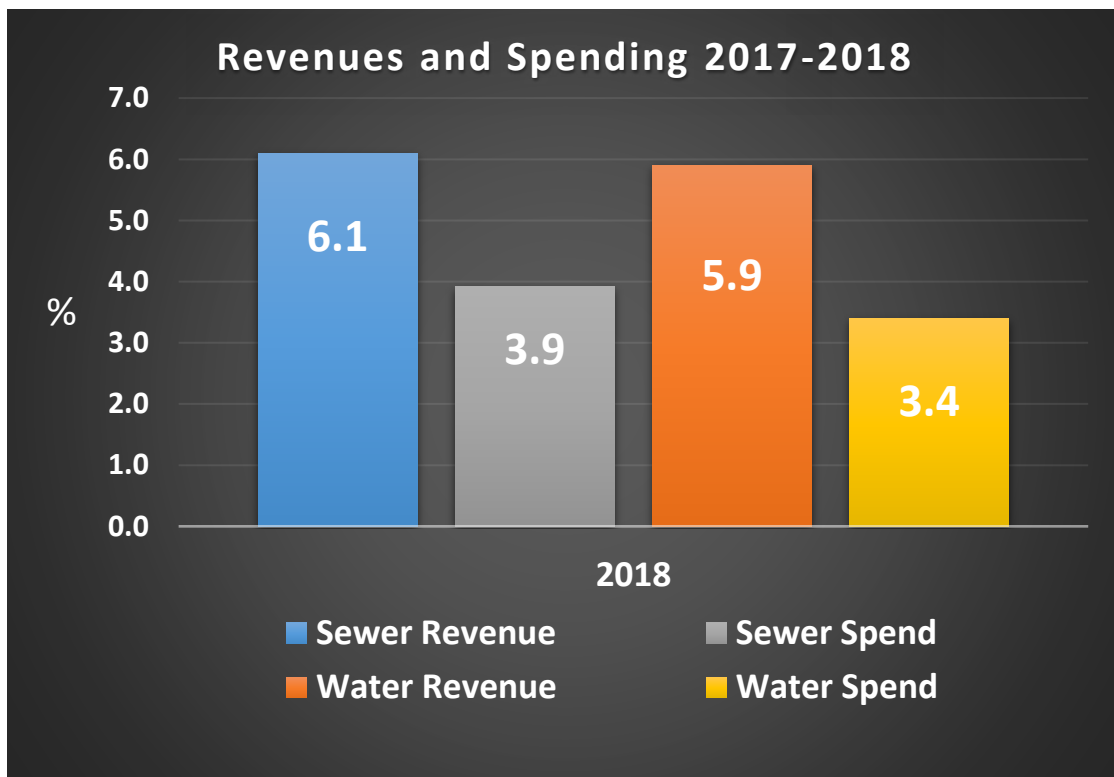
The Numbers:

- States and the Federal Government are minor financial contributors to local infrastructure but both have taxing authority over the local fiscal base, and the ability to regulate and restrict local activities.

2018 LOCAL WATER AND SEWER FINANCES	LOCAL	STATE	PERCENT LOCAL
	(\$Thousands)	(\$Thousands)	(%)
REVENUES			
SEWER	59,888,771	1,041,712	98.3
WATER SUPPLY	68,865,648	326,497	99.5
TOTAL	128,754,419	1,368,209	98.9
EXPENDITURES			
SEWER	57,446,187	1,324,149	97.7
WATER SUPPLY	72,606,119	428,281	99.4
TOTAL	130,052,306	1,752,430	98.7

SOURCE: Census.Gov – 2018 State and Local Government Finances

- Local Utility Revenues are Growing at a Higher Rate than Expenditures.



- 2018 Combined Utility Revenues Increased 6%.

Long-Term 1993-2018 Average Annual Revenues:

Sewer Utilities Revenue increase is 5.5%,
Median value of 5.1%.

Water Supply Utilities Revenue increase is 5.0%,
Median value of 5.2%.

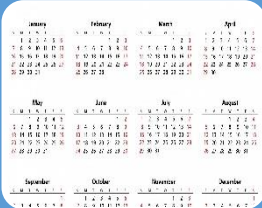
- 2018 Combined Utility Expenditures Increased 3.6%.

Long-Term 1993-2018 Average Annual Expenditures:

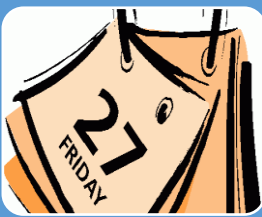
Sewer Utilities Expenditures increase is 4.1%,
Median value of 4.3%.

Water Supply Utilities Expenditures increase is 4.5%,
Median value of 3.2%.

Local Utility 2018 Expenditures



**2018 Annual Local Spending
Water and Sewer Utilities
\$130 Billion**



**2018 Daily Spending
\$356 Million**



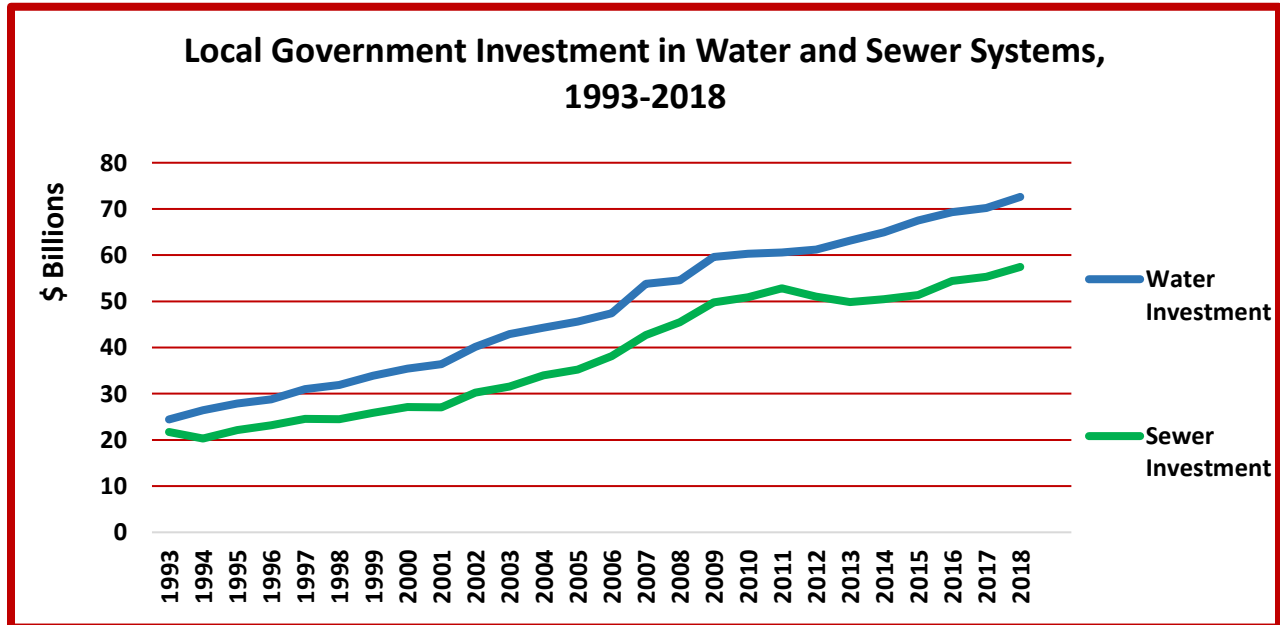
**2018 Weekly Spending
\$2.5 Billion**



**2018 Monthly Spending
\$10.8 Billion**

2018 and Long-Term Trends

- Local government spending on water and sewer utilities continues to grow at a modest¹ pace, contributing to recovery from the Great Recession.
 - This review period is prior to impacts related to the Covid-19 pandemic induced recession.



¹ The combined utility average annual growth in expenditures from 1993-2018 is 4.4% compared to the 2018 increase of 3.6%

Cumulative Local Spending on Water and Sewer Utilities, 1993-2018

**\$2.251 Trillion
Combined Water and Sewer
Utilities**

**\$1.225 Trillion
Water Supply Utilities**

**\$997 Billion
Sewer and Wastewater Utilities**