



Assessor's Office

2025-2026 Council Budget Presentation

Departmental Budget Allocation

CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 EXECUTIVE PROPOSED	EXECUTIVE CHANGE	2025-2026 ASSESSOR PROPOSED	ASSESSOR CHANGE
Salaries	Assessor's Office, prog 424	59.3%	58.8%	(0.6%)	58.1%	(1.2%)
Benefits	Assessor's Office, prog 424	24.1%	23.2%	(0.8%)	23.2%	(0.9%)
Supplies	Assessor's Office, prog 424	0.5%	0.7%	0.2%	0.7%	0.2%
Prof. Svcs.	Assessor's Office, prog 424	4.1%	3.1%	(1.0%)	4.4%	0.3%
Capital	Assessor's Office, prog 424					
Interfund	Assessor's Office, prog 424	12.1%	14.3%	2.2%	13.7%	1.6%

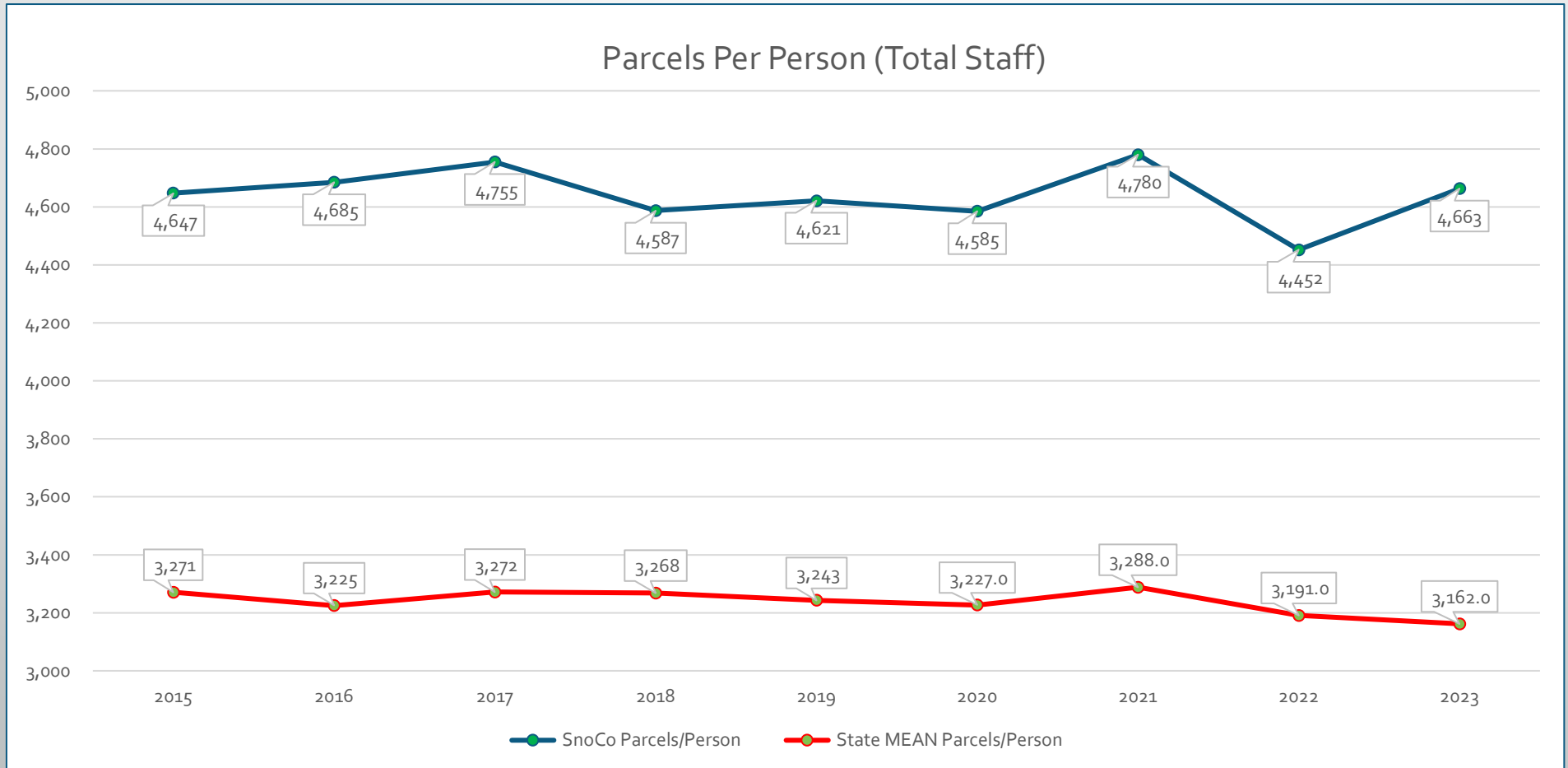
Differences between Executive Recommendation and Assessor Request

- Assessor request includes 2 additional Residential Appraisers and 1 additional Assessment Technician
- Assessor request deletes Resource Alignment (-\$143,770) that may necessitate a layoff

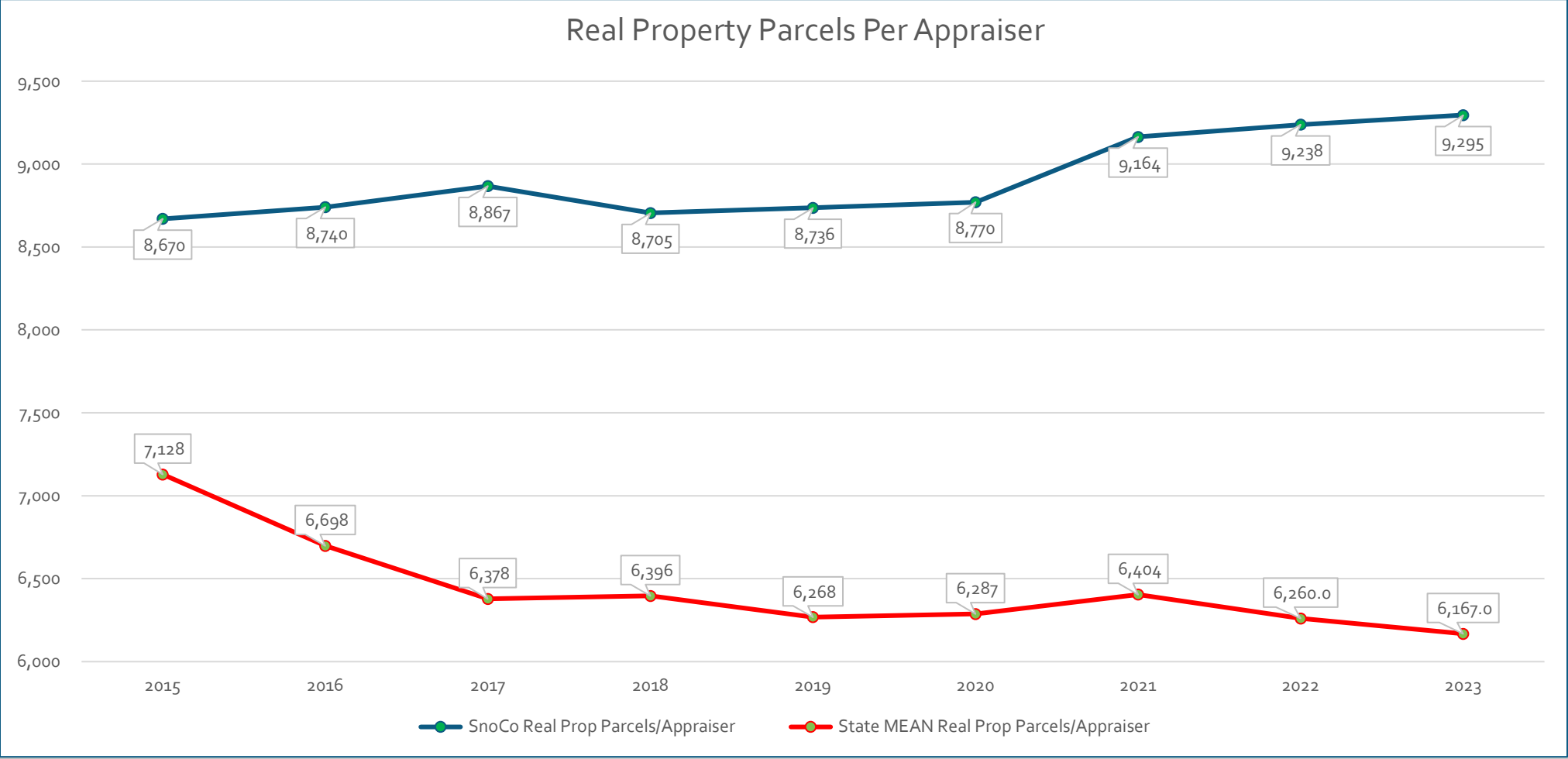
Snohomish Co Total Staffing vs. State Avg Total Staffing

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2015 - 2023



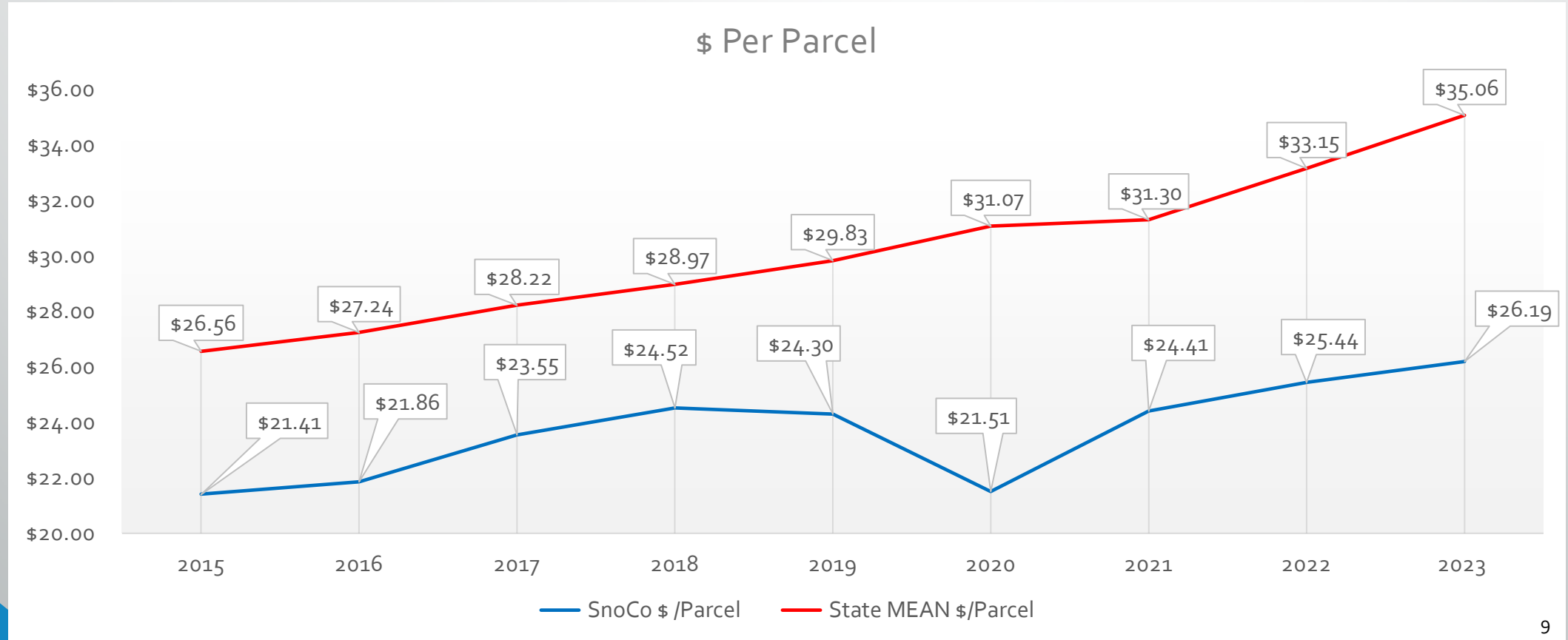
Snohomish Co Appraiser Staffing vs. State Avg Appraiser Staffing 2015- 2023



Snohomish County \$ Allocated vs. State Average \$ Allocated

2015 – 2023

* Total Budget Less Central Services (Appropriations for items payable to central services (rent, computer services, county vehicles) have been deducted from budget figures)



Successes & Challenges

Please provide a brief description of a recent success or overcome challenge:

- Challenge – increase in Low Income Senior Citizen Exemption program applications due to the qualifying income level increasing to \$75,000. Mitigating increase in phone calls and providing transparency for the application process.
- Solution – Online Status Tool on our website

The screenshot shows the 'Senior Exemption Application Queue' dashboard for Snohomish County Assessor. The dashboard features a search bar at the top left with the parcel number '00513500001300' entered. Below the search bar are two summary cards: one showing '800 Queue Number' and another showing '1228 Total in Queue'. To the right, a table displays application details for 'OWENS, JOHN', including the 'Date Application Received' as '7/17/2024', the 'Tax Parcel Number' as '00513500001300', and the 'Application Status' as 'In Queue'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Don't Know Parcel Number [Look It Up Here](#)' and 'Dashboard Updated Daily at 5PM'.

Name	Date Application Received
OWENS, JOHN	7/17/2024

Tax Parcel Number	Application Status
00513500001300	In Queue

Successes & Challenges

Please provide a list of non-budget challenges facing your programs in the upcoming biennial budget cycle:

- Every year, there are always potential legislative changes for property tax or our exemption programs. Typically, these affect staffing time and eventually budget related items.

Successes & Challenges

New Efficiencies and Successes:

- Exemptions Division processed all Senior Citizen/People with Disabilities exemption applications received by the end of 2023 – sent out 1240 renewals in March 2024
- Backlog in Property Control Division has been reduced by a significant amount and continues to be addressed
- Historic field book pages migrated from HighView to OpenText in 2021 are now available to the public on Assessor's webpage
- Project to correct ownership records to include missing spouses has reviewed 11,663 of 28,660 parcels identified as potentially needing updates and made 3,725 ownership corrections.
- Residential Appraisal performed majority of sales reviews online relying on multiple listing service information, recent inspection photos & aerial images
- New eNotification service allowed 2063 registered taxpayers to receive assessed value notices via email in June 2023. Print vendor continues to collect and manage email addresses as part of contract for 2024. In the past year, 4463 assessment notices were sent via eNotification.
- Implementation of new appraisal and tax administration system is progressing – Aumentum project expected to be live before the end of 2024