

# **The Budget Princess**



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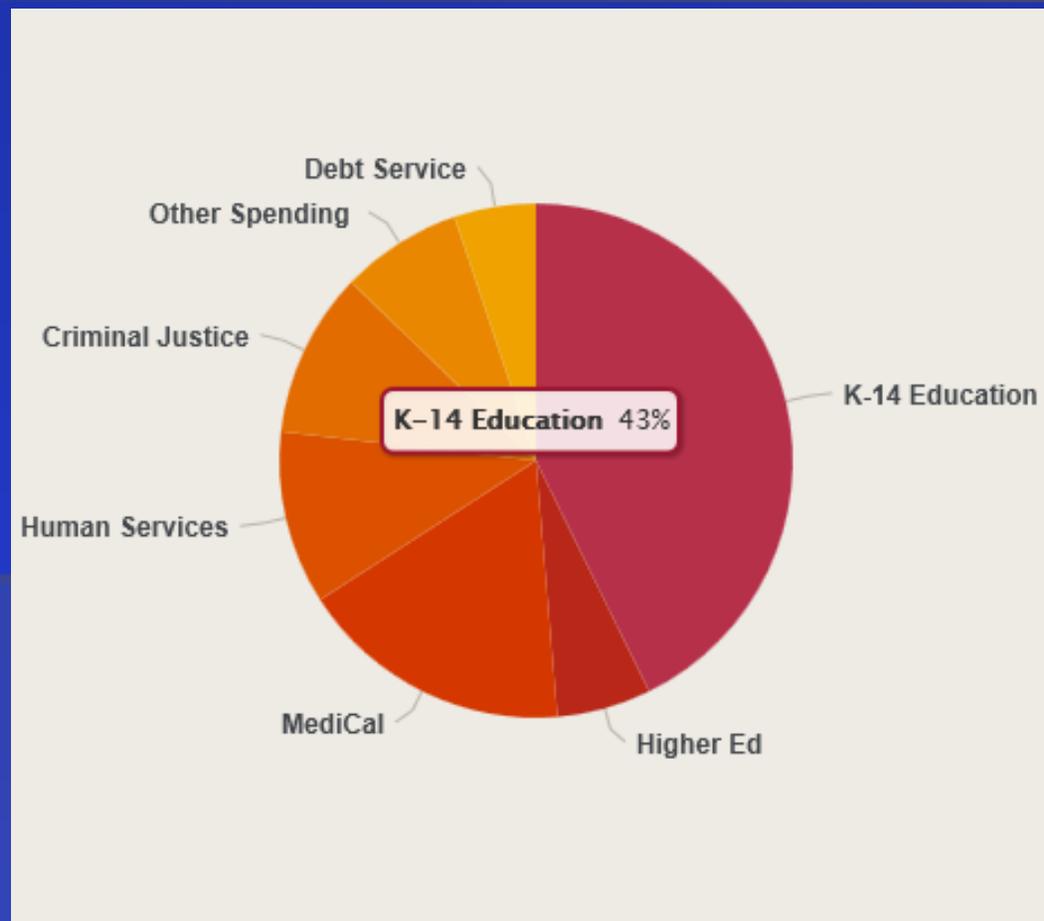
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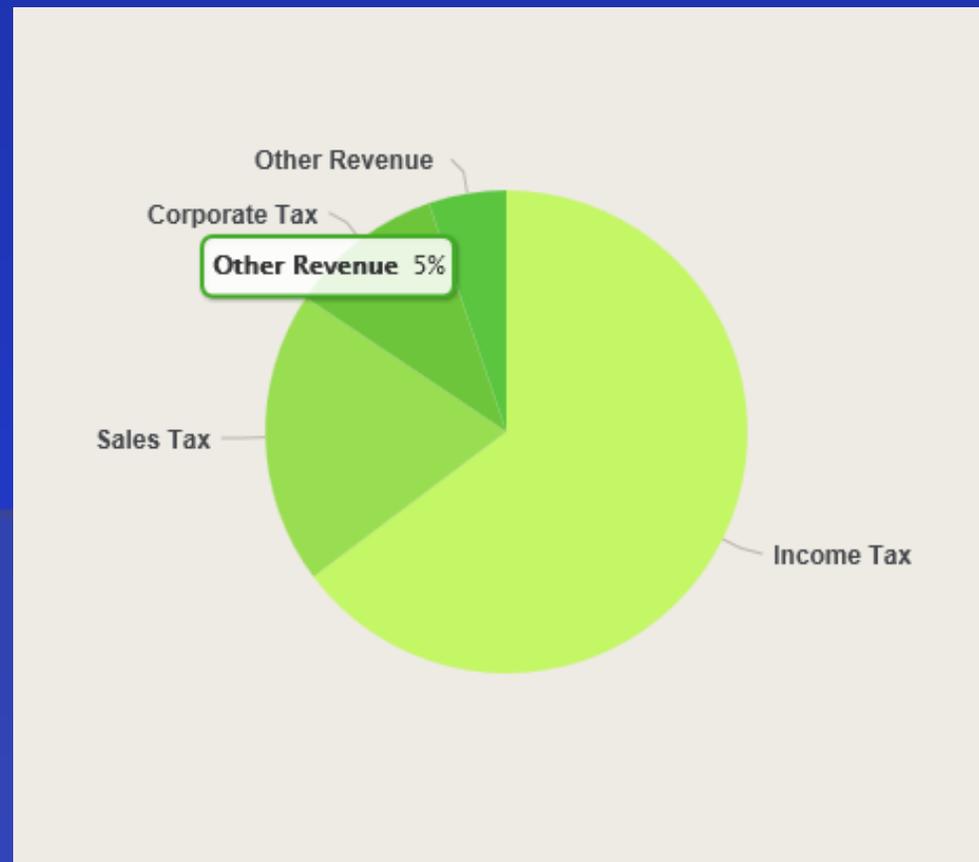
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# Analysis: Our Spending



# Analysis: Our Revenue



## CREATIVE STORY/PRESENTATION

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Analysis:

The princess represents our group, the ball gowns symbolize our spending, and the people in the kingdom that lose their belongings represent the taxes.

Like the princess who wanted the ball gowns, we wanted to increase spending to improve the state. However, just like in the story, there was a consequence for every time we increased our spending. This consequence was raising taxes so that we could try to balance the budget.

At first, we realized some of the taxes we raised could have positive effects, like raising taxes on cigarettes increased the health of more people. Just as in the story, it was a good thing that the greedy people would lose something.

However, the category we wanted to spend the most on was education and this would be a lot of money. In order to try to lower the deficit, we would have to raise taxes that may also hurt some of the poorer people in our state. Similar to the princess in the story who wanted the golden ball gown, yet some of the poorer citizens in the kingdom would lose something as well.

We ended up deciding to raise some more taxes, however, we did not want to overly tax our state, and therefore we were able to lower the deficit, but not balance the budget.