

2025

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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Mayor's Message: Reflecting on 2025, Moving Forward Together

The State of the City address is our chance to reflect on where Ogden stands after a demanding year and to share a clear-eyed look at where we're headed. As this message reaches you, I want to reinforce that reflection and thank our community for the resilience, patience, and hard work that defined 2025.



Last year tested us. Federal government shutdowns, national political change, and economic uncertainty created real disruption—especially for members of our federal workforce and the businesses and families connected to it. Those challenges rippled through our local economy and created understandable concern about what came next.

But amid that uncertainty, Ogden chose progress.

Together, we stayed focused on what we could control: serving people well, protecting public safety, stewarding taxpayer dollars responsibly, and building systems that deliver results. Because of that shared commitment, 2025 became a year of meaningful, measurable wins.

We added more than 400 new jobs with family-supporting wages, strengthening our local economy and expanding opportunity for Ogden residents. Through job retention, business expansion, and targeted recruitment, we raised the median household income for Ogden residents by \$9,414, and built and approved 400 homes to help support first-time homebuyers.

We also made targeted investments in parks and recreation, strengthening the places and programs that bring our community together and support health, family life, and quality of life across Ogden.

This year, Ogden made meaningful investments in the places and programs that bring people together. More than \$7.5 million

supported parks and recreation facilities, with major upgrades at eight parks, improving playgrounds, trails, courts, pools, safety, and accessibility citywide. At the same time, recreation participation trends outpace national averages, with youth participation more than doubling in several areas, including boxing and flag football. These gains reflect a community that values access, opportunity, and connection creating places where neighbors gather, youth grow, and Ogden's quality of life continues to strengthen.

In public safety, we reached the highest strength of force and level of operational readiness in the history of our city—while building a police department culture that sets high standards and attracts and supports the best of the best. As a result, crime dropped by 14% and 896 individuals with active criminal warrants were removed from our streets, and we did so in a way that reflected the values of our community. By prioritizing service, professionalism, and compassion, we achieved our highest community satisfaction with policing in more than a decade, reduced use-of-force incidents by 22%, lowered victim advocacy cases by 10%, and saved \$660,000 in recruiting costs. The outcome was safer streets, fewer victims, stronger trust, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

We renewed our emphasis on a people-first approach to homelessness. Ogden launched the nation's first medical homeless advocate program, meeting people where they are and addressing health needs before they become emergencies. That work helped reduce emergency room transports by 20%, even as we doubled the number of people experiencing homelessness whom we engaged and ultimately helped 150 individuals move into stable housing, twice as many as the year before. These housing efforts were led by dedicated staff within the Ogden Police Department, who walk alongside individuals through the process—maintaining compassion while also holding people to personal responsibility and staying by their side every step of the way. Importantly, these efforts were funded through grants—not Ogden City taxpayer dollars.

Our Fire Department demonstrated what elite service and grit truly look like. Built on a culture of hard work and professionalism, some of the best firefighters in the industry protected our community through one of the most challenging fire years in a long time. As large, high-profile apartment construction fires occurred across

the nation—including here in Utah and in our own city—Ogden firefighters showed up heroically, acted decisively, and protected lives and property in the face of intentional criminal behavior and potentially catastrophic harm.

Just as importantly, they didn't stop at response. Working with contractors and partners across the city, they helped identify, secure, and lock down vulnerable construction sites, ensuring those risks were addressed and did not repeat. Through strong investigative work, they also held individuals accountable. At the same time, the department reduced response times, stands just one firefighter short of full staffing at the time of this writing, and continues advancing data-driven prevention strategies and upstream community health interventions designed to meet people at their most vulnerable—before emergencies occur.

We also invested deeply in Ogden's future by advancing infrastructure citywide. Countless projects were completed in neighborhoods throughout Ogden, while work continued on the largest and most complex infrastructure project in our city's history—the Canyon Waterline Project—a critical investment in long-term reliability and resilience.

In 2025, Ogden advanced more than a dozen infrastructure projects that strengthen daily life and protect our future. Crews replaced or rehabilitated nearly 22,000 linear feet of water, sewer, and storm drain lines, improving reliability, fire flow, and flood protection citywide. Over 42,000 square feet of sidewalk were replaced, closing gaps and improving safe routes to schools. Street, corridor, and intersection upgrades are improving mobility and safety, while trail, biking, and pedestrian connections continue to expand. These investments support reliable services, safer travel, and the long-term resilience needed to support housing, growth, and economic vitality.

Throughout all of this, we remained disciplined stewards of taxpayer dollars. We drove cost savings and operational efficiencies across the organization with a firm commitment: we are not going to raise taxes on Ogden families. Every efficiency gained is about ensuring services don't just continue—but continually improve—while keeping costs down for the people we serve.

This is people-first governance: listening through engagement and

transparency, responding with action, and delivering results. In 2025, we expanded communication and community engagement to better understand needs and explain decisions. We also laid the groundwork for more business-like operations in city government—through strategic planning, internal and external partnerships, and the development of clear key performance indicators and public dashboards that will help measure progress, guide adjustments, and strengthen accountability.

There is still much work to be done. But the progress made in 2025 shows what's possible when a community pulls together with purpose, grit, and a shared commitment to doing what's right.

Inside this report, you'll find a deeper look at the accomplishments, data, and people behind this progress. As we move through 2026, my promise remains the same: to lead with accountability, serve with humility, and keep Ogden moving forward—together.

— Mayor Ben Nadolski



SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS - PARKS

\$1.2+ MILLION INVESTED IN PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN 2025

8 PARKS RECEIVED MAJOR UPGRADES IN 2025

PLAYGROUNDS, COURTS, TRAILS & POOLS IMPROVED CITYWIDE

- **JAYCEE PARK** – NEW PLAYGROUND AMENITIES DELIVERED
- **CITYWIDE PARKS** – ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES DELIVERED
- **BONNEVILLE PARK** – FIELD CONDITIONS IMPROVED
- **MARSHALL WHITE CENTER** – COMMUNITY FACILITY
- **WEST OGDEN PARK** – NEW PLAYGROUND AND SITE UP- GRADES
- **MT. OGDEN PARK** – SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED
- **WEST STADIUM PARK** – TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED
- **4TH STREET PARK** – PARK ENHANCEMENTS COMPLETED
- **JAYCEE PARK** – COMMUNITY-DRIVEN IMPROVEMENTS COM-PLETED
- **LESTER PARK** – MAJOR PARK REINVESTMENT UNDERWAY
- **BONNEVILLE PARK** – SPORTS FACILITY UPGRADES DELIV- ERED
- **MWC** – NEW PARK PROGRAMMING SPACES ACTIVATED
- **WEST OGDEN PARK** – PARK ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED
- **MT. OGDEN PARK** – ENHANCED PARK ACCESS DELIVERED
- **WEST STADIUM PARK** – PARKING AND CIRCULATION UP- GRADES DELIVERED
- **4TH STREET PARK** – IMPROVED PARK CIRCULATION AND USABILITY
- **LESTER PARK** – LONG-TERM PARK IMPROVEMENTS AD- VANCING

RECREATION

\$7.5M INVESTED IN PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND ACTIVE SPACES CITYWIDE

- **UNTAMED SPORTS** PARTICIPATION INCREASED FROM 120 TO 274 YOUTH
- **YOUTH ENGAGEMENT** THROUGH UNTAMED SPORTS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 2025
- **128% INCREASE** IN YOUTH PARTICIPATION ACROSS UNTAMED SPORTS PROGRAMS
- **BOXING PROGRAM** PARTICIPATION INCREASED BY 122%
- **BOXING** CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF OGDEN'S FASTEST-GROWING YOUTH PROGRAMS
- **COED FLAG FOOTBALL** PARTICIPATION INCREASED BY 28%
- **YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL** PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO GROW CITYWIDE
- **MULTIPLE RECREATION PROGRAMS** SAW INCREASED YOUTH ENROLLMENT IN 2025
- **OGDEN CITY RECREATION** PARTICIPATION TRENDS EXCEED NATIONAL AVERAGES
- **OGDEN STANDS OUT NATIONALLY AS YOUTH SPORTS PARTICIPATION DECLINES ELSEWHERE**
- **RECREATION PROGRAMS** CONTINUE TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN YOUTH PARTICIPANTS
- **EXPANDED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES** SUPPORT ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
- **RECREATION GROWTH** REFLECTS STRONG COMMUNITY DEMAND IN 2025
- **YOUTH-FOCUSED RECREATION** REMAINS A PRIORITY FOR OGDEN CITY

TRAILS

IMPROVED TRAIL ACCESS AND USABILITY ACROSS OGDEN

- **OGDEN PARKWAY TRAIL** PAVING AND RECONSTRUCTION
- **QUAIL BRIDGE** REPLACEMENT
- **TRAIL BRIDGE** REPLACEMENTS AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
- **DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE** INSTALLED ACROSS TRAIL SYSTEM
- **FOOTHILL TRAIL** MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENTS
- **9TH STREET FOOTHILL** TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS
- **BIRDSONG TRAIL** ALTERNATE ROUTE IMPROVEMENTS
- **VOLUNTEER**-LED TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT OGDEN
- **OGDEN PARKWAY TRAIL** RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETED
- **TRAIL BRIDGES** REPAIRED AND REPLACED CITYWIDE
- **WAYFINDING** AND DIRECTIONAL TRAIL SIGNAGE INSTALLED
- **OGDEN BIKE PARK** TRAIL UPGRADES
- **FOOTHILL TRAIL** SYSTEM MAINTENANCE
- **9TH STREET FOOTHILL TRAIL** IMPROVEMENTS
- **BIRDSONG TRAIL** ALTERNATE ROUTE ENHANCEMENTS
- **VOLUNTEER-POWERED** TRAIL RESTORATION PROJECTS

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

\$1 BILLION + IN CAPEX INVESTED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES

\$9,414 INCREASE IN MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

400 + JOBS ADDED FROM RETENTION AND EXPANSION

26 SINGLE FAMILY HOMES BUILD and/or RENOVATED

70 SMALL BUSINESS CONSULTS, WORKSHOPS, AND EVENTS

- **MAJOR HOUSING PROJECTS DELIVERED: Q25, SOLACE, SYCAMORE COVE**
- **“OWN IN OGDEN” AND HELP PROGRAMS EXPANDED HOMEOWNERSHIP ACCESS**
- **UNION STATION MASTER PLANNING AND MUSEUM REDESIGN UNDERWAY**
- **WONDERBLOCK REDEVELOPMENT CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE**
- **ACCELER8 WASATCH POSITIONED OGDEN AS AN AEROSPACE LEADER**
- **FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RESOURCE CONNECTION SERVED 400+ PARTICIPANTS**
- **ZONE OGDEN ZONING MODERNIZATION ADVANCED**
- **PLAN OGDEN GENERAL PLAN AND WATER ELEMENT ADOPTED**
- **ARTS GRANTS, PUBLIC ART, FESTIVALS, AND UNION STATION PROGRAMMING EXPANDED**
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS ADVANCED CITYWIDE**

AIRPORT

22.5% INCREASE IN PASSENGERS PER FLIGHT OUT OF OGD AIRPORT

- **NEW OGDEN AIRPORT TERMINAL** COMPLETED AND OPENED
- **BREEZE AIRWAYS** SERVICE EXPANDED; AIRPORT REBRAND LAUNCHED
- **FEDERALLY FUNDED** AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER ADVANCED AVFLIGHT SELECTED AS OGDEN AIRPORT'S NEW FIXED BASE OPERATOR
- **MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE** UPGRADES UNDERWAY AT OGDEN AIRPORT
- **GUIDING PLANS** AND POLICIES ADOPTED TO SUPPORT LONG-TERM AIRPORT GROWTH
- **NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER** FUNDED THROUGH FEDERAL INVESTMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE

**REPLACED 12,970 LINEAR FEET (LF) OF WATER MAIN
INSTALLED 6,270 LF OF WATER MAIN, SLIP-LINED 6,700
LF OF MAIN**

**REPLACED 4,960 LF OF SEWER MAIN (INSTALLED 1,371 LF
OF SANITARY MAIN AND LINED 3,589 LF)**

**REPLACED 3,897 LF (INSTALLED 2,744 LF OF STORM
DRAIN AND LINED 1,153 LF)**

REPLACED 42,000 SF OF SIDEWALK.

- MORE THAN A DOZEN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS COMPLETED CITYWIDE
- CRITICAL WATER, SEWER, AND STORMWATER SYSTEMS UPGRADED ACROSS OGDEN
- 6,270 LINEAR FEET OF NEW WATER MAIN INSTALLED
- 6,700 LINEAR FEET OF WATER MAIN REHABILITATED THROUGH SLIP-LINING
- 1,371 LINEAR FEET OF NEW SANITARY SEWER INSTALLED
- 3,589 LINEAR FEET OF SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATED
- 2,744 LINEAR FEET OF NEW STORM DRAIN INSTALLED
- 1,153 LINEAR FEET OF STORM DRAIN REHABILITATED
- 42,000 SQUARE FEET OF SIDEWALK REPLACED CITYWIDE
- ANNUAL STREET REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY
- MAJOR CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS ADVANCING MOBILITY AND SAFETY
- INTERSECTION UPGRADES AND NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS
- SIDEWALK GAP-FILLING AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE - CONTINUED

- MULTIMODAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTING WALKING AND BIKING
- CITYWIDE BIKESHARE PROGRAM SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION
- TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS
- STORM SEWER MASTER PLAN PROJECTS ADVANCING FLOOD PROTECTION
- RIVER RESTORATION AND STORMWATER CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS
- MAJOR WATER TRANSMISSION LINE REPLACEMENT PLANNING UNDERWAY
- FIRE FLOW AND SYSTEM PRESSURE IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE WATER SYSTEM
- WELLFIELD UPGRADES SUPPORTING LONG-TERM WATER RELIABILITY
- SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN PROJECTS ADVANCING SYSTEM RESILIENCE
- INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS SUPPORTING INFILL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT
- ENGINEERING STUDIES IMPROVING ROADWAY SAFETY AND CRASH PREVENTION
- INVESTMENTS FOCUSED ON RELIABILITY, SAFETY, AND LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW FIRE CHIEF APPOINTED IN 2025

FIRST HOMELESS MEDICAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY LAUNCHED

- OGDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP TRANSITION COMPLETED
- EMERGENCY ROOM TRANSPORTS REDUCED BY 20%
- GRANT-FUNDED ENGINE REPLACEMENT DELIVERED
- \$326,000 SAVED FOR OGDEN TAXPAYERS THROUGH GRANT FUNDING
- OGDEN FIRE RECOGNIZED AS BEST FIRE DEPARTMENT IN NORTHERN UTAH
- COMMUNITY-BASED EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRENGTHENED IN 2025
- OGDEN FIRE CONTINUES TO LEAD WITH INNOVATION AND SERVICE



OGDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PART 1 CRIME DECREASED 14% IN 2025

**115 INDIVIDUALS HOUSED THROUGH OPD HOMELESS
SERVICES ADVOCATES PROGRAM**

**\$680,000 SAVED THROUGH LATERAL RECRUITMENT
PROGRAM**

- RECORD STAFFING LEVELS ACHIEVED IN 2025
- 25 LATERAL POLICE OFFICERS HIRED – HIGHEST ON RECORD
- OGDEN POLICE STAFFING REACHED 159 FULL-TIME OFFICERS
- DEPARTMENT STAFFED AT 106% OF AUTHORIZED STRENGTH
- AVERAGE LATERAL RECRUIT BROUGHT 8 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
- MORE LATERALS HIRED IN 2025 THAN THE PREVIOUS 10 YEARS COMBINED
- PATROL STAFFING INCREASES IMPROVED CASE RESOLUTION CAPACITY
- PATROL OFFICERS ROUTED MORE CASES WITHOUT DETECTIVE FOLLOW-UP
- INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU CASE LOAD REDUCED BY 15%
- CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SCORES EXCEEDED 4.3 OUT OF 5
- OFFICER PROFESSIONALISM RATED 4.62 OUT OF 5
- 52,777 CALLS FOR SERVICE HANDLED IN 2025
- CALLS FOR SERVICE DECREASED 4% FROM THE PRIOR YEAR
- 47,993 PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RECORDED
- PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT INCREASED 16% YEAR-OVER-YEAR
- 837 OUTSTANDING ARREST WARRANTS SERVED
- PART I CRIME REDUCED 62% SINCE 2016

- CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY DECREASED 10% IN 2025
- CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS DECREASED 4% IN 2025
- HOMELESS OUTREACH CONTACTS INCREASED 32%
- VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES PROVIDED TO OVER 1,000 VICTIMS

UNION STATION GENERAL PLAN

- DETAILED MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND DRAFT MASTER PLAN FINALIZATION
- FORMAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
- 3 ON-SITE OUTREACH EVENTS AT THE OGDEN FARMER'S MARKET
- 4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BRIEFINGS
- 2 FACILITATED STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS
- 4 ONLINE SURVEYS WITH 1,500+ RESPONDENTS
- PUBLIC CITY COUNCIL & RDA MEETINGS
- MAKE OGDEN DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN ENGAGEMENT
- ONGOING DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT
- PUBLIC DEVELOPER PROCUREMENT PROCESS (UTA/RDA)

