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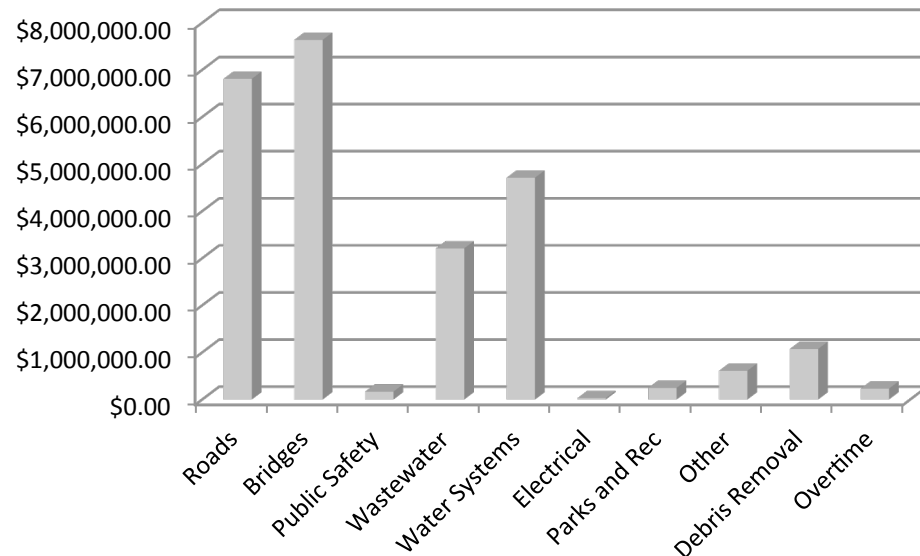
2015 Storm Damage Survey

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A recent study of Oklahoma cities and towns shows damage to municipal infrastructure has reached staggering proportions. A survey was conducted and 79 responses were collected. The results show that the cost to cities and towns is estimated to be in excess of \$29.7 million* to pay for damages and other storm related expenditures. Damage was distributed across both large and smaller communities with some small communities needing several thousands of dollars worth of repairs. When asked to provide a picture of how many of the expenses were restricted to physical damages, respondents totaled \$23.4 million, with the remaining portions being debris removal and overtime costs for employees.

The biggest hit on cities and towns in the survey was centered on bridges, roads, and water systems. Other damages were reported to have occurred to public safety, wastewater, parks and recreation, and electric systems. Cities and towns are already under tight budgets and many reported to have no plan for paying for the unbudgeted items, and hope to receive some sort of emergency assistance from FEMA.

Damage Estimates



Respondents Reporting Damage

Roads	69.7%
Bridges	25.5%
Public Safety	22.4%
Wastewater	33.3%
Water Systems	30.2%
Electrical	17.8%
Parks and Rec	32.0%
Other	20.8%

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Roads	\$6,807,375.00
Bridges	\$7,634,000.00
Public Safety	\$165,847.18
Wastewater	\$3,206,713.98
Water Systems	\$4,708,000.00
Electrical	\$27,342.75
Parks and Rec	\$244,330.50
Other	\$608,305.10
Debris Removal	\$1,071,708.00
Overtime	\$228,839.03

*A total of \$5 million was submitted by Haileyville but categories of damage were not provided. The Haileyville damage is included in the overall damage numbers but not in the categories of damage.