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Thirty-Sixth Guam Legislature
2021 Citizen Centric Report

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Speaker



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Vice Speaker



Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary



The Guam Legislature is the lawmaking body of our government and sets policy for Guam. Fifteen senators are elected at-large by island voters and serve two-year terms.

Senators hold hearings, which give members of the public the opportunity to provide input on bills and resolutions introduced that address various community issues. Senators also host roundtable discussions, conduct oversight hearings, and participate in legislative sessions.

The 36th Guam Legislature is comprised of the following members:

- Speaker **Therese M. Terlaje**
- Vice Speaker **Tina Rose Muña Barnes**
- Legislative Secretary **Amanda Shelton**
- Senator **Telena C. Nelson**
- Senator **Sabina F. Perez**
- Senator **Joe S. San Agustin**
- Senator **Clynton E. Ridgell**
- Senator **Jose “Pedo” Terlaje**
- Senator **Christopher M. Duenas**
- Senator **Frank F. Blas, Jr.**
- Senator **Mary Camacho Torres**
- Senator **Vicente Anthony Ada**
- Senator **Telo T. Taitague**
- Senator **Joanne M. Brown**
- Senator **James C. Moylan.**



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2021 GUAM LEGISLATURE STATISTICS*

Legislative Documents and Session Statistics

Bills Introduced

Bills Passed

Committee Reports Filed

237 77 80

Public Laws Enacted

Nominations Approved

Legislative Sessions

72 74 11

Legislative Livestream Broadcast Statistics

Month	2020 Video Views	2021 Video Views	2020 Viewing Hours	2021 Viewing Hours
January	14400	5091	3100	1067
February	10300	14462	2100	3952
March	5700	13164	910	3297
April	19200	11047	5100	2628
May	16800	12182	4700	3249
June	18100	15109	4700	3757
July	13900	21804	3200	5736
August	21700	15231	6500	3884
September	10200	12637	2200	3123
October	9300	11454	2000	2149
November	8800	6255	2000	1315
December	10600	10225	2800	2583
TOTAL	159000	148661	39310	36740

* Calendar Year 2021 Statistics



Emerging stronger from COVID-19

The island's two-year struggle with COVID-19 tested our most fundamental institutions. And while these challenges upended our economy and disrupted our way of life, it also forced us to push forward a new era of transparency and adaptive technology.

Like its sister branches, the Legislature adapted to the restrictions associated with COVID-19—knowing that some of these changes made the branch more accessible to our people in the long term.

While in-person meetings have been permissible throughout the lion's share of FY 2022, Committee Chairs maintain the option of receiving testimony digitally, and the paperless focus of the clerk's office still remains. This means that more citizens can participate directly in the hearing process from the comfort of their homes.

As the island and its institutions rebuild in the aftermath of COVID, this branch has legitimately implemented best practices for legislative operations during a pandemic. This includes swing scheduling of central staff so exposure does not sideline all personnel at once, clear social distancing guidelines, the receipt of livestream testimony at hearings or during sessions, and an emphasis on paperless processing.

As we turn the page on COVID our goal must be to adopt what makes this branch more accessible, accountable and transparent.

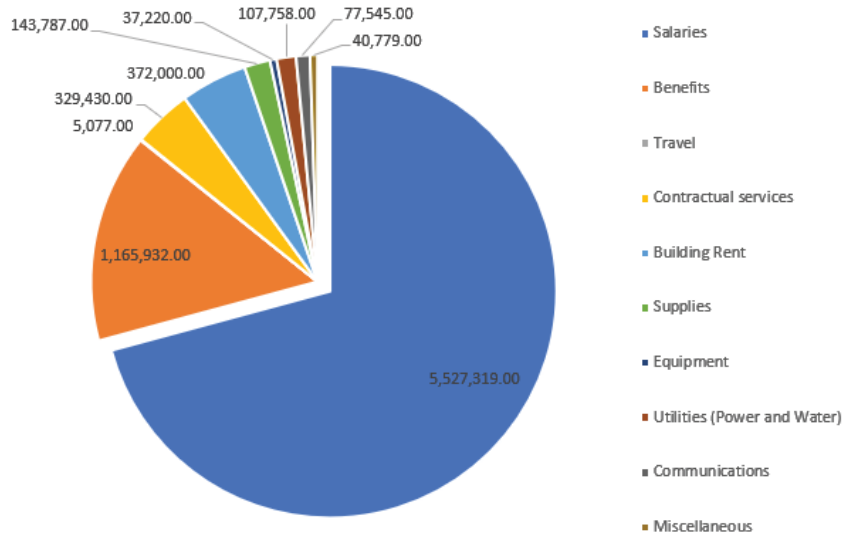


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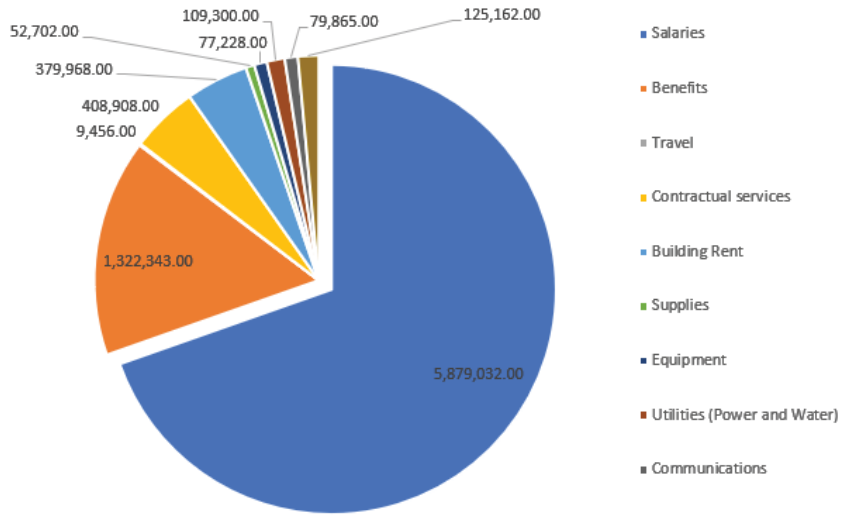
FISCAL YEAR 2020

CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	5,527,319.00
Benefits	1,165,932.00
Travel	5,077.00
Contractual services	329,430.00
Building Rent	372,000.00
Supplies	143,787.00
Equipment	37,220.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	107,758.00
Communications	77,545.00
Miscellaneous	40,779.00
TOTAL	7,806,847.00



FISCAL YEAR 2021

CATEGORIES	EXPENSES
Salaries	5,879,032.00
Benefits	1,322,343.00
Travel	9,456.00
Contractual services	408,908.00
Building Rent	379,968.00
Supplies	52,702.00
Equipment	77,228.00
Utilities (Power and Water)	109,300.00
Communications	79,865.00
Miscellaneous	125,162.00
TOTAL	8,443,964.00





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Guam Congress Building

The Legislature is committed to governance that is transparent, accountable, and available to all. To do this, the Legislature has achieved the following goals:

- We have created a more transparent branch via a more accessible legislative process for the public via virtual public hearings to ensure every voice is heard.
- Utilizing a more interactive legislative process for the public via website interaction.
- Creating more improvements to fiscal reports to ensure accurate data for audits.

Goals

- The legislature is presently conducting a user utility assessment of its website. That assessment will be the basis of a planned update/redesign in the coming term. Our focus will be reliability, intuitiveness, and searchability.
- Management must devise a short-term plan for the digitization of clerk related duties at session. This includes digital transcription, amendment tracking, and engrossment. To the extent possible, this plan must be drafted and presented to COR prior to the next budget cycle.
- After nearly six years of operation, the Guam Congress Building must plan for the replacement of major equipment like it AC and chiller units. Advanced planning is vital in light of serious delays in manufacturing and supply chain management



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Attached is The Guam Legislature's Citizen Centric Report for FY 2021.

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