

Montgomery County Budget Highlights and Facts

FOR YEAR ENDING 9/30/2008

2007 Average Home Value	\$164,813
2007 County Tax Rate	\$0.4888/\$100
Average Annual County Tax	\$805.61
Average Monthly County Tax	\$67.13

REVENUES:

Property Tax	\$129,523,612
Licenses/Permits	\$7,534,745
Fees/Fines/Forfeitures	\$15,225,394
Grants	\$2,749,533
Other	<u>\$11,624,359</u>
Total Revenues	\$166,657,693

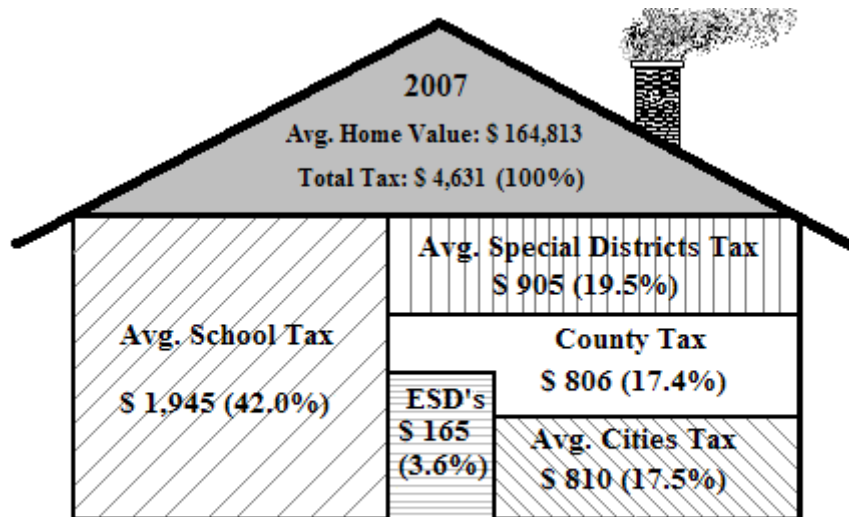
EXPENDITURES:

<u>Activity/Dept.</u>	
Law Enforcement	\$55,305,455
Transportation	\$18,389,981
Public Services	\$15,477,233
Administration	\$15,325,670
Courts	\$19,650,347
Legal Services	\$2,252,914
Library System	\$7,397,121
Debt Service	\$20,718,712
Other	<u>\$12,140,260</u>
Total Expenditures	\$166,657,693

FACTS ABOUT COUNTY TAXES:

1. The monthly \$67 funds **654** law enforcement officers for the Sheriff and 5 Constables. This is an increase of 23 officers this year.
2. The monthly \$67 funds the staff for 7 Libraries.
3. The monthly \$67 funds 7 district courts, 4 county courts, and 5 Justice of the Peace courts. This is adding 2 new district courts this year.
4. The monthly \$67 funds 4 County Commissioner's road and bridge budgets.
5. The monthly \$67 funds the County and District Clerk.
6. The monthly \$67 funds the County and District Attorney.
7. County Taxpayers approved a \$160,000,000 road bond issue in 2005, total debt increased by \$7,200,000 and added **.0311** cents to the tax rate in 2007. By lowering tax rate for debt with new added value, net total tax rate dropped by ¼ cent.
8. County saves 65 taxing units over \$1,600,000 annually by using consolidated tax collections.
9. County Tax normally represents less than 20% of your total Tax Bill.
10. County has more that 83% of population living in unincorporated areas that require County and special district services to offset City services not available.

Note: Montgomery County is now 10th largest county (out of 254 in Texas) based on number of registrations/title for MVD and has an estimated population of 405,000.



**Above Calculations DO NOT include exemptions other than School's \$15,000
Averages represent only taxing units collected by the County**