

Montgomery County Budget Highlights and Facts

FOR YEAR ENDING 9/30/2013

2012 Average Home Value	\$198,320
2012 County Tax Rate	\$0.4838/\$100
Average Annual County Tax	\$959.47
Average Monthly County Tax	\$79.96

REVENUES:

Property Tax	\$175,096,640
Licenses/Permits	\$7,392,049
Fees/Fines/Forfeitures	\$19,615,407
Grants	\$3,075,259
Other	<u>\$59,032,029</u>
Total Revenues	\$264,543,689

EXPENDITURES:

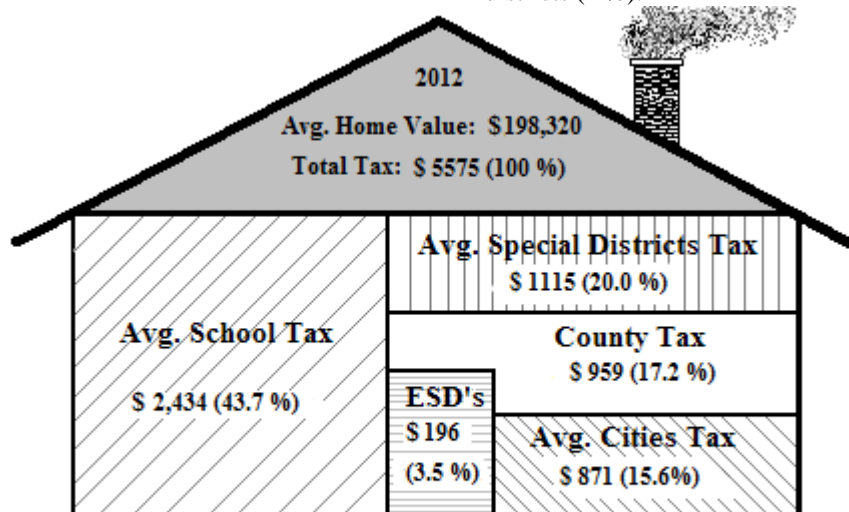
Activity/Dept.

Law Enforcement	\$91,026,116
Transportation	\$24,113,974
Public Services	\$34,361,146
Administration	\$25,075,813
Courts	\$28,200,424
Legal Services	\$3,047,027
Library System	\$8,901,435
Debt Service	\$38,959,002
Other	<u>\$10,858,752</u>
Total Expenditures	\$264,543,689

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 over 475,000.

FACTS ABOUT COUNTY TAXES:

1. The monthly \$80 funds **717** law enforcement officers for the Sheriff and 5 Constables. This is an increase of 2 officers this year.
2. The monthly \$80 funds the staff for 7 Libraries.
3. The monthly \$80 funds 7 district courts, 5 county courts, and 5 Justice of the Peace courts. This added 2 new district courts and one new county court at law in 2009.
4. The monthly \$80 funds 4 County Commissioner's road and bridge budgets.
5. The monthly \$80 funds the County and District Clerk.
6. The monthly \$80 funds the County and District Attorney.
7. County Debt Service Tax is .0659/\$100. This is the 3rd year in a row it has been reduced. Most of reduction is from reimbursed state and federal funding for roads, jail and a state mental health facility.
8. County saves 79 taxing units over \$1,730,000 annually by using consolidated tax collections.
9. County Tax normally represents less than 18% of your total Tax Bill.
10. County has more than 80% of population living in unincorporated areas that require County and special district services to offset City services not available.
11. **This year the average home value went up by 0.5% and the average tax on a home went up by 0.5%.**
12. Largest tax increase on average home was due to special districts (4 %) and largest tax decrease was due to school districts (4 %).



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