

Montgomery County Budget Highlights and Facts

FOR YEAR ENDING 9/30/2009

2008 Average Home Value	\$183,462
2008 County Tax Rate	\$0.4838/\$100
Average Annual County Tax	\$887.59
Average Monthly County Tax	\$73.97

REVENUES:

Property Tax	\$143,073,600
Licenses/Permits	\$7,929,588
Fees/Fines/Forfeitures	\$15,548,534
Grants	\$2,648,359
Other	<u>\$31,502,026</u>
Total Revenues	\$200,702,107

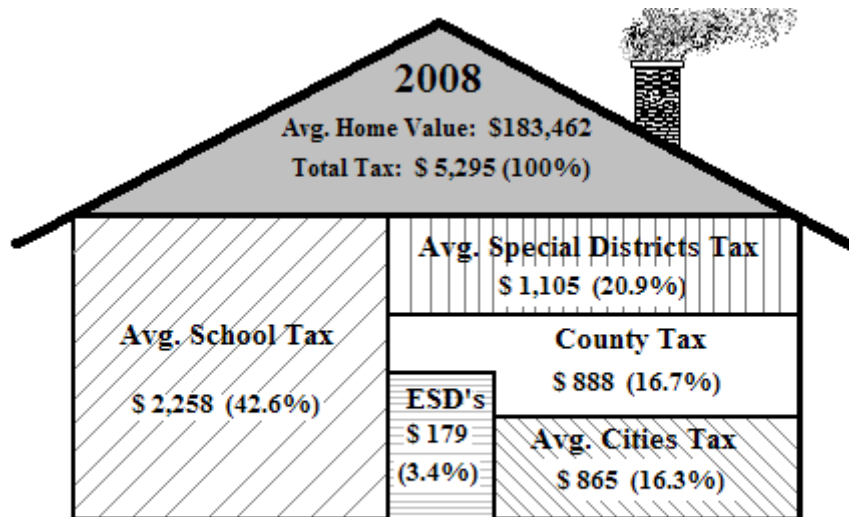
EXPENDITURES:

<u>Activity/Dept.</u>	
Law Enforcement	\$78,267,465
Transportation	\$20,327,131
Public Services	\$16,627,665
Administration	\$16,481,667
Courts	\$23,338,445
Legal Services	\$2,757,504
Library System	\$8,336,059
Debt Service	\$23,022,850
Other	<u>\$11,543,321</u>
Total Expenditures	\$200,702,107

FACTS ABOUT COUNTY TAXES:

1. The monthly \$74 funds **662** law enforcement officers for the Sheriff and 5 Constables. This is an increase of 8 officers this year.
2. The monthly \$74 funds the staff for 7 Libraries.
3. The monthly \$74 funds 7 district courts, 5 county courts, and 5 Justice of the Peace courts. This is adding 2 new district courts this year.
4. The monthly \$74 funds 4 County Commissioner's road and bridge budgets.
5. The monthly \$74 funds the County and District Clerk.
6. The monthly \$74 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 $\frac{3}{4}$ cent in the past two years.
8. County saves 67 taxing units over \$1,600,000 annually by using consolidated tax collections.
9. County Tax normally represents less than 17% of your total Tax Bill.
10. County has more that 80% 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 435,000.



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