

Montgomery County Budget Highlights and Facts

FOR YEAR ENDING 9/30/2012

2011 Average Home Value	\$197,341
2011 County Tax Rate	\$0.4838/\$100
Average Annual County Tax	\$954.74
Average Monthly County Tax	\$79.56

REVENUES:

Property Tax	\$166,075,150
Licenses/Permits	\$7,292,116
Fees/Fines/Forfeitures	\$17,455,407
Grants	\$3,193,911
Other	<u>\$56,180,610</u>
Total Revenues	\$250,197,194

EXPENDITURES:

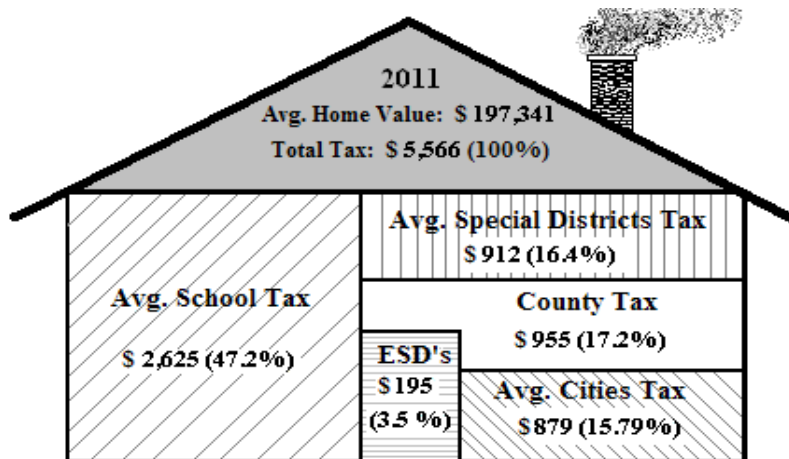
Activity/Dept.

Law Enforcement	\$85,865,544
Transportation	\$23,604,108
Public Services	\$32,716,930
Administration	\$23,346,729
Courts	\$26,140,885
Legal Services	\$2,930,811
Library System	\$8,554,818
Debt Service	\$36,247,931
Other	<u>\$10,789,438</u>
Total Expenditures	\$250,197,194

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 455,750.

FACTS ABOUT COUNTY TAXES:

1. The monthly \$80 funds **715** law enforcement officers for the Sheriff and 5 Constables. This is an increase of 45 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 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 additional state pass-thru revenues from bonds, debt tax rate dropped due to debt obligation reduction of \$7,397,100.
8. County saves 73 taxing units over \$1,600,000 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 2.5% and the average tax on a home went up by 2.5%.**



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