

Where Does Your 2011 County Property Tax Dollar Go?

Question: How will the Eau Claire County property tax levy be distributed in calendar year 2011?

Answer: The county's mill rate for calendar year 2011 is \$3.69/\$1,000. For every \$1,000 of equalized property value, the county levy is \$3.69 of county tax. For instance, the county's property tax on a \$150,000 home would be \$553.50. This is arrived at by the following: (\$3.69 / \$1,000 = .00369. .00369 X \$150,000 = \$553.50.)

Question: What programs and service areas does Eau Claire County fund and what percent of levy is applied?

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>% of Levy</u>	<u>Property Tax Support (\$)</u>
Sheriff	25.90%	\$ 143.36 (per year)
Human Services	23.20%	\$ 128.41 (per year)
General Government*	12.20%	\$ 67.53 (per year)
Debt Service	11.80%	\$ 65.31 (per year)
Highway	5.60%	\$ 31.00 (per year)
Judicial	4.30%	\$ 23.80 (per year)
Communication Center	3.60%	\$ 19.93 (per year)
Planning & Development	3.00%	\$ 16.61 (per year)
City-County Health Department	2.80%	\$ 15.50 (per year)
Children's Court Services/Detention	2.30%	\$ 12.73 (per year)
Resource Agencies	1.50%	\$ 8.30 (per year)
Airport	1.00%	\$ 5.54 (per year)
UW Extension	0.90%	\$ 4.98 (per year)
Beaver Creek Reserve	0.50%	\$ 2.77 (per year)
Parks & Forest	0.40%	\$ 2.21 (per year)
Contingency Fund	0.30%	\$ 1.66 (per year)
Aging & Disability Resource Center	0.30%	\$ 1.66 (per year)
Contingency Fund	0.30%	\$ 1.66 (per year)
Child Support	0.20%	\$ 1.11 (per year)
Capital Projects	0.10%	\$ 0.55 (per year)

Question: For the amount that is applied to each program area above, are we spending too much money per year for services/goods/programs that are delivered? How does the county tax levy paid by residents each year compare with services we need/want on a yearly basis?

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| a. | Gasoline | \$2000-\$3,000 / year |
| b. | Cell Phones | \$500-\$1000 / year (depends upon package) |
| c. | Cable TV (Extended Basic) | \$700 / per year (depends upon package) |
| d. | Health Club Memberships | \$600 - \$900 / per year |

* General Government includes the following budgets: County Board, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Administrator, Human Resources, Information Systems, Purchasing, Finance, Register of Deeds, Maintenance, Corporation Counsel, Insurances

