

## Where Does Your 2015 County Property Tax Dollar Go?

Question: How will the Eau Claire County property tax levy be distributed in calendar year 2015?

Answer: The county's mill rate for calendar year 2015 is \$3.972/\$1,000. To determine what the county property tax would be on a \$150,000 home, divide the mill rate into \$1,000, then multiply \$150,000. County property tax would be \$595.80. ( $\$3.972 / \$1,000 = .003972$ .  $.003972 \times \$150,000 = \$595.80$ )

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	25.50%	\$ 151.93 (per year)
Human Services	19.00%	\$ 113.20 (per year)
General Government*	14.20%	\$ 84.60 (per year)
Debt Service	14.60%	\$ 86.99 (per year)
Judicial	5.60%	\$ 33.36 (per year)
Highway	4.50%	\$ 26.81 (per year)
Communication Center	3.60%	\$ 21.45 (per year)
City-County Health Department	2.70%	\$ 16.09 (per year)
Planning & Development	2.80%	\$ 16.68 (per year)
Children's Court Services/Detention	1.60%	\$ 9.53 (per year)
Library Charges	1.50%	\$ 8.94 (per year)
Resource Agencies	1.50%	\$ 8.94 (per year)
Airport	1.00%	\$ 5.96 (per year)
UW Extension	0.70%	\$ 4.17 (per year)
Beaver Creek Reserve	0.50%	\$ 2.98 (per year)
Contingency Fund	0.20%	\$ 1.19 (per year)
Aging & Disability Resource Center	0.30%	\$ 1.79 (per year)
Parks & Forest	0.10%	\$ 0.60 (per year)
Capital Projects	<u>0.10%</u>	<u>\$ 0.60</u> (per year)
	100.00%	\$ 595.80

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 / Smart Phones                     | \$750-\$1500 / year (depends upon package) |
| c. | Communications (Cable, Dish, Internet Service) | \$750+ / 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, Veterans, Corporation Counsel/Child Support & Insurances

