

Where Does Your 2010 County Property Tax Dollar Go?

Question: How will the Eau Claire County property tax levy be distributed in calendar year 2010?

Answer: The county's mill rate for calendar year 2010 is \$3.58/\$1,000. For every \$1,000 of equalized property value, the county levy is \$3.58 of county tax. For instance, the county's property tax on a \$150,000 home would be \$537. This is arrived at by the following:
 (\$3.58 / \$1,000 = .00358. .00358 X \$150,000 = \$537.)

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>
Human Services	23.60%	\$ 126.73 (per year)
Sheriff	25.00%	\$ 134.25 (per year)
Debt Service	13.10%	\$ 70.35 (per year)
General Government*	12.10%	\$ 64.98 (per year)
Highway	5.70%	\$ 30.61 (per year)
Communication Ctr.	3.60%	\$ 19.33 (per year)
Planning & Development	3.00%	\$ 16.11 (per year)
Judicial	3.60%	\$ 19.33 (per year)
City-County Health Department	2.70%	\$ 14.50 (per year)
Children's Court Services/Detention	1.80%	\$ 9.67 (per year)
Resource Agencies	1.50%	\$ 8.06 (per year)
Airport	1.00%	\$ 5.37 (per year)
UW Extension	0.80%	\$ 4.30 (per year)
Capital Projects	0.10%	\$ 0.54 (per year)
Beaver Creek Reserve	0.50%	\$ 2.69 (per year)
Parks & Forest	0.40%	\$ 2.15 (per year)
Child Support	0.40%	\$ 2.15 (per year)
Contingency Fund	0.30%	\$ 1.61 (per year)
Aging & Disability Resource Center	0.20%	\$ 1.07 (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?

- 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, Personnel, Information Systems, Purchasing, Finance, Register of Deeds, Maintenance, Corporation Counsel, Insurances

