

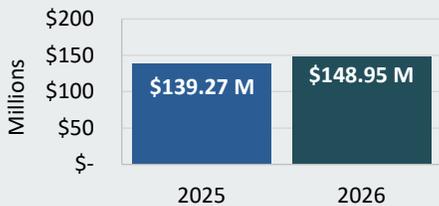
Washington County Facts about your 2026 County Property Taxes

The Washington County proposed 2026 budget and property tax levy supports the delivery of federal and state mandated services, as well as essential functions of county government. The budget is being impacted by a growing population, increased service demands, and rising costs of goods and services.

Participate in a public meeting on the 2026 county budget at 6 p.m. December 2 in the Board Room of the Government Center, 14949 North 62nd Street in Stillwater.

2026 Tax Levy

6.95% Increase



The county's levy per capita is the third lowest among the 87 Minnesota counties.

Tax Impact to Homeowners

Estimated tax impact on various residential homesteads based on 1.7% median change in residential property value from 2025 to 2026



Property Tax Allocation

The county property tax levy accounts for **20 cents** of every dollar paid in property taxes, which funds county services. The remaining **80 cents** is sent to **other taxing districts**.



For more information on the county budget



WashingtonCountyMN.gov/Budget

AAA
Credit Rating

Washington County, Minnesota, is one of five counties in Minnesota and one of 87 counties nationally to have a triple-A credit rating from both S&P and Moody's rating agencies.

For more information on your property taxes



WashingtonCountyMN.gov/PropertyTax

What does Washington County provide to the community?



Library

The Library is committed to inspire curiosity, champion innovation and spark opportunity. It does this through services provided at the county's eight library branches, and through growing online resources.



Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office patrols county roadways, investigates crimes, serves and supports the legal system, maintains a safe jail environment, and promotes public safety through community involvement.



Public Works/Parks

Public Works plans, builds, and maintains the county's roads, bridges, and buildings. The department also oversees the county's 10 parks and trails, including the Historic Courthouse in Stillwater.



Community Services

Community Services works in partnership with public and private agencies to help people and families thrive and succeed. It provides an array of services, such as child protection, chemical dependency help, veterans services, and financial and employment services.



Public Health & Environment

Public Health and Environment provides services to protect, promote, and improve the community's health and the environment. It manages health programs to promote healthy communities. It operates the Environmental Center and organizes recycling services.



Property Records and Taxpayer Services

Property Records and Taxpayer Services provides taxation, assessment, recording, land records, licensing, and elections services to the residents of Washington County.



Community Corrections

Community Corrections provides probation and parole supervision of both adults and juveniles in the community. Community-based supervision is an effective tool in achieving public safety in a fiscally responsible manner.



County Attorney

The County Attorney's Office provides criminal prosecution in the county, serves as the civil counsel for county business, and provides crime prevention services in the community.



Human Resources

Human Resources assists the county in attracting and retaining qualified employees. It recruits in accordance with equal employment opportunity principles and serves as the central point for employee relations, labor relations, and risk management.



Information Technology

Information Technology guides the county through efficient, effective, and high-quality technical services and solutions to enhance delivery of services and programs.



Accounting and Finance

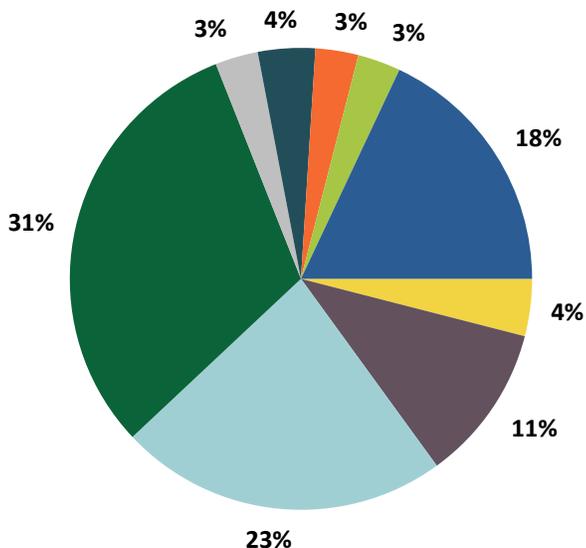
Accounting and Finance manages the county's financial resources to ensure transparency, accountability, and the effective and efficient handling of public funds. This includes overseeing business processes, collections, disbursements, and financial assets.



Administration

The Office of Administration provides leadership in carrying out decisions, policies, ordinances, and resolutions of the Board of Commissioners, and provides information and guidance in helping the elected officials make critical decisions about services for now and the future.

How does the county spend its portion of property taxes?



- Highway Construction and Maintenance **31%**
- Health and Human Service **23%**
- General Government **11%**
- Debt Payments **4%**
- Public Safety **18%**
- Property and Taxation **3%**
- Other Capital Outlay **3%**
- Libraries and Parks **4%**
- Information Technology **3%**