



WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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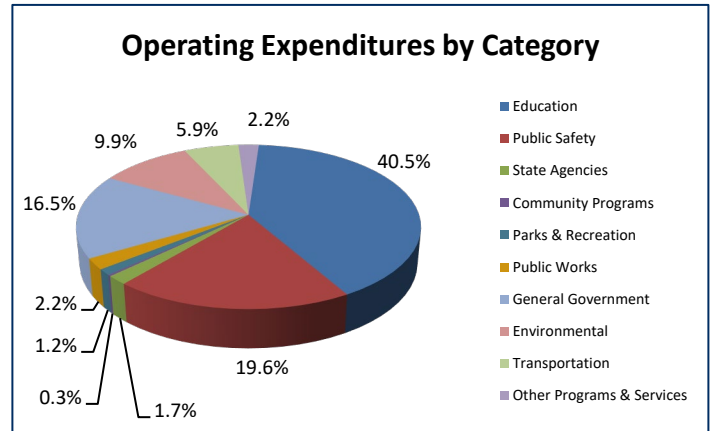
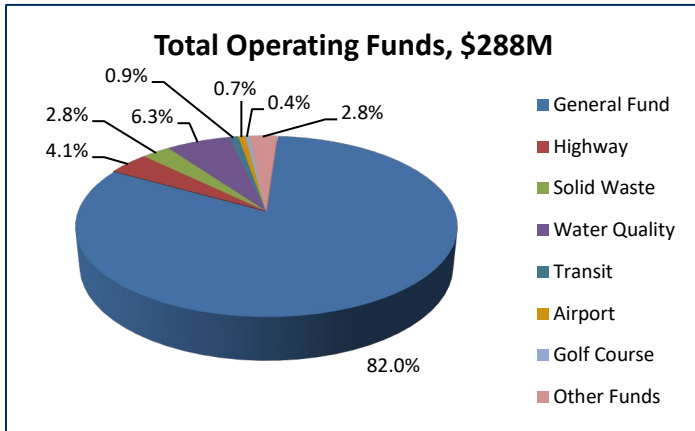
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Washington County is located in northwestern Maryland, bordered by Pennsylvania to the north and West Virginia to the south. It is bordered on the east by Frederick County, Maryland and on the west by Allegany County, Maryland. Washington County is approximately 70 miles from Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland. Two major highways, Interstate 81 – running north and south, and Interstate 70 – running east and west, cross within Washington County’s borders. The County is a body corporate and politic and is a mid-size, multi-service local government serving the needs of approximately 151,050 residents with nine incorporated municipalities. Under public local law both the executive and legislative functions of the County are vested in the elected, five member Board of County Commissioners of Washington County. The County Commissioners are elected on a county-wide basis and serve four-year terms. Other elected County funded positions include County Sheriff, Treasurer, and State’s Attorney.

Information provided below indicates where Washington County ranks within Maryland Counties for the services and statistics provided among 23 counties and Baltimore City for FY2017, the most recent available year.

Population Rank	11th
Property Tax per capita	20th
Per pupil local funding	18th
Expenditure per capita	23rd
Revenue per capita	23rd

## FINANCIAL STATS

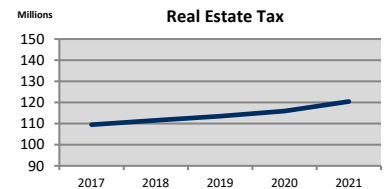


Washington County will spend approximately \$288 million annually on public services in FY2021. The General Fund budget represents the County's largest fund at \$236 million. Major revenues that make up the General Fund budget are Property Tax, Local Income Tax, and Other Local Taxes including Recordation Tax, Service Fees, and Intergovernmental Grants. General Fund dollars are spent on Education, Public Safety, Debt Service, General Government, Courts, State Agencies, Community Programs, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and sometimes support other funds through an intergovernmental transfer.

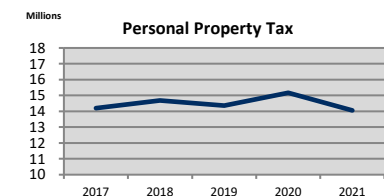
## MAJOR REVENUE TRENDS

The following information summarizes key revenue sources that affect the County's overall financial condition. Many of these revenues change with the economy. Amounts reflect distributions received as of the reported date. The revenue graphs to the right reflect total actual revenues collected for each of the prior fiscal years and the projected total annual revenue based on existing trends for the current year. The current year will change as the year progresses.

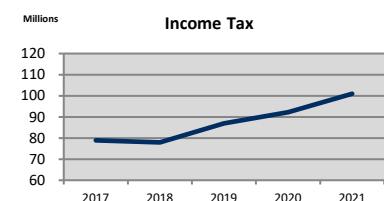
Real Estate Tax				
Year-to-Date		Budget Variance		Actual Growth
Budget	Revenues	\$	%	PY vs. CY %
119,322,020	120,440,767	1,118,747	0.9%	3.2%



Personal Property Tax				
Year-to-Date		Budget Variance		Actual Growth
Budget	Revenues	\$	%	PY vs. CY %
11,964,797	6,672,239	(5,292,558)	(44.2%)	(41.8%)

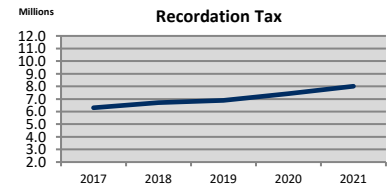


Income Tax				
Year-to-Date		Budget Variance		Actual Growth
Budget	Revenues	\$	%	PY vs. CY %
25,424,618	36,049,994	10,625,376	41.8%	40.5%

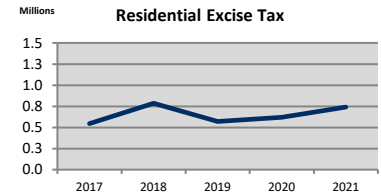


## MAJOR REVENUE TRENDS (CONTINUED)

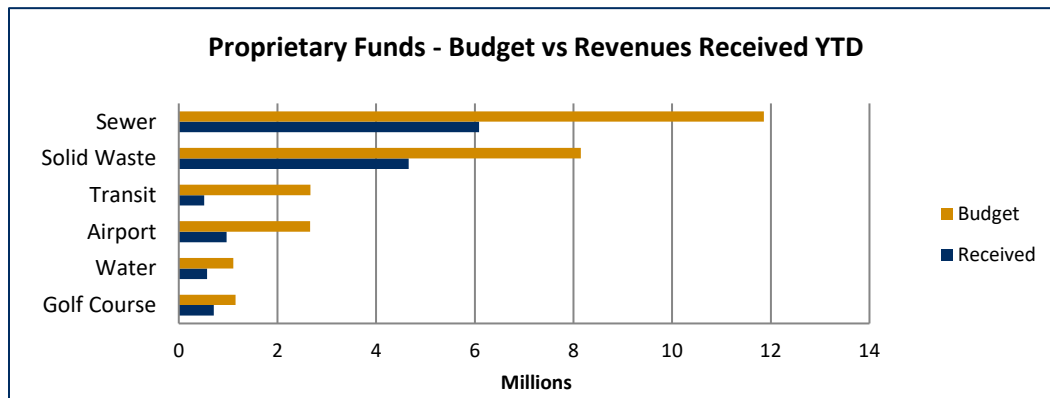
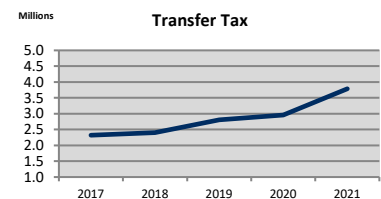
Recordation Tax				
Year-to-Date		Budget Variance		Actual Growth
Budget	Revenues	\$	%	PY vs. CY %
3,156,191	5,218,403	2,062,212	65.3%	38.4%



Residential Excise Tax				
Year-to-Date		Budget Variance		Actual Growth
Budget	Revenues	\$	%	PY vs. CY %
310,340	501,797	191,457	61.7%	49.3%



Transfer Tax				
Year-to-Date		Budget Variance		Actual Growth
Budget	Revenues	\$	%	PY vs. CY %
1,227,669	2,614,978	1,387,309	113.0%	71.7%



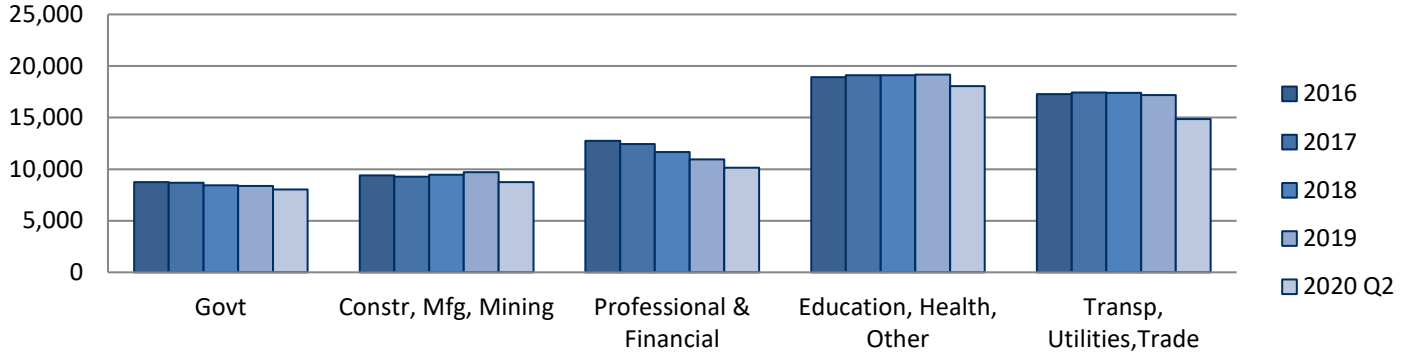
## SUMMARY OF MAJOR EXPENDITURE ACTIVITY

Expenditure Activity by Major Fund (in millions)					
Fund	Budget	Spent	Encumbered	Unexpended	% Expended
General	251.4	130.7	5.4	115.3	52%
Highway	11.7	4.6	0.8	6.3	39%
Solid Waste	8.2	3.1	1.9	3.2	38%
Water	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.6	49%
Sewer	11.9	5.3	0.2	6.4	45%
Transit	2.7	1.3	0.1	1.3	47%
Airport	2.7	1.4	0.2	1.1	53%
Golf Course	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.6	43%
Total	290.8	147.4	8.6	134.8	51%

The table to the left compares major year-to-date expenditure activity to budgeted funding. It incorporates the variance by dollar and percentage, along with total expenditure activity. Funds expended and encumbered should average around 50% if not subject to seasonal fluctuation.

## EMPLOYMENT DATA

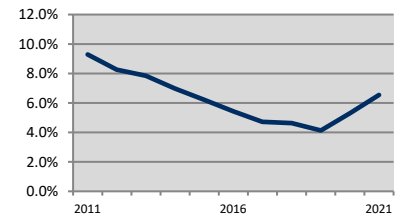
### Washington County Average Employment by Industry



### Employment Statistics - December

County				State	National
Fiscal Year	Number of Employed	Number of Unemployed	Unemployment	Unemployment	Unemployment
2020	74,077	2,470	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%
2021	66,702	3,886	5.5%	6.3%	6.7%

### Average Unemployment Rate

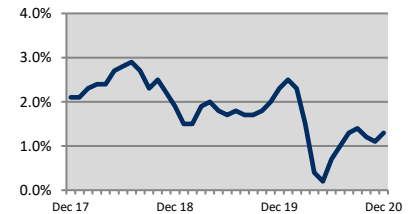


## SPENDING DATA

### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

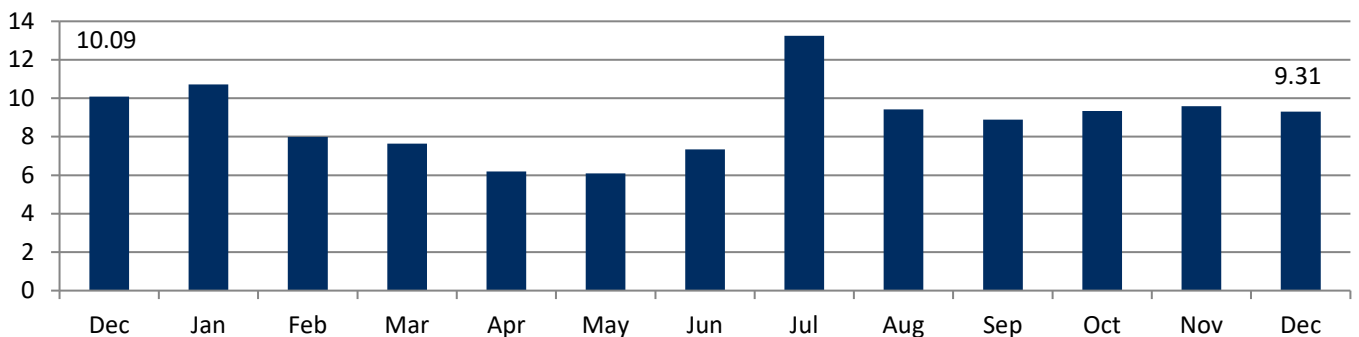
Current Period		Prior Period	
Index	Annual Change	Index	Annual Change
261.6	1.3%	258.4	2.3%

### Annualized CPI

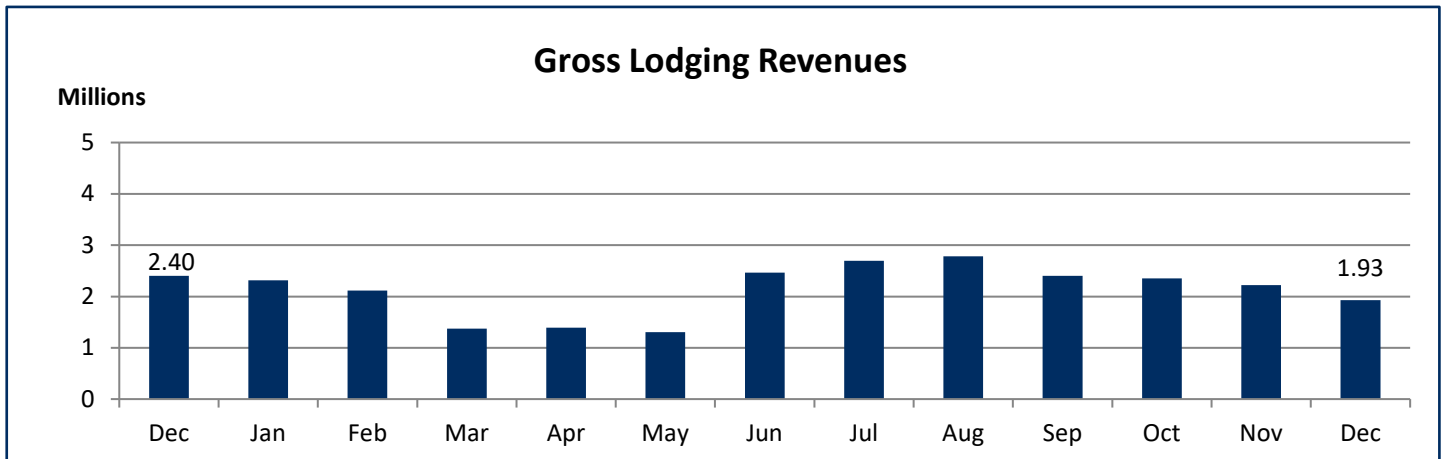


### Consumer Spending Patterns - Washington County Sales & Use Tax Collections

Millions

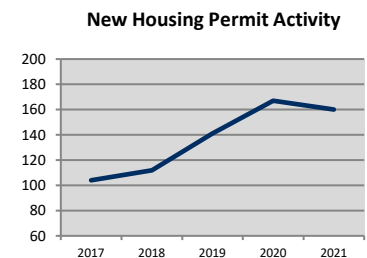


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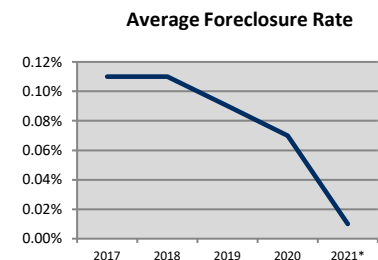
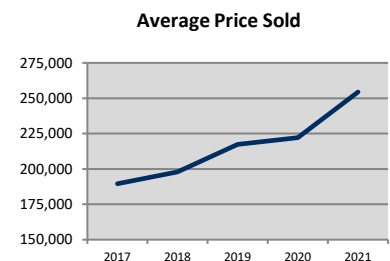


## HOUSING DATA

New Residential Housing Permits Issued				
Area	Prior YTD	Current YTD	Variance	
			# of Permits	% Change
Washington County	122	105	(17)	(13.9%)
City of Hagerstown	45	55	10	22.2%
Total	167	160	(7)	(4.2%)



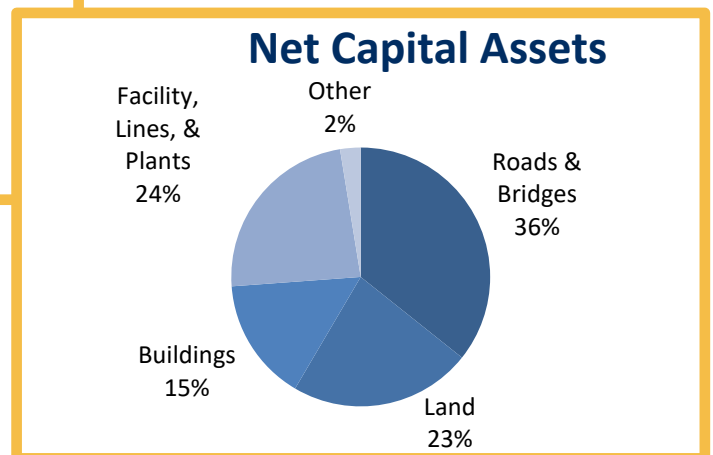
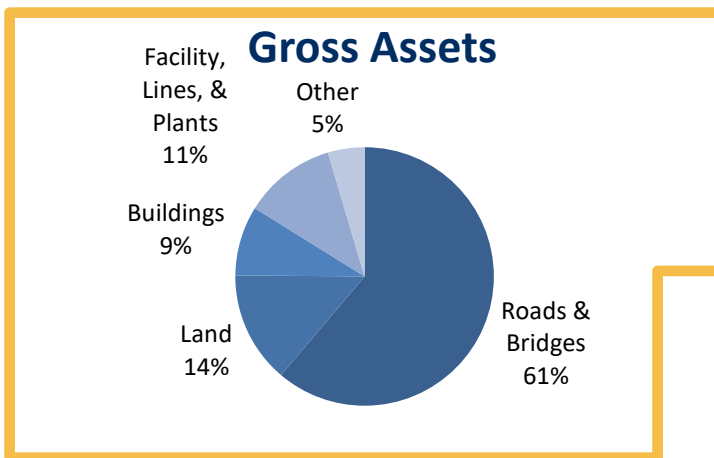
Washington County Housing Statistics			
Housing Activity:	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	% Change
Average Price Sold	222,044	254,378	14.6%
Total Units Sold	1042	1,162	11.5%
Average Inventory	641	274	(57.3%)
<b>Foreclosure Activity:</b>			
Average Foreclosure Rate:			
Washington County	0.07%	0.01%	(85.7%)
State of Maryland	0.07%	0.01%	(85.7%)
National	0.04%	0.01%	(75.0%)



\*per the CARES Act of 2020 a moratorium on foreclosures was enacted March 18, 2020 for covered properties. This includes properties with a federally backed mortgage or multifamily mortgage loan; or participates in a covered housing program or the rural housing voucher program.

# TOTAL FIXED ASSET BASE AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

Washington County Total Fixed Asset Base as of June 30, 2020		
	Total Cost	Net Capital Asset
Land & Improvements	272,986,064	151,724,039
Buildings & Improvements	170,894,855	102,535,216
Facilities, Lines, & Mains	125,623,728	86,465,828
Treatment Plants	100,653,865	70,824,803
Roads & Bridges	1,197,904,471	238,047,497
Machinery & Equipment	24,522,027	7,153,039
Vehicles	25,823,136	6,084,786
Office Furniture	1,244,972	54,370
Computer Equipment	38,063,095	3,816,013
	<b>1,957,716,213</b>	<b>666,705,591</b>



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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This report is designed to communicate the County's major financial trends for the indicated period since the issuance of the prior audited financial statements. The report is interim in nature and abbreviated in that it does not include details for all the various funds maintained by the County. Additionally, this report omits many of the required note disclosures typically found in a fiscal year-end financial statement report. The information contained here is intended to allow management to make limited assessments of near-term trends

that may have an impact on operations and financial results. Management views this interim period as an integral part of the annual period. This report includes information regarding some of the more notable recent developments that may impact County finances, along with summarized information relating to various operations within the County. This report is general in nature. The reader is cautioned that it does not provide the level of detail nor the comprehensive scope found in a fiscal year-end financial statement. Those desiring or needing such

information should contact the Office of Budget and Finance. We hope that you find this report informative and meaningful. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the Office of Budget and Finance at 240-313-2300.

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