



## Kent County, Maryland

Form of Government	Code Home Rule
When Adopted	1970
Number of Elected Officials	3 At-Large Commissioners
Term of Office	No Term Limits
County Meeting Dates	Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

<u>Name of Elected Official</u>	<u>Title and District</u>	<u>First Elected</u>
Ronald H. Fithian	Commissioner	1994
William W. Pickrum	Commissioner, President	2002
William A. Short	Commissioner	2014

<u>Demographics</u>		<u>Municipalities</u>	
<u>Population and Density</u>		<u>Number</u>	5
Land Area (sq. miles)	277	<u>Population</u>	7,868
Population	19,730	<u>% of Cnty Population</u>	39.9%
Population Density	71.2	<u>Largest</u>	Chestertown
<u>Racial Distribution</u>		<u>Recent Annexations</u>	-
White	77.8%	<u>County Management of Property Taxes</u>	No Differentials or Rebates
African American	14.7%		
Hispanic/Latino	4.5%		
Asian	1.1%		
American Indian	0.1%		
Native Hawaiian	0.0%		
Multi-Racial	1.7%		
<u>Other</u>		<u>FY 2019 Budget Actions</u>	
Median Household Income	\$ 55,028	Budget decreased by 0.8% over prior year. No tax increases. County provided 1.5% COLA to employees plus up to 2% based upon performance.	
Median Home Price	\$ 216,500		
% Persons Living in Poverty	14.0%		
Income Ranking Per Capita	14		

<u>Budget and Finance</u>		<u>K-12 Education (FY 2018)</u>	
FY 2019 General Fund Budget	\$49 million	<u>County Share</u>	56.4%
% of General Fund for Public Safety	22.9%	<u>State Share</u>	38.2%
% of General Fund for Education	36.8%	<u>Federal Share</u>	5.4%
<u>Tax</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>		
Property	\$ 1.02		
Income	2.85%		
Recordation	\$4.10		
Transfer	0.50%		
Hotel/Motel	5%		
Adm & Amusement	4.50%		
Impact Fee/Excise	-		
	<u>% Limit</u>		
Homestead Credit	5%		
Adequate Public Financing Ordinances	None		