



## Somerset County, Maryland

Form of Government	Commission
When Adopted	-
Number of Elected Officials	5 District Commissioners
Term of Office	No Term Limits
County Meeting Dates	Alternating Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

<u>Name of Elected Official</u>	<u>Title and District</u>	<u>First Elected</u>
Craig N. Mathies, Sr.	Commissioner, District 1	2010
Rex Simpkins	Commissioner, District 2	2006
Charles F. Fisher	Commissioner, District 3, Vice President	1990-2006; 2010
Jerry S. Boston	Commissioner, District 4	2010
Randy Laird	Commissioner, District 5, President	2010

<u>Demographics</u>		<u>Municipalities</u>	
<u>Population and Density</u>		<u>Number</u>	2
Land Area (sq. miles)	319.7	<u>Population</u>	6,286
Population	25,928	<u>% of Cnty Population</u>	24%
Population Density	81.1%	<u>Largest</u>	Princess Anne
<u>Racial Distribution</u>		<u>Recent Annexations</u>	-
White	51.4%	<u>County Management of Property Taxes</u>	Tax Rebate
African American	41.7%		
Hispanic/Latino	3.6%		
Asian	0.8%		
American Indian	0.4%		
Native Hawaiian	0.0%		
Multi-Racial	2.1%		
<u>Other</u>		<u>FY 2018 Budget</u>	
Median Household Income	\$ 35,886	Budget increased by 0.9% over prior year. No tax increases. County provided 3.5% salary adjustment increase to employees.	
Median Home Price	\$ 130,000		
% Persons Living in Poverty	25.1%		
Income Ranking Per Capita	24		

<u>Budget and Finance</u>		<u>K-12 Education (FY 2018)</u>	
FY 2018 General Fund Budget	\$38 Million	<u>County Share</u>	20.2%
% of General Fund for Public Safety	24.3%	<u>State Share</u>	72.2%
% of General Fund for Education	27.6%	<u>Federal Share</u>	7.6%

<u>Tax</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Property	100%
Income	3.20%
Recordation	\$3.30
Transfer	N/A
Hotel/Motel	5%
Adm & Amusement	4%
Impact Fee/Excise	-
	<u>% Limit</u>
Homestead Credit	10%

Adequate Public Financing Ordinances None