



## Worcester County, Maryland

<b>Form of Government</b>	Code Home Rule
<b>When Adopted</b>	1976
<b>Number of Elected Officials</b>	7 District Council members
<b>Term of Office</b>	No Term Limits
<b>County Meeting Dates</b>	First and third Tuesdays at 10:00 am

<u>Name of Elected Official</u>	<u>Title and District</u>	<u>First Elected</u>
Merrill W. Lockfaw, Jr.	Commissioner, District 1	2010
Diana Purnell	Commissioner, District 2, President	2014
James "Bud" Church	Commissioner, District 3	2002
Theodore "Ted" J. Elder	Commissioner, District 4, Vice President	2014
Anthony "Chip" Bertino, Jr.	Commissioner, District 5	2014
Madison J. Bunting, Jr.	Commissioner, District 6	2010
Joseph M. Mitrecic	Commissioner, District 7	2014

### Demographics

<u>Population and Density</u>	
Land Area (sq. miles)	468.3
Population	51,444
Population Density	109.9

### Racial Distribution

White	80.2%
African American	13.1%
Hispanic/Latino	3.4%
Asian	1.4%
American Indian	0.3%
Native Hawaiian	0.0%
Multi-Racial	1.6%

### Other

Median Household Income	\$ 57,227
Median Home Price	\$ 235,000
% Persons Living in Poverty	11.4%
Income Ranking Per Capita	12

### Municipalities

Number	4
Population	17,779
% of Cnty Population	34.6%
Largest	Ocean City

### Recent Annexations

County Management of Property Taxes	No Differentials or Rebates
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### FY 2019 Budget Actions

Budget decreased by 4.47% over prior year. No tax increases. County provided 1% COLA and a 2.5% step increment for eligible employees.

### Budget and Finance

FY 2019 General Fund Budget

\$190 million

K-12 Education (FY 2018)

% of General Fund for Public Safety  
% of General Fund for Education

13.0%  
47.3%

County Share 72.6%  
State Share 22.9%  
Federal Share .5%

### Tax

Property  
Income  
Recordation  
Transfer  
Hotel/Motel  
Adm & Amusement  
Impact Fee/Excise

### Tax Rate

0.835  
1.75%  
\$3.30  
0.50%  
4.50%  
3%  
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### % Limit

Homestead Credit

3%

Adequate Public Financing Ordinances

None