



## Charles County, Maryland

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Form of Government</b>          | Code Home Rule  |
| <b>When Adopted</b>                | 2002  |
| <b>Number of Elected Officials</b> | Commission President At-large, 4 District Commissioners, Elected at-large |
| <b>Term of Office</b>              | No Term Limits  |
| <b>County Meeting Dates</b>        | Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays as needed.                          |

| <u>Name of Elected Official</u> | <u>Title and District</u>                | <u>First Elected</u> |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq.     | Commissioner, President                  | 2018                 |
| Gilbert O. Bowling, III         | Commissioner, District 1                 | 2018                 |
| Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.       | Commissioner, District 2                 | 2018                 |
| Amanda M. Stewart               | Commissioner, District 3                 | 2014                 |
| Bobby Rucci                     | Commissioner, District 4, Vice President | 2010                 |

### Demographics

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Population and Density</b> |         |
| Land Area (sq. miles)         | 457.8   |
| Population                    | 157,671 |
| Population Density            | 344.4   |

### Racial Distribution

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| White            | 45.5% |
| African American | 44.4% |
| Hispanic/Latino  | 5.6%  |
| Asian            | 3.1%  |
| American Indian  | 0.5%  |
| Native Hawaiian  | 0.0%  |
| Multi-Racial     | 5.7%  |

### Other

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Median Household Income     | \$ 95,924  |
| Median Home Price           | \$ 302,800 |
| % Persons Living in Poverty | 6.1%       |
| Income Ranking Per Capita   | 13         |

### Municipalities

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Number               | 3        |
| Population           | 13,275   |
| % of Cnty Population | 8%       |
| Largest              | La Plata |

### Recent Annexations

LaPlata - Small PUD

### County Management of Property Taxes

Tax Differential

### FY 2020 Budget Actions

Budget increased by 5.1% over prior year. No tax increases. County provided performance-based merit increases and a 1% COLA for general county employees.

### Budget and Finance

|                                     |               |                          |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------|
| FY 2020 General Fund Budget         | \$416,034,500 | K-12 Education (FY 2019) |       |
| % of General Fund for Public Safety | 26.9%         | County Share             | 45.7% |
| % of General Fund for Education     | 46.2%         | State Share              | 51.0% |
|                                     |               | Federal Share            | 3.3%  |

### Tax

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Property        | 1.141  |
| Income          | 3.03%  |
| Recordation     | \$5.00 |
| Transfer        | 0.50%  |
| Hotel/Motel     | 5%     |
| Adm & Amusement | 10%    |

### FY 2020 Tax Rate

### % Limit

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Homestead Credit | 7% |
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### Adequate Public Financing Ordinances

Yes. Facilities or services include schools, roads, water supply, and fire.