



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
Robert Jacob	Commissioner	2018
Tom Mason	Commissioner, President	2018

<u>Demographics</u>		<u>Municipalities</u>	
<u>Population and Density</u>		Number	5
Land Area (sq. miles)	277	Population	7,789
Population	19,593	% of Cnty Population	40%
Population Density	70.7	Largest	Chestertown
<u>Racial Distribution</u>		Recent Annexations	-
White	81.4%	County Management of Property Taxes	No Differentials or Rebates
African American	14.4%		
Hispanic/Latino	4.3%		
Asian	1.3%		
American Indian	0.1%		
Native Hawaiian	0.0%		
Multi-Racial	2.0%		
<u>Other</u>		<u>FY 2020 Budget Actions</u>	
Median Household Income	\$ 55,009	Budget decreased by 2.9% over prior year. County increased income taxes by 0.35%. County provided 1% COLA to employees plus 2% average step or raise.	
Median Home Price	\$ 244,200		
% Persons Living in Poverty	12.3%		
Income Ranking Per Capita	10		

<u>Budget and Finance</u>			
FY 2020 General Fund Budget	\$49,358,382	<u>K-12 Education (FY 2019)</u>	
% of General Fund for Public Safety	22.6%	County Share	56.2%
% of General Fund for Education	38.3%	State Share	37.8%
		Federal Share	6.0%

<u>Tax</u>	<u>FY 2020 Tax Rate</u>
Property	\$ 1.02
Income	3.20%
Recordation	\$3.30
Transfer	0.50%
Hotel/Motel	5%
Adm & Amusement	4.50%

	<u>% Limit</u>
Homestead Credit	5%

Adequate Public Financing Ordinances None