

CHANGE OF BILLING ADDRESS

In Maryland, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) is the official custodian of all addresses relative to State, County, and municipal taxes. If you wish to change your mailing address you must notify SDAT. Please note that failure to change the mailing address does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to pay the property tax bill. If you have moved, or if your address is incorrect, submit your correct PERMANENT address change only, then detach and mail to:

Supervisor of Assessments and Taxation
Dorchester County
P.O. Box 488
Cambridge, MD 21613

PLEASE PRINT

Property ID

Name of Property Owner

House Number and Street Name

Supplemental Address (care of, etc.)

City, State and ZIP Code

Phone Number

Property Owner Signature

Do not use this form to change names shown on the tax bill. For information about changing names, call the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at (410) 228-3380.

Tax Year & Rates

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Real Property is assessed at 100% of market value

State Real Property Tax Rate:
\$0.112 per \$100 of assessment

County Real Property Tax Rate:
\$1.0000 per \$100 of assessment
\$0.9267 per \$100 of assessment in Cambridge
\$0.9179 per \$100 of assessment in Hurlock

Assessment Information

All real property in the County is subject to taxation, except that which is specifically exempt. Each property is assessed every three years by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT). For more details and questions about your assessment and the appeal process, please contact SDAT at (410)228-3380 or visit their website at www.dat.maryland.gov.

Questions About Tax Calculations

Questions about tax calculations or payments should be directed to Dorchester County Department of Finance, Treasury Division at (410) 228-4343.

County Owned Property For Sale



For a list of available properties and a bid form, please call (410) 228-7291 or visit our website at www.dorchestercountymd.com.



2020 Taxpayer Information BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Income Tax Rate Change

The County Council adopted an income tax rate of 3.20%, which is an increase of 0.58 over the previous rate of 2.62%. This change is expected to generate \$1 million in new revenue for fiscal 2020. This new rate qualifies the County to receive the highest level of disparity grant funding from the State of Maryland, expected to be \$1 million new recurring funding beginning in fiscal 2021.

Investment in Education, Roads, Public Safety

The County Council, in collaboration with the Dorchester County Public Schools, funded \$500,000 for the Kirwan Commission Teacher Salary Challenge, ensuring our teachers pay will increase by at least 3%. Our fiscal 2020 budget also includes \$1.5 million in new debt service for the construction of North Dorchester High School, \$0.7 million in new debt service for the replacement of the public safety radio system, and \$1 million of capital funding for roads and highway facilities.

No Change to Property Tax Rate

The County Council made no changes to the property tax rates or municipal tax differentials for fiscal 2020. The real property tax rate was set at \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value.

Homestead Property Tax Credit

To assist homeowners who are affected by large assessment increases, the State of Maryland, Dorchester County, and municipalities limit the annual taxable assessment increase to a percent set by law. This limit is not applicable the first year following the purchase of a home, and therefore the taxable assessment may be substantially higher than it was for the previous owner. If you are eligible but did not receive the credit or wish to learn more about the program, please contact SDAT at (410) 228-3380 or visit their website at www.dat.maryland.gov. For Fiscal Year 2020, the limits are 10% for the State of Maryland, 10% for the Town of Hurlock, 5% for Dorchester County and all remaining municipalities.

Homeowners Property Tax Credit

The Homeowners Property Tax Credit is administered by SDAT. This tax credit is granted to eligible homeowners of all ages. Applications for this program must be filed each year by September 1st. The program provides tax credits for homeowners who qualify on the basis of their household income as compared to their tax bill. For further information or to obtain an application form, contact SDAT at 1-800-944-7403, or visit their website at www.dat.maryland.gov.

Constant Yield Tax Rate

In the last taxable year the county real property tax rate was \$1.00 per \$100 of assessment, and the certified assessment of the net assessable real property was \$1,895,724,100. The assessment multiplied by the rate produced real property tax revenues of \$18,957,241.

For this taxable year the certified assessment of the net assessable real property is \$1,906,965,432. To produce the same real property tax revenues as last year the real property tax rate would be 0.9941 per \$100 of assessment. This rate is called the constant yield tax rate.

For this taxable year the actual real property tax rate is \$1.00 per \$100 of assessment, which is different from the constant yield tax rate. The rate is 0.6% more than the constant yield tax rate and will produce in real property tax revenues \$112,413 more than would be produced by the constant yield tax rate.

There are certain municipalities within the County which have different county tax rates. The above revenues and tax rates are county wide, excluding municipalities with different county tax rates. For more information, visit www.dorchestercountymd.com/departments/finance-treasury/cytr/

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SIGN UP FOR DORCHESTER COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS

Your safety is our top concern. By enrolling in the Dorchester County emergency notification system you'll be informed before, during, and after incidents that could impact your safety.

The Dorchester County emergency notification system will allow us to send you messages about situations as they happen across multiple devices, including your home phone, mobile device, email, and more.

We will never sell or share your personal information with any third-party organizations.

3 ways to sign up:

- Online - www.dorchestercountymd.com - Click on Emergency Alerts button and follow instructions.
- Phone - Call Us (410) 228-1818
- Mail - Complete the form below and mail to:
Dorchester County Emergency Management, 829 Fieldcrest Rd.
Cambridge, MD 21613

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NAME _____

HOME/BUSINESS PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

Adopted General Fund Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Description	Amount	Percent
Revenues		
Property Taxes	\$30,637,137	54.6%
Income Taxes	\$14,168,894	25.3%
Federal, State, and Local	\$4,719,246	8.4%
Other Taxes	\$2,672,132	4.8%
Service Charges	\$1,970,982	3.5%
All Other	\$1,674,416	3.0%
Licenses and Permits	\$233,050	0.4%
Total Revenues	\$56,075,857	100.0%

Expenditures		
Education	\$21,181,485	37.8%
Public Safety	\$12,454,687	22.2%
General Government	\$5,137,358	9.2%
Employee Benefits	\$4,826,257	8.6%
Debt Service	\$4,006,986	7.1%
Public Works	\$3,465,262	6.2%
Capital PAYGO	\$1,141,508	2.0%
Health	\$1,133,641	2.0%
Economic Development	\$767,394	1.4%
Miscellaneous	\$707,780	1.3%
Recreation & Parks	\$595,314	1.1%
Natural Resources	\$481,571	0.9%
Social Services	\$176,614	0.3%
Total Expenditures	\$56,075,857	100.0%

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