



Information about your Anne Arundel County Property Tax Bill

Tax Period:
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Real Property Tax Rates:
(Per \$100 Taxable Assessment)

State Of Maryland	\$0.112
Anne Arundel County	\$0.548
City of Annapolis	\$0.649

Your tax bill is a function of the tax rate and your assessment. For Anne Arundel County tax purposes, the assessment for your principal residence is limited to an annual increase of 2% under the Homestead Credit Program. For State and City of Annapolis tax purposes, the limit has been set at 10%.

<http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx>

For Questions and Inquiries, Contact Us at:
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TDD 1-800-735-2258

Website:
www.aacounty.org

If there is one word to describe this year's budget season, it would be cooperative. Our process began in February when we began meeting with councilmen to understand their priorities. Then in April, we heard from the public at our town halls.

In early May, our administration put forth a budget that continued the course we set out last year: implementing our plan to make Anne Arundel County the best place to live, work, and start a business in Maryland.

•Reducing Taxes and Fees: The fiscal year 2017 budget reflects the full impact of last year's historic tax cut. Citizens and businesses will also feel the benefits of the largest fee cut in County history, a 30 percent reduction in the fees charged to new homeowners and businesses when they connect to public water and sewer. In addition, our budget reflects another 1 percent cut in property tax rates due to our revenue cap.

•Improving Education: Our capital budget reflects the largest investment in school construction in County history. The new Crofton High School will be the first incrementally new high school in the County in nearly 35 years, and we are moving up the funding for the Old Mill Complex and several elementary schools. The budget also includes a well-deserved pay increase for our teachers.

•Enhancing Public Safety: To ensure we keep our communities safe, we will once again be increasing public safety salaries faster than any other employee group. We are also

expanding the number of public safety personnel by 25 individuals.

•Reforming County Government: We are deep into the process of implementing a comprehensive reform of our land use departments. Our objective is to cut permitting times in half.

•Improving the Environment: Our capital budget funds \$253 million over the next six years to support more than 300 waterway cleanup projects throughout the County. This is the largest waterway clean-up effort ever pursued by Anne Arundel County.

•Enhancing Quality of Life: Finally, we are putting a major emphasis on improving the quality of life in the County. These efforts include expanding our network of regional parks and libraries, building out a complete network of bike trails, developing additional kayak & canoe launches and boat ramps, as well as opening up several county-owned beaches to the public for swimming for the first time in decades.

It was a pleasure to work with all our partners on the County Council to finalize a budget that will bring us closer to achieving our goal of making Anne Arundel County the best place to live, work, and start a business in Maryland.

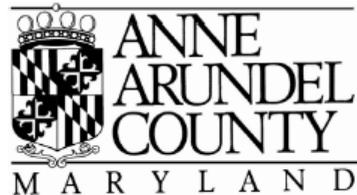
Sincerely,

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**Constant Yield Tax Rate
Anne Arundel County
In the City of Annapolis**

1. In the last taxable year the County real property tax rate was \$0.552 and the certified assessment of net assessable real property was \$5,367,233,749. This produced real property tax revenues of \$29,627,130.
2. For this taxable year the certified assessment of net assessable real property is \$5,517,295,778. To produce the same real property tax revenues as last year the real property tax rate would be \$0.5370. This rate is called the constant yield tax rate.
3. For this taxable year the adopted real property tax rate is \$0.5480. This is \$0.0110 more than the constant yield tax rate and will produce \$606,903 more real property tax revenues than would be produced by the constant yield tax rate.

Homeowners' Property Tax Credit

The Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Program, and the Anne Arundel County supplement, is administered by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Credits are granted to eligible homeowners based on household income. Anyone whose combined gross household family income is below \$60,000 should consider this program. Applications may be obtained by calling 410-767-4433 or 1-800-944-7403, or going to: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Homeowners'-Property-Tax-Credit-Program.aspx>

Homestead Tax Credit

The Maryland Homestead Tax Credit Program was established to help homeowners deal with large assessment increases. The Homestead Credit limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Every county and municipality in Maryland is required to limit taxable assessment increases to 10% or less each year. Anne Arundel County has established this limit to be 2%. In the City of Annapolis, the limit is set at 10%, which applies to taxes levied by the City of Annapolis. The Homestead Credit applies only to the principal residence of the property owner. More information is available at: <http://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Maryland-Homestead-Tax-Credit.aspx>

To determine if you are eligible for the Homestead Tax credit for your specific property address, go to the Department's web site, www.dat.state.md.us, and then click on "Real Property Data Search" on the home page. Enter your property address on the data search page, and at the bottom of the page of your property assessment record, the status of your Homestead application will be shown.

If you have not filed an application, you can call the Department's Homestead program at 410-767-2165 or 1-866-650-8783 (toll free). Applications must be submitted by December 31, in order to be eligible for the Homestead Credit beginning July 1, of the following year.

Tax Bill Payments

All checks should be made payable to "Anne Arundel County" and may be sent in the enclosed remittance envelope. Credit card payments are accepted only through the County's web site: www.aacounty.org (NOTE: there is an additional charge for payments made with a credit card.)

Public access to the web site is available at the following cashier locations where payment by cash or check may be made:

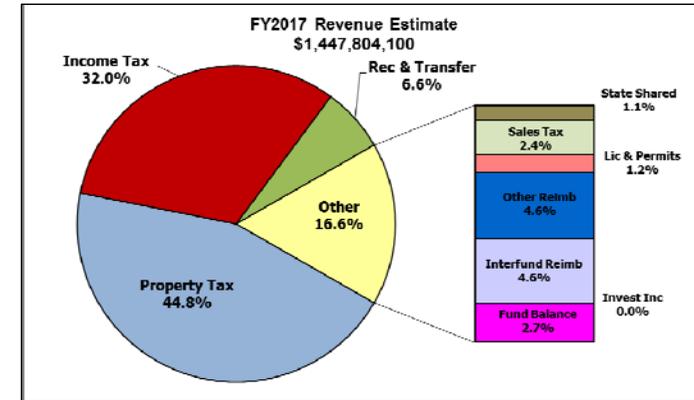
- A. The Arundel Center
44 Calvert Street, Annapolis
 - B. Heritage Office Park
2664 Riva Road, Annapolis
 - C. The Arundel Center North
101 North Crain Highway, Glen Burnie
- All locations are open Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Semiannual Tax Payment Option

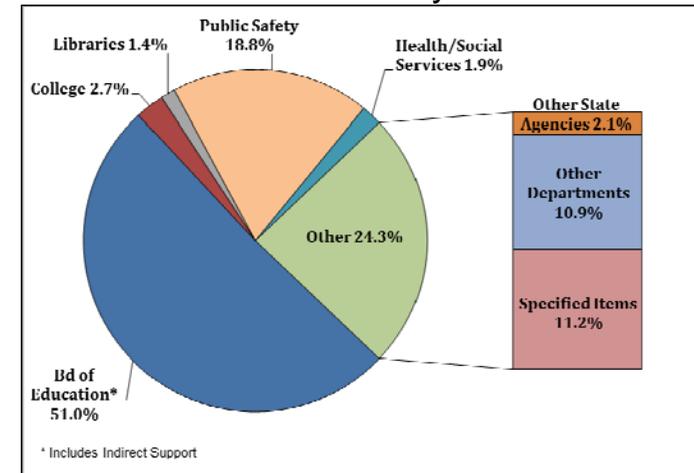
Real property taxes on a homeowners "principal residence" can be paid on an optional semiannual payment basis. One half of your tax bill is due September 30 and the balance is due on December 31. The second payment includes a service charge that is 0.15% on the balance of the payment.

Taxpayers who escrow their tax payments may choose to pay annually, but must notify their lenders by May 1st of their intent to pay annually.

Where the Money Comes From



Where the Money Goes



Other Departments	Specified Items
Public Works (2.3%)	CAO Contingency (1.3%)
Planning & Zoning / Inspections & Permits (1.4%)	PayGo (2.0%)
Recreation & Parks (1.7%)	Debt Service (4.0%)
Central Services (1.5%)	Self Insurance (0.8%)
Office of Information Technology (1.3%)	Revenue Reserve (0.1%)
Other (2.6%)	Retiree Health (1.5%)
Sub-Total (10.9%)	OPEB Contribution (1.4%)
	State Dept of Assess (0.1%)
	Sub-Total (11.2%)