



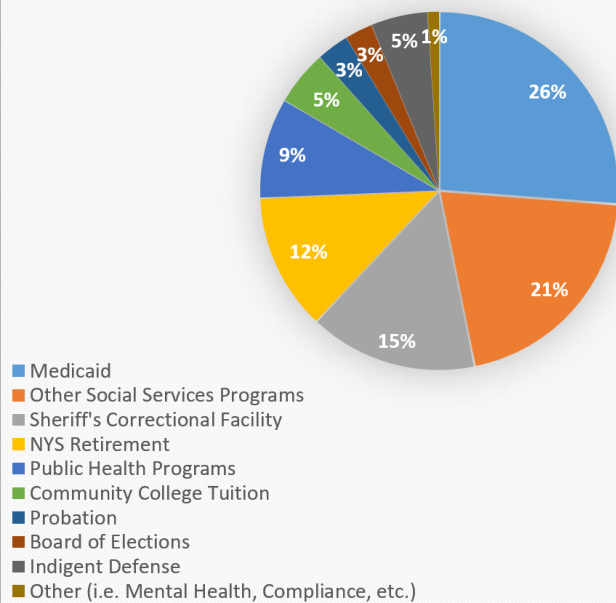
The Madison County Board of Supervisors is providing this information to all property taxpayers in our County to inform them about how state and federal mandates affect their annual property tax bills and how their property taxes are being used to support vital local services.

The 2024 County Budget totals \$158,442,120, an increase of \$17,311,670 from 2023. This is despite departments' best efforts to reduce appropriations without drastically impacting existing services or cutting jobs. This substantial increase is largely due to the following: inflation, increase in cost of mandates from New York State, the transition of programs previously being financed by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to being incorporated into the operating budget, new support for EMS agencies within the County, employee salary increases and a greater amount of sales tax revenue being shared with towns and villages.

The tax levy increase is 9.28% for 2024, the highest percentage increase since 2005. The County has not had a tax levy increase of more than 5% since 2015, there was no increase in the levy in 2022, and in 2023 the increase was 3.41%.

The tax levy for 2024 is \$47,089,326, of which, 93% is to fund New York State Mandated Services. What are State mandates? They are programs or services that Madison County is required to provide or oversee by the NYS government. The State provides funding or partial funding for some of these services, but not all. The most adverse impacts on our County budget relates to Medicaid and the Assigned Counsel Program. The State decided for 2024, to intercept future Affordable Care Act enhanced federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (eFMAP) funds, which increased the County's Medicaid budget from the previous \$1.4 million to \$11,425,606. In addition, the State increased program rates for the Assigned Counsel Attorneys to \$158 per hour, which is the primary reason for a \$1.14 million increase in appropriations for the Assigned Counsel Program.

2024 Madison County Property Tax Levy 93% Required to Fund State Mandated Services



So what are you receiving for your taxes?

In addition to continuing services such as Highway and Public Safety, Madison County has implemented new services or expanded programs that positively impact our community. Our successful Mental Health School Clinic program is now in 5 school districts and making a positive impact on the youth of our Community. The Sheriff's Office now has a School Resource Officers in all but one County school district, some have multiple officers. Madison County EMS has grown from solely providing MediCar services to offering advanced life support through ambulances. Madison County EMS now provides the primary service for the Town of Sullivan, the Town of Hamilton and the Town of Lebanon.

The County's second major source of revenue to cover these costs is sales tax. In 2023, the County is projected to receive \$40 million in sales tax revenue.

About 58% of that is used to reduce County property taxes, and the rest is shared with the Towns and Villages in Madison County.

The more money generated in sales tax equals less money needed from property taxes. You, as a property taxpayer, can help by supporting local businesses and encouraging others to shop local – Buy Madison: www.buymadisoncountyny.com.

Madison County understands that cost of living is going up along with everything else. We do not want to raise taxes; in fact, each department has done their best to prevent doing so as most of us live here as well. Madison County is dedicated to keeping these increases as low as possible, while ensuring our valuable services to our residents remain intact, and doing what is best for all of Madison County.