

A photograph of the Denton County Courthouse at night. The building is illuminated with warm lights, highlighting its architectural details, including a central tower with a blue dome and several windows. The courthouse is surrounded by lush greenery, including large trees and a garden bed in the foreground filled with red and orange flowers. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting twilight. The text "Denton County, Texas" is overlaid in a white, elegant script font at the top of the image.

# *Denton County, Texas*

## *Adopted Budget*

*Fiscal Year 2011-2012*

# **Denton County, Texas**

## **2011-2012 Organizational Goals**

- Remaining fiscally responsible and conservative
- Pro-actively planning for change and growth
- Maintaining the highest level of safety and security for our citizens
- Aggressively pursue maintaining the lowest possible tax rate
- Preserving and upgrading the public infrastructure
- Developing economic and industrial growth
- Maintaining a stable, high quality workforce

# **Denton County, Texas**

## **2011-2012 Organizational Goals**

- Providing support for mobility and transportation needs in the county
- Providing an effective and efficient judicial/legal system to serve the citizens
- Retaining and expanding partnerships to improve the health of citizens
- Fulfilling legislative obligations
- Developing long-range strategic plans
- Preserving an adequate fund balance
- Enhancing e-government solutions and technologies

# **Denton County, Texas**

## **FY 2011-2012 Budget Calendar**

<i>Feb 15</i>	<i>Initial Budget Meeting</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>Budget Preparation Packets Distributed</i>
<i>April 22</i>	<i>Deadline for Budget Requests</i>
<i>July 12</i>	<i>Presentation of Recommended Budget</i>
<i>July 19</i>	<i>Budget Workshop</i>
<i>July 26</i>	<i>Budget Workshop</i>
<i>August 2</i>	<i>Budget Workshop</i>
<i>August 9</i>	<i>Final Budget Workshop</i>
<i>August 31</i>	<i>Budget Filed for Public Inspection</i>
<i>September 6</i>	<i>Public Hearing on Budget</i>
<i>September 6</i>	<i>Adoption of Budget</i>
<i>September 6</i>	<i>Adoption of Tax Rate</i>

# Initial Budget Requests

## Summary of Tax Levies & Projected Fund Balances

- Initial Requests totaled \$201.7 million  
(did not include salary increases)
- Increase of \$4.9 million
- Tax Rate of \$0.27645 would be required  
(based on preliminary revenue estimates)
- 2.39% Tax Rate Increase would be required

# Budget Summary

- Based on the state of the economy, we are proposing a very conservative budget that includes reductions in most departmental requests
- Denton County is experiencing:
  - \* Reduced revenues
  - \* Home foreclosures
  - \* Fluctuating fuel costs
  - \* Volatile financial markets
  - \* Lower property values
  - \* Impact of inflation
  - \* State budget cuts
  - \* Continuing rise in health care costs
- We continue to remain financially stable and have acceptable reserve funds
- We anticipate services to remain at current levels

# Budget Priorities

- Work together to keep the budget balanced
- Take action to avoid bigger impacts later
- Attempt to protect our valued & skilled employees
- Attempt to retain public services as best we can during a time of economic uncertainty
- Protect our ability and capacity to operate in future years

# Impact of State Funding Cuts

- AG Title IV-D Court Costs = \$100,000
- CJAD –Bond Supervision = \$ 62,000
- Primary Health Care Grant = \$ 50,000
- Local Public Health Svcs Grant = \$ 11,000
- Juvenile Probation Grants = \$367,000
- DA Grants-Family Violence = \$120,000
- Mixed Beverage Tax = \$ 10,000
- DA Salary Supplement = \$ 12,000

***TOTAL STATE FUNDING CUTS = \$732,000***

# Adopted Budget FY 2012

- FY2011 Budget = \$196.8 million
- FY2012 Budget = \$202.0 million
- Increase = \$ 5.2 million

# Denton County, Texas

## Budget Summary for All Funds (in millions)

	FY 2011	FY 2012
General Fund	\$118.0	\$121.0
Road & Bridge Fund	12.0	12.2
Juvenile Probation Fund	10.9	10.5
Debt Service Fund	41.7	41.4
Other Funds	14.2	16.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$196.8</b>	<b>\$202.0</b>

# Adopted Tax Rate Summary

- FY2011 (Current) Tax Rate = \$0.273900
- Effective Tax Rate = \$0.277357
- Adopted Tax Rate = \$0.277357
- Variance (Increase above Current Rate) = \$0.003457
- Variance (Increase above Effective Rate) = \$0.000000

The Adopted Tax Rate is 0% above the effective tax rate.

# Effective Tax Rate

- The effective tax rate will provide the taxing unit with approximately the same amount of revenue it had the year before on properties taxed in both years.

## EXHIBIT 1: Calculating the Effective Tax Rate

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Prior Year's Taxes} \\ \text{Less} \\ \text{Taxes on Property Lost This Year} \\ \hline \text{(divided by)} \\ \hline \text{Current Value of Property} \\ \text{Taxed in the Prior Year} \end{array} \right] \times \$100$$

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## FY2011 vs. FY2012 Rate

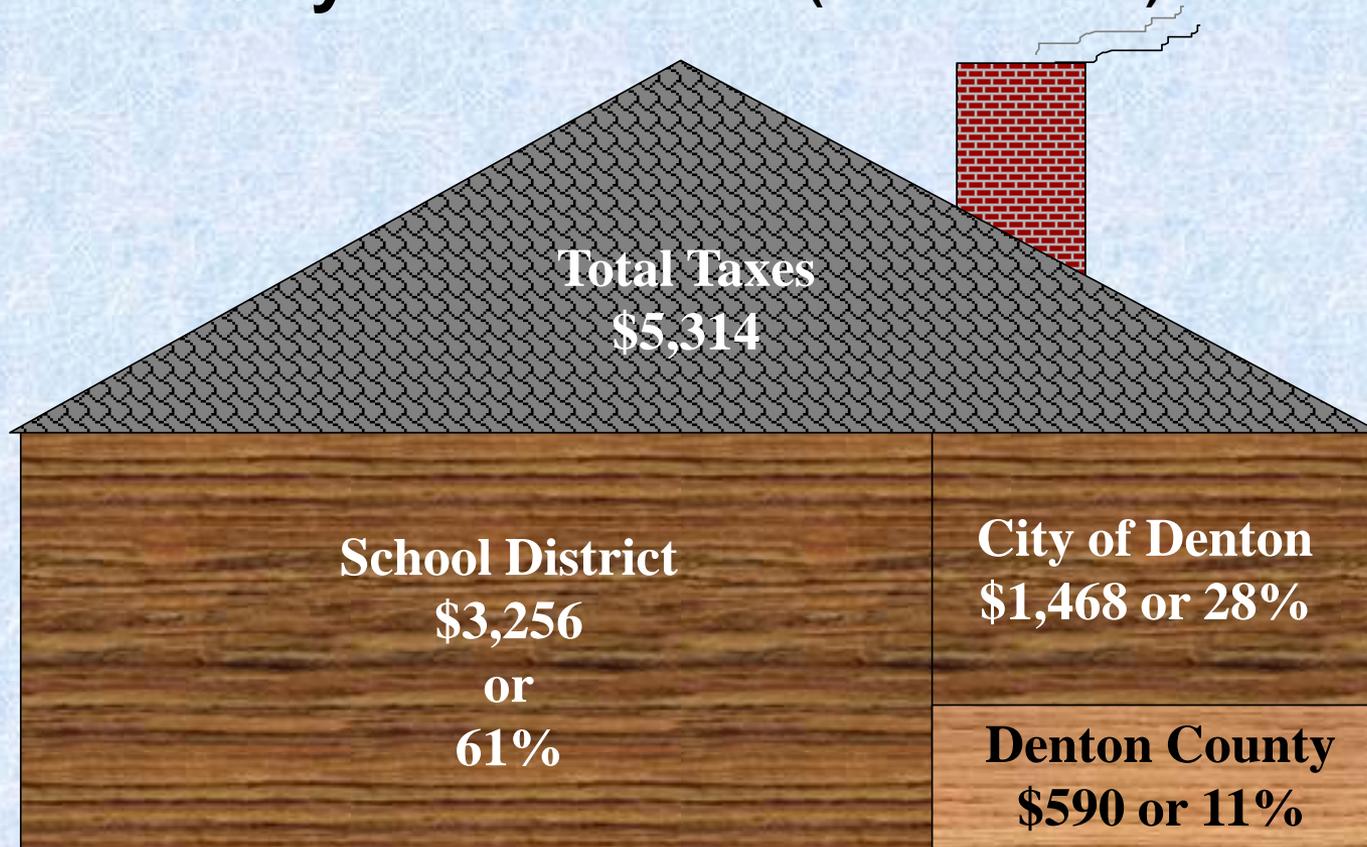
Sample Home Value	FY2011 County Taxes	FY2012 County Taxes	Annual Variance	Monthly Variance
Tax Rate per \$100 Value:	<b>0.273900</b>	<b>0.277357</b>		
\$100,000	\$273.90	\$277.36	\$3.46	\$0.29
\$200,000	\$547.80	\$554.71	\$6.91	\$0.58

➤ This chart assumes no increase in valuation. Changes in an individual taxpayer's county taxes depend on the specific change in property valuation.

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## Property Taxes for Average Home Owner

### City of Denton – (Tax Year 2011)



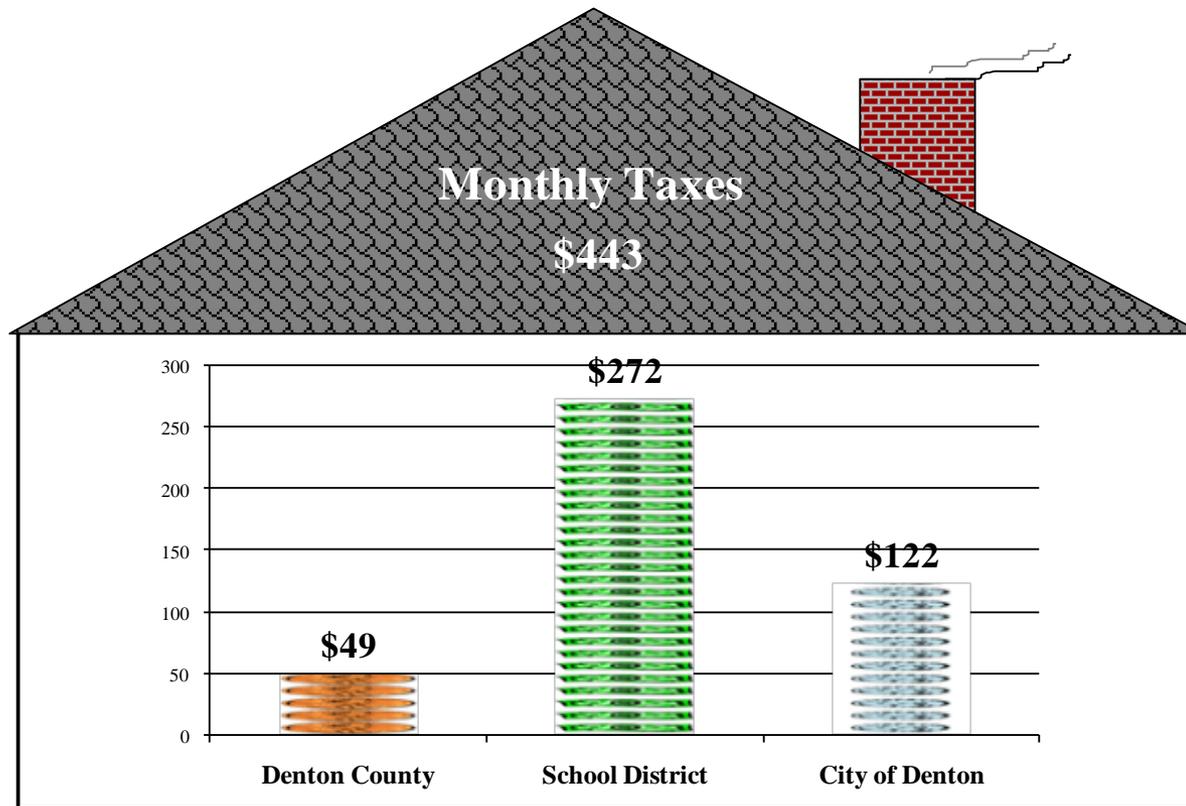
Based on the Average \$212,801 Denton County Home Value

Tax Rates: Denton County - \$0.277357; Denton ISD – \$1.53; City of Denton - \$0.68975

# Denton County, Texas

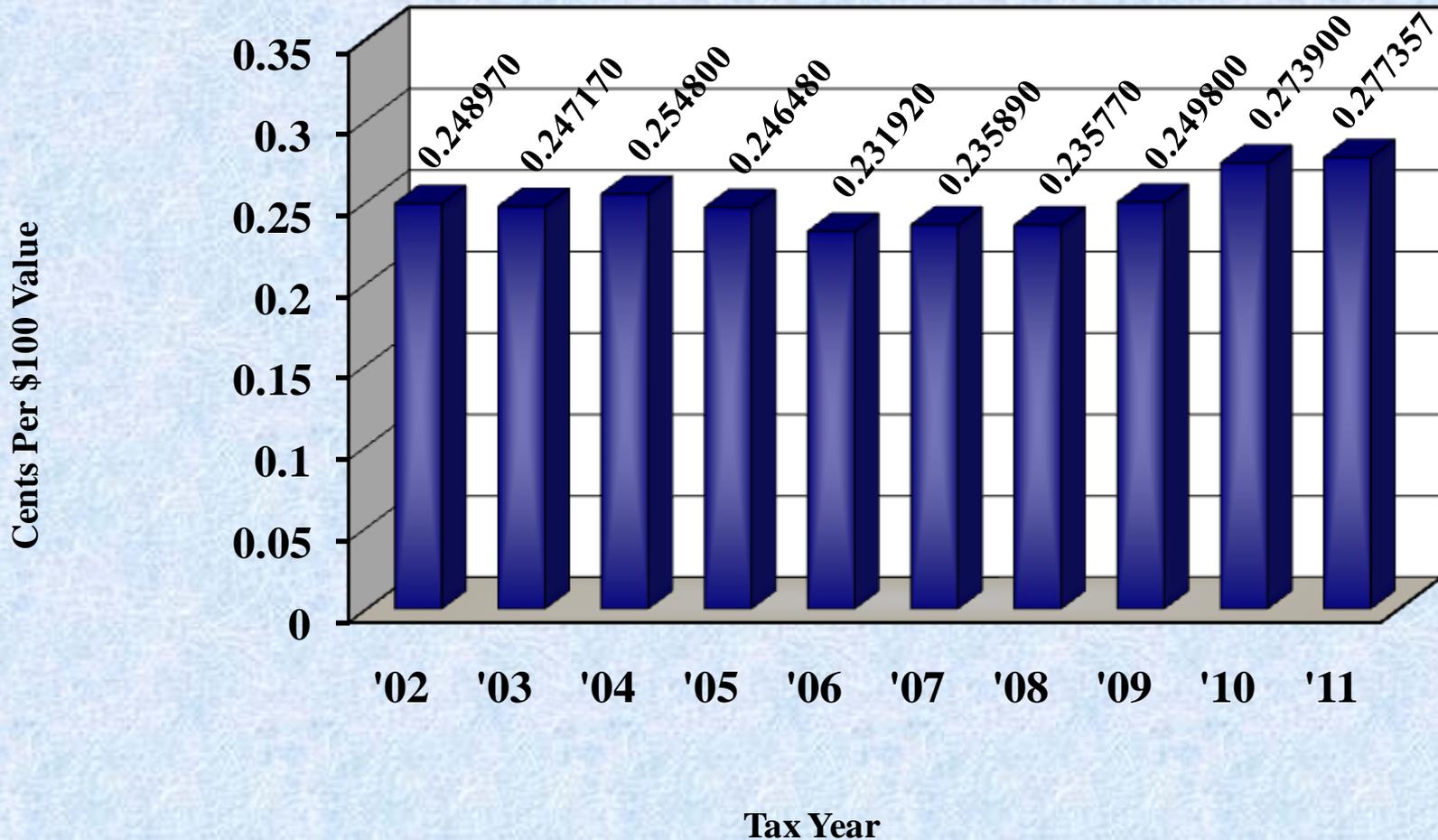
## Average Home Value/Monthly Taxes

Based on the average Denton County Home Value of \$212,801



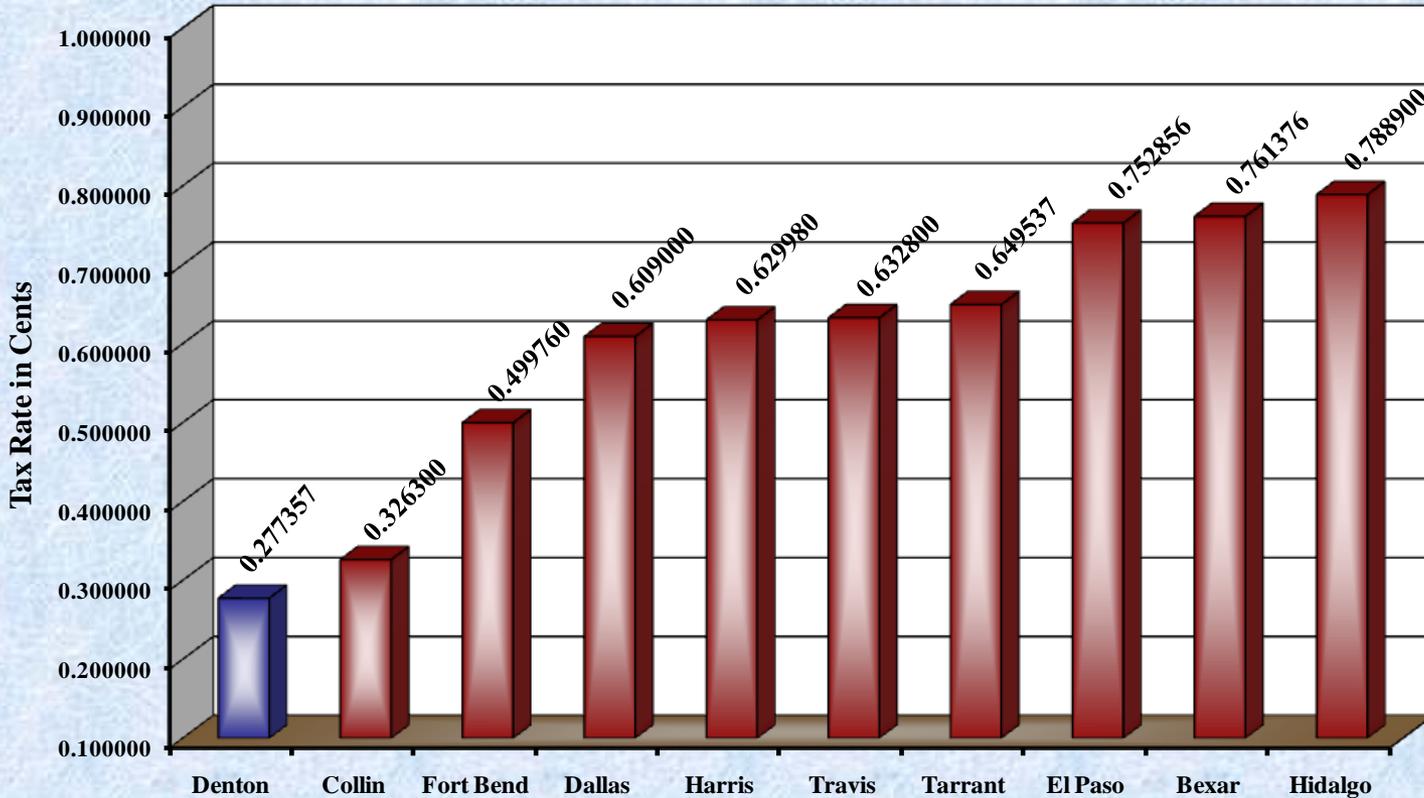
# Denton County, Texas

## Ten-Year Tax Rate History



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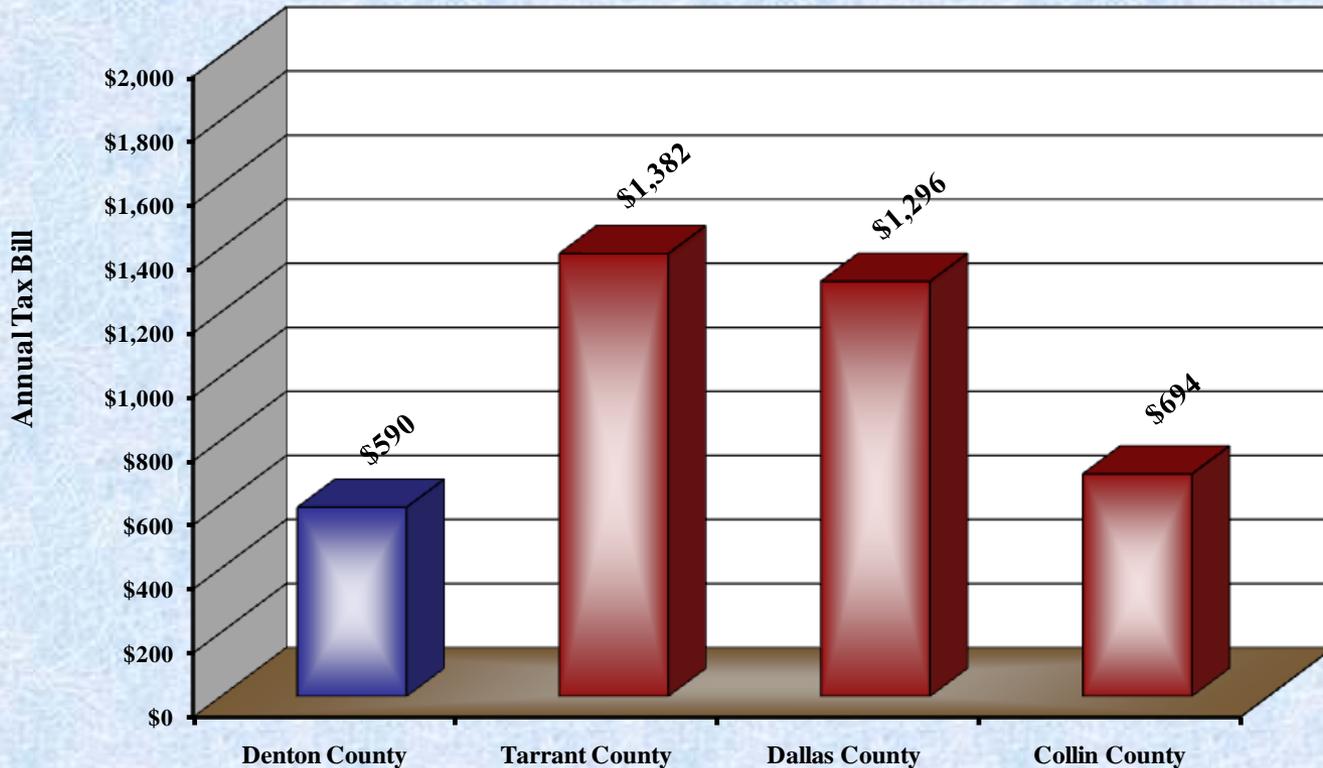
## Comparison of Top 10 Texas Counties County-Wide Tax Rates



Denton County's tax rate listed is based on the adopted rate for FY12. Other county rates reflect their FY11 tax rates. This chart reflects total county-wide taxes that are levied in each county including County, Hospital District, Community College and Water & Drainage Districts.

# Denton County, Texas Tax Bill Comparison

Based on Denton County's average home value of \$212,801



This chart reflects Denton County's Adopted FY2012 tax rate compared to the FY2011 tax rate of the other counties.

# Top 10 Counties Tax Rate and Employees per Capita Comparison

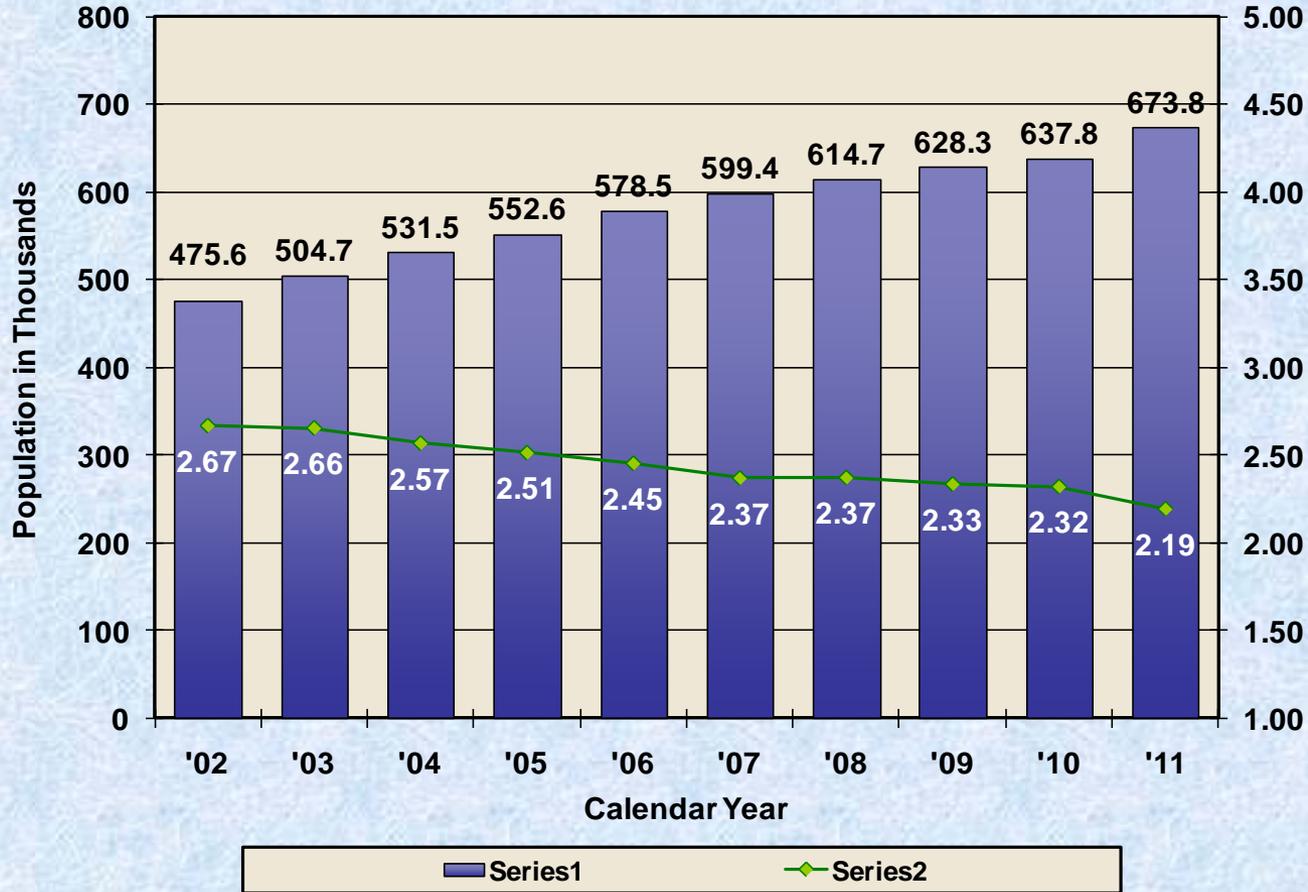
County	Total County-Wide Tax Rates per \$100 Valuation	Total # Emp. Per 1,000 Cty Residents
<b>Denton</b>	<b>0.277357</b>	<b>2.19</b>
<b>Collin</b>	<b>0.326300</b>	<b>2.26</b>
<b>Fort Bend</b>	<b>0.499760</b>	<b>3.64</b>
<b>Dallas</b>	<b>0.609000</b>	<b>2.30</b>
<b>Harris</b>	<b>0.629980</b>	<b>4.40</b>
<b>Travis</b>	<b>0.632800</b>	<b>4.62</b>
<b>Tarrant</b>	<b>0.649537</b>	<b>2.58</b>
<b>El Paso</b>	<b>0.752856</b>	<b>3.51</b>
<b>Bexar</b>	<b>0.761376</b>	<b>2.87</b>
<b>Hidalgo</b>	<b>0.788900</b>	<b>3.96</b>

Denton County information is based on the FY2012 tax rate, current population data and adopted number of employees. Information for other counties is based on FY2011 data.

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# Denton County, Texas

## Number of Employees per Capita



# Denton County, Texas

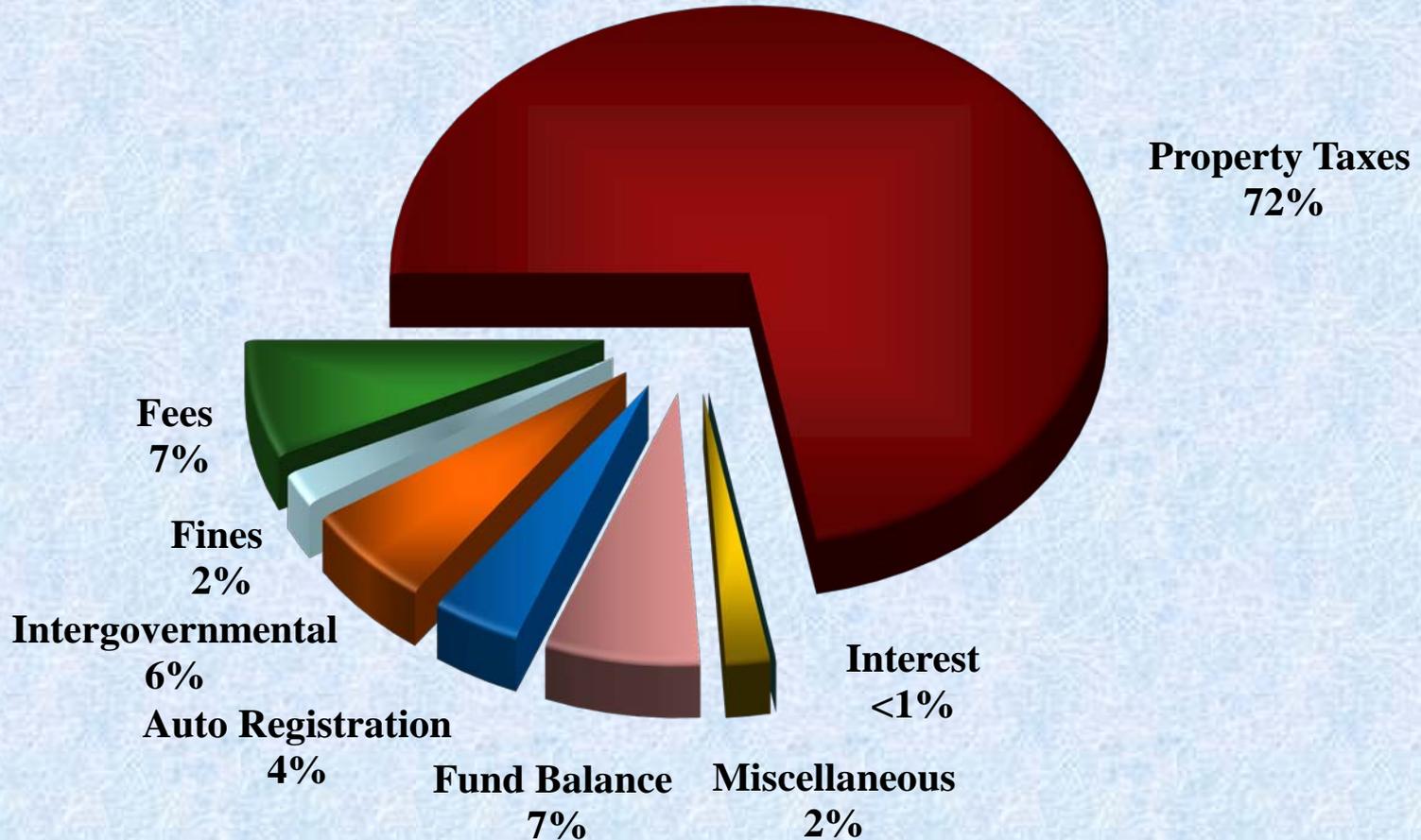
## Revenue Changes

• Increase in Taxes from New Property	\$ 2,996,192
• Increase in Taxes from Additional Tax Roll	\$ 2,522,365
• Fees	\$ 106,025
• Intergovernmental	\$ (396,152)
• Auto Registration	\$ (450,000)
• Interest Earnings	\$ (478,500)
• Fines	\$ (720,000)
• Miscellaneous and Transfers	<u>\$(1,155,570)</u>
• Total Revenue Changes	\$ 2,424,360
• Increase in Fund Balance Transfers	<u>\$ 2,796,745</u>
	<b>\$ 5,221,105</b>

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## Revenue Summary by Function

\$202,007,016



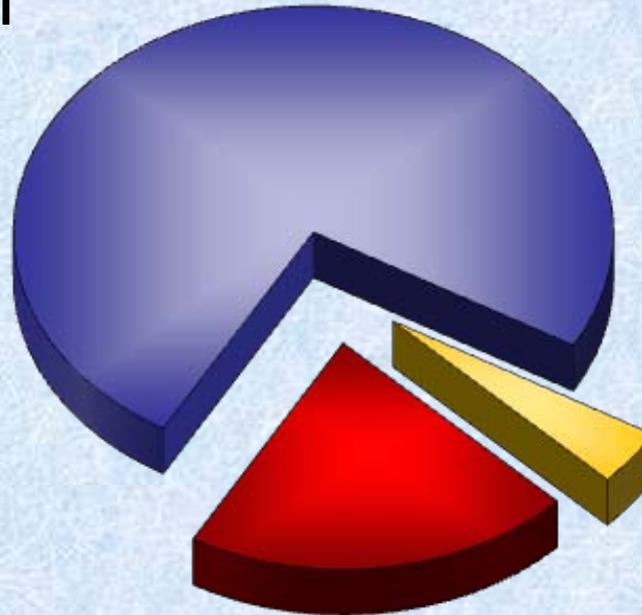
# Denton County, Texas

## Property Tax Revenue by Category

**\$145,759,781**

**Residential**

**74%**



**Mineral**

**3%**

**Commercial**

**23%**

# Functions of Denton County

- **Public Safety**
  - County Jail and Jail Health
  - Sheriff's Department
  - Adult and Juvenile Probation
  - (6) Constables
  - Fire and Ambulance Services
  - Emergency Management/Homeland Security
- **County Roads and Bridges**
- **Judicial/Legal** - Criminal Justice System
  - (21) District, County, & Justice of the Peace Courts
  - Criminal District Attorney
  - District Clerk and Jury Services
  - Medical Examiner Services
  - Security Services
- **Debt Service** – Long Term Debt
  - Roads and Bridges
  - County Facilities
- **Capital Projects**
- **Miscellaneous**
- **Health and Welfare**
  - Health Dept-Clinical & Environmental
  - Child Protective Services
  - Indigent Health Care
- **Financial**
  - County Auditor
  - County Treasurer
  - Tax Assessor/Collector
    - Motor Vehicle Registration/Property Taxes
  - Budget Office
- **General Administration**
  - County Clerk
  - Commissioners Court
  - Human Resources
  - Purchasing
  - Technology Services
  - Elections
  - Veterans Service
- **Facilities Management**

# Denton County, Texas

## Expenditure Changes

• Health Insurance	\$ 2,811,000
• Capital Replacement Contingency	\$ 1,818,000
• Employee Salaries & Benefits (Includes 2% Raises)	\$ 1,421,000
• Computer Lease Payments (Capital Replacement)	\$ 612,000
• Repairs & Maintenance (Remodeling & Software)	\$ 303,000
• Contract Labor	\$ 198,000
• New Employees (Includes CSCD Position)	\$ 195,000
• New District Court (Deferred Start Date Impact)	\$ 194,000
• Elections (Judges, Ballots, Postage, Contract Labor)	\$ 180,000
• Gasoline	\$ 142,000
• Appraisal District	\$ 75,000
• Reorganization of Slots	\$ 42,000
• Supplies/Miscellaneous	\$ 41,000

# Denton County, Texas

## Expenditure Changes

• Ambulance Funding	\$ 20,000
• Library Funding	\$ (48,000)
• Court Ordered Expenses	\$ (55,000)
• Capital Equipment	\$ (120,000)
• Professional Services (R&B, GIS, etc)	\$ (157,000)
• Insurance Expenses (Fleet, General Liability)	\$ (157,000)
• Contract Services (JJAEP)	\$ (184,000)
• Deleted Slots	\$ (299,000)
• Debt Service Payments	\$ (321,000)
• Current Contingency Levels	\$ (515,000)
• Transfers to Other Funds	\$ (975,000)

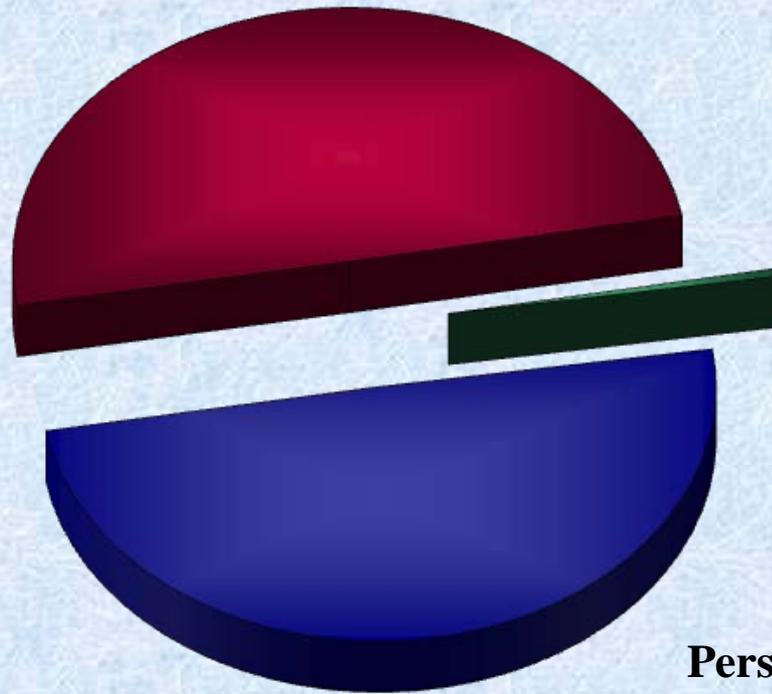
**Total Expenditure Changes**

**\$ 5,221,000**

# Expense Summary by Category

**\$202,007,016**

**Maintenance  
& Operations  
49.9%**



**Capital  
0.5%**

**Personnel  
49.6%**

# New Employee Requests

- **# Requested by Departments = 11 \***
- **# Included in Recommended Budget = 3**
- **# Included in Adopted Budget = 2**
  - (1) Human Resources (Civil Service Coordinator)
  - (1) CSCD (Community Supervision Officer, funded in Appropriations)

\* (1) Criminal DA (E-Filing Application Manager) – Recommended in Reorganization of Slots

# Reorganization of Slots

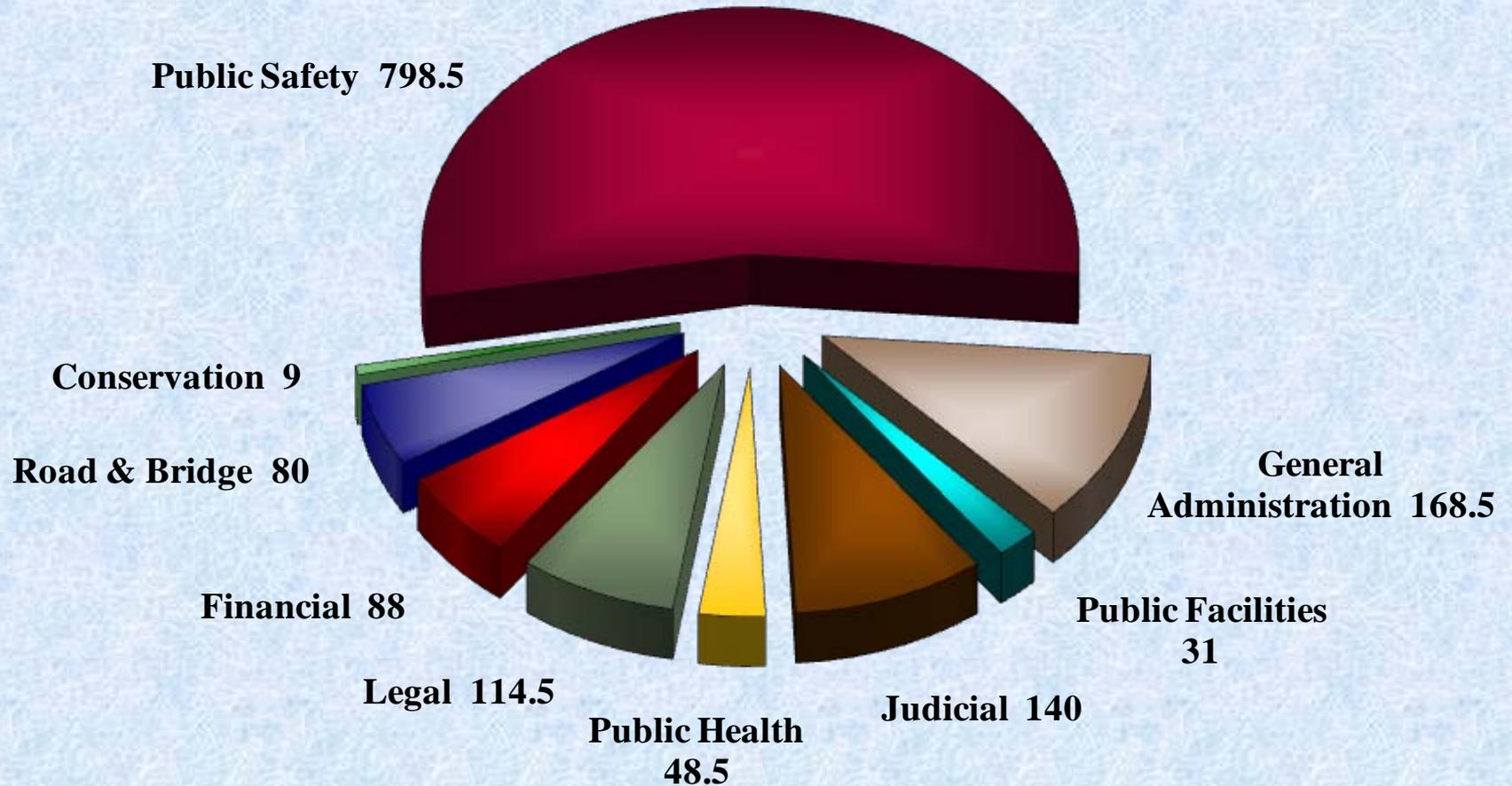
- **(4) Interns Changed to P/T (Geographic Info Services )**
- **(1) Education/Tourism Director Changed to Tourism Coordinator - Hours Decreased and Partially Funded by HOT Funds (Courthouse Museum)**
- **(1) Administrative Manager Changed to DCHC Manager (Historical Commission)**
- **(1) Administrative Specialist II Changed to E-Filing Application Manager (Criminal DA)**
- **(1) Juvenile Probation Officer Changed to Counselor (Juvenile Probation)**

# Deleted Positions

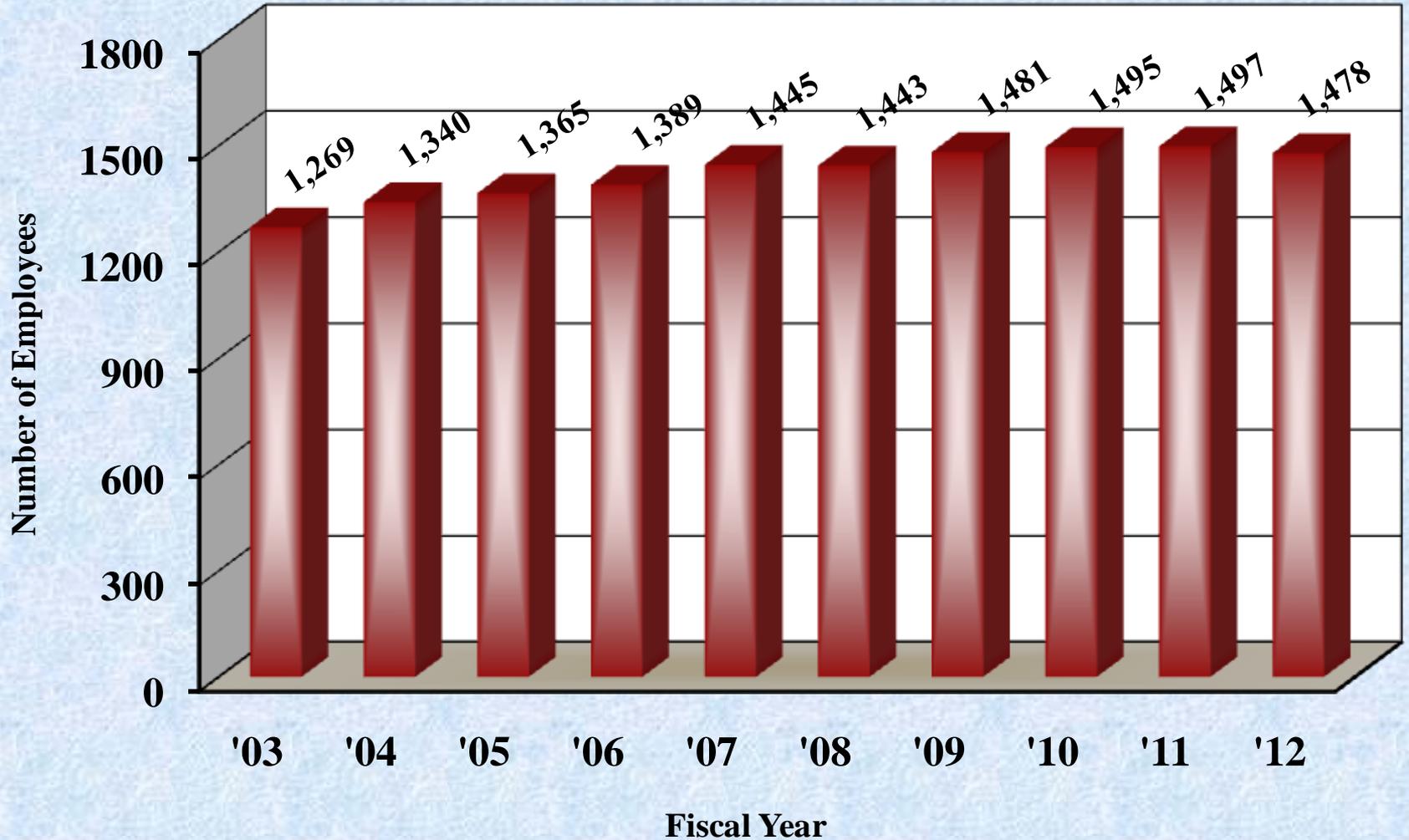
- **(1) Vehicle Maintenance Manager**  
**Vehicle Maintenance Department**
- **(1) Print/Mail Specialist**  
**Print/Mail Department**
- **(1) Asst Juvenile Probation Officer**  
**Juvenile Community Corrections**
- **(2) Juvenile Correction Officers**  
**Juvenile Justice Alternative Education (JJAEP)**

# Employee Summary by Function

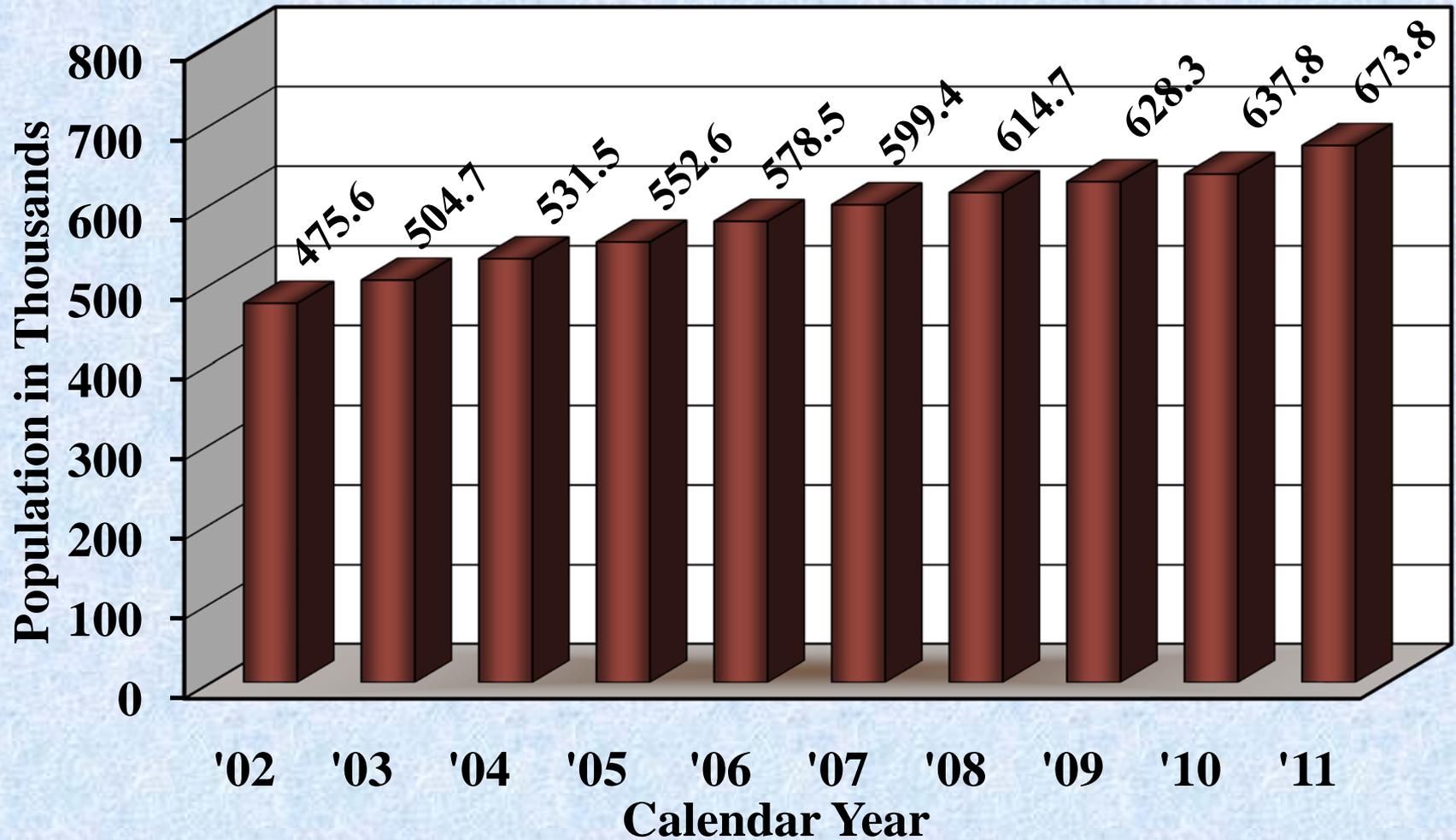
## Total # of Employees 1478



# Ten Year Employee History



# Ten Year Population History



# Denton County's Bond Rating

## 2010 to 2011

### Moody's - Aaa

“The county has exhibited a trend of sound financial management with operating surpluses...Moody's believes the county's healthy financial operations and conservative budgeting techniques will allow for favorable general fund reserves to continue.”

### Standard & Poor's – AAA

“The stable outlook reflects Standard & Poor's expectation that conservative fiscal practices will continue to ensure Denton County's strong financial operations and position.”

“The county's budgeting, reporting, and reserve policies are, in our view, sound. The county recently adopted a long-term capital improvement plan and prepares multiyear operational projections to assist with long-term financial planning.”

- Questions / Comments

# County Budget Information Available

The FY2012 Budget is available on the  
Denton County Web-Site:

<http://www.dentoncounty.com/budget>

Click on the “Adopted Budget” link

Other budget-related data is also  
available

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- **Technology Services Director Kevin Carr and Staff**
- **Tax Assessor-Collector Steve Mossman and Michelle French**
- **County Clerk's Office Ashley Boynton**
- **Criminal DA Civil Division Chief John Feldt and Staff**
- **Vehicle Assessment Committee**
- **Social Service Agency Committee**

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