

Quality Services Provided

In Manatee County in FY 2012:

- Parks and Recreation Department staff taught more than 500 children and adults how to swim.
- The Citizens' Action Center responded to more than 28,000 inquiries and service requests.
- Veterans' Services Officers helped more than 10,800 veterans and their dependents to obtain more than \$1.5 million in benefits and entitlements that they earned through service to our country.
- Our libraries welcomed more than one million patron visits and saw more than 200,000 uses of public computers to apply for jobs, build resumes, and obtain job skills assistance.
- Code Enforcement officers addressed more than 4,100 complaints of junk vehicles, trash, and debris, keeping our county clean and beautiful.

Employees per 1,000 Population*



*These figures include county employees under the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Other constitutional officers and other government agencies are excluded.

Population Estimates used in this calculation are obtained from University of Florida/ Bureau of Economic & Business Research (BEBR).

Fast Facts about the Budget

- The proposed budget for FY14 is \$519,877,503.
- Property taxes constitute approximately 30% (\$158m) of the net budget.
- Since FY07, the county budget, excluding the port, has declined by approximately \$70.8m (12%), and property taxes have fallen by approximately \$76m (33%).
- Countywide and unincorporated area millage rates for FY14 are unchanged from rates for FY13.
- There are no proposed layoffs and staffing levels are proposed to grow by 2 FTEs. All new FTEs are funded with non-advalorem revenues. Since FY07, 266 county positions have been eliminated.
- Construction activity in the county is recovering and revenue from permitting has rebounded. Therefore, building permit fees are proposed to be reduced 10%.
- Our current General Obligation debt bond ratings are AAA from Fitch and Aa1 from Moody's. These high ratings allow us to issue bonds without bond insurance or a debt service reserve, which is very rare, and results in considerable savings on debt obligations.
- In FY11 and FY12, more than \$800,000 was paid in economic development incentives that created more than 600 new jobs paying in excess of the \$36,000 annual wage.
- In FY13, 52% of property taxes levied for county wide districts in Manatee County go to support the educational system in Manatee County.

Economic Development

Since 2009, Manatee County Commission has approved Economic Development Incentive grants to 62 projects to create or retain more than 4,600 local quality jobs within targeted industries such as financial services, information industries, manufacturing and wholesale trade. Learn how your business can relocate or grow in Manatee by visiting www.mymanatee.org/econ_dev.

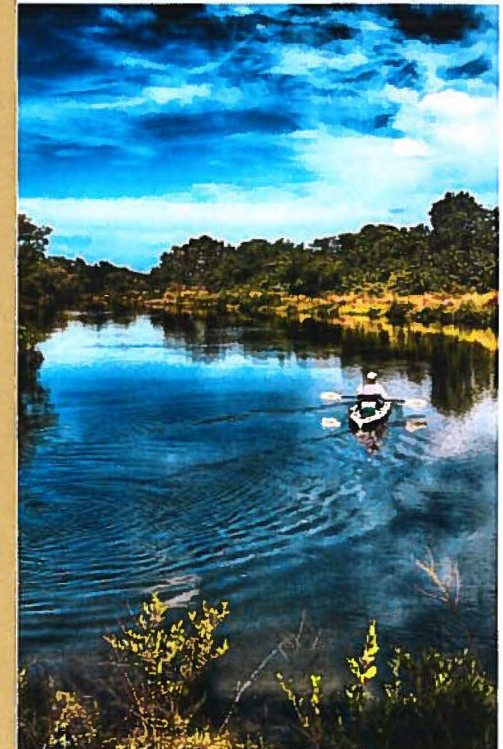
Want More Information?

To learn more about the Manatee County Government budget, please visit www.mymanatee.org/budget. Our website includes full adopted budgets, budget messages, capital improvement plans, and more. You can find information for FY14 and archived information from prior years.

Manatee County Florida

Citizens Guide to the Budget

Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed



Comparison of County Tax Levies by Residency*

| Residents in: | FY 2013 Adopted | FY 2014 Proposed | Diff. |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| Municipality** | \$ 964.89 | \$ 964.89 | \$ 0.00 |
| Unincorporated MSTU | \$1,056.52 | \$1,056.52 | \$ 0.00 |
| Palm Aire | \$1,094.71 | \$1,094.71 | \$ 0.00 |

* Assumes a single-family homestead value of \$150,000 after exemptions

** Residents in the municipalities pay an additional municipality levy, not calculated here.

Changes in the Budget

Declining property values have resulted in large property tax reductions and subsequently, county revenues. The necessary budget reductions, however, have not reduced funding for essential public safety services.

From FY07 to FY14, the county's net budget (excluding the Port) has been reduced by \$70.8 million or 12.0%. Property tax collections have declined by \$76.1 million over this same period.

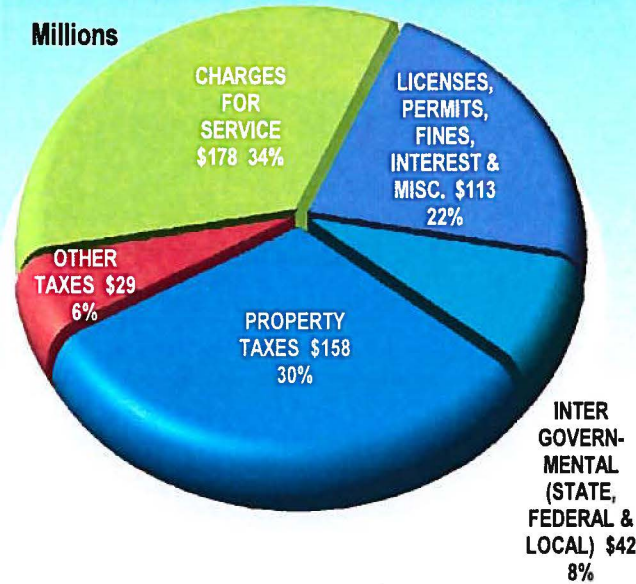
A budget stabilization plan has been developed to deliberately spend reserves until the economy recovers or additional revenue sources are developed, thereby preserving basic services and public safety budgets.

The largest increase to the proposed budget is in capital projects, from \$14m in FY13 to \$71m in FY14. The majority of the increase is in public transportation and utilities.

Manatee Goes Green

In April 2011, Manatee County Government was certified as a Green Local Government at the silver level by the Florida Green Building Coalition. This certification is the result of a countywide effort to conserve energy and promote environment-friendly habits. New energy efficient systems at the largest county facilities have resulted in an annual taxpayer savings of \$479,309.

Manatee County's Revenue Sources



Proposed Budget: \$519,877,503

Charges for Services

Charges for county services (primarily water, sewer, and garbage) are based on the cost to provide and maintain these services.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are based on the value of your property, as determined by the Property Appraiser.

Licenses, Permits, Fines, Interest, Misc.

This category includes animal licenses, contractor licenses, building permits, code enforcement fines, etc.

Intergovernmental

This includes federal and state grants, including transit grants, state sales tax, state revenue sharing, and other governmental sources.

Other Taxes

Other taxes include tourist development taxes, communication services taxes, and gas taxes.

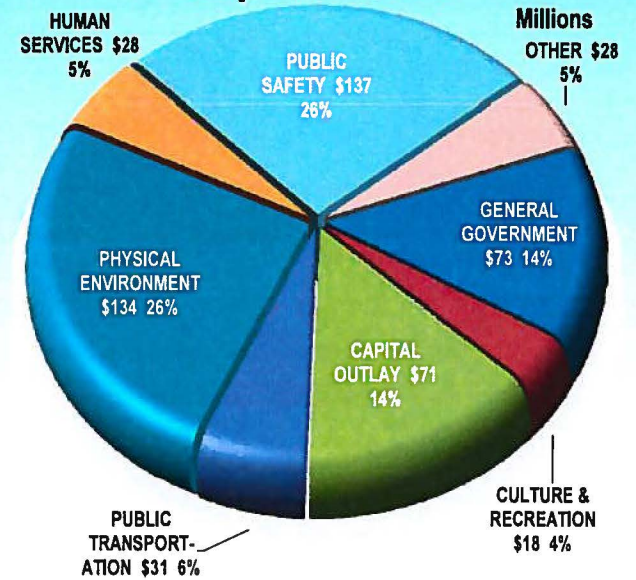


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Manatee County's Expenditures



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Physical Environment

Utilities, landfills, agriculture, environmental programs.

Public Safety

Sheriff's budget, jail operations, ambulance services, building permitting, inspections, code enforcement.

General Government

Administration, debt service, planning, Clerk, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections.

Transportation

Includes road maintenance and the transit system.

Human Services

Veterans' services, indigent medical programs, and assistance to non-profit organizations.

Capital Outlay

Money budgeted or reserved for large projects (roads, utilities, buildings, etc.).

Culture & Recreation

Parks, recreation programs, and libraries.

Other

Reserves, gas tax transfers to cities, economic and tourist development.