



YOUR PROPERTY TAXES...

The Warren County Board of Supervisors is providing this information to all property taxpayers in Warren County to inform them about how state and federal mandates affect their annual property tax bills.

The 2012 County Budget totals \$145,370,259.¹ Of that amount, approximately \$35,384,405 is the budget for nine (9) of the most expensive mandated programs.² County government has little or no control over these mandated costs.

"Mandates" are federal or state created programs that are required to be operated by lower level governments. In New York State, most of these mandates are not accompanied by state and/or federal money to pay for them or are only partially paid for. Because County government relies primarily upon property taxes to operate, expensive state and/or federal mandates become expensive property taxes on local taxpayers.

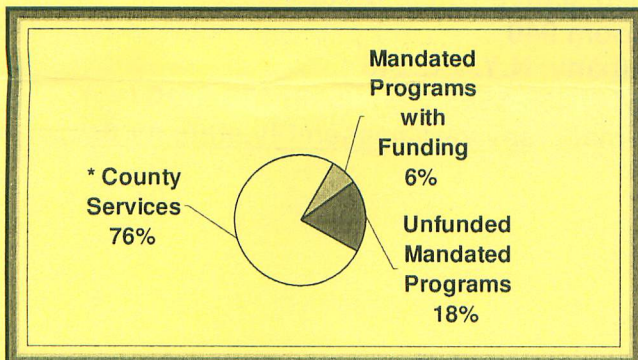
NYS Medicaid Mandate: New York State has the most expensive Medicaid program in the nation.³ State legislators have authorized optional services for recipients that exceed what is required by federal regulations.³ Spending per recipient is highest in the country, and nearly exceeds those of California and Texas combined.³ New York is one of only a few states that mandate county governments to pay a portion of the state's cost.³ **Warren County's Medicaid bill will be approximately \$13 million in 2012 and will increase by 3% every year, as mandated by the State. In 2012, about 33.2% of the property tax you pay will pay just one bill – Medicaid.**

NYS Welfare Mandate: The State has established an extensive system of welfare benefits to assist needy individuals and families.³ Three central program groups: Public Assistance, Safety Net and Child Welfare will cost the County approximately \$1.4 million, which is 3.6% of this year's tax levy.

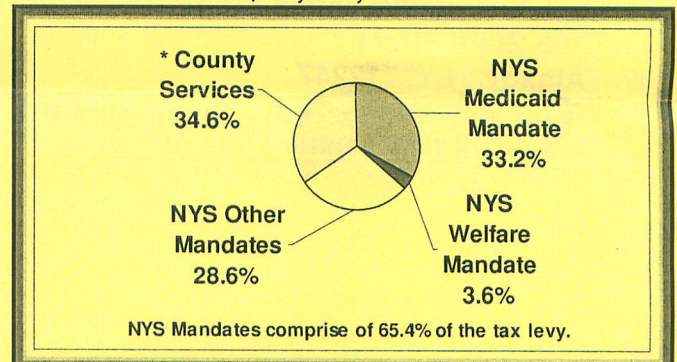
NYS Mandates (other): State legislators mandate numerous other expenses included in Pre-School Special Ed, Early Intervention services, probation, indigent defense, youth detention and the public pension system.³ The identified mandates will cost the County approximately \$11.2, which is 28.6% of this year's tax levy.

As illustrated in the chart below, 18% of the County's total expenses are mandated without funding by the state or federal governments and 6% are mandated with funding.

**2012 Warren County Budget
\$145,370,259¹**



**2012 Warren County Property Tax Levy
\$39,202,733**



* County Services include Sheriff's Dept., Health Services, Office for the Aging, Dept. of Public Works, Westmount Health Facility, Countryside Adult Home, County Clerk, District Attorney, and several Support Service Depts. Some of these departments have mandates that are not identified on the chart.

¹ Funds for the budget come from real estate taxes, sales taxes, and other revenue sources.

² Some mandated amounts are approximate or qualified.

³ Reference: New York State Association of Counties research data.

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