



## Dorchester County, Maryland

<b>Form of Government</b>	Charter Home Rule
<b>When Adopted</b>	2002
<b>Number of Elected Officials</b>	5 District Council members
<b>Term of Office</b>	No Term Limits
<b>County Meeting Dates</b>	First and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm

<u>Name of Elected Official</u>	<u>Title and District</u>	<u>First Elected</u>
Jay L. Newcomb	Council Member, District 1, President	2018
William V. Nichols	Council Member, District 2	1994
Ricky Travers	Council Member, District 3	2005
George Pfeffer	Council Member, District 4	2018
Libby Handley Nagel	Council Member, District 5, Vice President	2018

### Demographics

<b>Population and Density</b>	
Land Area (sq. miles)	540.8
Population	32,261
Population Density	59.7

<b>Racial Distribution</b>	
White	65.6%
African American	27.4%
Hispanic/Latino	5.3%
Asian	1.0%
American Indian	0.1%
Native Hawaiian	0.0%
Multi-Racial	4.0%

<b>Other</b>	
Median Household Income	\$ 52,145
Median Home Price	\$ 179,300
% Persons Living in Poverty	15.8%
Income Ranking Per Capita	19

### Municipalities

Number	9
Population	15,820
% of Cnty Population	49%
Largest	Cambridge

<b>Recent Annexations</b>	-
<b>County Management of Property Taxes</b>	Tax Differential and Tax Rebate

### FY 2020 Budget Actions

Budget increased by 2.53% over prior year. County increased income tax by 0.58%. County provided a step or the equivalent of 2.5% increase to employees.

### Budget and Finance

FY 2020 General Fund Budget	\$56,075,857	<b>K-12 Education (FY 2019)</b>	
% of General Fund for Public Safety	22.2%	<b>County Share</b>	27.6%
% of General Fund for Education	35.8%	<b>State Share</b>	65.8%
		<b>Federal Share</b>	6.6%

<b>Tax</b>	<b>FY 2020 Tax Rate</b>
Property	1
Income	3.20%
Recordation	\$5.00
Transfer	0.75%
Hotel/Motel	5%
Adm & Amusement	5%

<b>Homestead Credit</b>	<b>% Limit</b>
	5%

Adequate Public Financing Ordinances None