



Dorchester County, Maryland

Form of Government	Charter Home Rule
When Adopted	2002
Number of Elected Officials	5 District Council members
Term of Office	No Term Limits
County Meeting Dates	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

Population and Density	
Land Area (sq. miles)	540.8
Population	32,261
Population Density	59.7

Racial Distribution

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%

Other

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

Recent Annexations

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County Management of Property Taxes	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	K-12 Education (FY 2019)	
% of General Fund for Public Safety	22.2%	County Share	27.6%
% of General Fund for Education	35.8%	State Share	65.8%
		Federal Share	6.6%

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

	% Limit
Homestead Credit	5%

Adequate Public Financing Ordinances None