



## Somerset County, Maryland

Form of Government	Commission
When Adopted	-
Number of Elected Officials	5 District Commissioners
Term of Office	No Term Limits
County Meeting Dates	Alternating Tuesdays at 2:00 pm

<u>Name of Elected Official</u>	<u>Title and District</u>	<u>First Elected</u>
Craig N. Mathies, Sr.	Commissioner, District 1, President	2010
Rex Simpkins	Commissioner, District 2	2006
Eldon Willing	Commissioner, District 3	2018
Charles Laird	Commissioner, District 4, Vice President	2018
Randy Laird	Commissioner, District 5	2010

<u>Demographics</u>		<u>Municipalities</u>	
<u>Population and Density</u>		<u>Number</u>	2
Land Area (sq. miles)	319.7	<u>Population</u>	6,094
Population	25,737	<u>% of Cnty Population</u>	24%
Population Density	80.50	<u>Largest</u>	Princess Anne
<u>Racial Distribution</u>		<u>Recent Annexations</u>	-
White	52.8%	<u>County Management of Property Taxes</u>	Tax Rebate
African American	42.2%		
Hispanic/Latino	3.5%		
Asian	1.0%		
American Indian	0.3%		
Native Hawaiian	0.0%		
Multi-Racial	1.8%		
<u>Other</u>		<u>FY 2018 Budget</u>	
Median Household Income	\$ 42,165	Budget increased by 6.46% over prior year. No tax increases. County provided 2.5% steps to employees.	
Median Home Price	\$ 140,300		
% Persons Living in Poverty	20.4%		
Income Ranking Per Capita	24		

<u>Budget and Finance</u>			
FY 2018 General Fund Budget	\$47,862,576	<u>K-12 Education (FY 2019)</u>	
% of General Fund for Public Safety	17.7%	<u>County Share</u>	20.4%
% of General Fund for Education	28.6%	<u>State Share</u>	69.9%
		<u>Federal Share</u>	9.8%

<u>Tax</u>	<u>FY 2020 Tax Rate</u>
Property	100%
Income	3.20%
Recordation	\$3.30
Transfer	N/A
Hotel/Motel	5%
Adm & Amusement	4%

	<u>% Limit</u>
Homestead Credit	10%

Adequate Public Financing Ordinances                      None