# Travis County

## Fiscal Year 2020 Budget in Brief

Travis County Planning and Budget Office
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Travis County Emergency Services demonstrating the increased firefighting capabilities of the new STAR Flight helicopter fleet

## Travis County Commissioners Court

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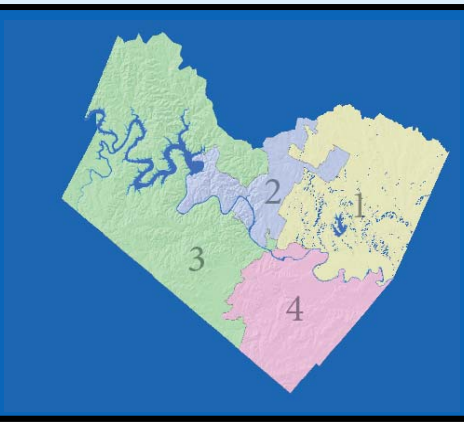


# FY 2020 Property Tax Summary

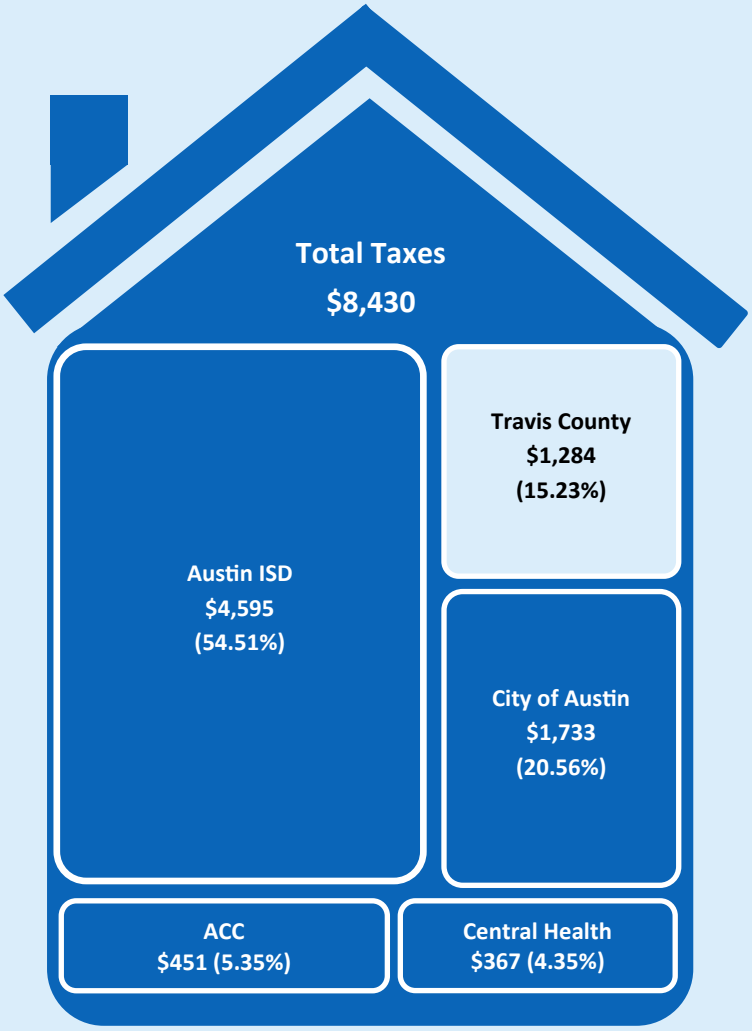
| Travis County Property Tax Rate (per $100 Taxable Value) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | FY 19 Rate | FY 20 Rate | Difference |
| Operating Rate | $0.307900 | $0.312263 | $0.004363 |
| Debt Service Rate | $0.046300 | $0.057030 | $0.010730 |
| **Total Tax Rate** | **$0.354200** | **$0.369293** | **$0.015093** |
| Annual Property Taxes on Avg. Taxable Homestead | $1,157.86 | $1,283.87 | $126.01 |

Want to See Travis County's Taxpayer Impact Statement?
https://www.traviscountytx.gov/fy20-impact-statement

| Major Jurisdictions' Tax Rates (per $100 Taxable Value) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | FY 19 Rate | FY 20 Rate | Difference |
| Travis County | $0.354200 | $0.369293 | $0.015093 |
| Austin ISD | $1.192000 | $1.122000 | -$0.070000 |
| Austin Community College | $0.104800 | $0.104900 | $0.000100 |
| City of Austin | $0.440300 | $0.443100 | $0.002800 |
| Central Health | $0.105221 | $0.105573 | $0.000352 |

| Homestead Exemptions by Jurisdiction | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Homestead Exemption | 65 & Older Exemption | Disabled Exemption |
| Travis County | 20%* | $85,500 | $85,500 |
| Austin ISD | $25,000 | $35,000 | $25,000 |
| Austin Community College | 1%* | $160,000 | $160,000 |
| City of Austin | 10%* | $88,000 | $88,000 |
| Central Health | 20%* | $85,500 | $85,500 |

*Minimum of $5,000



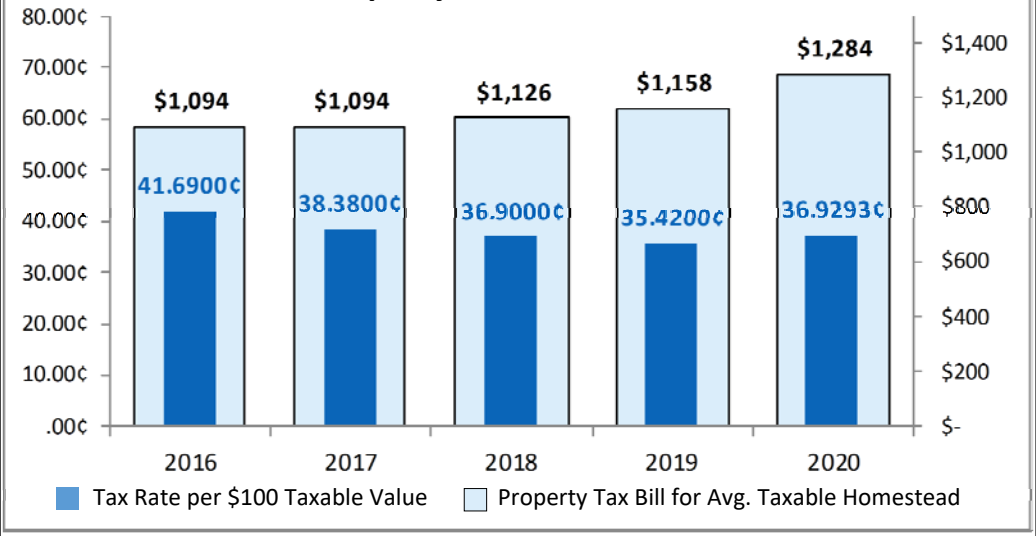

**The deadline for filing an exemption application is April 30th. Specific information and exemption applications can be found at www.traviscad.org/forms/**

**The example above uses a home assessed at $434,569, resulting in the average taxable homestead in Travis County of $347,655. (After the general homestead exemption is applied)**

## Senate Bill 2

**Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 2, known as the Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019, in June. This legislation will limit local government control of property tax revenue starting in FY 2021 and is anticipated to impact the County's ability to effectively meet growing demands for services in future years.**

## Travis County Property Tax Bill for the Average Taxable Homestead and Property Tax Rate from FY 2016 to FY 2020



# FY 2020 Budget Summary

**Total Budget** (All Funds)
**$1,210,176,330**

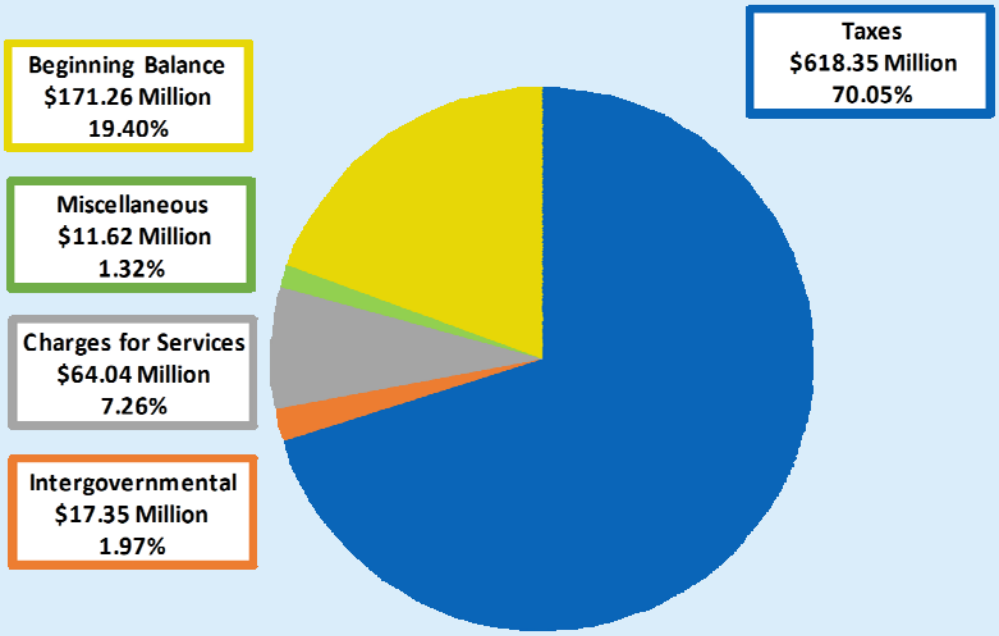
General Fund
$882,620,494

Used to account for general operations and activities

Other Funds
$327,555,836

Used to account for revenues from specific tax or other earmarked revenue sources

## How Travis County Receives General Fund Resources




## How Travis County Allocates General Fund Resources

**Justice System**
$191.61 Million
21.70%

**General Government**
$150.03 Million
17.00%

**Corrections & Rehabilitation**
$148.53 Million
16.82%

**Public Safety**
$99.91 Million
11.32%

**Health & Human Services**
$65.28 Million
7.40%

**Infrastructure & Environment Services**
$33.77 Million
3.83%

**Community & Economic Development**
$17.76 Million
2.01%

The County's General Fund maintains the following cash reserves:
The Unallocated Reserve, Allocated Reserves, General Purpose Reserves, and Special Purpose Reserves
$151.63 Million
17.19%

**Transfers to Other Funds**
$24.10 Million
2.73%

## Travis County Credit Rating

Travis County is only one of seven Texas counties that is exclusively rated at the highest investment grade bond rating. The County has maintained the highest rating since 2001, which allows the County to borrow funds at favorable interest rates and saves taxpayer resources.

## FY 2020 Proposed Debt Issuance

Debt financing of capital equipment and projects is accomplished through the issuance of voter-authorized bonds and certificates of obligation.

| Voter Authorized Bonds | Certificates of Obligation |
|---|---|
| $69.8 Million* | $22.7 Million* |

* amounts subject to change prior to issuance

## For additional information such as...

- FY 2020 and Prior Year Budget Documents
- Tax Rate and Taxpayer Impact Statement
- Financial Policies and Budget Rules
- Financial Summaries
- FY 2021 Budget Development

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TCTV Channel 17
Or online at traviscountytx.gov

## County Contact Information

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire Marshal | (512) 854-4621 |
| Parks | (512) 854-7275 |
| Purchasing Office | (512) 854-9700 |
| Sheriff's Office | (512) 854-9770 |
| Veterans Services | (512) 854-9340 |
| Health & Human Services | (512) 854-4100 |
| Planning and Budget Office | (512) 854-9106 |
| Road & Bridge Maintenance | (512) 854-9114 |
| Tax Office | (512) 854-9473 |

## Travis County Commissioners Court

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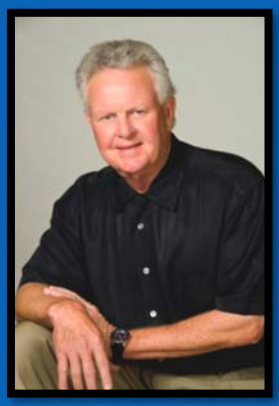

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