

Popular Annual Financial Report  
September 30, 2014

# Williamson County Texas



*Issued by:*  
**David U. Flores**  
*Williamson County Auditor*

# County Auditor

Dear Citizens of Williamson County,

I am pleased to present the annual Williamson County Citizens' Financial Report (also known as the Popular Annual Financial Report or "PAFR") for fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. This financial summary provides a less technical discussion of County finances. It also includes discussions of County initiatives and trends in the local economy. This important economic data presents a brief explanation of where county-wide resources come from and how those dollars are spent; then, focusing only on the County's major funds, how those transactions affect you, the citizen.

The Williamson County Auditor's Office has generated this Citizens' Report using financial information taken from the 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) that was audited by Weaver and Tidwell, LLP, and received an unqualified opinion. An unqualified opinion indicates that the financial statements are prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and are free of material misstatement concerning the overall financial position of the County. Unlike the CAFR, this report is not presented according to GAAP and reporting standards, meaning it's a financial report that is user-friendly.

This report is not intended to replace the CAFR; it is simply presented as a means of increasing public confidence in County government. For a complete set of County financials, please refer to the CAFR, which is available from the Williamson County Auditor's Office located in the historic Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main St., Suite #301, Georgetown, TX 78626. In addition, both the CAFR and PAFR are available on the County website at [www.wilco.org](http://www.wilco.org). I invite you to share any questions, concerns, feedback or recommendations you may have by contacting us at [jki-ley@wilco.org](mailto:jki-ley@wilco.org) or 512/943-1500.

Respectfully submitted,



David U. Flores

**David U. Flores** has a BBA from Texas A&I University-Kingsville, Texas. He was a teacher and a merchant before becoming the County Auditor for Dimmit County. He served as the County Auditor for Dimmit County for 9 years from 1980 - 1988 and has since served as the County Auditor for Williamson County, having been sworn in during January of 1989. He has been a trustee for the Texas County and District Retirement System and is a past president for the Texas Association of County Auditors. Mr. Flores served as the Chairman of the Investment Committee for the Texas Association of Counties from 2008 to 2012.



**Message from the County Auditor**



## STEWARDS OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The Williamson County Auditor's Office is the supervisory body of County funds. Maintaining the integrity of financial administration in County government is essential and is provided by the Auditor's Office through an independent system of checks and balances. As the County's chief financial officer, it is the Auditor's responsibility to:

- Properly account for millions of dollars received by the County each year.
- Manage and account for County debt.
- By statute, audit all books and records of County officials.
- Oversee all County Financial Records.
- Maintain independence, integrity and enforce all Texas laws and regulations governing County finances.
- Act as advisor to Commissioner's Court concerning financial conditions and County policies.
- Approve and issue payments with authorized funds in conjunction with Commissioner's Court.
- Administer, report, and forecast revenues in the County budget as set by the Commissioner's Court.
- Issue payments for all County obligations through Accounts Payable, including administering the County payroll.
- Prepare the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) as required by law.
- Provide day to day financial information on the County web-site.
- Ensure financial transparency in government.



## VISION

**To be the Number One County in the State of Texas at Instilling Public Trust in All Fiscal Matters**

## AUDITOR FUNCTIONS

There are many reasons to have a County Auditor, but the main one is to maintain the integrity of financial administration in county government. Every two years, the state District judges in Williamson County appoint the County Auditor. Because the Auditor is neither appointed by nor under the hierarchical control of the Commissioner's Court, the integrity of county finances is protected by a dual system of "checks and balances."

## AUDITOR STAFF

The Office of the County Auditor currently consists of 28 employees acting as the "Stewards of Public Funds" in the areas of Internal Audit, Financial Accounting and Reporting, Accounts Payable and Payroll.

## GOAL FOR THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present an easy to read financial position of Williamson County government. We hope to instill taxpayer confidence in their government and to highlight some of the services provided to our citizens and taxpayers. We hope you find this report helpful and informative about what County government does for you.

## Wilco by the Numbers:

**2nd**

**Healthiest  
County in  
Texas**

## Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle



Texas Comptroller  
Leadership Circle  
Platinum Member

The Comptroller of Public Accounts launched the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program in December 2009 to recognize local governments across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. Spotlights are placed on those local governments that are:

- opening their books to the public
- providing clear, consistent pictures of spending
- sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information.

*“Platinum” highlights those entities that go above and beyond providing financial transparency. 2014 was the fifth year that Williamson County achieved the highest possible score.*

Additional details concerning the program can be found at the state website [www.texas transparency.org](http://www.texas transparency.org)

## Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting

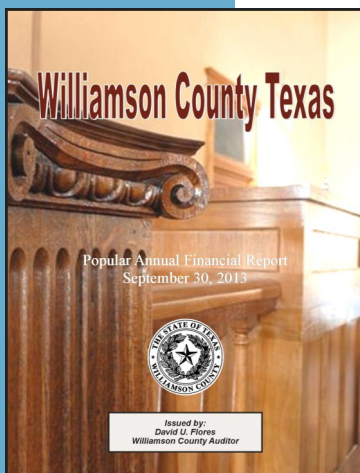
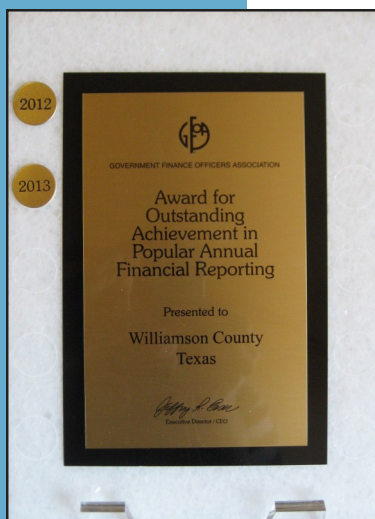
The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Williamson County for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

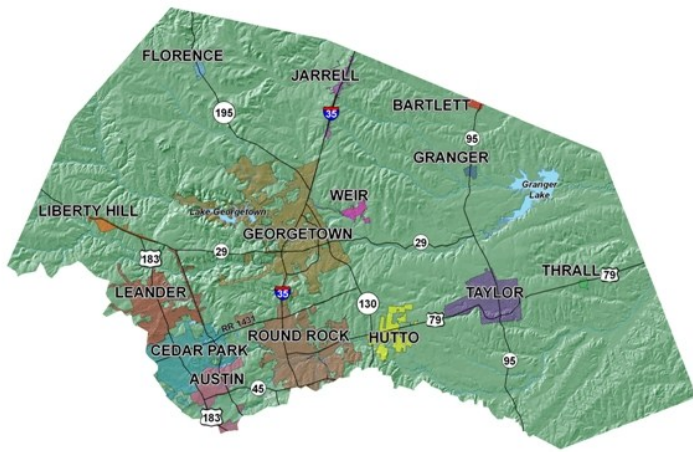
In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

The 2013 report can also be found at:

[wilco.mygovcenter.com/financial-reports](http://wilco.mygovcenter.com/financial-reports)





## WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Williamson County is blessed with a mild climate offering more than 300 sunny days each year, affordable housing, a low cost of living, clean air, and beautiful scenic vistas. The County is well known for a very low crime rate and friendly, neighborly people. County taxes are among the lowest in the state for comparable counties, and, unlike most states, Texas has no state personal income tax. All these reasons make Williamson County one of the most desirable places to live and work in the United States.

## COUNTY STRUCTURE AND SERVICES

Williamson County, organized in 1848, is located in the central part of the state, which is considered to be the top growth area in the state, and one of the top growth areas in the country. The County currently occupies a land area of 1,135 square miles and serves an estimated population of 471,014. Williamson County is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal properties located within its boundaries.

Williamson County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas. It has no legislative powers and very restrictive judicial and administrative powers. The governing body of the County is the Commissioner's Court of five members. The County Judge is the chairman of the court and the Commissioner from each of the four precincts are also members. The Court has only such powers as are conferred upon it by the Constitution and the Statutes or by necessary implication therefrom.

### Wilco by the Numbers:

**88%**

**Population Growth  
Since 2000**

### Wilco by the Numbers:

**14%**

**Increase Home  
Sales in 2014**

## ECONOMY

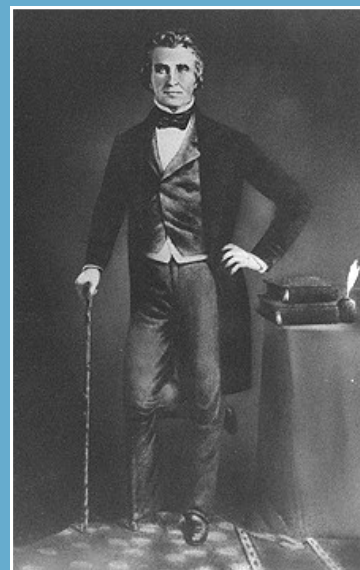
Williamson County 's economy is presently experiencing tremendous growth compared to the rest of the nation. According to Forbes, it is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation.

## POPULATION

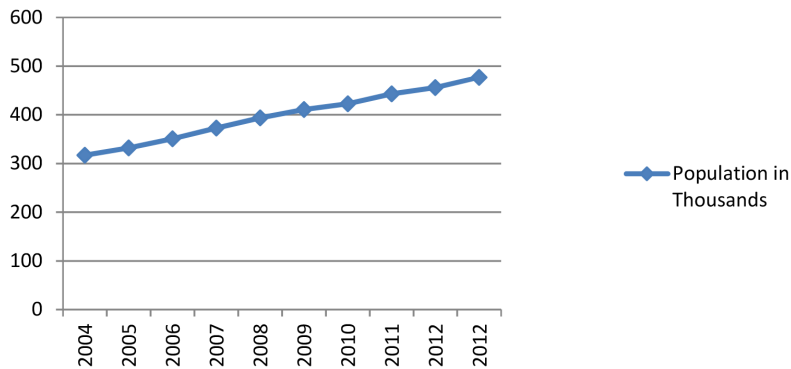
Williamson County's population ranks it 12th among 254 counties in Texas and is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States.

## ROBERT M. WILLIAMSON

The County was organized in 1848 and named for Robert M. Williamson, pioneer leader and veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto. He was a newspaper publisher, lawyer, judge and state legislator. Because of a childhood illness, one of his legs was bent back and he also had a wooden leg extending from the knee, giving him the nickname "Three-Legged Willie."

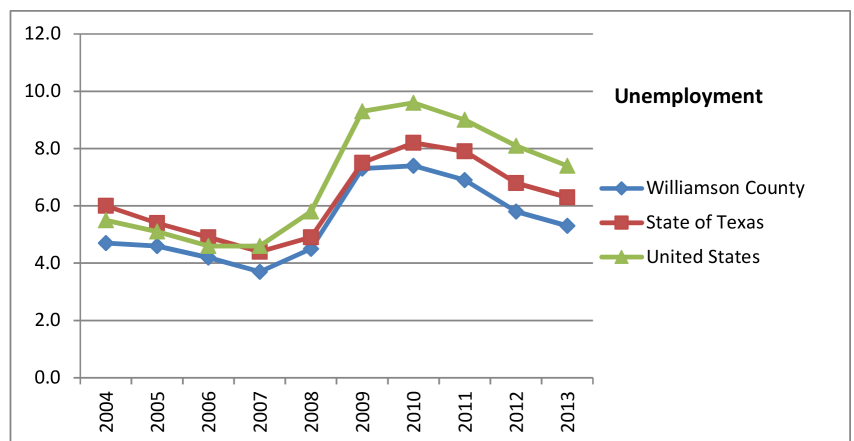


## 10 Year Population Growth



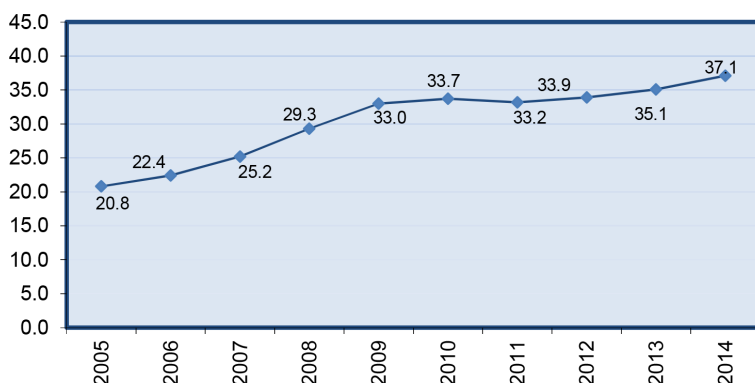
Williamson County continues to be one of the fastest growing counties in the state and the nation. Since 2000, the county's population has grown by 88 percent. It is the 12th most populous county in Texas. Williamson County's growth has been fueled by its location on the I-35 corridor and close access to Austin, Texas. The county's economic base has developed to be home to many major industries, including high tech, manufacturing, healthcare and higher education. The

regional economy continued to expand and isn't expected to slow down anytime soon. The county has a diverse workforce. This attracts new businesses to locate to the area. Job creation has caused many of the cities to be some of the fastest growing cities in the country. New housing, building permits and new roads also demonstrate the growth. The diversity in the economy makes the county less vulnerable to economic downturns. The county unemployment rate decreased from 5.3% in September 2013 to 4.3% in September of this year; the rate was significantly lower than the national rate for September which decreased from 7.0% in 2013 to 5.7% this year.



Business incentives, a low tax rate and affordable housing are major factors that have contributed to the job growth. The latest population forecasts project Williamson County population could grow to more than 1 million people by 2040. Commercial developments have been on the rise throughout the county. The

## Property Values - \$Billions



Summit at Rivery Park project in Georgetown will include a Sheraton hotel and conference center, a park and parking garage. The 32 acre mix-use development also includes a multi-family complex and single family homes. Future restaurants and retail are planned in the development. New businesses and apartments are moving to the SH45 N corridor in Round Rock. These include Home2 Suites, a 300-unit apartment complex, South University,



Principal Property Taxpayers - FY 2014			
Taxpayer	Assessed Value \$Millions	Rank	% of Total County Assessed
Dell Computer Holdings, LP	153,414,617	1	0.41%
Oncor Electric Delivery Company	145,290,551	2	0.39%
CPG Round Rock, LP & SPG Round Rock NS LP	134,200,248	3	0.36%
Lakeline Developers	101,845,007	4	0.27%
Inland Western Cedar Park 1890 Ranch LP	89,510,688	5	0.24%
HEB Grocery Company LP	72,313,211	6	0.19%
Baltgem Development Corp Et Al	71,285,140	7	0.19%
Dell Computer Corporation	65,445,280	8	0.18%
Amaravathi Ltd Ptnrsh & Amaravathi Keerthi LLC	64,348,133	9	0.17%
Columbia/St. David Healthcare	62,152,791	10	0.17%

Forest Park Medical Center and Frontera Ridge office buildings. Bass Pro Shop is building a 104,000 square foot building north along side of the Round Rock Premium Outlet Mall. The Town Center in Cedar Park expanded and now is home to

Costco and At Home. 14 restaurants and other businesses opened in the area as well.

The demand for housing is prevalent throughout the county. Leander has set a new record for housing permits. A new 500 acre master-planned community broke ground near Toll 183A and San Gabriel Parkway. Bryson is a 1,200 home neighborhood. Other housing developments in Leander include Northside Meadow, the Villas at Vista Ridge and Travisso. Vizcaya is a residential development in Round Rock east of University and A.W. Grimes that broke ground in 2014. Hutto is planning a new senior apartment community. Trails at Carmel Creek will be located at SH 130 and Hwy 79. In Georgetown, Sun City plans to develop another 1,100 acres. Santa Rita Ranch is a 3,100 acre master-planned community close to 183A and Hwy 29. Williamson County's focus on education has attracted higher education schools for the non-traditional students. Austin Community College and Texas State Technical College offer programs that provide skilled workers and attract business as a result.

Williamson County is a part of the Austin-Round Rock metropolitan area. The metropolitan area was ranked #1 on Forbes fastest-growing cities. Williamson County was ranked as the 2nd healthiest county in Texas, by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin. In 2014, the Austin-Round Rock metro area ranked second in the Milken Institute's Best Cities Index. The Milken Institute ranks US metropolitan areas by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth.

Principal Employers - FY 2014			
Employer	Number of Employees	Rank	% of Total County Employment
Dell Computer	13,000	1	5.88%
Round Rock ISD	5,750	2	2.60%
Leander ISD	4,137	3	1.87%
Georgetown ISD	1,630	4	0.74%
Williamson County	1,525	5	0.69%
Sears (Teleserve)	1,500	6	0.68%
HEB Grocery	945	7	0.43%
Baylor Scott & White	930	8	0.42%
City of Round Rock	824	9	0.37%
Emerson Process Management	750	10	0.34%

**Wilco by the Numbers:**

**26%**  
Increase in  
Employment  
since 2005 in  
Austin/Round  
Rock MSA



## Williamson County—AAA/Stable

Williamson County received a 'AAA' bond rating from both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's for series 2014 unlimited tax road bonds and 2014 limited-tax park bonds. At the same time, Standard & Poor's affirmed its 'AAA' long-term rating and underlying rating on the County's general obligation debt outstanding. The outlook on all ratings is stable.

"A history of extensive planning and conservatism has allowed the county to accommodate a high debt load associated with providing infrastructure sufficient to meet increasing service levels while maintaining balanced operations and robust reserves," stated the ratings report from Fitch. Standard and Poor's believes, "the stable outlook reflects our anticipation that county management will continue to effectively manage ongoing growth-driven capital needs as the county continues to expand. We also expect that the county will continue to maintain very strong budgetary flexibility and at least adequate budgetary performance."

Williamson County went to market on April 8, 2014 with \$120 million of the total \$315 million in road and park bonds county voters approved in November 2013.

"Williamson County's AAA rating was affirmed by two independent rating agencies. Standard and Poor's Ratings Services and Fitch Ratings affirmation is a solid testament to the financial strength and financial performance of the county," stated Williamson County Auditor David Flores. "The highest rating means the lowest interest cost going forward in addressing the road infrastructure in a fast growing county."

"There is a demand for quality grade investments. We have that, so we are poised to be able to secure a lower interest rate that translates into savings for the taxpayer." Flores states the County's successful financial practices aren't specific to government organizations or businesses. They are the same practices any fiscally responsible household can utilize to give an individual a good credit rating. "You follow the ABC's of spending whether you are a family household or a government," says Flores.

"A is always live within your means. B is borrow money only for capital items, being something that has permanent value like a home. C is credit cards shouldn't be used to finance regular operations exceeding 30 days," says Flores. "The tough part, for a family or organization, is the discipline required to adhere to these practices. Williamson County has been able to adhere to these practices." The ratings reports are available on the County's website at:

[wilco.mygovcenter.com/financial-reports](http://wilco.mygovcenter.com/financial-reports).



# Williamson County—2014 Debt / Bond Activity

## Pass-Through Toll Revenue and Limited Tax Bonds:

The remaining debt for this program was issued in April 2013. This program represents 20% of the counties outstanding bonds payable. Debt payments for this type of bond are backed by a revenue stream other than tax revenues. Tax revenues will only be used should the primary revenue source default on payments. Currently, Williamson County has two such pass through agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In 2006, TxDOT and Williamson County signed an agreement for the County to build US 183A, US 79 (3 Sections), IH-35 Turnaround Bridges (Georgetown), RM 2338 and FM 1660. A maximum of \$151,942,000 will be reimbursed to Williamson County from TxDOT. The reimbursement is paid semi-annually based on \$0.10 per vehicle mile traveled to allow no more than \$15,194,200 annually compensated on the projects. The traffic counts are taken before each reimbursement in March and September. In 2011, Williamson County signed a second Pass Through Agreement with TxDOT for the construction of northbound frontage roads and Ramps on IH-35 in Georgetown. TxDOT will reimburse a maximum of \$12,096,700. TxDOT will reimburse Williamson County \$0.07 per vehicle mile traveled to allow no more than \$1,099,700 compensated annually on the completed project. All of the projects that are part of the 2006 agreement are open and are being billed to TxDOT. The project for the 2011 agreement is scheduled to open in Fall of 2015.

## Voter Approved Bonds:

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Williamson County voters approved \$275 million in road bonds and \$40 million in park bonds. A long-range transportation plan was conducted in 2010 to re-evaluate traffic flows taking into account population growth. "Austin is rated No 2 in the nation with an expected 5-year annual growth rate of 3.9%" as stated in Forbes (Fisher, 2/13). The tremendous growth in Austin is spilling over into Williamson County causing a boom in population. The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) expects the population to grow by 22.3% from 2011 to 2015. The voters have recognized the growth and demand for more roads to relieve the traffic burden commuting into Austin.

In April of 2014, \$100 million of the authorized Road Bonds and \$20 million of the authorized Park Bonds were issued. Some of the projects funded with these monies are RM 620 Phase 2, Westinghouse Road Phase I, CR 110 Phase I and the Expo Center.

As of September 30, 2014, our total outstanding bonds payable debt is \$867,813,670 of which \$139,046,700 is reimbursable Pass Through revenue bond. As of September 30, 2014, \$24,939,042 has been reimbursed from TxDOT.

## Refunding Bonds:

Refunding Bonds are issued to pay off outstanding debt to take advantage of lower interest rates. Refundings are only issued if the benefit is to save the Williamson County tax payers money. During FY 2014 there were no Refunding Bonds issued.

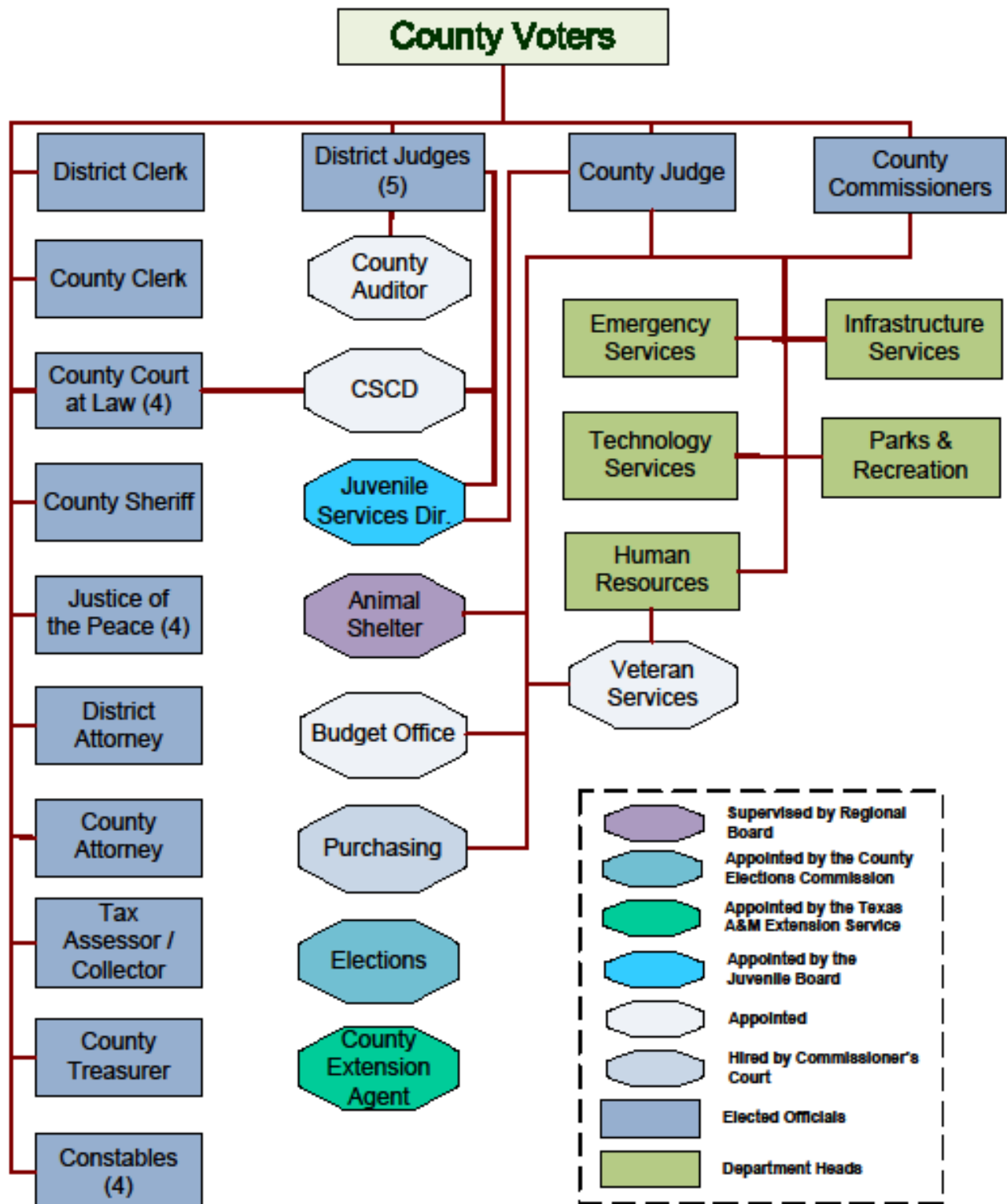


## Williamson County Elected Officials:

<b>District Judges:</b>	<i>Donna King</i> <i>Stacey Mathews</i> <i>Rick J. Kennon</i> <i>Michael Jergins</i> <i>Betsy Lambeth</i>	Judge, 26th Judicial District Judge, 277th Judicial District Judge, 368th Judicial District Judge, 395th Judicial District Judge, 425th Judicial District
<b>County Court at Law:</b>	<i>Suzanne Brooks</i> <i>Tim L. Wright</i> <i>Doug Arnold</i> <i>John B. McMaster</i>	Judge, County Court at Law #1 Judge, County Court at Law #2 Judge, County Court at Law #3 Judge, County Court at Law #4
<b>Commissioner's Court:</b>	<i>Dan A. Gattis</i> <i>Lisa Birkman</i> <i>Cynthia Long</i> <i>Valerie Covey</i> <i>Ron Morrison</i>	County Judge Commissioner, Precinct #1 Commissioner, Precinct #2 Commissioner, Precinct #3 Commissioner, Precinct #4
<b>Justice of the Peace:</b>	<i>Dain Johnson</i> <i>Edna Staudt</i> <i>Bill Gravell, Jr.</i> <i>Judy Hobbs</i>	Justice of the Peace, Pct #1 Justice of the Peace, Pct #2 Justice of the Peace, Pct #3 Justice of the Peace, Pct #4
<b>Constables:</b>	<i>Robert Chody</i> <i>Richard Coffman</i> <i>Kevin Stofle</i> <i>Marty Ruble</i>	Constable, Precinct #1 Constable, Precinct #2 Constable, Precinct #3 Constable, Precinct #4
<b>County Offices:</b>	<i>Jana Duty</i> <i>Doyle "Dee" Hobbs</i> <i>Lisa David</i> <i>Nancy Rister</i> <i>James Wilson</i> <i>Jerri L. Jones</i> <i>Deborah Hunt</i>	District Attorney County Attorney District Clerk County Clerk County Sheriff County Treasurer Tax Assessor/Collector



# Organizational Chart







## Where the money to pay for County Services comes from

- PROPERTY TAXES
- FEES OF OFFICE / CHARGES FOR SERVICES
- FINES AND FORFEITURES
- PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GRANTING AGENCIES
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES
- INVESTMENT EARNINGS



## Wilco by the Numbers:

**1440**

**Miles of roadway maintained by the County**

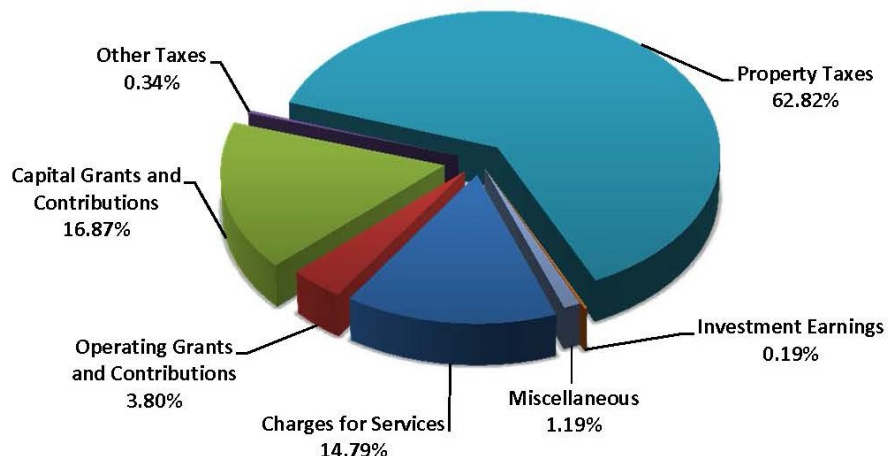
## GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

The County receives its funding from a variety of sources, of which the largest single source is property taxes. **Property Taxes** represent a tax on all real estate and improvements within the County. Property taxes are considered to be a general revenue source, meaning it is available to fund all programs of the County. **Fees of Office** and **Charges for Services** represent fees paid by individuals, businesses, or other governments who purchase, use, or directly benefit from the goods or services provided. **Intergovernmental** revenues include payments or donations from other governmental entities through contractual agreements under which many of the funds are restricted for use in a particular program. **Investment Earnings** consists of interest income and other income from investment activities.

	2014 \$M
Property Taxes	\$ 182.92
Charges for Services	43.06
Operating Grants and Contributions	11.06
Capital Grants and Contributions	49.11
Other Taxes	0.99
Investment Earnings	0.56
Miscellaneous	3.46
	<u>\$ 291.16</u>

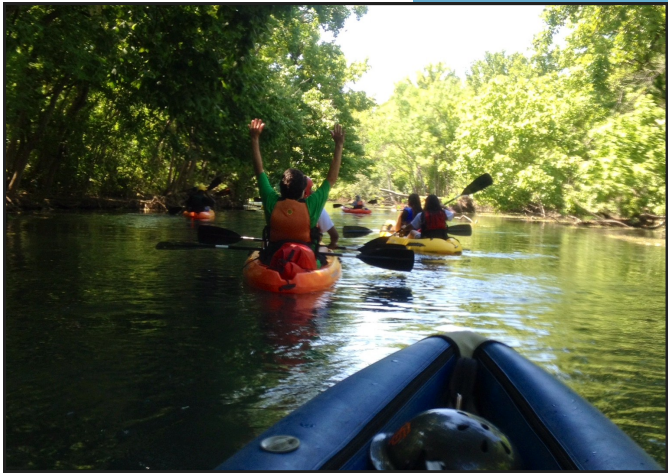
A more detailed explanation of these revenues can be found in the Financial Section of this report and in the Government-Wide Statements in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

## Revenues by Source - Governmental



Where the Money Goes

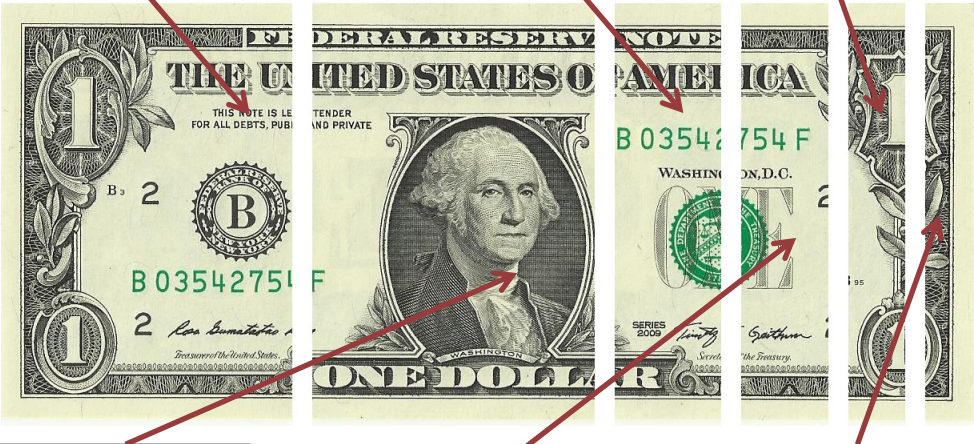
General Government includes all administrative aspects of County business. Community Services consist of Veteran Services, Public Health, Parks, the Recycling Center, Agriculture Extension Service and the Regional Animal Shelter. Debt Service pays off the bonds issued for the construction of major projects.



Transportation Support 31%

Int. on L/T Debt 13%

Judicial Services 8%



Public Safety 31%

General Government 11%

Community Services 6%

**Wilco by the Numbers:**

**57.6%**

**Of General Fund Expenditures spent on Public Safety**



GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES

	2014
	\$M
General Government	\$ 32.52
Public Safety	88.10
Transportation Support	87.44
Judicial Services	22.69
Community Services	16.80
Conservation	.35
Interest on L/T Debt	35.63
	<u>\$ 283.53</u>



## Law Enforcement

- COUNTY SHERIFF
- COUNTY JAIL
- COUNTY CONSTABLES (4 Precincts)
- JUVENILE SERVICES
- VICTIM ASSISTANCE

## Emergency Services

- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
- HAZ-MAT
- OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- 911 COMMUNICATIONS
- RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

## Judicial Branch

- 5 DISTRICT COURTS
- 4 COUNTY COURTS
- 4 JUSTICE COURTS
- DISTRICT ATTORNEY
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- DISTRICT CLERK





## Community Services

- VETERAN SERVICES
- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE
- PARKS
- WILLIAMSON MUSEUM
- RECYCLING CENTER



## General Government

- COUNTY JUDGE
- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (4 Precincts)
- COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
- COUNTY TREASURER
- COUNTY AUDITOR
- FACILITY MAINTENANCE
- ELECTIONS
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- PURCHASING



**Wilco by the  
Numbers:**

***1571***

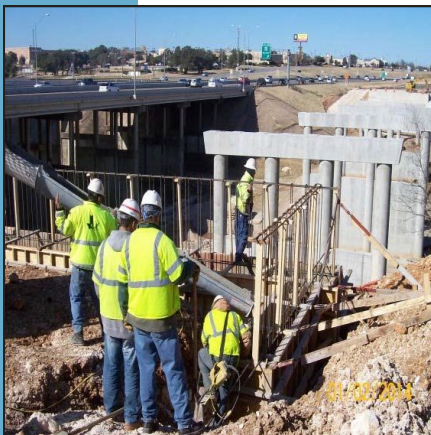
**Number of County  
Employees**





## Major Capital Projects Annual Expenditures FY 2014

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>\$M</u>	<u>Type</u>
IH-35 NB Frontage Road and Ramps	\$8.7	Road
Ronald Reagan Boulevard Phase IV	\$7.3	Road
RM 620 Interim Improvements	\$6.2	Road
FM 1460 Phase II	\$4.5	Road
SH 195	\$3.1	Road
University Boulevard Widening	\$2.5	Road
CR 170	\$2.4	Road
CR 108	\$1.3	Road





## Emergency Services Operations Center



A ribbon-cutting for the new Emergency Services Operations Center was held October 11, 2013, although employees moved in a few months earlier. Located at 911 Tracy Chambers Lane in Georgetown, this 30,000 square foot state of the art building allows for the key emergency departments to be housed together under one roof in order to provide the most efficient communication during emergencies as well as being better prepared for disasters. Past disasters, such as the Jarrell Tornado and various hurricanes, magnified the need for this type of building when emergency responders were forced to make due in overcrowded facilities. Now they have a large centralized location with a communication floor for the 911 dispatchers, offices, conference rooms, and multi purpose rooms all equipped with the latest communication technology to best coordinate services in

case of a disaster. To date \$17,992,178.94 has been spent on the ESOC including technology. In the future, this building could be expanded to 50,000 square feet.

## IH-35 Northbound Frontage Road and Ramps

In 2013, construction began on the IH-35 Northbound Frontage Road and Ramps. In FY 14, \$8.7 million was spent on the project to include the cost of engineering, environmental, utility relocation, and construction oversight. The project consists of construction work from Westinghouse Road to SH 29. Improvements include the addition of a northbound frontage road between Inner Loop and SH 29; elevating the turn around bridge at North RM 2243 (Leander Rd); and other ramps being relocated and reconfigured. The project will be reimbursed from Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) in the amount of \$12,096,700 for construction costs. The repayment begins upon substantial completion of the project and is based on a calculation of \$.07 for each vehicle mile traveled. The minimum annual payment will not be less than \$549,850 and the maximum is no more than \$1,099,700.





The *Statement of Activities* provides readers with an overview of money received and spent during the year in the County *as a whole*, in an approach similar to a private-sector business. Explanations of these accounts are provided as a tool to understanding these activities.

### ***Money Received***

Property taxes come from three different sources: taxes for general purposes (\$.281529), taxes for road & bridge purposes (\$.04) and taxes for debt service (\$.1675) to repay debt of the County. The total tax rate for 2014 was \$.489029 per \$100 value and was composed by the total of these three purposes.

Charges for Services are monies received from the public when the County performs a service to the citizens, such as, Emergency Medical Services. Operating Grants & Contributions is money the County receives from other governmental agencies, corporations, and private contributors. Investment Earnings is interest earned on County investments. Miscellaneous is money received that does not fit in the above-mentioned accounts but are still classified as revenue.

### ***Services Rendered***

This is money spent to provide services to citizens. See pages 10 - 13 of this report for a detailed explanation of what services are included in each of the categories: General Government, Public Safety, Transportation Support, Judicial Services and Community Services.

### ***Variance Analysis and Trends***

Property tax revenues increased significantly in FY 14 compared to the prior two years which remained relatively flat. The tax rate stayed the same for FY 14 as it was in FY 13 however, property values increased and along with new improvements resulted in a 5.9% increase in revenues. The continued increase in Capital Grants and Contributions is due to the county accepting roads in new subdivisions. There was a decrease in Services Rendered primarily in the area of transportation. The 2006 Road Bond Program was ending and the 2013 program was just getting started thus the reason for this decrease.

<b>Williamson County Statement of Activities</b>			
<b>Money Received</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Property Taxes:			
Levied for general purposes	\$104,957,462	\$99,126,344	\$97,647,471
Levied for road & bridge	\$14,681,846	\$13,815,558	\$10,261,395
Levied for debt service	\$63,279,169	\$59,780,481	\$58,518,962
Other taxes	\$987,258	\$712,987	\$561,950
Charges for Services	\$43,061,826	\$42,873,943	\$38,466,788
Operating grants & contributions	\$11,059,515	\$16,559,081	\$17,329,641
Capital grants & contributions	\$49,107,663	\$40,505,315	\$14,209,320
Investment earnings	\$564,343	\$739,574	\$1,048,743
Miscellaneous	\$3,464,348	\$1,185,745	\$913,672
<b>Total Money Received</b>	<b>\$291,163,430</b>	<b>\$275,299,028</b>	<b>\$238,957,942</b>
<b>Services Rendered</b>			
General Government	\$32,522,582	\$30,908,617	\$30,302,088
Public Safety	\$88,098,767	\$80,001,178	\$79,174,507
Transportation Support	\$87,436,401	\$185,691,679	\$58,930,917
Judicial	\$22,685,570	\$20,693,148	\$20,150,173
Community Services	\$16,796,646	\$16,431,859	\$12,808,543
Conservation	\$347,751	\$773,438	\$676,913
Interest on long-term debt	\$35,634,706	\$33,244,626	\$36,995,878
<b>Total Services Rendered</b>	<b>\$283,522,423</b>	<b>\$367,744,545</b>	<b>\$239,039,019</b>
<b>Monies Received over Services Rendered</b>	<b>\$7,641,007</b>	<b>-92,445,517</b>	<b>-\$81,077</b>

## Williamson County Condensed Statement of Net Position

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Current Assets	\$501,488,458	\$452,316,572
Capital Assets	\$571,479,907	\$526,669,804
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,072,968,365</b>	<b>\$978,986,376</b>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows</b>	<b>\$32,176,511</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$29,718,348	\$26,164,357
Noncurrent Liabilities	\$960,294,669	\$838,695,933
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$990,013,017</b>	<b>\$864,860,290</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net Investment in Capital		
Assets	\$253,798,426	\$264,889,158
Restricted	\$35,850,736	\$32,752,322
Unrestricted	(\$174,517,303)	(\$183,515,394)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$115,131,859</b>	<b>\$114,126,086</b>

### Benefits

*Current Assets* include:

- Cash on-hand to pay obligations
- Accounts Receivable
- Prepaid items / Inventory

*Capital Assets* include:

- Land / Buildings
- Infrastructure
- Equipment
- Construction in Progress

### Obligations

*Current Liabilities* include:

- Accounts Payable
- Accrued Liabilities
- Unearned Revenue
- Accrued Interest Payable

*Non-current Liabilities* are items that are due in more than one year.



This statement includes all funds to provide an overall picture of County-wide finances. Net Assets refers to the purchase costs of County assets less the accumulated depreciation of those assets.



### Net Assets

*Net Investment in Capital*

*Assets* represents the value of assets less depreciation and the associated outstanding debt incurred to purchase that asset.

*Restricted Assets* include:

- Debt Service
- Road & Bridge
- Conservation Foundation
- Tobacco Fund
- Other purposes that limit the use of certain assets

*Unrestricted Net Assets* are items that do not have to be held for specific reasons.

Financial Position Statement shown does not conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The purpose of this presentation is to provide the citizen with a summarized version of the information contained in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Taxes	\$106,095,185
Fees of Office	11,604,467
Fines & Forfeitures	3,843,553
Charges for Services	13,837,755
Intergovernmental	2,306,078
Investment Income & Other	831,331
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$138,518,369</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Current:	
General Government	\$26,035,717
Public Safety	74,498,987
Judicial	19,916,895
Community Services	5,167,038
Capital Outlay	3,633,179
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$129,251,816</b>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$9,266,553
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	
Transfers In	\$0
Transfers Out	(10,274,921)
Capital Lease Issued	0
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	263,428
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(\$10,011,493)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(744,940)</b>
<b>Fund Balance, Beginning</b>	<b>\$76,397,011</b>
<b>Fund Balance, Ending</b>	<b>\$75,652,071</b>

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the County, which includes services to citizens such as protection of life (law enforcement and 911 communications) and community services (parks and public welfare). Collection of taxes is the largest source of funds for Williamson County, totaling 76.6% in 2014. Citizens paid \$0.281529 per \$100 of property value for General Fund purposes. The next largest source of funds was from charges for services and fees of office, totaling 18.4% of total revenue.

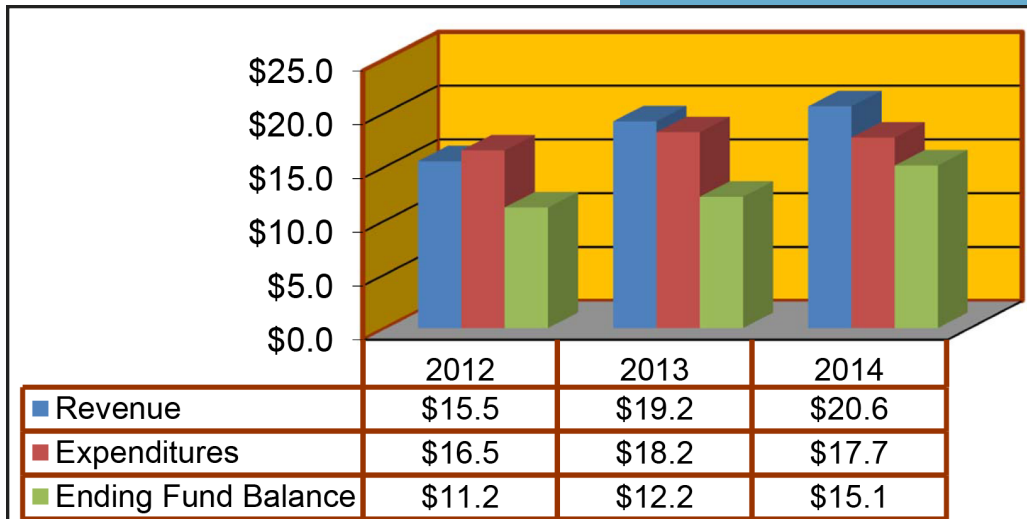
The largest portion of total expenditures was spent on public safety for our citizens, totaling 57.6% in 2014. The money was used for things such as emergency vehicles, juvenile services, and EMS. The next largest share of money spent was on general government, totaling 20.1%. The County affects each and every citizen from birth certificates, to public records, to vehicle registration, to voter registration, collection of taxes, marriage licenses, and all the way through to death certificates.

Other Financing Sources (Uses) are amounts transferred in or out of the General Fund from or to other Governmental Funds in order to facilitate other County business or projects. In 2014, \$10.3 million was trans-

ferred out of the General Fund to pay for indigent health care, county-wide emergency radio communications, one-time capital, and the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter.

A positive General Fund Balance is an indicator of a healthy operating environment. Due to sound fiscal management, Williamson County's General Fund Balance has continuously increased over the last 14 years by a total of \$68 million. The County's fiscal plan is to have 35% of total annual operating expenditures (approximately 4 months) in the fund balance at any given time. Any excess fund balance over this goal should be limited to the use of one-time, extraordinary items, thus reinforcing the fiscal discipline of funding annual costs from revenues. Some examples of extraordinary items include but are not limited to tax rate stabilization, capital improvement needs and reduction of debt. Fund balance is a vital component used by financial institutions in determining the County's bond ratings. A high bond rating leads to lower borrowing costs, thus resulting in lower taxes.

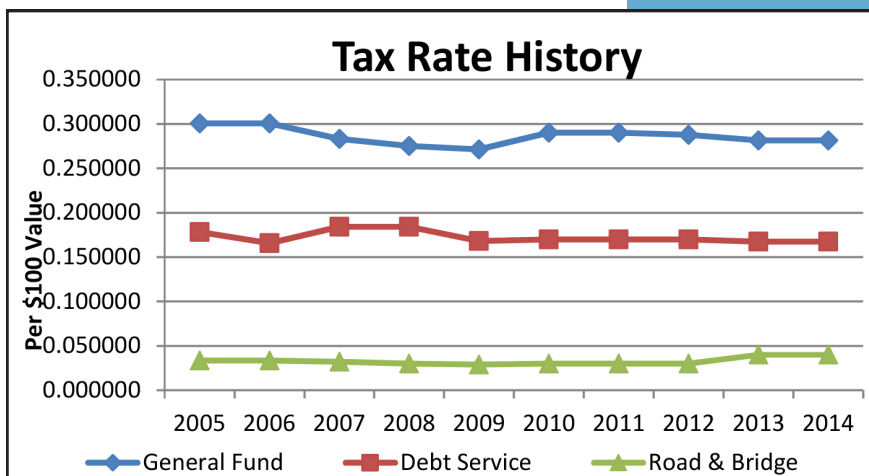
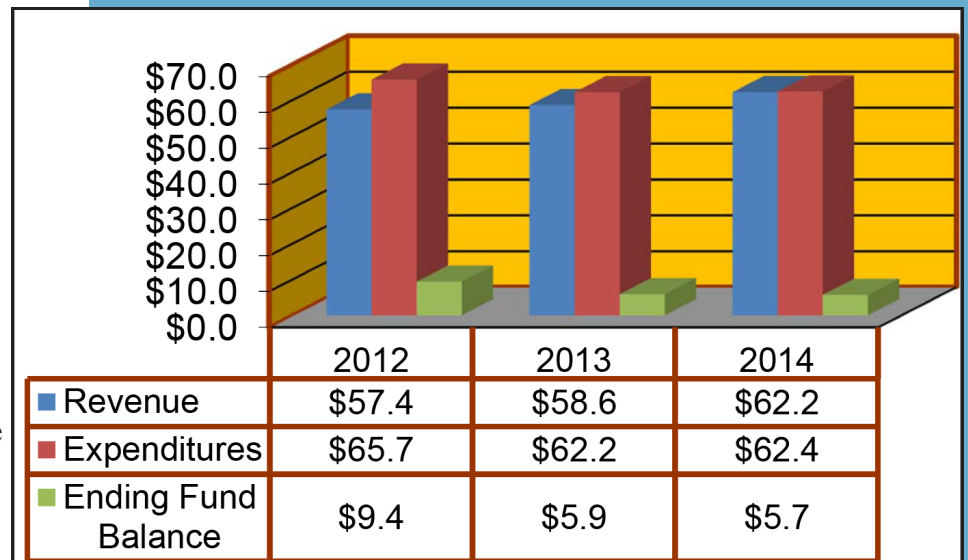




**Road and Bridge Fund**  
The Road & Bridge Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for money received from taxes, vehicle registration and rebates from the State of Texas. Expenditures in this fund are for maintenance and construction of County roads and bridges. The chart provided on the left illustrates the fund's revenue, expenditures, and ending fund balance over the past three years.

### Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, general long-term debt, principal, interests and costs. In order to fulfill the demands of a growing economy, the County is in need of new infrastructure that required new issuance of debt this year. Existing debt was also refinanced saving taxpayers in future interest costs. The chart shown on the right compares revenues, expenditures and fund balance over the last three years.



### Tax Rate Stability

Williamson County determines tax rates in three areas: the General Fund, Debt Service, and Road & Bridge. Therefore, existing debt is a factor in the County's tax rate. The 2014 tax rate was \$0.489029 per \$100 value and was separated as follows: \$0.281529 for General Fund, \$0.1675 for Debt Service, and \$0.04 for Road and Bridge. The graph shown here reflects the changes in tax rates by each source since 2005. A total of \$623 million of voter-authorized debt for road improvements and parks is reflected in the Debt Service rates. The 2013 Tax Rate was adopted for Fiscal Year 2014.

## ***Looking Forward— AAA/Stable***

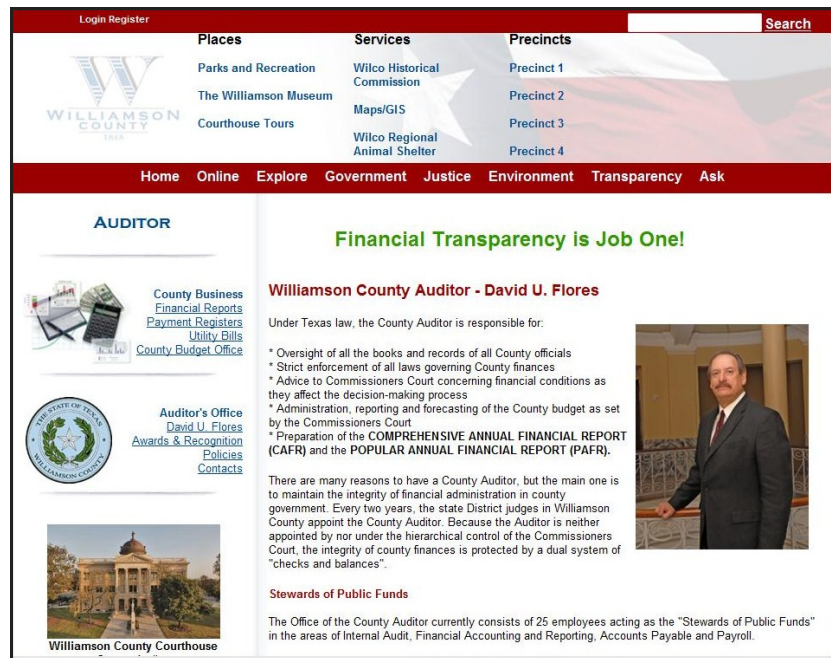
Williamson County has three of the fastest growing cities with 50,000 plus in population. These cities are Cedar Park (#1), Georgetown (#4), and Round Rock (#10). These cities are growing at a rate of approximately 16,000 people per year. These figures are according to the Texas State Data Center. The county will continue to address infrastructure needs to keep pace with the growth. This commitment is shown with the Road Bond Program that has been in place since 2000 and addressing facilities needs to serve the citizens of Williamson County.

Per Judge Gattis, “Williamson County government’s past commitment to provide quality services and infrastructure has promoted and enabled the exploding growth seen in recent years. Our continued pledge to maintain these programs and develop new ones as needed will hopefully increase property values, decrease taxes, further improve services and provide an excellent place to live for all of our citizens.”

### **Williamson County Key Financial Goals**

- Maintain Adequate Cash Reserves
  - Maintain AAA Rating
  - Stabilize Tax Rates
- Invest in Technology Infrastructure
- Retain & Train a Productive Work Force
- Invest In Road Infrastructure to Keep up with Rapid Population Growth
- Adopt Best Practices and Highest Standards in Approaching Our County Business

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