



YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE USED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO COUNTY RESIDENTS...

The Warren County Board of Supervisors is providing this information to all property taxpayers in Warren County to inform them about the costs of county services and how state and federal mandates affect their annual property tax bills.

The 2024 County Budget totals \$192,837,622.¹ Of that amount, approximately \$40,799,411 is the budget for nine (9) of the most expensive mandated programs.² County government has little or no control over these mandated costs. The County provides services that are mandated and additional services through our County departments and agencies.*

"Mandates" are federal or state created programs for services that are required to be provided by local governments. In New York State, most of these mandates are not accompanied by state and/or federal money to pay for them or are only partially paid for by federal or state funds. Since County government relies primarily upon property taxes to operate, state and/or federal mandated programs need to be funded by property taxes on local taxpayers.

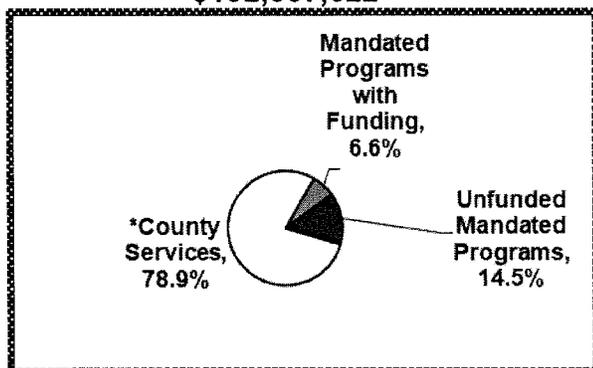
NYS Medicaid Mandate: New York is one of several states that mandate county governments to pay a portion of the state's cost.³ Warren County's Medicaid bill will be approximately \$12.2 million in 2024, as mandated by the State. In 2024, about 24.6% of the property tax levy will pay just one bill – Medicaid.

NYS Welfare Mandate: The State has established an extensive system of welfare benefits to assist needy individuals and families.³ Three (3) central program groups: Public Assistance, Safety Net and Child Welfare will cost the County approximately \$2.9 million, which is 5.8% of this year's property tax levy.

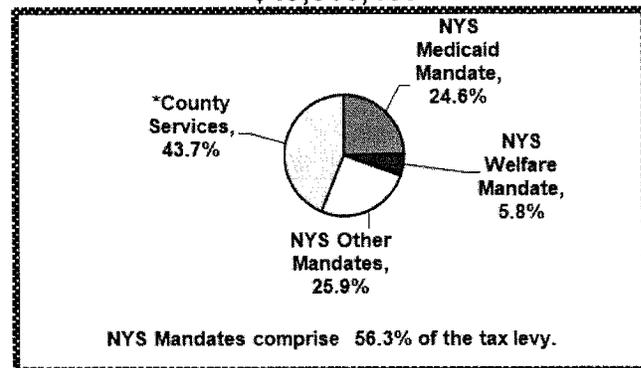
NYS Mandates (other): The State mandates numerous other expenses including Pre-School Special Ed, Early Intervention Services, Probation, Indigent Defense, Youth Detention and the Public Pension System.³ The identified mandates will cost the County approximately \$12.9 million, which is 25.9% of this year's property tax levy.

As illustrated in the chart below with regard to the nine (9) mandates, 14.5% of the County's total expenses are mandated without funding by the state or federal governments and 6.6% are mandated with funding.

2024 Warren County Budget
\$192,837,622¹



2024 Warren County Property Tax Levy
\$49,816,409



* County Services include Sheriff's Dept., Health Services, Office for the Aging, Dept. of Public Works, Countryside Adult Home, County Clerk, District Attorney, and several Support Service Depts. Some of these departments have mandates that are not identified on the chart.

¹ Funds for the budget come from real estate taxes, sales tax, and other revenue sources.

² Some mandated amounts are approximate or qualified.

³ Reference: New York State Association of Counties research data.

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