WALTON COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

Sales Tax
- Total: 7%
- State: 4%
- Local Option Sales Tax: 1%
- Education Local Option Sales Tax: 1%
- Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax: 1%

Expenditures
- Sheriff $10,575,986.00
- Fire $401.00
- Administration $4,065,597.00
- Transfers to Other Funds $5,152,055.00
- Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessor $2,107,251.00
- Clerk of Superior Court $1,019,949.00
- Planning and Development $1,309,442.00
- Probate Court $906,851.00
- Superior Court $779,794.00
- Animal Control $725,201.00
- Other Culture and Recreation $338,731.00
- Other Public Safety $9,118.00
- County Extension Office $140,047.00
- Other $437,341.00

M&O Tax Rates

Walton County Population

96,673

Monroe
14,928

Loganville
14,127

Social Circle
4,974

Walnut Grove
1,529

Between
402

Good Hope
339

Jersey
146

Walton County School Systems

Social Circle Schools 19.278
Walton County Schools 18.593

County financial data is based on fiscal year data. Department data is current through October 2021. Public Safety data is current through October 2021. Population data are Census Bureau 2020 Population Estimates.
## Millage Rates 5-Year History

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## CURRENT 2021 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY (in thousands)

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## General Fund-Fund Balance

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*Unaudited Figures*
Animal Control

- 2,305 service calls answered
- 786 dogs and cats re-homed
- 242 lost pets reunited with their owners

Parks & Recreation

- 2,000 citizen members of Community Centers - Felker & Meridian
- 200 average daily attendance at Community Centers
- 75 average weekly attendance in Senior Fitness Aerobics Class
- Parkinson's Fit Class - 10-20 average attendance
- Over 6,000 youth involved in organized athletics
- 5 Regional Parks - Criswell, Felker, Meridian, West Walton, South Walton
- 5 Neighborhood Parks - Bold Springs, Good Hope, Gratis, Jersey and Rabbit Farm
- 11 Area Playgrounds
- 9 Area Pavilions
- 3.5 miles of paved walking trails
- 1 mile nature trail/Cross Country trail

New Parks:
- Clinton Ayers Park - Splash Park, Dog Park, Pickleball Courts, Concession/Locker Room Building, Nature Trails, Frisbee Golf Course (over 15,000 paid attendance from May-September)
- South Walton Community Center - 6.4 million dollar project with community rooms, gym, weight room and indoor walking trail. This area will also include a 1/2 mile paved walking trail around the 4 acre pond (Will open in January 2022).

Recycling Center

- 22,795 Vehicles Across the Scales
- 4,441 tons refuse collected
- 1,080 tons recyclables processed and sold

Public Works

- 554 Fleet Maintenance Service (oil changes only)
- 186 Heavy Equipment Services completed (oil changes only)
- 23.63 miles of county roads so far in 2021
- 7 LMIG paving projects for the cities under the SDS Agreement
  - Town of Between: (2 projects) New Hope Church Road & St. Martin Estates Subdivision
  - City of Monroe: (3 projects) Bryant Road, Pinecrest Street, & Washington Street
  - City of Jersey: Jersey Walnut Grove Road
  - City of Walnut Grove: magnolia Springs Subdivision
- 706 Work Orders Completed
- 874 Fleet Maintenance Services
- 476 Equipment Services Completed
- 9037.63 Tons of Deep Patching Roads
- 358 Stormwater Complaints
- 3,775 Stormwater Structures Inspected and Maintained
- Sanitation Disposal: 3,965 Tons of Trash, 69 Tons of Tires

Public Safety

- 137,838 Sheriff’s Department Responses & Checks
- 4,545 Walton County Fire Responses
- 138,315 Calls into 911 Call Center

Planning & Zoning

- 696 Permits for Single Family Dwellings
- 1,524 Total Permits
- 10,795 Building Inspections
- 1,412 Code Enforcement Inspections
- 1,988 Active Business License
- 299 total new lots added in 11 subdivisions

Water Department

- 16,598 Customers
- 7.18 Million Gallons Peak Demand
- 5.42 Million Gallons Daily Average Water Use
- 488 New Connections added
Human Resources

- Total of 736 employment applications processed
- 128 total new hires processed
- 105 jobs posted (Internal and External)
- County employees received pay raises July 5th and received another raise on November 8th, which resulted from the wage market study reassessment completed by Condrey & Associates.
- Human Resources continues to implement employee wellness strategies including the planning of an on-site clinic.
- Identified internal process redundancies, analyzed their effectiveness at identifying errors and eliminated ineffective redundancies, saving staff hours.
- Streamlined new hire orientation process to improve productivity and reduce onboarding confusion.
- Human Resources accepted an award from United Way on behalf of Walton County Government for being a Pacesetter Employer. This year’s goal is $5,000.
- Human Resources processed a total of 6 retirements.
- Recognized 104 employees for their dedicated service to Walton County. Years of Service as follows:
  - 28 employees with 5 Years of Service
  - 20 employees with 10 Years of Service
  - 26 employees with 15 Years of Service
  - 13 employees with 20 Years of Service
  - 12 employees with 25 Years of Service
  - 4 employees with 30 Years of Service
Emergency Management Agency

- 1,600 vaccines were administered
- Volunteers handled 3 of the five positions within the POD. Data entry, checking appointment times, and checking people into the POD.
  - Walton County CERT team
  - Walton County MRC team
  - Athens Clarke MRC team
- Paid staff handled the other two positions. Giving the vaccine, and the observation area. These all had to be medical personnel.
  - Walton County EMA
  - Walton County EMS
  - Walton County Fire
  - Monroe Fire
  - Loganville Fire

A special Thank You to all volunteers who helped administer vaccines at the Walton County EMA COVID-19 vaccination POD.

Carl Morrow
Ronnie Almand
Juergen Poppelreuter
Jason Cain
Bradley Schuler
Brad Stanley
William H. Ayers
Matthew Perry
Hal Queen
Brittany Skipper
Rodney Middlebrooks
W. Stanley Edwards
Dana Tripp
Kirsten Blum
Carla Batchelor
Suzanne Barrett
Adam Nation
Bill Jennings
Brady Whitley
Jody Carter
Joey Megrue

Shawn Collins
Grayson Beaghan
Andrew Dykes
Diana Poppelreuter
Kim Haltiwanger
Paula Spruill
Becky McCaskey
Marjorie DesRosier
Stan Edwards
Brad Stanley
Susan Smith
Chris Hughes
Jamie Bishop
Jody Carter
Alex Jones
Tom Durham
Erin Weeks
Suzanne Barrett
Josh Mobley
Charles Phillips
Joel White
Jean Berry
Dustin Cain
Eric Joyce
Travis K. Thomason
Susan Adams
Josh Esslinger
Kyle Street
Jonathan McDougal
Melina Galizzi
Tatiana Peduri

We would like extend a heart felt THANK YOU to all of the vendors who donated meals (Chick Fil A, Shane’s Rib Shack, Longhorn, Jersey Mike’s, Firehouse Subs, Chicken Salad Chick, LR Burgers, and Butcher Block) during the operation of the Walton County EMA COVID-19 Vaccination POD. Your generosity and service to the community does not go unnoticed.
Emergency Management Services

- EMS currently runs seven med units 24/7. The 7th was added this past January. An additional service had not been added since 2014.
- EMS has an EMS supervisor on duty 24/7 to assist the crews on calls and to respond during heavy call volume.
- EMS provides Advanced Life support with at least one paramedic on each truck. The paramedic is the highest level of prehospital care.
- The total call volume during this time in 2019 – 2020 was 1,7397 calls. The current call volume for 2020 – 2021 is 20,455. This is up from last year at this time by 3,058 calls.
- EMS transported 1,041 COVID-19 positive patients this year.
- Cardiac monitors have the capability to transmit EKGs to the hospital before EMS arrives, thus shortening the time to definitive care for the patients.
- All ambulances have PowerPro stretchers and Lucas devices to help reduce back injury and make it safer for employees.
- Due to the generosity of the Healthcare Foundation, EMS continues to purchase ambulances and reduce the cost to taxpayers.
- Med units are located at Monroe, Social Circle, Loganville, Hwy 81 at Walton Grove, Walker Park, Jacks Creek, and H.D. Atha at 138.
- EMS has maintained training in-house during COVID-19.
- EMS has begun to branch out teaching in the community. EMS recently trained all the park and recreation employees in CPR and AED.
- EMS currently has an ambulance in production which should be here early next year. EMS has plans for two more. These are replacement units.
- During the early stages of COVID-19 Walton County EMS, along with EMA, administered COVID-19 vaccines to the general public and county employees.
Dear Fellow Citizens,

The year 2021 has been a productive one for Walton County. I had the privilege of working with the Board of Commissioners and the department chairs to deliver key campaign promises.

In February, the Board of Commissioners approved the first-ever internal audits for each department. Conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins, the following departments have completed their internal audits: Parks & Recreation, Facilities Management, Roads & Bridges, Water & Sewer, E-911, Walton County Fire Rescue, Animal Control, Elections, and EMS. Each department received a written report outlining its strengths and areas for potential growth. These audits ensure that every department meets service deliverables, outlines future projects, and ensures that each department stays on budget and remains a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

As part of our future projects and Walton County’s dedication to upgrading and improving our infrastructure, the Board of Commissioners approved several projects. The Walton County Water & Sewer Authority will be upgrading water lines, GIS mapping, and the Campton Area water tower, thanks to $9.1 million in federal relief funds. The Walton Board of Commissioners also approved the new public safety complex. The new public safety complex will help alleviate the burden of overcrowding at the current jail facility and provide a safer facility.

Overall, the Board of Commissioners has made significant progress this year and has positioned itself to do greater things in 2022. It is my pleasure to serve this County and lead us into the new year. I look forward to what next year brings.

Best Wishes,
David G. Thompson, Chairman
Walton County Board of Commissioners