



# YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors provides this information to all property taxpayers in Saratoga County to inform you about how state & federal mandates affect your annual property tax bills.

## **Mandates**

Mandates are federal or state orders or laws that require lower level governments to operate or provide certain programs or services. In New York State, most mandates are not accompanied by state money to pay for them or are only partially paid for. Because county government relies upon property taxes to operate, overburdening state mandates become expensive property taxes for local taxpayers.

## **Impact of Mandates on the County Budget**

The 2022 County General Fund Budget totals \$320,077,998. Of that amount, \$103,848,573 is for programs mandated by New York State. County government has little or no control over these costs. The net cost of these unfunded mandates to Saratoga County taxpayers is \$70,046,069.

### **New York State Unfunded Mandates**

Medicaid	\$22,682,180
Pensions	11,970,725
Social Services	11,374,169
Community Colleges	9,250,000
Public Health Early Intervention & Pre-School	10,479,762
Probation	2,529,698
Legal Defense	1,759,535
<b>TOTAL UNFUNDED MANDATES</b>	<b>\$70,046,069</b>

## **Impact of Mandates on Saratoga County Residents**

In 2022, these unfunded mandates **will consume 100% of the \$67,087,564 Property Tax Levy**. This means that **all** county property taxes and an additional **\$2,958,505** from sales tax revenue will be spent covering these state mandates.

Despite the continued overreach of state and federal mandates, Saratoga County strives to keep your taxes low while ensuring the programs and services we provide efficiently meet the needs of our residents. With one of the lowest county tax rates in the state, thriving tourism, and strong commercial growth, we aim to keep Saratoga County an excellent place to live, work, and visit.