

COUNTY OF CAMBRIA, PENNSYLVANIA CITIZEN'S FINANCIAL REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016
PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER, ED CERNIC, JR.

² *A Message from the Controller*

To The Residents of Cambria County:

The County started 2016 with a new Board of County Commissioners dedicated to achieving Financial Stability for County Government. The Commissioners made the difficult but much needed decision to increase Real Estate Taxes to address the over \$8 million deficit they inherited from the previous Board. This was necessary so the County could do business with vendors and suppliers in a respectable fashion and restore credibility to Cambria County. The information in the pages ahead will represent the workings of County Government as we dealt with concerns and issues to move the County forward.



The first few months of 2016 were very challenging as we struggled to get to our peak cash flow time. The Commissioners, at the urging of the Controller and Chief Clerk, took on the refinancing of the County debt, and aligning it with the debt tax already being collected without using the usual \$1.5 million subsidy from the general fund. This move freed up \$1.5 million to the General fund and allowed us to defer payment of the August Bond payment as we wrapped up the new financing. The Commissioners also addressed departments and programs that were a drain on County finances and changed direction on how those services were delivered to the County residents. The Commissioners paid the unfunded debt loan of \$11.6 million off by mid-year and it was clear that the plans they were implementing were going to put Cambria County on the right track again for its residents. The end result of their efforts throughout the year showed that the County had financial resources to operate in a normal fashion throughout the year paying our vendor obligations and putting in place a new budget for 2017 that included a reduction in Real Estate taxes to the taxpayers. While all of the financial concerns have not been fully addressed yet, the Commissioners are addressing aging facilities that need capital commitments and the ever increasing demands on the Criminal Justice system that continues to stress the budget of the County. At the end of 2016, the Controller's Office as well as the Commissioner's Office and all County departments are starting to feel good about County operations and the services we deliver to the residents of Cambria County.

As always, I would like to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of my staff: First Deputy Controller/Senior Accounting Manager - Kristine Segear; Second Deputy Controller/Pension and Benefits Administrator - Dana Descavish; Internal Auditors - Amber Hamilton and Emily Krug; Accounts Payable Coordinator - Debbie Markum; and Accounting Assistants - Pam Paronish, Eva Shevock, and Sally Martin. All of these individuals continue to do an outstanding job for me as well as the residents of Cambria County.

With All Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Cernic, Jr.'.

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WELCOME TO CAMBRIA COUNTY!

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Cambria County is nestled in the heart of the Allegheny Mountains and was created on March 26, 1804. It was the 41st County formed in Pennsylvania and is home to the world's steepest vehicular inclined plane.

Cambria County is made up of 63 political subdivisions, consisting of the City of Johnstown, 32 boroughs and 30 townships with the Borough of Ebensburg being the County seat. In this publication and future publications, we will be providing a brief history of the city, boroughs and townships of Cambria County.

The County has a population of approximately 144,000, based on the 2010 Census, and covers 692 square miles. Cambria County is a 4th class County. Cambria County is home to 6 colleges and universities, 14 public school districts and many private and parochial schools, as well as many historic sites, state parks and local museums.

The County currently has 736 full and part-time employees and 1,083 retirees.

History of Municipalities



The town's history dates back to the early 19th century and was originally called Watts Town. It became Gallitzin Borough on December 2, 1873, being named after Prince Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin. Gallitzin Borough is situated atop the Allegheny Mountains, surrounded by Gallitzin Township and Tunnelhill Borough. Coal mining, the Pennsylvania Railroad yard in the town center and the production of coke were important industries. The town still sports an important rail yard with a turning wye for helper engine turn around and holds two rail tunnels leading east and downward from the yard trackage to the famous Horseshoe Curve whose upper approaches are within the town.

Gallitzin Borough is known for its historic railroad tunnels – the Gallitzin Tunnels – which are a minor tourist attraction. The town is approximately one square mile in size, with a population of 1,668. It is a small quiet community with easy access to quality medical facilities, schools, shopping, restaurants, and churches. For more information on Gallitzin Borough visit www.gallitzinpa.com



Jackson Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, was organized January 3, 1828, and was taken from Cambria and Summerhill Townships. It was named for Andrew Jackson who was elected to the presidency that year. There were less than ninety land owners in the Township. Many changes have occurred to the once flourishing and prosperous industries, small businesses and productive farms of the past that have since disappeared. Several of these communities are inhabited by the descendants of those first settlers who came from Germany, Wales, Holland, England, Ireland, and in more recent times, Austria and Southern Europe. The names of the villages in the township originated in the usual manner: Brown, named for the earliest settler, John Brown; Clinefelter, formerly Klinefelter, from an early family of that name; Burkhart's Crossing, named for Daniel Burkhart, son of the first settler Joseph Burkhart; Chickaree, from the native squirrel. The Jack Rager community was named for Jackson Rager, who was a son of Michael Rager, first settler and Revolutionary soldier; Dishong, named for

Paul Dishong, first settler; Fords Corners, named for Ben Ford who had a store there and was a grandson of Michael Ford, one of Vinco's first settlers; Singer Hill, named for John Singer, early settler. Jackson Township's rural and suburban communities are nestled among some of the most scenic areas in the state. Whether it's a drive along the ridge tops or taking a walk along Simmons Lane, the beauty is breathtaking. Wonderful people, a variety of excellent churches, well respected schools and a neighborly attitude make Jackson Township a desirable and friendly place to live. For more information on Jackson Township visit www.jacksontwpva.com

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General Obligation Debt

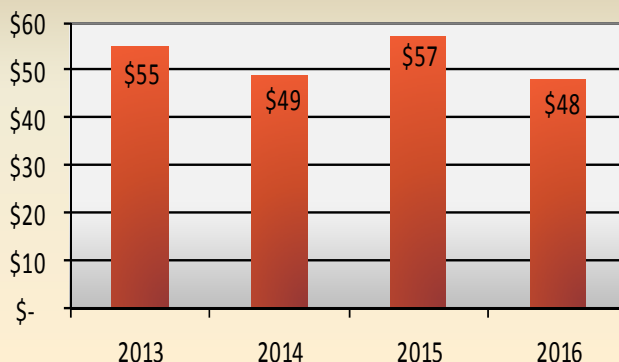
As of December 31, 2016, the County's general obligation debt was \$48,268,642.

Taxpayer's Debt Funding

The County designated 5 mills of tax to Debt Service in 2016.

Approximately \$6.4 million of Taxpayer's dollars were used to fund the County's Debt in 2016.

General Obligation Debt (In Millions)



In July of 2016, the County issued General Obligation Notes, Series A and Series B in the amount of \$19,210,000. A portion of the proceeds were used to pay the August 1, 2016 debt service payment for the 2014 GO Bond. The remainder of the proceeds were used to advance refund a portion of the 2014 GO Bond that mature in 2017 through 2023 by establishing a separate irrevocable trust. \$13,366,140 was transferred into the trust and used to purchase investments. The investments and fixed earnings from the investments are sufficient to fully secure the defeased debt until the debt is called or matures.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
2006 Notes	\$ 3,131,297	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2006 Loan	6,197,455	-	-	-
2006 A&B Notes	8,506,444	-	-	-
2007 Lease	6,465,372	-	-	-
04/05/08/09 Lease	703,897	507,038	401,542	360,331
2009 Lease	1,008,971	-	-	-
2011 Notes	23,765,000	-	-	-
2013 Lease	5,000,000	-	-	-
2014 GO Bond	-	48,625,000	44,655,000	28,620,000
2015 Loan	-	-	11,696,916	-
2015 USDA Loan	-	-	96,787	78,311
2016 A&B GO Notes	-	-	-	19,210,000
	<u>\$ 54,778,436</u>	<u>\$ 49,132,038</u>	<u>\$ 56,850,245</u>	<u>\$ 48,268,642</u>

On June 15, 2016, S&P Global Ratings revised its outlook on Cambria County's general obligation bonds from stable to negative. While affirming the County's 'BBB' rating, they cited "fiscal imbalances over the past two fiscal years, which have reduced the County's general fund reserve to negative \$8.6 million" for the negative outlook. The negative outlook refers to the audited financial statements for 2014 and 2015.

Component Units of Cambria County

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The following chart illustrates the amount of County Taxpayer Dollars spent to fund the Component Units.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Penn Highlands Community College *	\$ 1,205,000	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 1,205,000
Cambria Library Association *	615,000	615,000	615,000	625,000
Transit Authority	517,003	547,069	577,463	597,087
Solid Waste Management Authority	342,000	338,700	338,700	340,700
Johnstown-Cambria County Airport	174,000	174,000	174,000	174,000
Conservation and Recreation Authority *	130,000	155,000	155,000	200,000
War Memorial Authority	46,700	150,000	150,000	318,000
Planning Commission	64,836	64,200	64,200	64,200
Redevelopment Authority	63,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
	\$ 3,157,539	\$ 3,158,969	\$ 3,189,363	\$ 3,583,987

State and/or Federal funds that are passed through Cambria County or released directly to the Component Unit are not included in the Chart above. Behavioral Health of Cambria County is not included in the chart above because their County funding is comprised of State pass-through funds only.

* In 2016, Cambria County designated 1 mill of tax for the Community College, 0.5 mills for the County Library, and 0.5 mills for Parks and Playgrounds. The dedicated tax for Parks and Playgrounds is distributed to the Conservation & Recreation Authority, War Memorial, North Central Recreational Center, and Duman Park.

Children & Youth, Juvenile Court, and Detention/Shelter

The chart below illustrates the amount of County Taxpayer Dollars provided to the Children & Youth, Juvenile Court, and Detention/Shelter Funds due to the excess expenditures over revenues for each year. The two final columns list the total 2016 expenditures and the percentage of County Taxpayer Dollars of the total expenditures for each fund.

	County Taxpayer Funding				2016	2016
	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total Fund Expenditures	County's Taxpayer %
Children & Youth	\$ 1,535,365	\$ 1,466,214	\$ 1,970,670	\$ 1,245,032	\$ 10,638,277	11.7%
Juvenile Court	1,725,719	1,848,508	1,712,707	1,972,637	3,301,840	59.7%
Detention/Shelter	683,892	611,048	809,202	610,433	917,147	66.6%
	\$ 3,944,976	\$ 3,925,770	\$ 4,492,579	\$ 3,828,102	\$ 14,857,264	

Children & Youth – The PA Department of Human Services provides the majority of the funding for this program to provide child protective services to the age of 21, through counseling, in-home, and residential services.

Juvenile Court – The PA Department of Human Services, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Juvenile Court Judges Commission also provides funding to administer the entire Juvenile Court process.

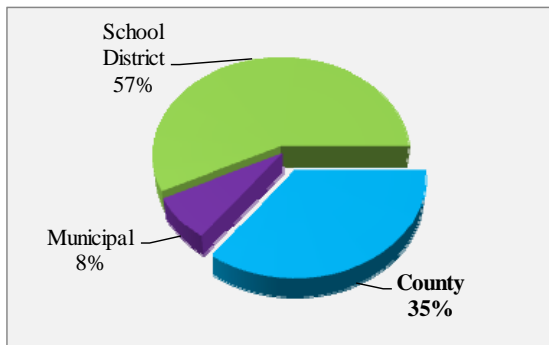
Detention/Shelter – The Detention Home is a 24-hour maximum security facility for youth ages 10-18.

The Detention/Shelter amounts for 2016 relate to January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016. Effective June 30, 2016, the County closed the Detention/Shelter facility. The decision to close the facility was due to the decreasing census and the increasing cost to the General Fund.

Your Real Estate Taxes — The County's Portion

As a result of inaction of the previous Board of Commissioners and a surmounting deficit, the new Board made the tough decision to increase taxes by 5 mills in 2016. County residents paid approximately \$984 in local real estate taxes (county, municipal and school district) on each \$10,000 of assessed property value, an increase of approximately \$63 from 2015. Of that, \$345 or 35% is paid to the County, as illustrated in the pie chart.

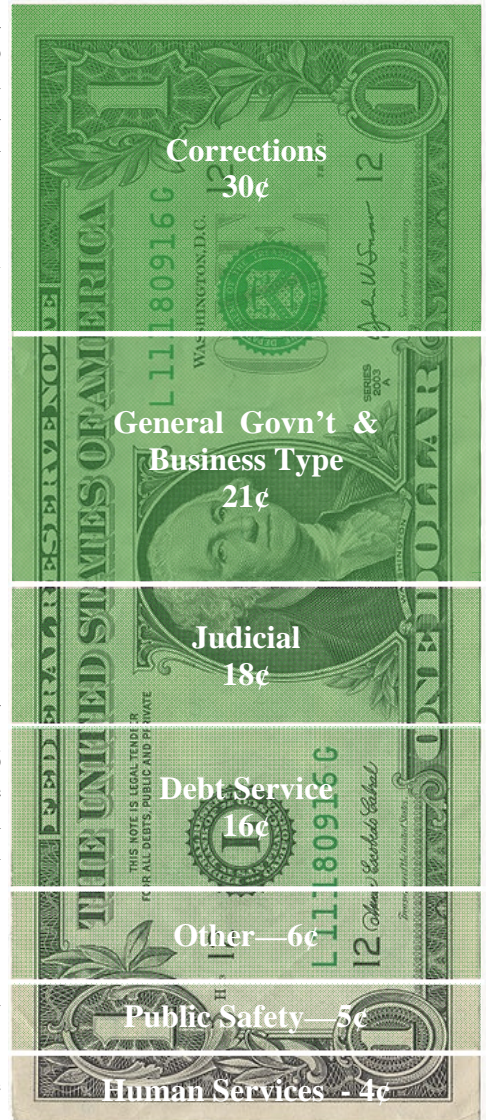
Cambria County's millage rate is 34.5 mills, with each mill generating approximately \$1.28 million in taxes.



On average 94% of the County's real estate taxes are collected during the current tax year with a majority or 82% of the taxes being collected during the discount period. At the end of 2016 approximately \$2.8 million (at face) or 6.32% in unpaid taxes were turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau. During 2016, the Tax Claim Bureau collected \$2.6 million worth of delinquent taxes for tax years 2011 through 2015.

The majority (70% or \$97.8 million) of the County's spending is funded by state and federal grants, charges for services, investments and other income. The remaining (\$42.8 million) must be paid primarily with your County real estate taxes.

The dollar bill to the right illustrates how your County Real Estate dollars were spent in 2016.



	Millage Rates			
	2013	2014	2015	2016
General Purposes	23.500	23.500	23.500	27.500
Debt Service	4.000	4.125	4.125	5.000
Community College	1.000	0.875	0.875	1.000
County Library	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Parks & Playgrounds	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Total millage rates	29.500	29.500	29.500	34.500

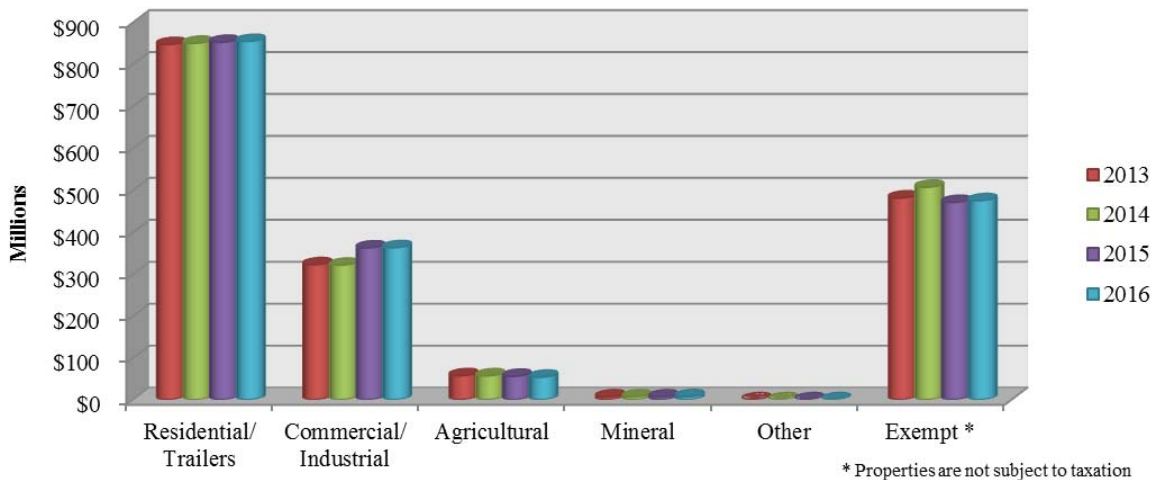


Real Estate Properties by Property Type

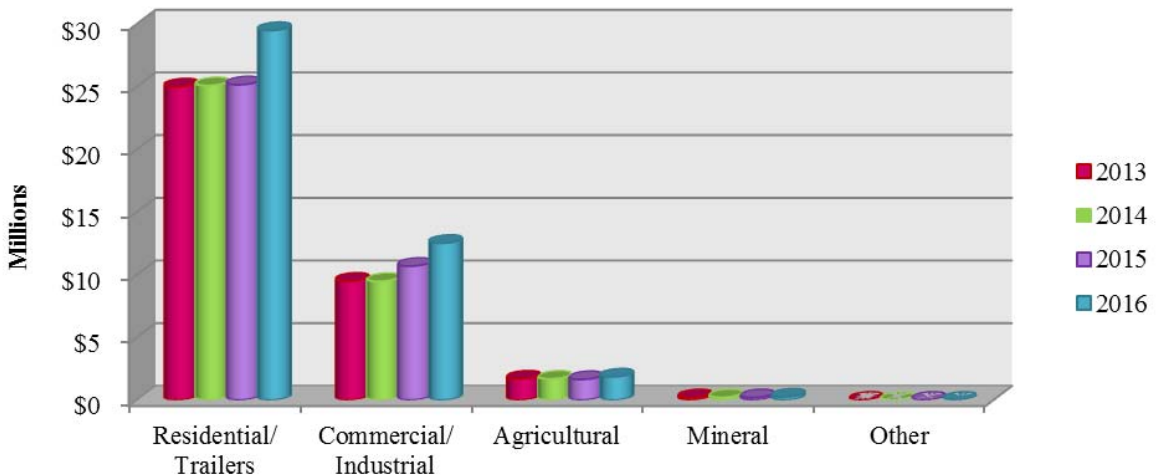
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The following represents the total assessed value of Cambria County properties by type of property. The second chart shows the Real Estate Dollars billed by property type. The Cambria County Assessment Office maintains and updates property records for the valuation of real property for ad valorem taxation.

Assessed Value Comparison by Type (in Millions)

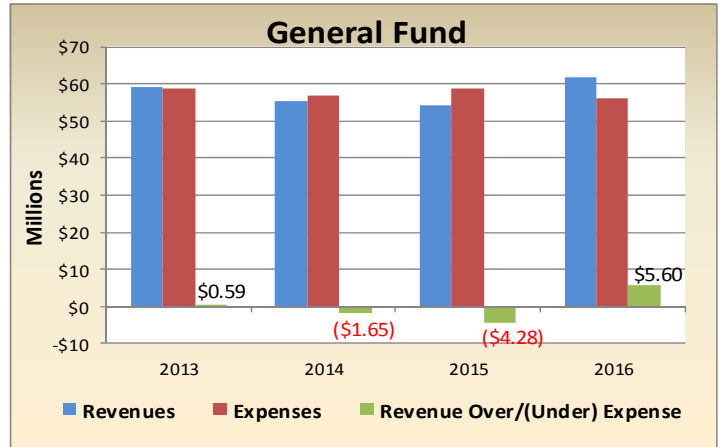


Real Estate Tax Dollars by Type (in Millions)



General Fund Revenues and Expenses

In January, a new Board of Commissioners reopened the budget and acted to provide a realistic 2016 budget.



County Financial Position

The County's financial position, below, shows the County's resources versus the amount owed at year-end for the governmental and business type activities.

Assets	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ 6,765,469	\$ 5,876,616	\$ 5,933,987	\$ 8,074,898
Other current assets	14,154,858	17,565,441	29,853,040	22,750,256
Capital assets and other	56,863,499	54,794,978	54,441,683	53,716,162
Total Assets	77,783,826	78,237,035	90,228,710	84,541,316
Deferred Outflows	231,810	892,162	20,357,516	15,201,952
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	20,448,787	24,573,359	42,049,458	26,072,425
Non-current liabilities	51,946,751	46,435,308	82,708,295	85,599,393
Total Liabilities	72,395,538	71,008,667	124,757,753	111,671,818
Deferred Inflows (Revenues)	2,913,905	7,230,769	7,008,284	6,531,852
Net Position	\$ 2,706,193	\$ 889,761	\$ (21,179,811)	\$ (18,460,402)

Beginning in 2015, the County had implemented GASB 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, which reflects a present value measurement of the Pension Plan's projected benefit to current active and inactive employees. In result, there is a significant decrease in Net Position due to the one time (\$16.5) million prior period adjustment for the implementation of GASB 68.

The improvement in Net Position in 2016 relates to the Real Estate Tax Increase and the Bond Refinancing discussed at the bottom of the following page.

County Revenues and Expenses

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The chart below illustrates a four year trend in the County's Revenues and Expenses.

Revenues	2013	2014	2015	2016
Taxes	\$ 36,003,545	\$ 36,273,997	\$ 36,852,124	\$ 42,791,935
Operating Grants & Contributions	73,433,864	77,271,232	74,226,232	83,995,053
Charges for Service	11,540,377	10,001,914	10,108,797	10,286,746
Interest & Investment Income	31,206	24,660	23,801	54,577
Reimbursed Expenses/Other Income	2,630,291	2,344,320	2,416,122	2,713,163
Total Revenues	123,639,283	125,916,123	123,627,076	139,841,474
Expenses				
Administrative	\$ 14,610,736	\$ 10,024,427	\$ 9,954,954	\$ 9,996,721
Judicial	12,753,192	11,680,255	12,430,916	11,624,372
Corrections	16,078,650	17,229,243	17,369,057	17,579,350
Public Safety	7,288,842	8,469,914	9,270,462	10,097,662
Debt Service	5,073,512	3,914,683	5,841,908	6,132,616
Human Service	62,706,805	67,560,961	67,656,709	74,347,837
Conservation	2,329,032	1,951,220	1,160,347	1,088,888
Housing	1,186,201	1,869,954	1,633,341	1,499,615
Highways/Streets	1,701,734	1,616,802	1,878,938	2,037,792
Culture/Recreation	1,016,858	1,278,813	1,352,485	1,185,358
Total Expenses	124,745,562	125,596,272	128,549,117	135,590,211
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	3,729,464	(2,584,199)	(56,995)	4,843,618
Net (Deficiency)/Excess	\$ 2,623,185	\$ (2,264,348)	\$ (4,979,036)	\$ 9,094,881

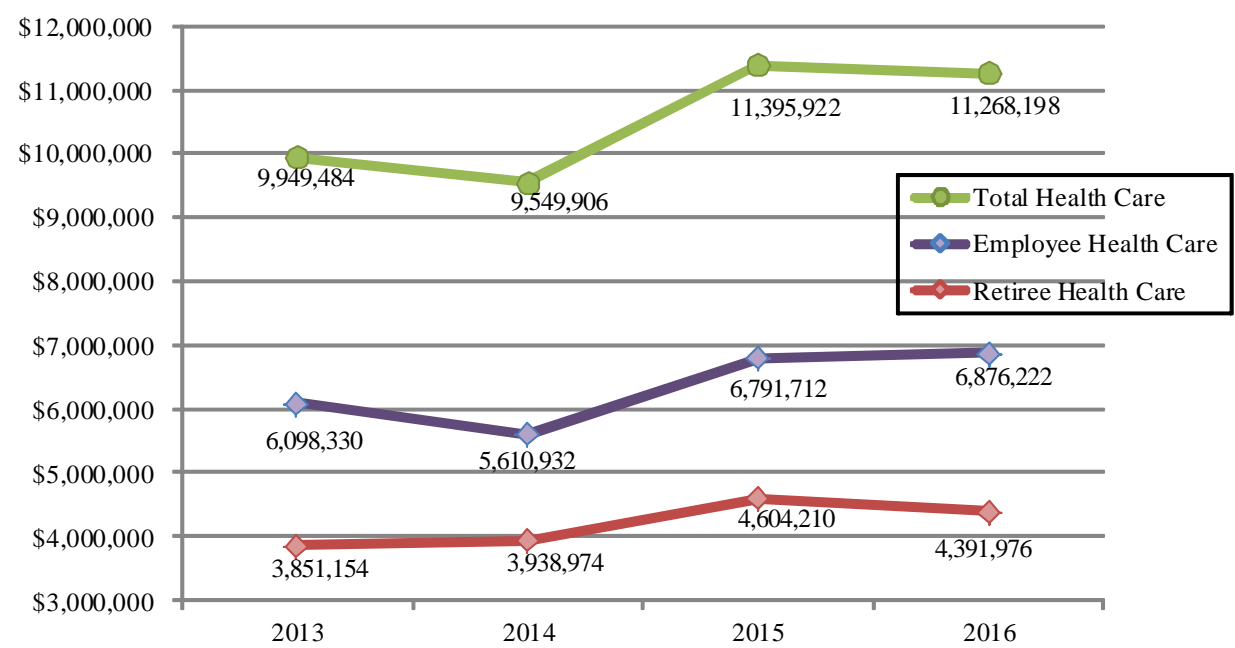
In 2016, there was an increase of \$14 million in the total amount of Net (Deficiency)/Excess relating to the Governmental Funds comparison of Revenues, Expenses, and Other Financing Sources/(Uses). The majority of this increase relates to the increase in Real Estate Tax revenue. The Real Estate Tax mills were increased from 27.5 mills to 34.5 mills resulting in an approximate increase of \$6 million in taxes.

The remaining net change relates to the Other Financing Sources/(Uses). The \$4.9 million change in the net proceeds resulted from the 2016 Bond Refinancing and was utilized to satisfy the August 2016 GO Bond payment. Please refer to the General Obligation Debt section on page 4 for further explanation.



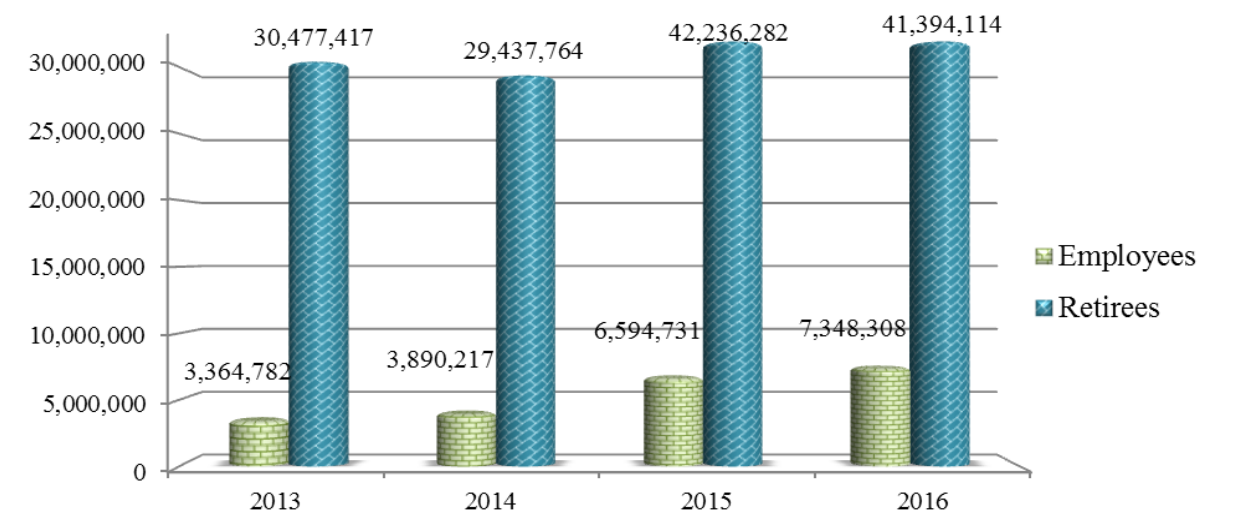
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Since 2011, Cambria County has been self insured for health care using UPMC to administer the plan. The chart below shows the total health care costs and the breakout of employee health care and retiree health care.



Other Post Employment Benefits Long Term Liability

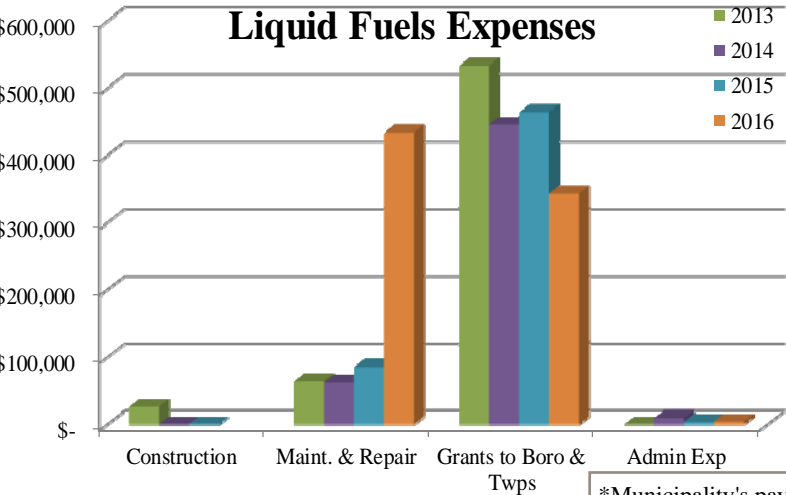
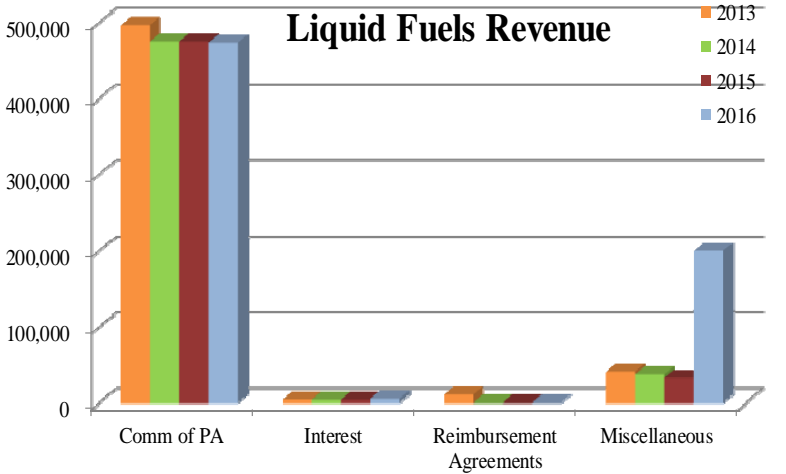
Cambria County provides Retiree Health Insurance and Life Insurance to qualifying retirees. The chart below shows the Long Term Liability for these Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for 2013 to 2016.



Liquid Fuels Fund



Cambria County receives grants from the State and Federal government to repair or replace County owned bridges. In addition, the County receives a portion of the overall State’s liquid fuels tax. The County reallocates a portion of these amounts to all municipalities within Cambria County based upon their requests and the final decision of the County Commissioners. The remaining liquid fuels monies are used for bridge repair and maintenance. The large increase for 2016 in miscellaneous revenue is due to the PennDOT reimbursements received for the Wildwood Bridge repair project.



The list below shows the amount of funds paid to Municipalities in 2016:

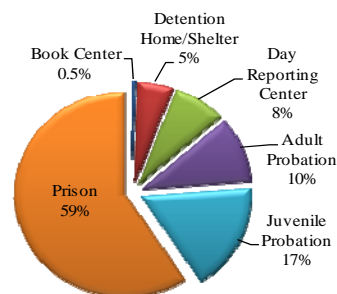
Municipality	Amount Paid
Adams Twp	\$20,000
Barr Twp	11,750
Blacklick Twp	7,600
Brownstown Boro	4,100
Cambria Twp	17,600
Carrolltown Boro	4,500
Cassandra Boro	10,400 *
Chest Twp	4,000
Clearfield Twp	6,900
Cresson Boro	10,600 *
Croyle Twp	9,200
Dean Twp	4,400
East Carroll Twp	7,800
East Conemaugh Boro	4,900
Elder Twp	5,300
Ferndale Boro	10,400 *
Hasting Boro	5,300
Jackson Twp	13,800
Lilly Boro	4,200
Munster Twp	4,800
Nanty Glo Boro	8,000
Northern Cambria Boro	15,000
Portage Twp	10,500
Reade Twp	14,000 *
Richland Twp	26,400
Scalp Level Boro	4,400
Southfork Boro	17,600 *
Summerhill Twp	9,500
Susquehanna Twp	10,400
Upper Yoder Boro	11,900
Vintondale Boro	25,350 *
Washington Twp	5,400
West Carroll Twp	6,400
Westmont Boro	11,000
Total Payments	\$343,400

*Municipality's payment includes allocations from multiple years.

County Corrections

As noted on page 6, County Corrections accounts for 30¢ of your County Real Estate tax dollar. County Corrections is made up of the Prison, Central Booking Center, Day Reporting Center, Detention Home/Shelter and Probation (*both Adult and Juvenile*). On April 14, 2016 the Board of Commissioner approved a resolution to close the Detention Home/Shelter as of June 30, 2016 as a result of the decreasing census and increasing cost to the County General Fund. For 2016, the Detention Home/Shelter cost taxpayers \$610,433.

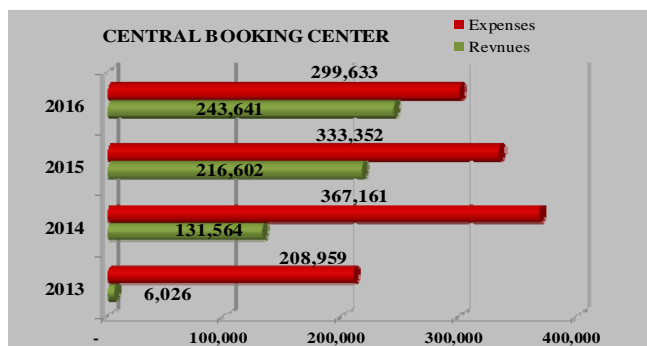
For 2016, \$11.6 million of your County tax dollars were used to facilitate County Corrections. The pie chart shows a breakdown of each portion of County Corrections with the Prison accounting for a majority of the cost at 59% or \$6.87 million.



PRISON

The Prison has approximately 500 beds available for inmates and houses County, State and Federal inmates. On average the Prison houses 50 State inmates, 20 U.S. Marshall inmates, 10-20 Immigration inmates as well as other County inmates and youthful offenders. Cambria County receives \$72 per day for State Inmates, \$70 per day for U.S. Marshall and Immigration inmates, \$65 per day for other County adult offenders and \$85 per day for other County youthful offenders.

CENTRAL BOOKING CENTER



In 2013 the County opened the Central Booking Center (CBC) at the Prison. Each adult defendant processed, whether fully or fingerprint only, is charged a \$200 booking fee. This fee is paid to the County Clerk of Courts and split between the County General Fund (5%) and Booking Center (95%). As depicted in the bar graph, the CBC Revenues continue to increase. For 2016 it cost taxpayers \$55,991 to run the CBC vs \$116,750 in 2015. During 2016, 2,877 adult defendants and 155 juvenile defendants were processed through Central Booking.

DAY REPORTING CENTER

The County opened the Day Reporting Center (DRC) in 2012 to provide for an alternative to the prison program or an early release option for nonviolent offenders convicted of crimes such as repeat DUIs, drug violations and burglaries. The program is also for parole or probation violators when additional monitoring is necessary. The average cost per offender at the DRC is \$31.25 vs \$48.67 at the Prison. During 2016, it cost taxpayers \$899,779 to run the DRC.

ADULT AND JUVENILE PROBATION

Adult Probation Officers currently manage approximately 2,700 adults that are under supervision. They are in the courtrooms testifying at violation hearings, gathering paperwork for pleas and sentencings, processing offenders with conditions of supervision, visiting the offenders at their residences/workplace, and making sure the offenders are fulfilling the courts order. Some officers write reports for the judges for sentencing and for offenders to be released from jail. Adult Probation cost taxpayers \$1.18 million in 2016. Juvenile Probation manages the entire Juvenile Court System and currently have approximately 700 cases in various states in the system. Juvenile Probation Officers receive and examine complaints and charges of delinquency or dependency of a child, they make appropriate referrals for informal adjustment, consent decree, or other diversionary programs. They take juveniles into custody when warranted, and supervise and assist a juvenile placed on probation. The Juvenile Court system cost taxpayers \$1.97 million in 2016.

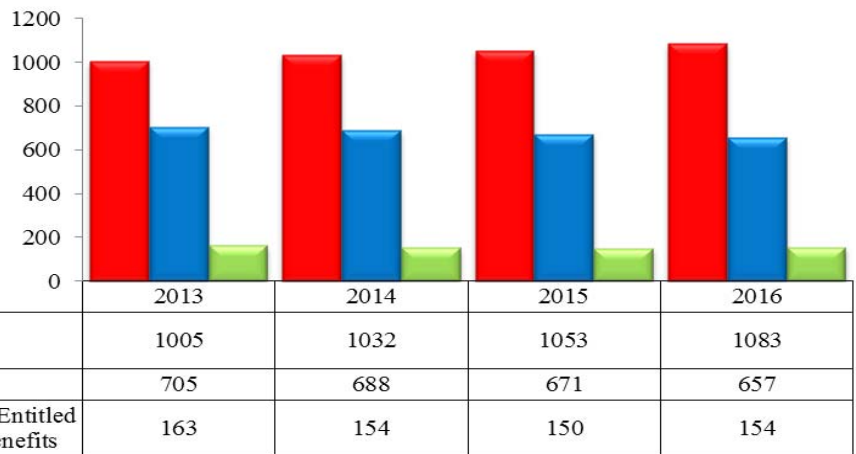
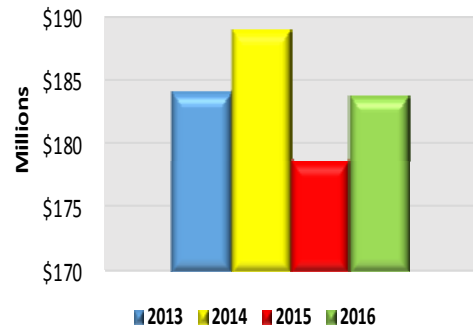
Cambria County Retirement

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The graph to the right represents the Retirement Fund Balance at year end. As of December 31, 2016 the Fund balance was \$184,104,356. A complete report of the Employee Retirement Trust Plan is available on the County's website, www.cambriacountypa.gov, under the Retirement Board area or by contacting the Controller's Office.

The graph below represents the Active Plan members, Active Retirees and the Terminated Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits. These terminated plan members represent employees who were terminated and are entitled to an involuntary pension or members who were entitled to vest upon leaving County employment. Over the past five years, the number of retirees receiving benefits from the Retirement plan has grown and is larger than the number of active plan members contributing to the retirement plan.

Retirement Fund Balance at year end 12/31



■ Retirees and Beneficiaries Receiving Benefits	1005	1032	1053	1083
■ Active Plan Members	705	688	671	657
■ Terminated Plan Members Entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	163	154	150	154

Cambria County War Memorial Arena

The Cambria County War Memorial Arena opened on October 16, 1950. Throughout the War Memorial's 67 years, 3 minor league hockey teams have called the Arena home, the movie Slap Shot was filmed at the Arena about one of the hockey teams, numerous entertainers have performed, and the Arena hosted a NHL preseason game for the Pittsburgh Penguins! Numerous renovations have been completed over the years with the most recent in 2016. The major issue the Arena was faced with was a deteriorating ice floor. In 2013 Cambria County was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Pennsylvania DCED and in 2014 a \$300,000 grant from the Pennsylvania DCNR, to assist with the cost of the new ice surface. Plans began but were put on hold after the

Arena won the first ever Kraft Hockeyville contest in 2015. As a result of the win, the Arena was awarded \$150,000 for upgrades. The War Memorial Arena Authority added to the Hockeyville funds and the Arena received updates to the lighting and sound system along with dasher boards, safety netting and improvements to the team benches and locker rooms. The new ice surface was completed in August 2016 which included adding a heat exchanger. The final piece of the renovation was the addition of a new video scoreboard and duct socks which were installed in December 2016. The Arena is overseen by the War Memorial Authority and managed by SMG.



In the Spotlight



The word "Prothonotary" means first notary of the Court. The Prothonotary is the keeper of the civil records for the court system. The office is comprised of the Elected Official and 6 full time employees. The office is responsible for the creation, maintenance and certification of matters pending or determined by the Court including divorce, custody, protection from abuse, eminent domain, real estate liens, judgments and UCC filings. The office also receives, files and docketts from the District Justices judgements and landlord/tenant actions, suspension of driver's license privileges and registration. Receives and docketts appeals to the Superior and Commonwealth Courts of Pennsylvania, processes passport applications and financial audits of school districts. The office is also responsible for certain reporting and collection duties to state agencies. Naturalization records from the early 1800's are provided free to the public. It is the commitment of this office to maintain up to date and accurate information on all civil proceedings within the jurisdiction of the Cambria County Court of Common Pleas. We strive to provide prompt and courteous service to the Court, attorneys and the public in the recording, maintenance and retrieval of all records placed in our care. **The Prothonotary's Office revenue totaled \$238,854 and expenses totaled \$326,313 of which \$305,356 were personnel related expenses for 2016.**

REGISTER OF WILLS CLERK OF THE ORPHANS COURT



The office is comprised of the Elected Official and 5 full time employees. The office handles Wills and Estates, Inheritance Tax, Marriage Licenses, Guardianships, Adoptions, Birth and Death Records. Wills are not filed in the office until the person passes away. The following records are available – Birth and Death records from 1893 to 1905 (birth and death records after 1905 can be obtained through www.vitalchek.com). Marriage records from 1885 to present, and Probate records from early 1800's to present. **The Register of Wills office revenue totaled \$381,782 and expenses totaled \$350,222 of which \$331,091 were personnel related expenses for 2016.**

Cambria County Stained Glass

The Courthouse is lucky to be adorned with four beautiful stained glass medallion windows; one is located in each of the three courtrooms and rotunda with courtroom number one being the most elaborate. The stained glass was put in place when renovations were completed to the Courthouse between 1914-1924 which added the three "wings" and rotunda. During 2016, all four of the stained glass medallions were refurbished. In late 2015 it was determined that the steel structure holding the stained glass in place was failing. Ringler Restoration was hired to complete the restoration. As part of the restoration new dome lights were installed to highlight the stained glass as well. The total project cost \$250,000 and was finished in early 2017.



CAMBRIA COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Board of Commissioners

From left: Mark Wissinger, Thomas Chernisky, Chairman; and William "B.J." Smith, Vice-Chairman



Susan Kuhar, *Clerk of Courts*

Records all criminal court procedures, collects fines, costs and restitution for the Court of Common Pleas.



Ed Cernic, Jr., *Controller*

Insures the accuracy and legality of fiscal transactions, administers county pension fund, works with county tax collectors and constables, processes accounts payable.



Jeffrey Lees, *Coroner*

Investigates sudden, unexplained violent, or suspicious deaths occurring in the County.



Kelly Callihan, *District Attorney*

Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Cambria County. Oversees the investigation and prosecution of criminal activity occurring within the county.



Debbie Martella, *Prothonotary*

Keeper of Civil records for the courts, processes passports and provides free public access to naturalization records from the early 1800s.



Ray Wendekier, *Recorder of Deeds*

Records all deeds, mortgages, and land related papers for County properties and collects PA realty transfer tax.



Patty Sharbaugh, *Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphan's Court*

Issuer of marriage licenses, records inheritance tax, adoptions, birth and death records and wills and estates.



Robert Kolar, *Sheriff*

Responsible for security at County buildings; County law enforcement such as serving bench warrants, posts real estate notices, and issues gun permits.



Lisa Kozorosky, *Treasurer*

Collects County Real Estate taxes for the City of Johnstown and lodging room rental tax. Issues dog, hunting, fishing, bingo and small game of chance licenses.

Guide to County Government

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Commissioner	Thomas Chernisky	(814) 472-1600	
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District Attorney	Kelly Callihan	(814) 472-1680	
Prothonotary	Debbie Martella	(814) 472-1638	dmartella@co.cambria.pa.us
Recorder of Deeds	Ray Wendekier	(814) 472-1475	rwendekier@co.cambria.pa.us
Register of Wills	Patty Sharbaugh	(814) 472-1440	psharbaugh@co.cambria.pa.us
Sheriff	Robert Kolar	(814) 472-1690	sheriff@co.cambria.pa.us
Treasurer	Lisa Kozorosky	(814) 472-1643	lkozorosky@co.cambria.pa.us

Crisis Intervention Hotline	1-877-268-9463
Area Agency on Aging	(814) 539-5595
Behavioral Health / Intellectual Disabilities / Early Intervention Program	(814) 535-8531
Children & Youth Services	(814) 539-7454
Drug & Alcohol	(814) 536-5388
Conservation District	(814) 472-2120
Cost & Fines	(814) 472-1551
Court Administrator	(814) 472-1552
Domestic Relations	1-800-638-4409
Duman Park	(814) 472-8390
Election Office	(814) 472-1464
Jury Selection Division	(814) 472-1501
Non-Emergency Number	(814) 472-2100
Tax Assessment Office	(814) 472-1451
Tax Claim Bureau	(814) 472-1445
Veteran Affairs	(814) 472-1590
24/7 Warrant Tip Hotline	(814) 472-8395



Do you suspect Fraud or Abuse is occurring within Cambria County? Contact the Controller's Office.

Keep it confidential....

- Mail your tip to: The Controller's Office, 200 S Center St., Ebensburg, PA 15931
- Call (814) 472-1623

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