



La Crosse County 101

La Crosse Chamber Leadership Program
February 15, 2017

Background Information

La Crosse County is 1 of 72 Counties in Wisconsin

La Crosse County population approximately 118,000;
18 different local governments, including towns, villages,
and cities.

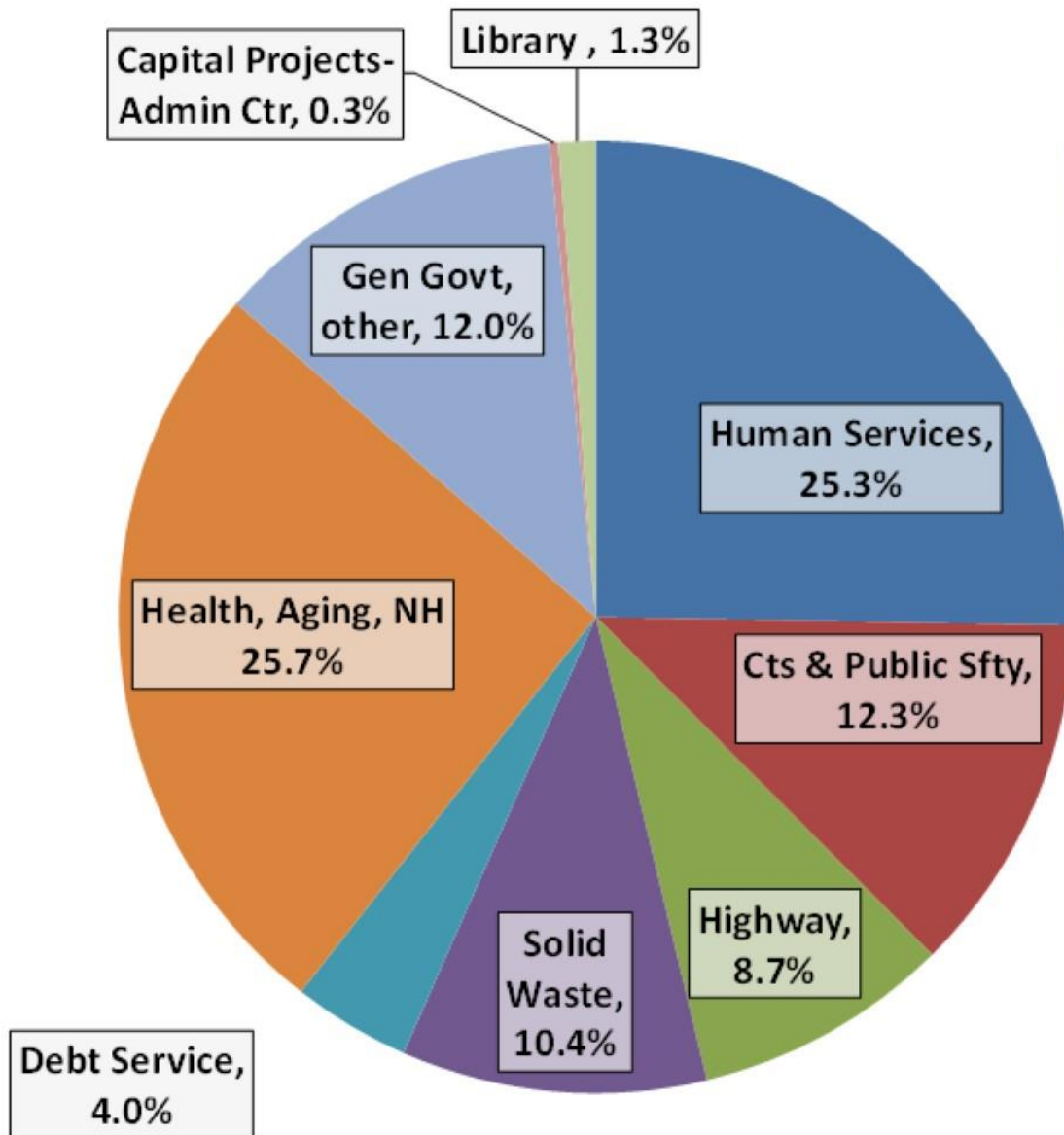
La Crosse County provides a wide range of services for citizens, including but not limited to: zoning, highways, assistance to the elderly/children/persons with disabilities, parks, solid waste, public health, UW-Extension, and veterans' assistance.

La Crosse County works cooperatively with federal, state, and local agencies and organizations to provide programs and services for county residents.

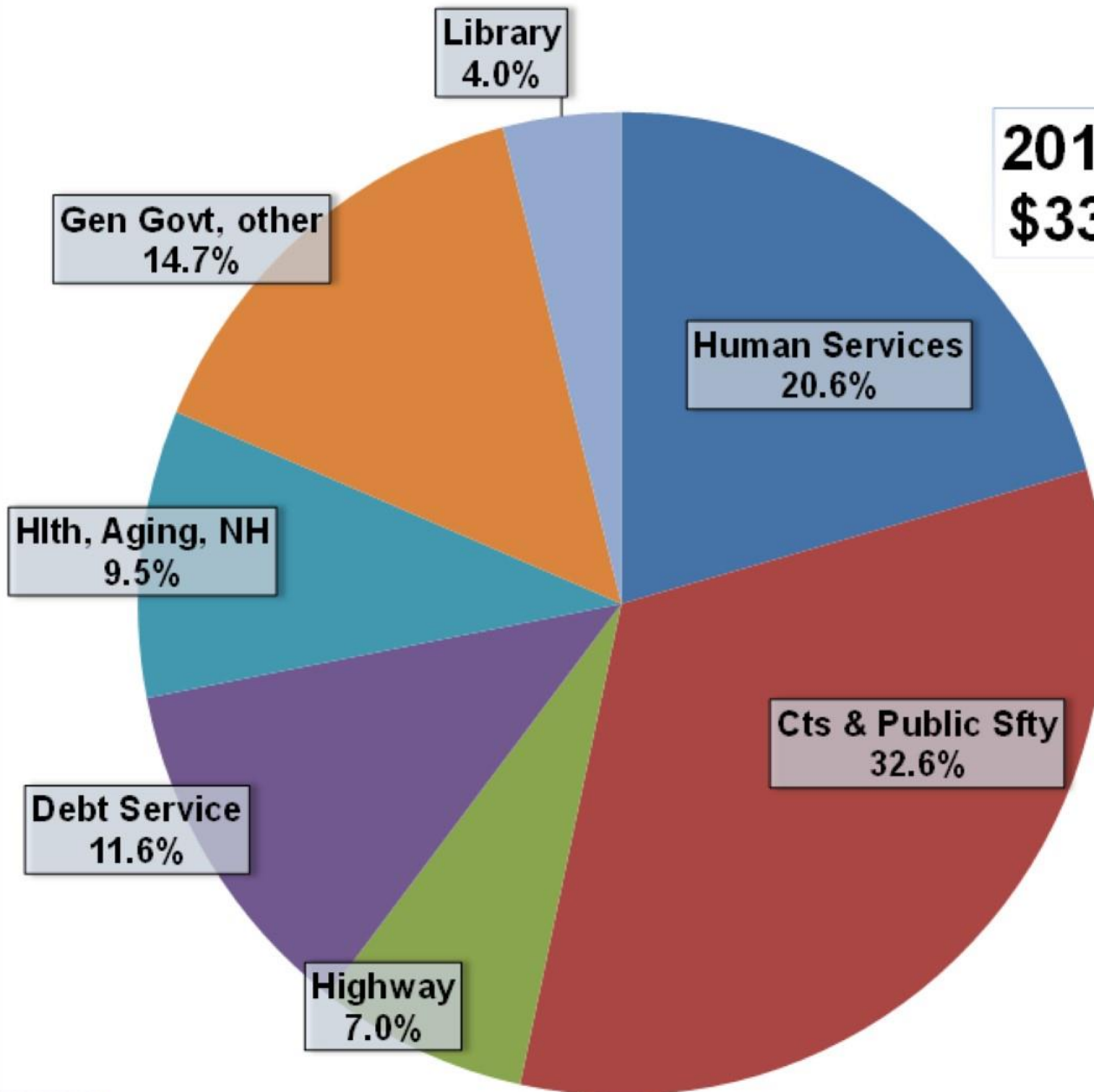
La Crosse County Fast Facts

- 26 departments
- 1,300 employees
- 3 Campuses;
Downtown - Administration Center, Law Enforcement Center (LEC) Health and Human Services Building (HHS)
Hillview – Nursing Home, Carroll Heights, Hillview Terrace
Lakeview - Nursing Home, 2 CBRF's and 1 AFH
- 2 campgrounds; Veterans Park and Goose Island and Highway Shop

**2017 GROSS
EXPENDITURES
\$161.29 Million**



2017 TAX LEVY \$33.646 Million



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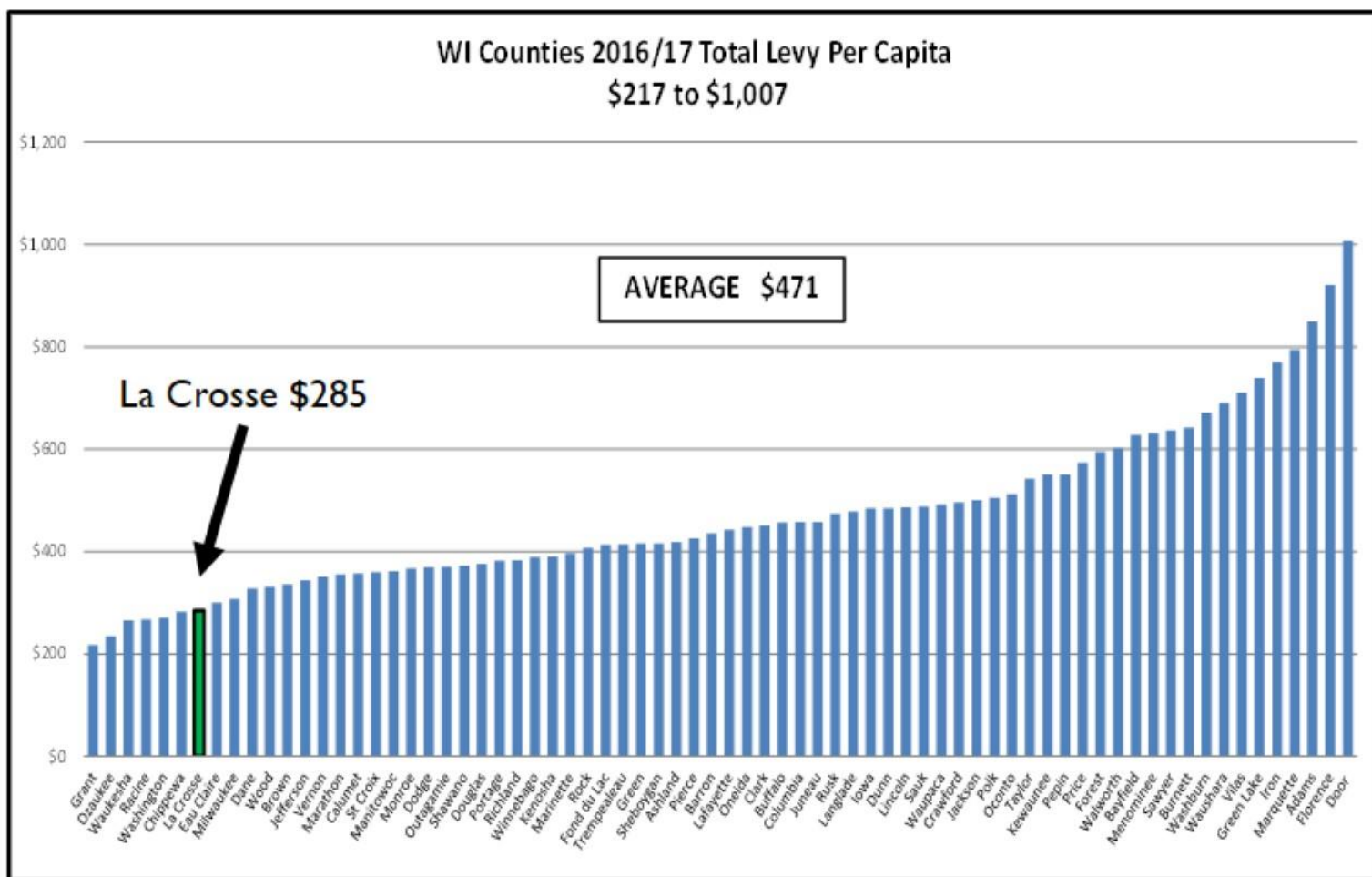
(County Portion of Taxes)

Levy per Capita (per person) – Compared with all 72 WI Counties

66th out of 72
Counties
7th Lowest Total
County Levy per
person

WI Avg. is \$471,
65% higher than
La Crosse
\$186 more
per person

\$21.9 million
more per year

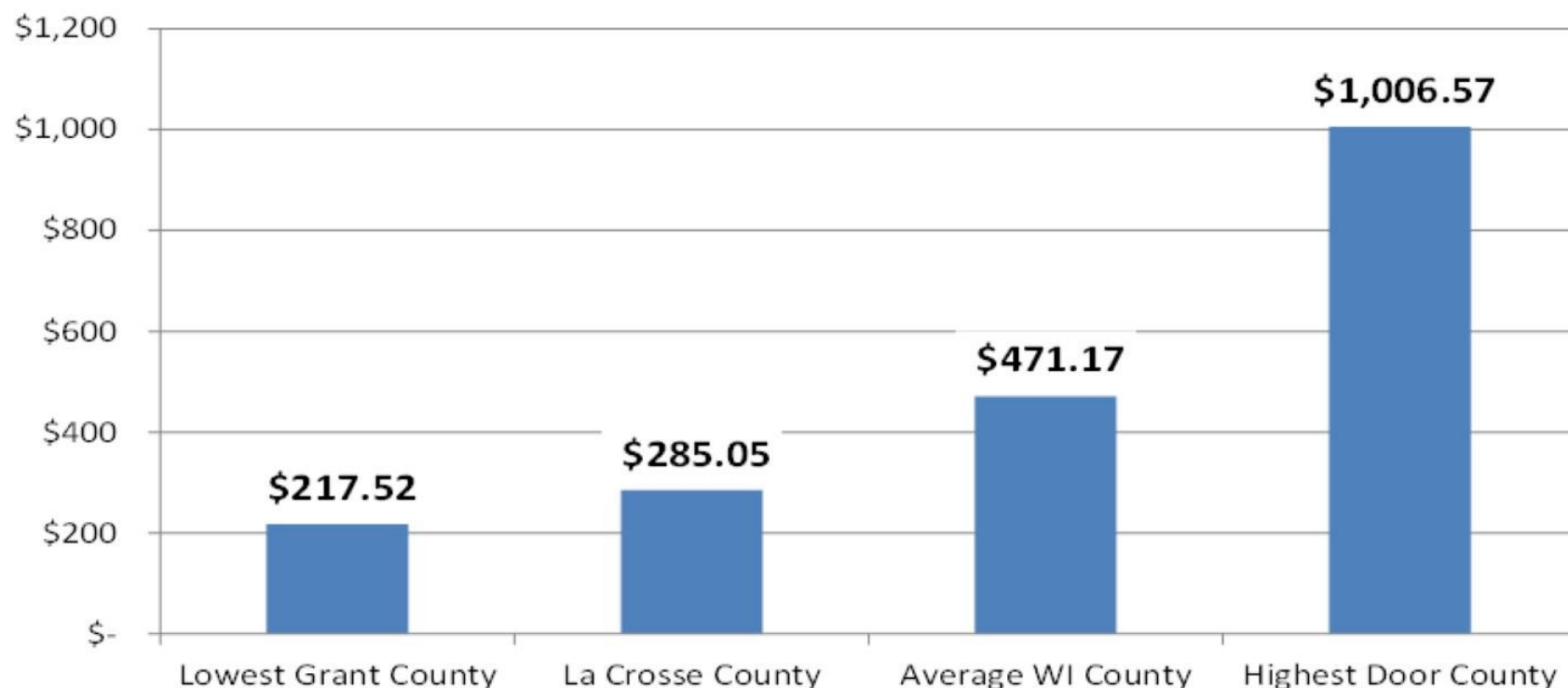


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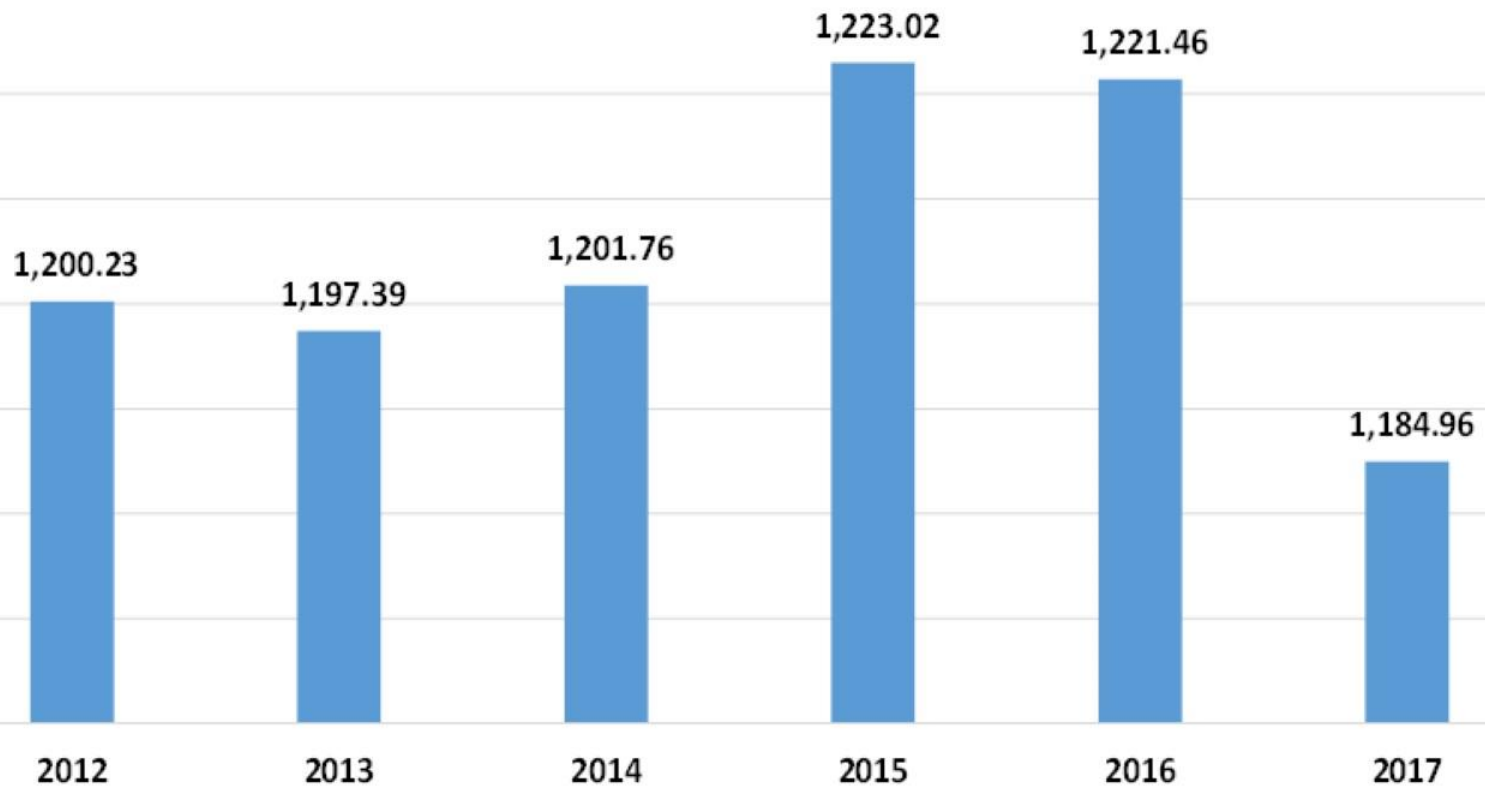
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2017 Tax Levies Per Capita

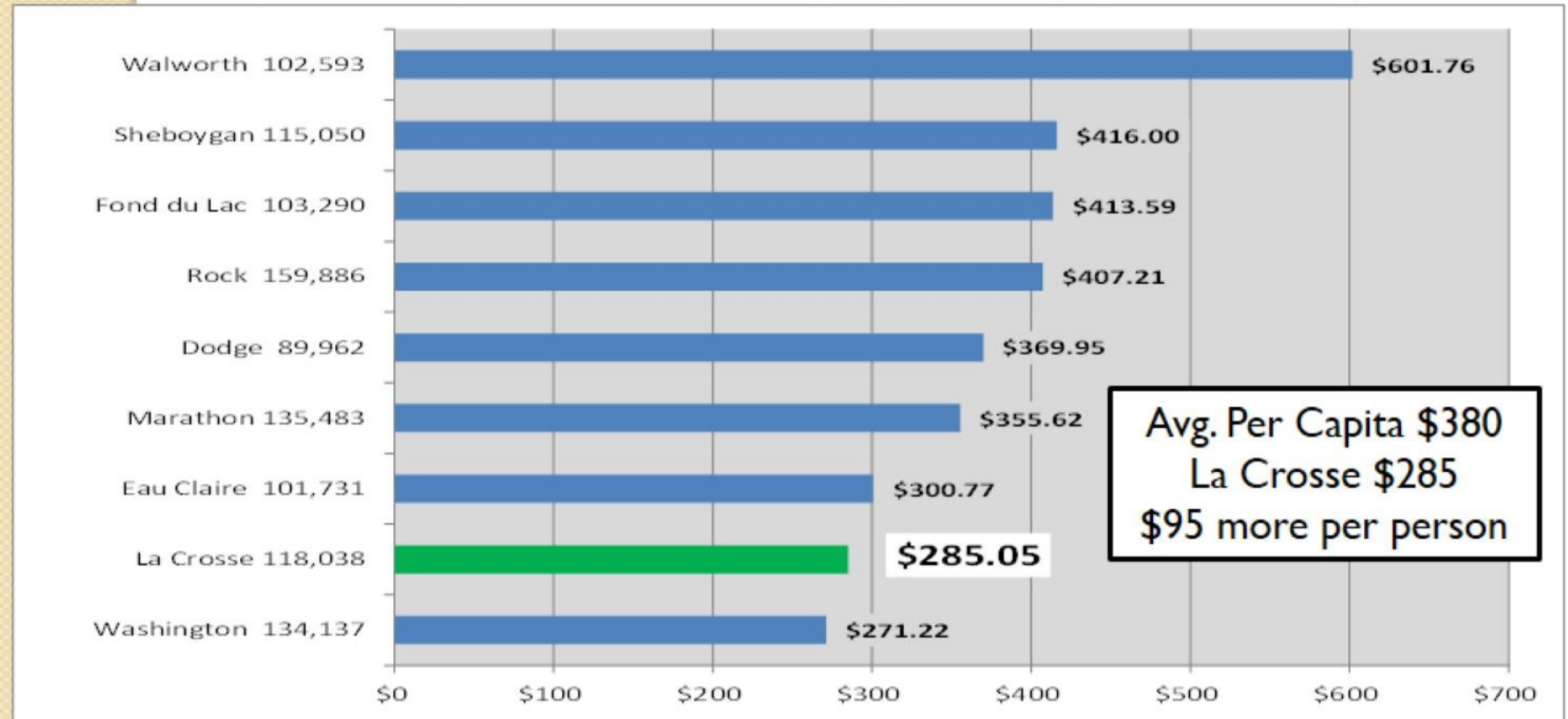


La Crosse County Budgeted Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE's)



La Crosse County costs much LESS than Avg. of similar Counties

2017 County Property Tax Levy per (Millions)
Counties most similar to La Crosse by Population (89,962 – 159,886)



Average Tax Levy per Capita is \$44.4 Million
34% Higher than La Crosse!

That's \$10.7 Million less Property Taxes per year

County Constitutional Offices

- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- District Attorney
- Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- Clerk of Courts

County Board of Supervisors

- 29 County Board Supervisors
- Non-partisan office
- Represent approximately 3,900 residents
- Elected Spring of even numbered years
- Board elects its leadership: Chair, First Vice, Second Vice

COUNTY BOARD

COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

CORPORATION
COUNSEL

Executive Committee

Health & Human Services Board

Public Works & Infrastructure

Judiciary & Law Committee

Veterans, Aging & Long Term Care

Planning, Resources & Development

County
Administrator

Health

Facilities

Clerk of Courts

Hillview Health
Care Center &
Carroll
Heights

Land Conservation

Corporation
Counsel & Child
Support

Human Services

Highway

Family Court
Commissioner

Lakeview
Health Center

Zoning, Planning &
Land Information

County Clerk

Solid Waste

District Attorney

Veterans
Services

Register of Deeds

Finance
Department

Emergency
Services

Aging

County Surveyor

Information
Technology

Medical Examiner

University
Extension

Personnel

Mediation

Sheriff

Treasurer

How to get involved

- Public Comment at every committee meeting
- Contact your County Board Supervisor
- Appointment process
- Public Hearing on the annual budget
- Public Hearings and Public Informational Meetings



Thank you!

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