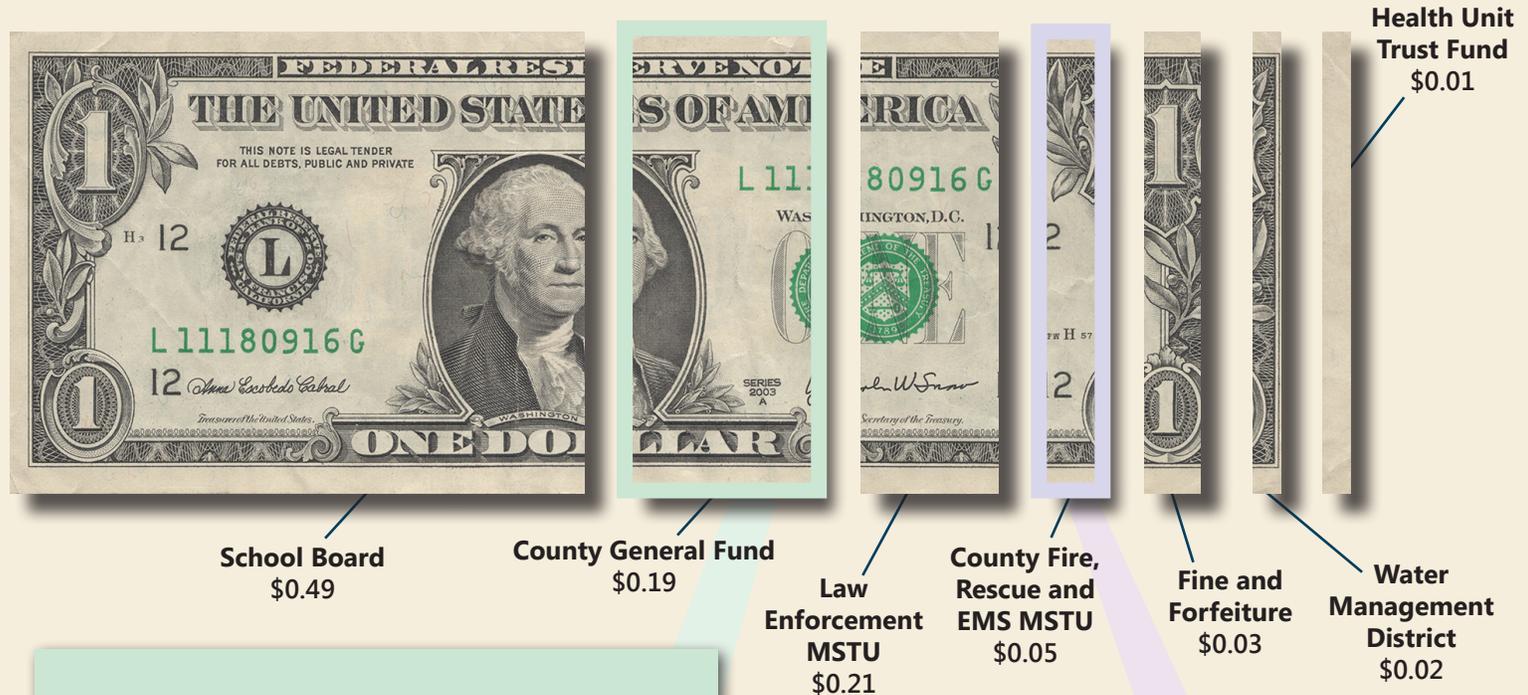


# Property taxes: where do they go?

Below is a representation of how each property tax dollar is divided for property owners in the unincorporated areas of Marion County\*.

(This does not include MSTU/MSBU assessments within specific subdivisions or residential areas. This also does not include tax exemptions such as agriculture and homestead.)



## General Fund

This funds the programs and services provided by Marion County departments, including: emergency medical services, public safety communications (911), animal services, parks, facilities management, libraries, veterans services, growth services (code enforcement, planning, zoning), administration, extension services (such as 4-H), procurement, community services, fleet management and more.

The general fund also includes the funding for four Marion County constitutional offices (Clerk of the Court, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector), as well as for jail operation and emergency management services managed by the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

## Fire, Rescue and EMS MSTU

This is a Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) paid by property owners in the unincorporated areas for fire rescue services.



Property owners in unincorporated Marion pay only **\$0.24 per property tax dollar** for all of the countywide services provided by Marion County Board of County Commissioners departments. Examples of those services are highlighted in the green and purple boxes.

All other property tax funds are overseen by separate entities, as follows:

**Marion County School Board** - School Board funds

**Marion County Sheriff's Office** - Law Enforcement MSTU and Fine and Forfeiture funds

**Southwest Florida/St. Johns River water management districts** - Water Management District funds

**Florida Department of Health** - Health Unit Trust Fund

\*Based on FY 2015-16.

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