

Assessment

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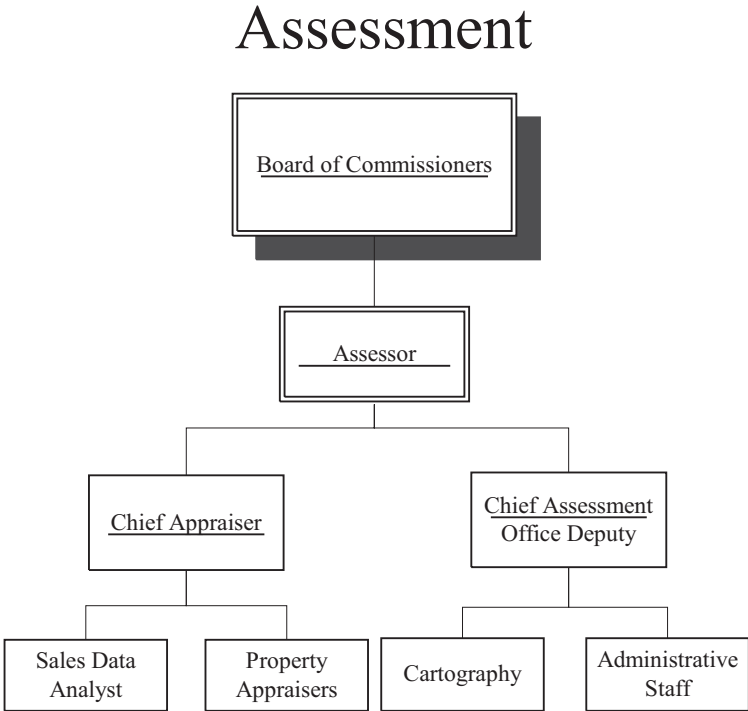
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Mission: The Benton County Assessment Department mission is to administer the property tax assessment programs accurately, fairly, efficiently, in compliance with state mandates, focusing on customer service.

The primary objective of the Assessor’s Office is to ensure all real and personal property is valued in a fair and equitable manner as required by the State of Oregon. Each year the Assessor must value all taxable property at 100 percent of market value and establish the portion of that market value subject to taxation (Maximum Assessed Value).

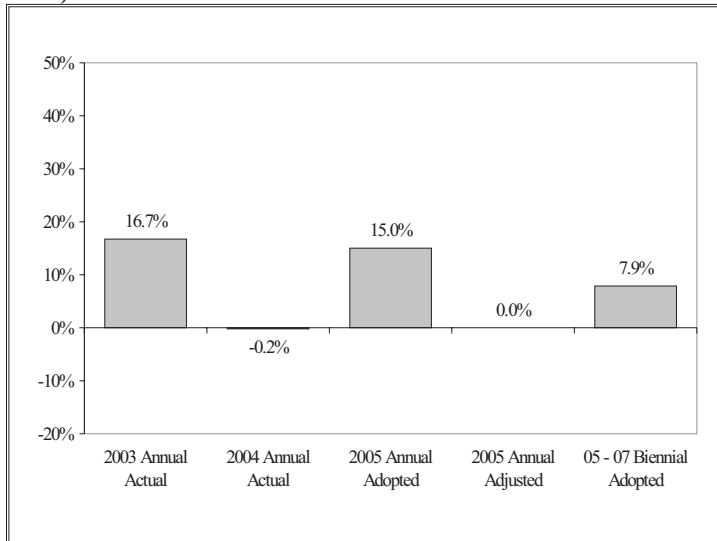
Organization: The Assessor is appointed by the Benton County Board of Commissioners.



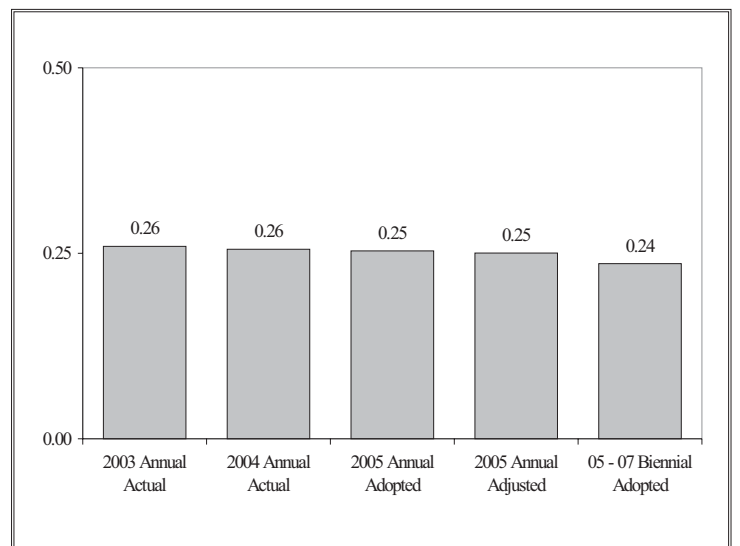
Budget Summary

	2003 Annual Actual	2004 Annual Actual	2005 Annual Adopted	2005 Annual Adjusted	05 - 07 Biennial Adopted
General Revenues	67	(39)	-	-	-
Charges for Service	16,403	12,707	15,000	15,000	64,000
Operating Grants	622,292	585,985	607,000	607,000	981,664
Total Resources	638,762	598,653	622,000	622,000	1,045,664
Personal Services	1,008,863	1,001,607	1,206,207	1,206,207	2,619,644
Materials & Services	429,737	433,192	443,900	443,900	937,350
Capital Outlay	1,203	1,955	2,625	2,625	9,200
Other	27,791	-	-	-	32,000
Total Expenditures	1,467,595	1,436,754	1,652,732	1,652,732	3,598,194
Surplus / (Deficit)	(828,832)	(838,101)	(1,030,732)	(1,030,732)	(2,552,530)
Fund Summary					
General Fund	1,467,595	1,436,754	1,652,732	1,652,732	3,598,194
Total Budget by Fund	1,467,595	1,436,754	1,652,732	1,652,732	3,598,194
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.00
Temporary Hire Equivalent (FTE)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Annual Change in Budget (Biennial value based on average annual value)



Employees per 1,000 population



Overview

Department Head Message

The Assessment Department is a multifaceted organization. Our primary responsibility is to value real and personal property, and administers taxes based on statutes of our governing bodies. We administer special programs, for example: tax exemptions for veteran's, religious and charitable organizations, as well as deferrals, such as: farm and forest, senior, disabled, and historic.

This office is responsible for the maintenance of a valuation and administration database that is used by various county, city, and state departments; commercial industries, and the public. As part of this maintenance, Assessment updates changes to physical property, and chain of title/ownership, including situs and mailing addresses.

Cartography is responsible for the base mapping for the County's Geographic Information System. These maps are used by many different organizations, including Emergency Services.

To summarize, Assessment is a department for valuation, administration of taxes, as well as a resource to many customers due to the amount of records this department maintains.

Accomplishments

- Reappraised all manufactured homes in parks and created manufactured home park neighborhood market areas.
- Updated commercial land tables and increased the number of residential neighborhood market areas to better reflect market trends. This increased land values and brought many properties out of compression, which in turn increased revenue for the county and other taxing districts.
- Entered all industrial property data into Proval
- Audited and corrected all Historical property accounts
- Improved service on our Website by adding current tax statements, providing a Glossary of Terms; adding tax reports such as district rates, tax rates by tax code area; and SAL reports.
- Created a "Frequently Asked Question" pamphlet to assist taxpayers and other departments to understand Oregon's complex system of taxation.

Performance Measures

Performance measures for the Assessment Department are largely the function of the Oregon Department of Revenue to ensure continued Assessment and Tax grant funding for future years. These measures include review of all Assessment and Tax operations at the technical level to ensure compliance with state mandates and to create uniformity within the property tax systems statewide. The Assessor also establishes performance measures to ensure that quality customer service and data integrity is maintained.

05-07 Objectives

- Audit all industrial accounts.
- Begin audit of all property accounts.
- Begin physical reappraisal of all commercial property.
- Set-up study for commercial site improvement values.
- Implement and maintain new Building Codes Division program for manufactured structures previously processed through DMV.
- Implement new audit program for all personal property accounts.
- Upgrade valuation software to Proval Plus and integrate use of Tablet PC's in fieldwork.
- Continue to improve customer service by enhancing and adding features to our web site.