

Why Raise Taxes?

From 2004-2007, the Cordaro-Munchak Administration borrowed \$118 million and placed taxpayer funds into SWAPS, which resulted in increased debt service and SWAP termination fees totaling \$14.3 million.

\$14,300,000.00

The County has lost \$4.4 million in federal and state assistance dollars in the past year. \$3 million was lost in federal prisoner revenue due to a reduction in INS prisoners in Pennsylvania, a \$1 million loss in emergency services and \$400,000 in human services.

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Due to contractual wage increases, arbitration awards and increases in the cost of fuel and utilities, the County's operational expenses have increased by \$617,700.

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Total Budget Shortfall

\$19,317,700.00

Current County Tax Millage: **39.998** • Tax Millage Increase: **15.002** • Tax Increase as a Percentage: **37.5%**

How Did the County Hold the Line on Taxes for 4 Years?

Reduction in County government expenditures by more than

\$20,000,000.00

The County utilized \$9,200,000 in one-time revenue sources to bridge the gap. The sources included sale of the County nursing home, SWAP terminations and baseball reimbursements.

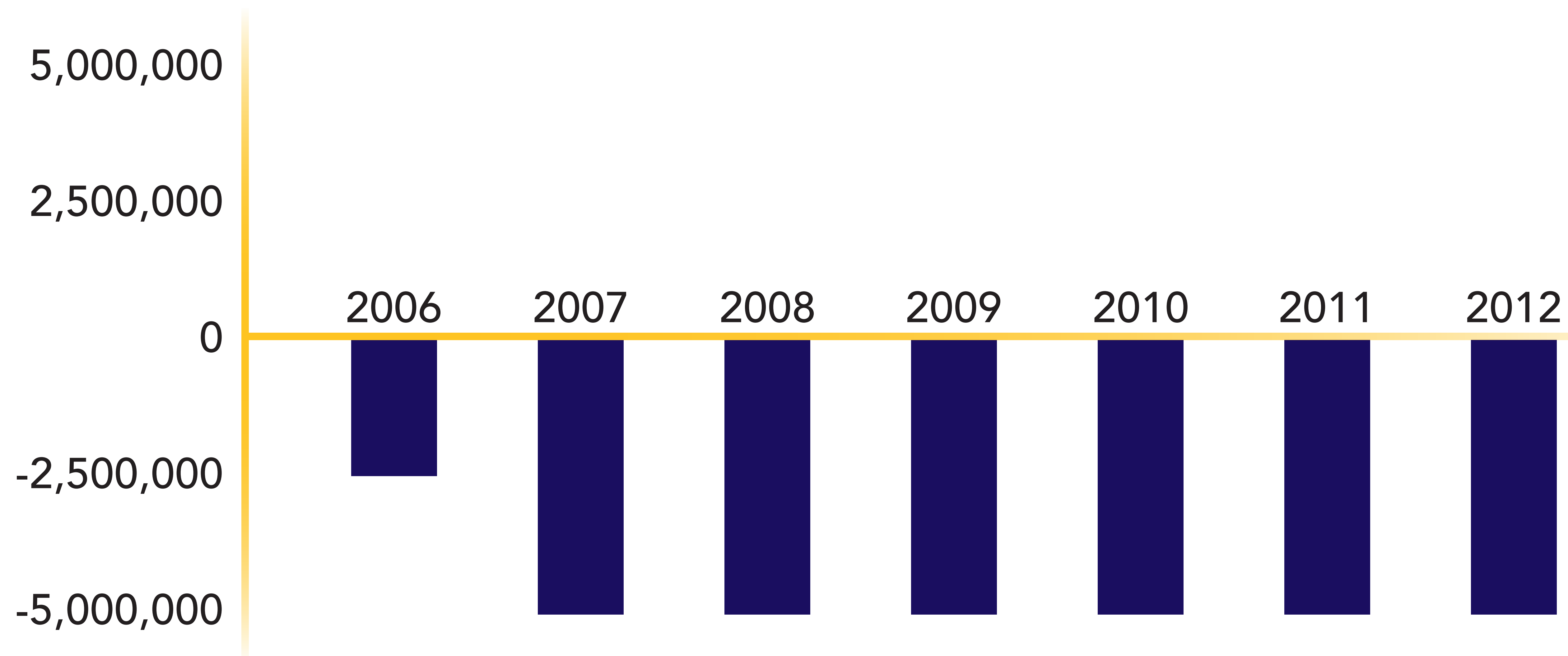
\$9,200,000.00

Workforce Reduction

32%

Impact of 2006 - 2007 Tax Cuts

\$32.5 Million in Lost Review



What Does the County Tax Increase Mean to Me?*

First, find Your Property Value Assessment at www.lackawannacounty.org then insert it in the example below:

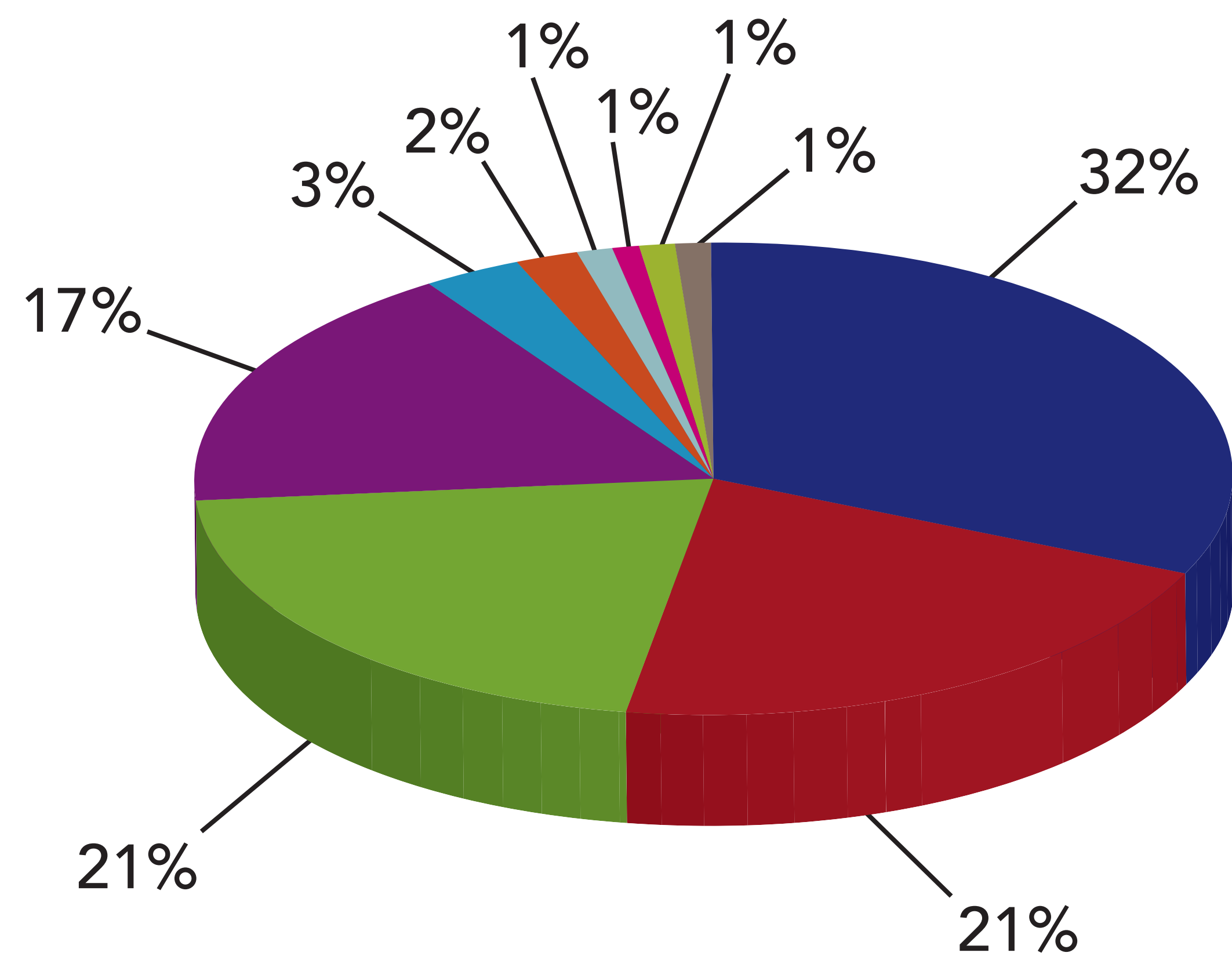
Your Current Property Assessment:	<u>\$7,000.⁰⁰</u>
Your Current County Tax Bill:	<u>\$279.⁹⁹</u>
Increase in Your County Tax Bill:	<u>\$105.⁰¹</u>
How Much Additional Do I Need to Save per Month:	<u>\$8.⁷⁵</u>

*This calculation is only an estimate of your annual county taxes due based on the assessed property value that you insert and should NOT be relied upon when paying your taxes. You should pay the taxes, which are included in the tax bill or bills that you receive. This estimate does not include your annual school taxes or your annual municipal taxes.

How Will the County Spend My Money in 2012?

2012 General Funds Budget

74% of the County's General Fund Revenue funds Corrections, Human Services & Judicial System



General Funds Budget Categories	Dollars	Percentage
Corrections.....	\$29,228,727. ⁰⁰	32%
Human Services.....	\$19,368,307. ⁰⁰	21%
Judicial System.....	\$19,268,860. ⁰⁰	21%
Administrative & General Services.....	\$15,746,832. ⁰⁰	17%
Parks & Recreation.....	\$2,642,619. ⁰⁰	3%
Emergency Services.....	\$1,546,003. ⁰⁰	2%
Community & Economic Development.....	\$1,260,355. ⁰⁰	1%
Infrastructure Improvements.....	\$1,250,000. ⁰⁰	1%
Environmental Sustainability.....	\$730,894. ⁰⁰	1%
Pension Fund Annual Payment.....	\$500,000. ⁰⁰	1%
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Total General Funds Budget.....	\$91,542,597. ⁰⁰	100%