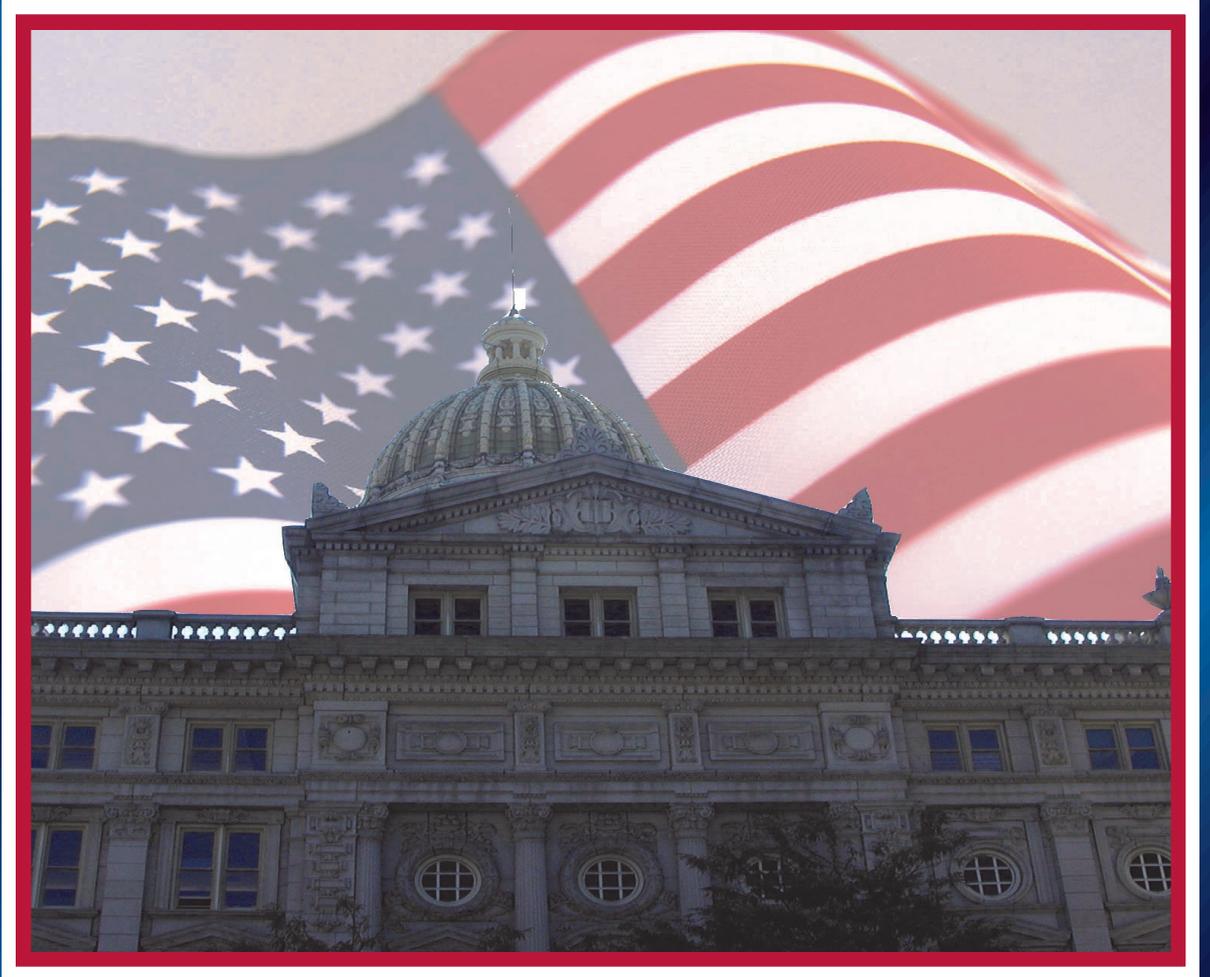


# County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania Citizen's Financial Report



**For the year ended December 31, 2013**  
**Prepared by the Office of the Controller**  
**Jeffrey Balzer, Controller**



# Controller's Message

My fellow Citizens of Westmoreland County:

I am pleased to present the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizen's Financial Report for Westmoreland County. This report is prepared to help fulfill the Controller's responsibility to conduct the financial affairs of the county in an open and transparent fashion. Designed to meet the needs of the average taxpayer, the Citizen's Financial Report is based on information contained in the County of Westmoreland Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2013. Unless otherwise noted, summary information is derived from data in the CAFR that is presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Access to the CAFR as well as the Citizen's Financial Report is available online at [www.co.westmoreland.pa.us](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us). Printed copies of both publications may be obtained at the Office of the Controller at 2 North Main Street, Suite 111, Greensburg, PA 15601.



It is imperative that we present information that is important to you. Please take the time to offer your feedback to the Controller's Office. Your participation will help insure that we are efficiently and effectively accomplishing our mission. Please forward your comments to [controller@co.westmoreland.pa.us](mailto:controller@co.westmoreland.pa.us) or call 724-830-3115.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Balzer,**

County Controller



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# Rich in History

Early American education was generally private or religious. It managed to bring mass schooling and literacy to the nation well before the public school system we know today was legislated into existence. Public schooling began in response to an influx of immigrants who had different backgrounds. The primary focus was to establish social order and mainstream large numbers of immigrant children into a common school setting.

There are four stages of American education, with each having their own legislation and important events leading up to the current system. They are listed below, each with a brief explanation of the types of events that occurred within the time periods.

### Permissive Era (1642-1825)

The government permitted the organization of public schools, which was subjected to the approval of local voters.

### Encouraging Era (1826-1854)

Established school districts and the raising of tax revenues to support them. The government, however, did not require the establishment of schools.

### Compulsory Era (1855-1980)

Beginning of school districts, taxation for government schools, curriculum and structure, and children’s school attendance. Prior to this point, schooling was not mandatory for children.

### Freedom or School Choice Era (1980-Present)

Allowed for education options to expand for children through homeschooling, vouchers, tuition tax credits, and more.

Throughout each of the four stages, states passed legislation to encourage and aid families in sending children to school. For a complete timeline of events throughout history, visit <http://www.eds-resources.com/educationhistorytimeline.html>.

Today, Westmoreland County has nineteen public school districts, thirteen Parochial schools, three Career and Technology Centers (Vo-Tech Schools), and nine higher education facilities. The Career and Technology Centers help to prepare high school students for the career opportunities available to them as adults. These Centers are available to provide adult education opportunities as well. The County also contains the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit, which is a regional educational agency that expands the services of all Westmoreland County Schools, including Clairview, a school for children with special needs.

Westmoreland County offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for all backgrounds and ages. The higher education facilities not only include the Westmoreland County Community College and various state and private colleges/universities, but also The Oakbridge Academy of Arts (formerly the Art Institute of New Kensington) and the Douglas Education Center, located in Monessen, which offers degrees in business, medical, art, special effects, and cosmetology.

For more information on the schools and education centers in Westmoreland County, as well as their individual histories, visit <http://www.inwestmoreland.com>





# Working for You

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Board of Commissioners

Westmoreland County is organized under the commission form of government. A three person board of commissioners is elected every four years on an at-large basis.



The current Board of Commissioners is comprised of Chairman Charles W. Anderson, Vice-Chairman R. Tyler Courtney and Secretary Ted Kopas.

Below are the other elected officials of the County and a brief description of the services they provide for the public.



Responsible for Payroll, Retirement, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Auditing, and Contracts.

**Jeffrey Balzer**  
Controller



Records all civil court procedures. Processes passports, and naturalization records.

**Christina O'Brien**  
Prothonotary



Provides law enforcement, serves warrants, and issues gun permits.

**Jonathan Held**  
Sheriff



Investigates cases to determine the manner of death including drug overdoses, homicides, and auto accidents.

**Kenneth A. Bacha**  
Coroner



Prosecutes capital, misdemeanor, felony, and summary cases.

**John Peck**  
District Attorney



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

**Bryan L. Kline**  
Clerk of Courts



Probates wills, issues marriage licenses, records inheritance tax, and adoptions.

**Michael Ginsburg**  
Register of Wills  
Clerk of Orphans' Court



Maintains all land records for the County such as a deed, lease, etc.

**Frank E. Schiefer**  
Recorder of Deeds



Receives and Disburses all money for the County, Issues licenses for dogs, hunting, bingo, fishing, and small games of chance.

**Jared M. Squires**  
Treasurer



# Events

Westmoreland County and its communities offer a variety of events and festivals to engage adults and children of all ages. There are a number of museums and historical sites, as well as summer weekend musical performances to entertain all backgrounds. Below is a guide to some of the major events that occur throughout the year. For a complete list of community events, visit the Laurel Highlands website at [www.laurelhighlands.org](http://www.laurelhighlands.org), and the Westmoreland County website at [www.co.westmoreland.pa.us](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us) under the "Things to Do" link, as well as the Parks & Recreation section.

### March:

Westmoreland County March for Parks - Sponsored by the Westmoreland County Parks & Recreation Citizens Advisory Board, the event is open to the public. Marchers can participate as individuals or in teams to collect contributions to benefit the parks and trails projects in the County.

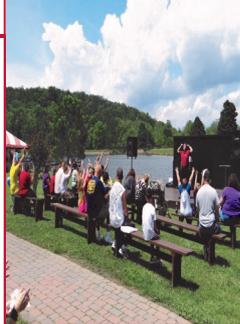
### May:

Westmoreland Senior Games - The goals of these games are to encourage an active lifestyle and continued participation in recreational activities beyond age 50.



### June:

Mammoth Fest - A family oriented festival with a wide variety of food, entertainment, and children's attractions. Admission and parking are both free to the public!



### July:

Arts and Heritage Festival - The acclaimed festival offers visual and live performing arts, traditional and fine crafts, cultural heritage activities, humanities, and ethnic foods.

SummerSounds Concert Series (\*\*June through August\*\*) - A free series of exciting and interesting concerts in Greensburg's St. Clair Park emphasize high standards of contemporary musicianship in a family atmosphere.

Latrobe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration - Amusement rides, crafts, food, game booths, 5 Mile Run/2 Mile Walk, bands, contests, a parade, and fireworks!

### August:

August Fun Fest - August Fun Fest at Cedar Creek Park features a variety of food, entertainment, and children's activities that make August Fun Fest an exciting event for the whole family!

### November:

Overly's Country Christmas (\*\*Continues through January 1\*\*) - Celebrate the season and create holiday memories with a Christmas Village that's filled with an array of old-fashioned traditions and treats.



Labor United Celebration - Celebrating the proud tradition of labor in Western Pennsylvania, this two day extravaganza and is held at Northmoreland Park.

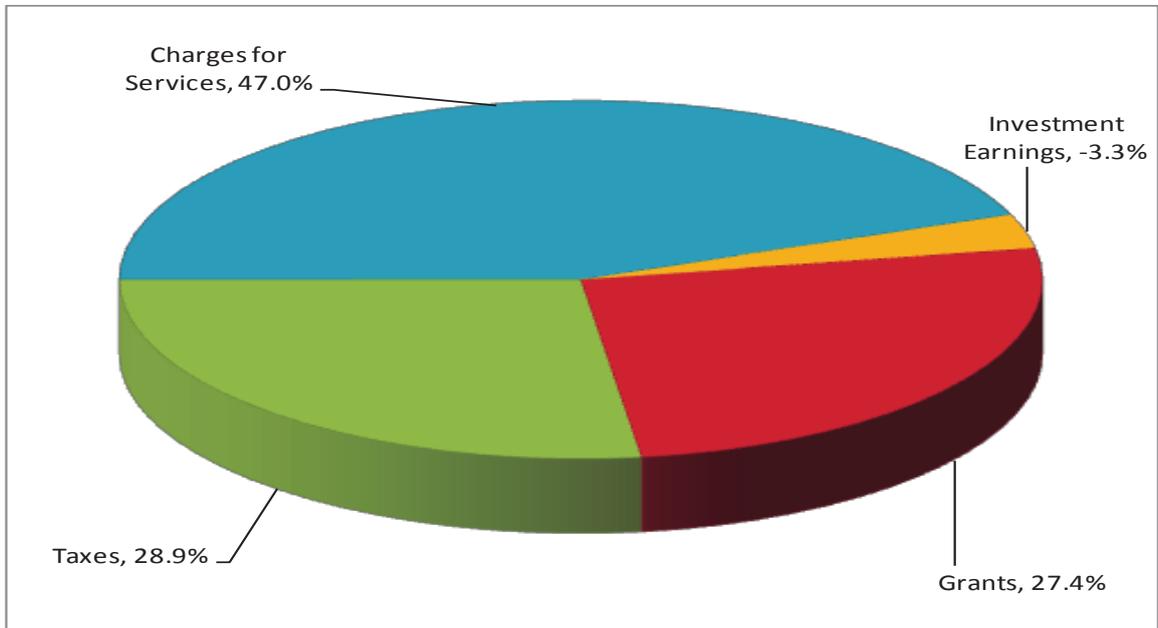
### October:

Fort Ligonier Days - A popular 3-day festival commemorates the Battle of Fort Ligonier, a key engagement of the French and Indian War, fought on October 12, 1758.

Hobgoblin Hikes at Twin Lakes Park and Cedar Creek Park - Recommended for ages eight and over, the Hobgoblin Hikes are half-mile outdoor guided walks through the haunted woods of our County Parks. Visitors can expect to be led through mazes, cemeteries, while passing ghouls, goblins, and monsters.



## Where the money comes from . . .



County revenues totaled \$283,977,249 in 2013. The chart above shows the breakdown of revenues by category.

Grants are a significant source of revenue for the County, accounting for 27.4% of governmental basis. The grant component of the County's revenue appears to be in a declining trend. This is due to cutbacks at the federal and state levels. The current budget environment warrants continued concern that "budget-cutting" at the state and federal levels may further affect county revenues.

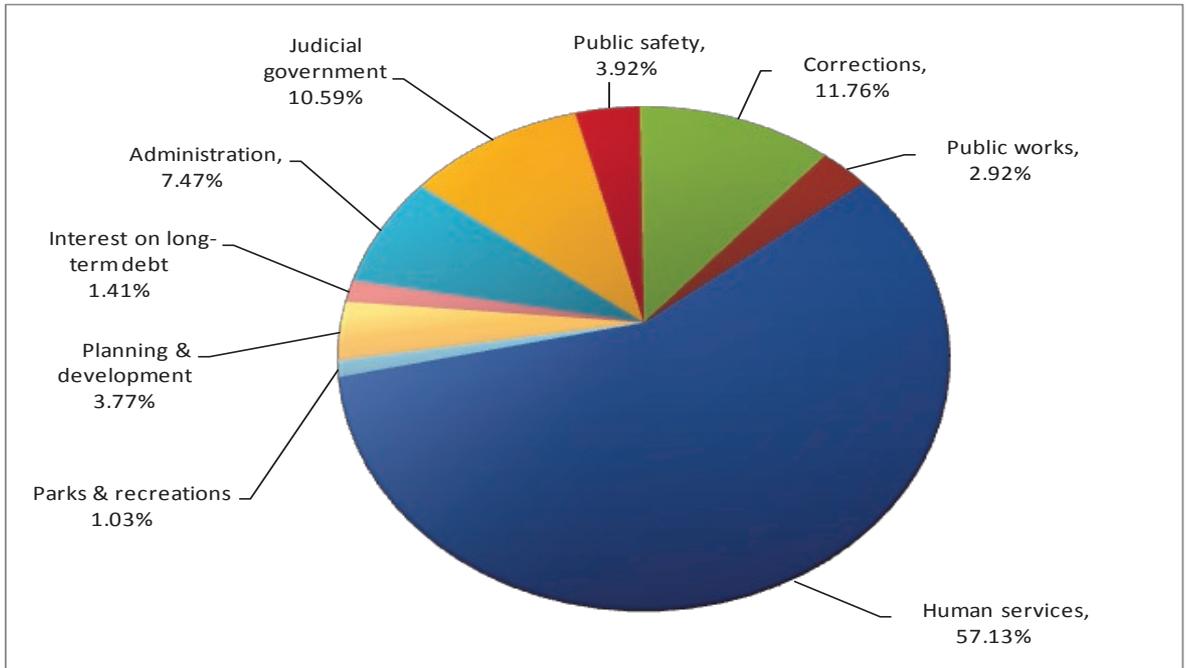
Taxes presented are primarily real estate taxes, which total \$80,956,377. The County also levies a hotel tax which generated \$1,162,523 in 2013. Hotel tax proceeds are dedicated to fund tourism in the region.

Charges for services represent fees, costs, fines, and user charges assessed by county agencies according to policy or law. Examples of this category would be court fines & costs, park pavilion rentals, marriage license fees, and gun permits.

The negative investment earnings is primarily due to nearly \$9 million of costs incurred due to the terminating a swaption agreement. Accounting standards require that this be presented as negative revenue.



## ... and where it goes.



County expenses totaled \$292,523,007 for 2013. The chart shows the breakdown of expenses by function.

The Human Services function is by far the largest area of expense of the County, encompassing Children & Youth, Behavioral Health, Nursing Home, HealthChoices, and Aging. This function represents a series of mandates passed down by the state and federal government to be administered by the Board of Commissioners and their agents without the benefit of significant creative control. As a means to give the County greater flexibility the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is experimenting with Human Service Block Grants. Westmoreland County has been accepted for the 2013-2014 fiscal year Block Grant Program.

The Board of Commissioners control over the "discretionary" aspects of the budget is estimated to be less than 15% of the overall county budget. Therefore, it is important to closely monitor the activities in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. that have a direct impact on Westmoreland County Government. To that end, the County engages a lobbyist to represent its interest at both the state and federal levels. In addition, the County maintains close relationships with our elected representatives and participates in a number of state and national associations whose mission is to keep the County informed and to represent the views of



# Financial Summary

## Financial Position and Outlook

Presented below is a summary of the County’s financial position for governmental activities (financed mainly by taxes and grants) and business-type activities (financed mainly by fees charged to users) for the last three years. Net Position is the difference between total assets plus deferred outflow of resources and total liabilities. The level of net position over time may serve as an indicator of the financial health of an institution.

<b>Assets</b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
Current assets:			
Cash and investments	\$ 64,126,290	\$ 66,939,546	\$ 82,431,103
Other current assets	81,425,187	77,467,855	75,044,940
Capital assets and other	<u>150,279,659</u>	<u>147,820,365</u>	<u>149,790,473</u>
Total assets	<u>295,831,136</u>	<u>292,227,766</u>	<u>307,266,516</u>
Deferred outflow of resources	<u>507,005</u>	<u>9,744,661</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	32,632,593	32,478,545	37,068,770
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>134,383,724</u>	<u>131,626,300</u>	<u>133,721,107</u>
Total liabilities	<u>167,016,317</u>	<u>164,104,845</u>	<u>170,789,877</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 129,321,824</u>	<u>\$ 137,867,582</u>	<u>\$ 136,476,639</u>

Despite its many challenges, Westmoreland County still enjoys a relatively strong financial position. The Board of Commissioners and other elected officials have been effective at controlling the growth of government spending.

The County’s net position decreased by approximately \$8.5 million during 2013. Factors contributing to this included a decrease in grant funding as well as nearly \$9 million in costs incurred in the termination of a swaption agreement. The end result was a decrease of nearly \$15 million in revenues which accounted for the change in net position.

The near-term financial outlook for Westmoreland County continues to be guarded. While many aspects of the economy have seemed to stabilize, unemployment and the future roles of the federal and state government are issues of concern.



# Financial Summary

## Dollars in/Dollars out:

The summary below displays the revenues and expenses of the County for the last three years. The dollar values presented correlate directly to the charts presented on the preceding pages.

<b>Dollars In . . .</b>	<b><u>2013</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>
<b>Program revenues:</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 133,810,895	\$ 133,171,098	\$ 130,634,772
Operating grants and contributions	75,561,968	79,258,857	81,056,150
Capital grants and contributions	1,983,361	2,845,607	2,305,830
<b>General revenues:</b>			
Taxes	82,118,900	82,037,692	81,386,825
Investment earnings (loss)	(9,497,875)	1,396,626	3,369,565
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 283,977,249</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 298,709,880</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 298,753,142</u></b>
<b>Dollars Out . . .</b>			
<b>Services Provided:</b>			
Administration	\$ 21,863,403	\$ 18,173,868	\$ 19,457,048
Judicial government	30,989,114	31,005,444	29,927,372
Public safety	11,458,072	11,885,991	12,647,141
Corrections	34,403,970	34,831,650	35,244,377
Public works	8,532,529	8,167,682	7,600,246
Human services	167,690,975	170,988,067	173,314,791
Parks & recreations	2,707,428	2,661,551	3,315,370
Planning & development	11,037,364	14,324,906	12,419,808
Interest on long-term debt	3,840,152	5,279,778	4,761,855
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 292,523,007</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 297,318,937</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 298,688,008</u></b>

The office of Financial Administration has been particularly effective in its role of monitoring and promoting good spending decisions.

The expenses of the county decreased by nearly \$5 million as compared to the previous year. Human Services Departments have had to be more judicious in the delivery of programs and services due to the scarcity of funding. Approximately \$3.3 million less was spent than the previous year and approximately \$5.6 million less than 2011.

Miraculously, there has not been any serious service reductions to date. However, the ability of the county to further absorb cuts in funding is limited. Hopefully, the county's acceptance into the Human Service Block Grant program will give the county additional tools to ensure continued delivery of expected services.



# HOT TOPICS

## Your Real Estate Taxes-The County's Portion



In 2013, Westmoreland County residents paid an average of \$1,158 in local real estate taxes (county, municipal and school district) on each \$10,000 of assessed property value. Of that average, \$210 is paid to the County. On average, 18¢ of every property tax dollar is used to fund county operations.

Westmoreland County's millage rate is 20.99, with each mill generating approximately \$3,835,000 in taxes.

In 2013, Westmoreland County received \$2,014,013 from **Marcellus Shale** fees. The County expects to receive \$2,084,140 in 2014 for a three year total of \$6,334,140, of which \$3,972,188 can be spent at the discretion of the Commissioners. Also, \$1,506,745 is restricted for bridge construction and maintenance, and \$855,207 is restricted for open space such as farmland preservation, conservation district, Westmoreland Cleanways, and Westmoreland County Land Trust.



## Jury Service Center



In 2013, the County abolished the position of Jury Commissioner. This function has been absorbed into the office of the Court Administrator and has been renewed. Now, the county will be served by the Juror Service Center available at: <http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/index.aspx?NID=1025>.

## New County Website



The County's new website went live on April 9, 2013, but the public may not be aware of the key features it offers!

Users can opt-in for email and text notifications for Bid Postings, Job Postings, and calendar events. Users are able to subscribe to as many lists that meet their interests.

Key county government information is now available in the Open Government area of the website. This area highlights budgets, public meetings, public record searches, elected official information, as well as annual reports and newsletters.



# Treasurer's Office

The Treasurer's Office of Westmoreland County receives and properly disburse all monies for the County. They are also the state agent for the following licenses available to the public:

**Bingo Licenses and Permits:** Any non-political, non-profit organization that has been in existence for no less than two years, may apply for a bingo license/permit through the County Treasurer. Three types of Bingo licenses are available: Regular Bingo



that costs \$100 per year and is good for up to two bingo events per week for one year; Senior Bingo that costs \$50 per year and allows a senior citizen group to hold bingo events for their members twice a week for one year; and a \$15 license for three consecutive day bingos. Please call or visit the website for additional information on requirements and limitations.

**Fishing Licenses:** Licenses are valid from December 1st to December 31st of the following year, inclusive. A resident license (ages 16-64) is currently \$22.70 and a senior license (age 65+) is currently \$11.70. Lifetime licenses and non Resident licenses are also available, as well as additional fee information at:



<http://pa-westmorelandcounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=126>

**Hunting Licenses:** Current year hunting licenses are available June 15<sup>th</sup> and are valid through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Available licenses include: general hunting, general fur-taker, archery, muzzle-loader, migratory game bird, bear, antler-less deer, and surplus. There are also licenses available for Armed Forces, Disabled Veterans, and landowners. All prices are available online for resident and non resident applicants on the County's website: <http://pa-westmorelandcounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=127>.



**Hunting Pistol Permit:** These permits must be applied for in person. To apply you must be 18 years of age or older, bring two forms of identification, one of which must be a valid fishing, hunting, fur taking license, or a permit related to the use of hunting dogs. The fee is \$6.00 and the permit is in effect for 5 years from the date of purchase.

**Small Games of Chance License:** The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has appointed the County Treasurer as the exclusive agent for the issuance of all Small Games of Chance licenses in Westmoreland County. A standard Games of Chance license costs \$125 and is valid for one year from the date of issuance. A monthly license is also available for \$25 and valid for 30 consecutive days. Both licenses have a prize limit of \$2,000 for any single game; however, higher prizes are allowed with the additional purchase of a \$25 Special Raffle Permit.

**Dog Licenses:** Dog licenses are valid from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.



A regular dog license is currently \$8.45 for a male or female dog. A neutered male or spayed female costs \$6.45. Replacement licenses, transfers of ownership and lifetime dog licenses are also available. Licenses are available in person and payable with cash, check or money order made payable to the County Treasurer. The office also began taking online applications for dog licenses via credit card in December 2013 for the 2014 year. This is available at: <http://apps.co.westmoreland.pa.us/Treasurers/DogRenewals/Default.aspx>.

**Boat Registration:** Boat registrations are valid for a 2 year period which expires March 31 of the second year. Fees and regulations are available on the website at:

<http://pa-westmorelandcounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=116>

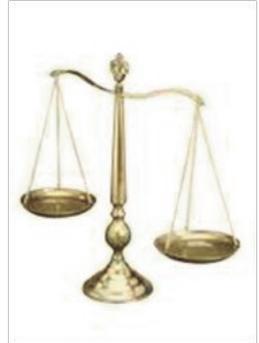


# Clerk of Courts

The Westmoreland County Clerk of Courts office is an integral part of the Criminal Justice System. The office is dedicated to pursuing the highest standards of public services through the authority and resources made available by law and by the governing body of our jurisdiction.

The Clerk of Courts office is responsible for maintaining the records and dockets for the Court of Common Pleas.

The Clerk of Courts strives to secure and maintain accurate and up-to-date information on all criminal and juvenile proceedings while providing prompt and courteous service to the courts, public, legal community and media sources in the recording and retrieval of all records placed in their trust.



The office is also responsible for collecting fines, costs and restitution, with the main goal being to restore restitution to victims of crime. Payments can be made with a check or money order by mail, or by cash, check, money order or credit card in person at the office or online.



## Online Case Payments

In 2010, the Clerk of Courts office started to accept online payments. Since instituted, the office has collected over \$2.2 million through online payments. The PAePay Online Case Payments site allows the public to securely make payments on cases and payment plans with outstanding balances in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Common Pleas and Magisterial District courts. Payments are accepted using VISA, MasterCard and Discover, as well as by ATM/Debit cards. Payments can be made at [www.ujportal.pacourts.us/ePay](http://www.ujportal.pacourts.us/ePay). There is also a link to the online payment system on the Clerk of Courts website.

Beginning in 2012, The Clerk of Courts started holding monthly Administrative Cost Hearings for defendants who are no longer on probation and are not currently making payments. This program, along with the use of collection agencies, dunning letters and Collections Court, has increased collections greatly for the County, the Commonwealth and the victims of crime. In 2013, the Clerk of Courts office collected \$5.8 million dollars.

For public access to criminal dockets, visit the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania Web Portal at <http://ujportal.pacourts.us/> or follow the link from the Clerk of Courts website.





# Prison

The Westmoreland County Prison is located in Greensburg on South Grande Boulevard off of Route 119. It maintains control of prisoners held in custody pending court cases as well as those already convicted of criminal acts. The average population in 2013 was approximately 640 inmates. The average length of stay was 20 days.



During 2013, the prison, working in conjunction with the Clerk of Courts began collecting restitution, fines, and cost from inmates. This is accomplished by diverting 20% of the room and board monies collected from inmates accounts. This process, initially proposed by the Clerk of Courts, serves to accelerate the recovery of restitution by crime victims and facilitates the satisfaction of legal obligations by inmates.

Additionally, prison management, assisted by the county's IT department, began the planning process to implement video-based visitation. Instead of traveling to the prison to visit an inmate, family and friends will be able to communicate through video visits where internet access is provided. A 25 minute visitation will cost \$15. Eight units in the Prison will have visitation consoles. A visitor kiosk will be provided for those that do not have access to a computer. The use of video software will offer the following benefits:

- ◆ Reduced prison costs
- ◆ Increased security for inmates, staff and visitors
- ◆ Help to eliminate contraband
- ◆ Reduced visitation crowds
- ◆ Allow children under 18 easier access to visit inmates
- ◆ Ease of operation may result in more frequent visits
- ◆ Monitor/Record visits
- ◆ Avoid prisoner transports
- ◆ Enhanced access by out-of-state and elderly relations
- ◆ Automated notification/email or phone message of an inmate status change



Among all the advances, old visitation methods are still available.

Along with technology changes, the prison has taken other steps to ensure its safety. Inmates committed for the duration of one weekend are segregated from the general population. This too helps avoid contraband being exchanged to inside inmates. There is now a lock box that keeps medicine on site. Weekly trips to clinics are no longer necessary.

Westmoreland County Prison succeeds in providing a safe environment recognized by both employees and inmates. The guards keep order on an everyday basis. Prisoners are awarded jobs and carry out daily duties under the surveillance of these guards. Some jobs include the preparation of meals, landscaping the courtyard at the Westmoreland County Courthouse, as well as the installation of lights at the Overly's Christmas Display located at Westmoreland County Fairgrounds. These jobs provide practice of a trade that can be used upon release of the prison.



# Human Services

The Westmoreland County Human Services Department was created in January of 2013. The vision was born of a strong hope for a better integration of services among county departments. The Human Services Department’s staff works to provide hope and a better quality of life for residents of Westmoreland County. In partnership with the community, they coordinate and sustain efforts that assure safety, equity, access, and well being for all. The citizens of Westmoreland County are being served by strong customer service orientation of all human service entities, ultimately hoping for a better quality of life for residents of Westmoreland County. These entities include: Area Agency on Aging, Behavior Health and Developmental Services, the Children’s Bureau, and Juvenile Detention/Shelter.



## Westmoreland County DRUG TASK FORCE

**US comprises 4.6% of world’s population, yet consumes 99% of hydrocodone supply**



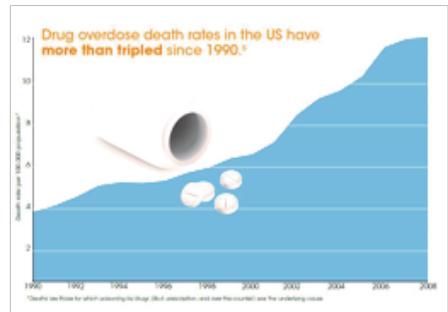
The Westmoreland County Overdose Task Force is a multi-year project to identify the root causes and find solutions that will dramatically reduce the number of overdose deaths in Westmoreland County. The Drug Task Force was formed by the Westmoreland County Human Services Department and the Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission in the fall of 2013. Its primary goal was to slow down the overdose deaths in Westmoreland County. The meetings have continued into 2014.

A community task force is needed to ensure that Westmoreland County as a whole is working towards a county-wide solution. Drug abuse is not just an individual issue, it is a community crisis. Therefore a

community solution is needed. This is a national, state and regional problem. The United States comprises 4.6% of the world’s population, yet consumes 99% of the hydrocodone supply.

The drug overdose rate in the United States has more than tripled since 1990.

Westmoreland County, a Class III county, had 57 overdoses in 2010, 64 in 2011, 78 in 2012, and 86 in 2013.



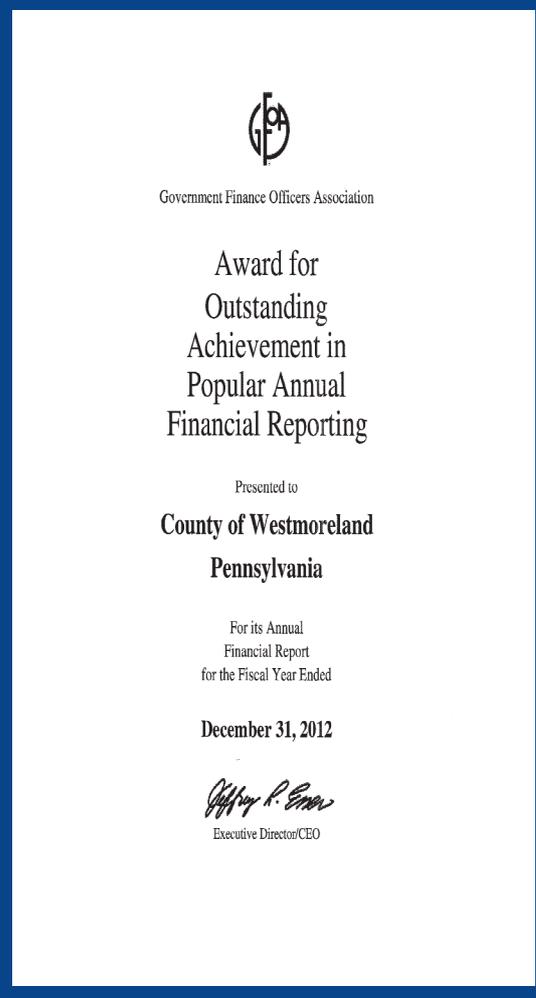


# National Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the County of Westmoreland for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. The County of Westmoreland has received a Popular Award for the last five consecutive years. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA.



## Did You Know?

The Westmoreland County Airport Authority first hosted an air show at the Arnold Palmer Airport in Latrobe, PA, in 1974. The Blue Angels, the Navy’s flight demonstration squadron, first appearance was in 1975.

George Blanda, Hall of Fame football player for the Chicago Bears, Houston Oilers, and Oakland Raiders, was born in Youngwood, PA.

Shirley Jones, Academy Award winning actress best known for her role in The Partridge Family television series, grew up in Smithton, PA.



# Guide to County Government

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Commissioner	Ted Kopas	(724) 830-3102	tkopas@co.westmoreland.pa.us
Controller	Jeffrey Balzer	(724) 830-3115	controller@co.westmoreland.pa.us
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Coroner	Kenneth A. Bacha	(724) 830-3636	coroner@co.westmoreland.pa.us
District Attorney	John Peck	(724) 830-3949	jpeck@co.westmoreland.pa.us
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Recorder of Deeds	Frank E. Schiefer III	(724) 830-3518	fschiefe@co.westmoreland.pa.us
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Area Agency on Aging	1-800-442-8000
Elder Abuse	1-800-490-8505
Drug/Alcohol Crisis	1-800-220-1810
Election Bureau	724-830-3150
Human Services	724-830-3663
Westmoreland Manor Admissions	724-830-4022
Parks & Recreation	724-830-3950
Veteran's Affairs	724-830-3530
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	724-850-6874



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