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WHAT ARE COUNTIES?



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WHAT ARE COUNTIES?

- ✓ A local unit of government
- ✓ Administrative arm of the state
- ✓ Service providers



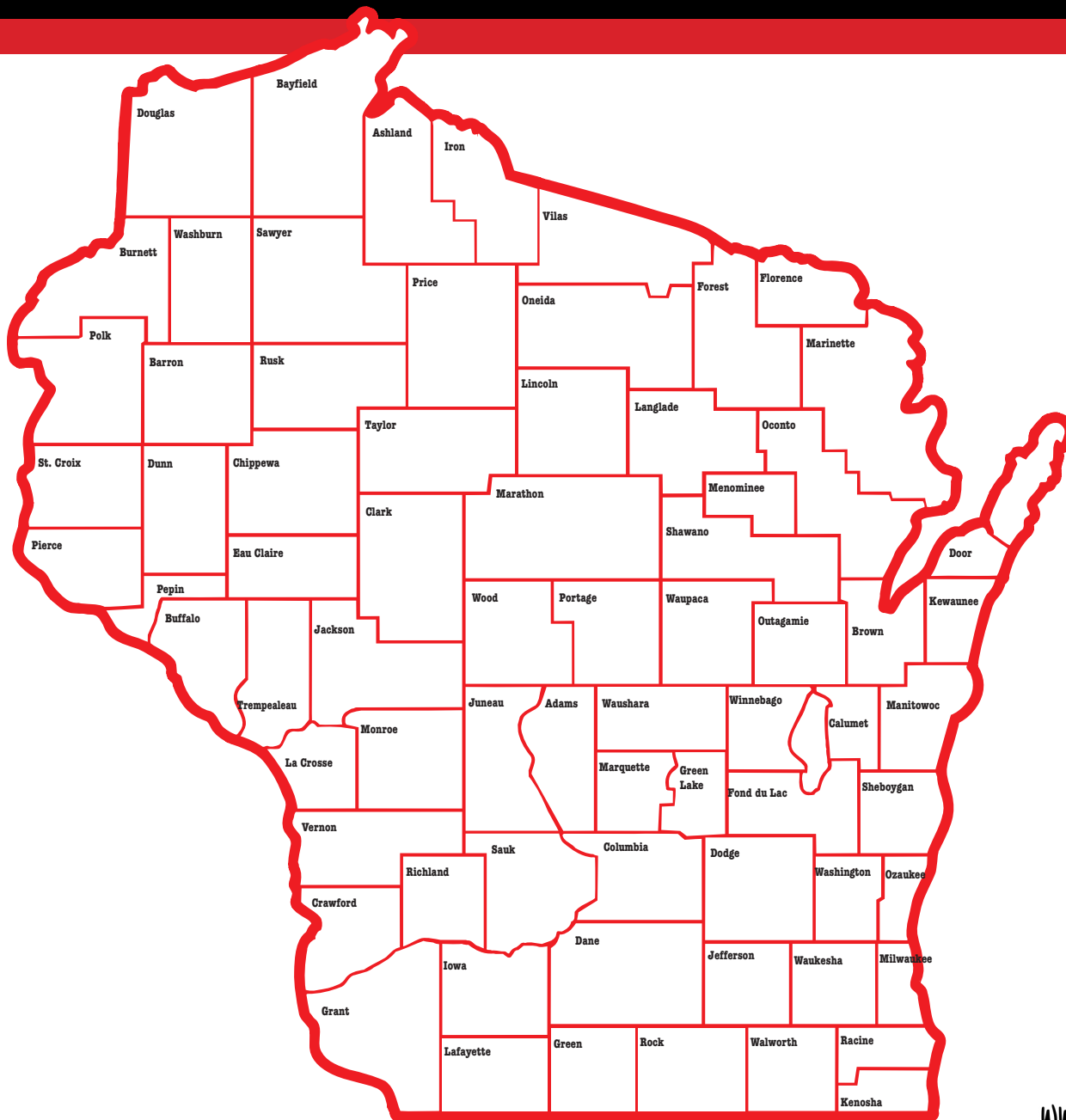
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History of Wisconsin's Counties

- ✓ Counties predated statehood
 - ❑ Performed administrative services for the territorial government
 - ❑ First three counties were Brown, Crawford, and Michilimackinac (1818)
 - ❑ By 1901, Wisconsin had 71 counties
 - ❑ Menominee County became the 72nd county in 1961



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Type of County Government

- ✓ New York Constitution (supervisor)
v. Pennsylvania Constitution
(commissioner)
- ✓ Supervisory form of government
prevailed in Wisconsin
 - County boards of supervisors



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Governance

- ✓ County board of supervisors
 - ▣ Serve two-year terms
 - ▣ Elected in even-numbered years
- ✓ County board chair
- ✓ Oversight committees
 - e.g., county highway committee, emergency management, local board of health, land conservation committee, social/human services board
- ✓ Board and committee meetings are open to the public



Governance

- ✓ Each county must have a county executive (11), administrator (23), or administrative coordinator
 - ❑ County executives are elected
 - ❑ Administrators and administrative coordinators are appointed by the county board
 - ❑ Each has different powers and authorities



A Note About Home Rule

- ✓ Administrative Home Rule
- ✓ Constitutional Home Rule
 - Counties can only undertake a function that is expressly allowed for or mandated by state statute or the constitution.



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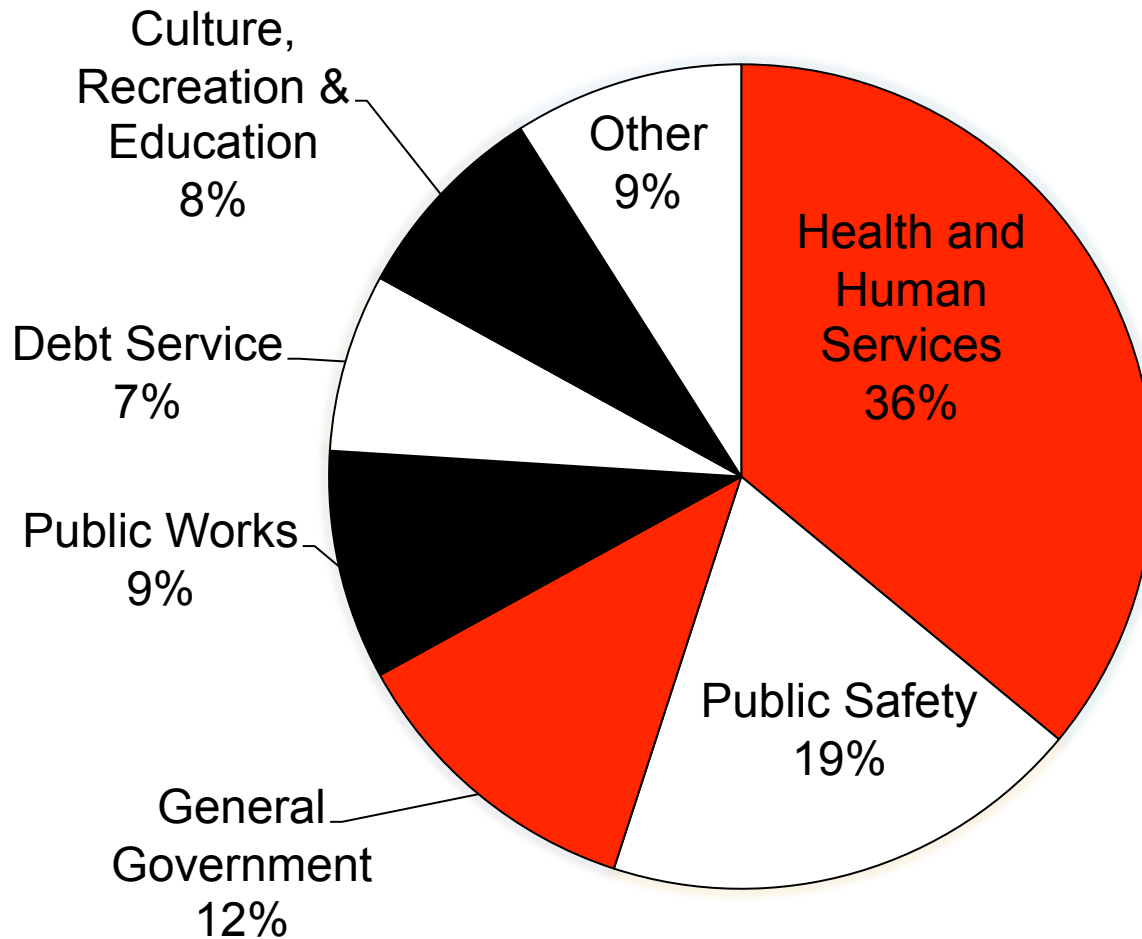
Services

- ✓ Snow Plowing and Road Maintenance
- ✓ Jail and Law Enforcement
- ✓ Court Administration
- ✓ Public Health
- ✓ Human Services
- ✓ Libraries
- ✓ Vital Records
- ✓ Land Conservation
- ✓ Property Tax Collection
- ✓ Elections



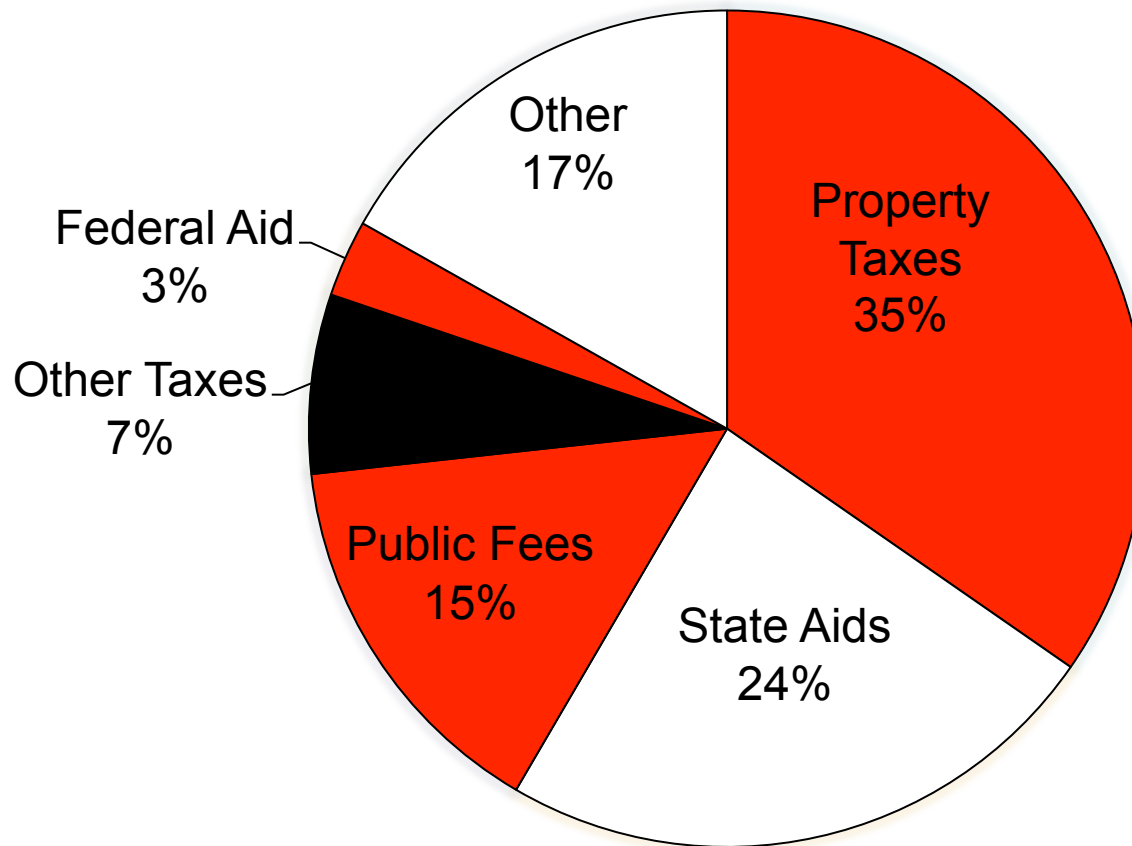
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County Expenditures (2012)



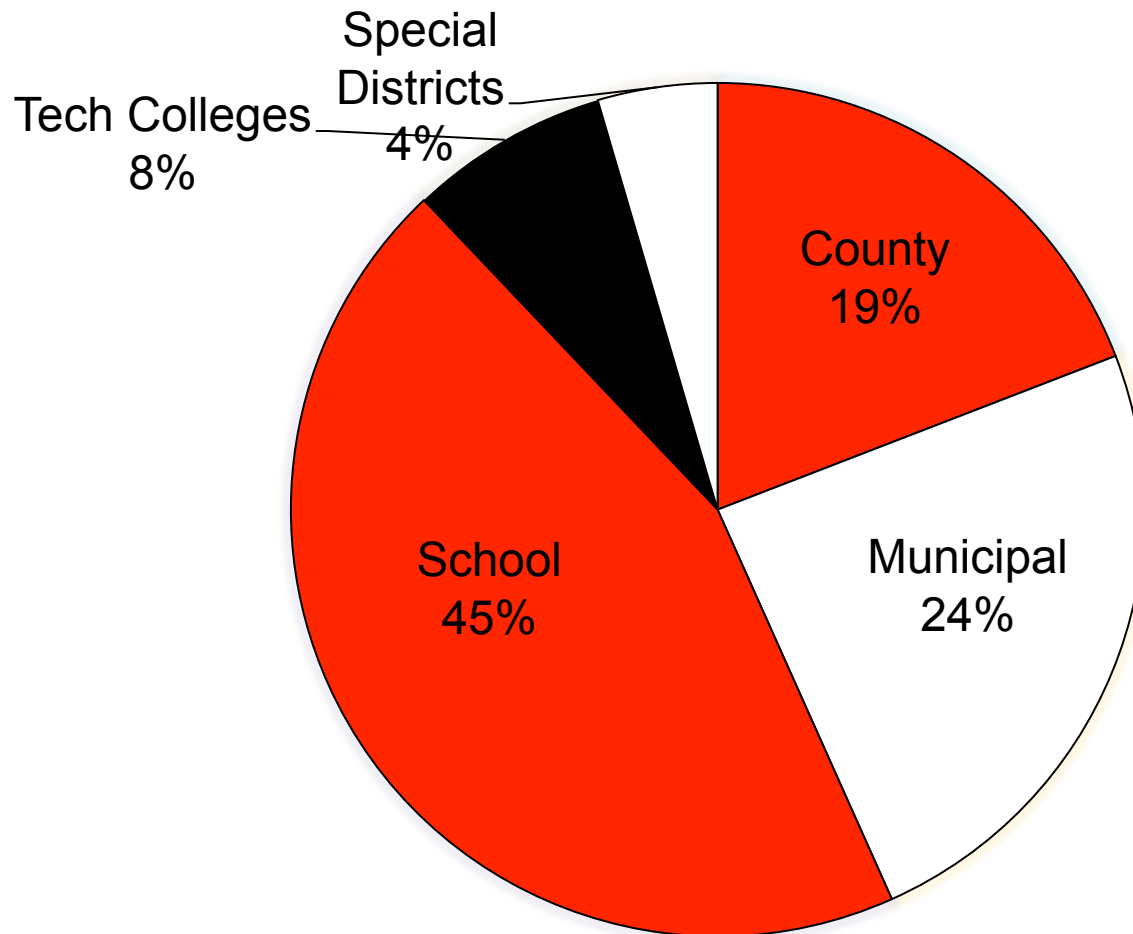
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County Revenues (2012)



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Statewide Percentage of Property Tax Bill - 2013(14)



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