



# State of the County Address

Robert P. Astorino, County Executive

April 7, 2011

**“GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE,  
BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE,  
SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.”**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN, GETTYSBURG ADDRESS**

# Companies in Westchester County



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**INTEL SCIENCE AWARD SEMI-FINALISTS**

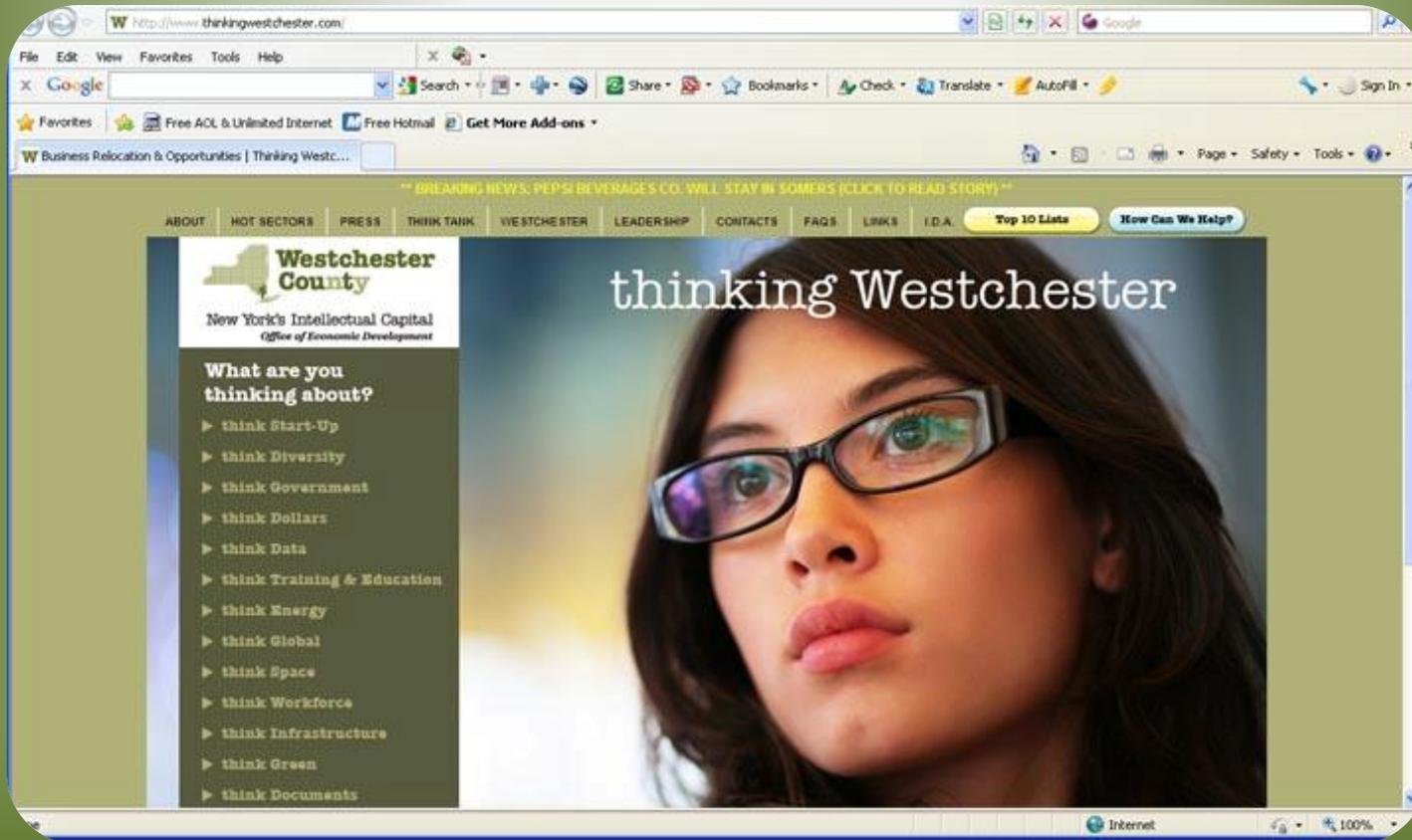


**Intel Science Award Finalist  
Grace Phillips and her teacher, Guido Garbarino**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \rightarrow x^2 + px + q = 0 \\
 & \rightarrow x_{1/2} = -\frac{p}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 - q} \\
 & f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} ; \omega = 2\pi f_r \\
 & W = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} F(s) \cdot \cos \alpha \, ds \\
 & \tan Lx = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \\
 & u_c = U(1 - e^{-t/RC}) \\
 & 4FeS_2 + 11O_2 \rightarrow 2Fe_2O_3 + 8SO_4 \\
 & v = \frac{ds}{dt} \\
 & \theta = I \cdot N \\
 & C + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2
 \end{aligned}$$

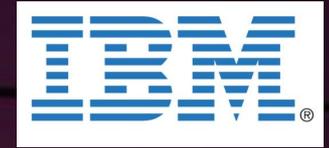
**In Westchester,  
brilliance happens everywhere.**

# Westchester. Intellectual Capital



- ▶ think Documents
- ▶ think Green
- ▶ think Infrastructure
- ▶ think Dollars
- ▶ think Energy

# Westchester's Watson





*100th Anniversary 1911 - 2011*

**Department  
of  
Public Works  
Thank You  
to our  
Employees**



*Anthony Christie, Mount Vernon District Office*

*Robert Kuhn, Director of Programs & Policy*

*Linda Sala, White Plains and Peekskill District Offices*

*Kerron Norman, Yonkers District Office*

*Daphne Swinton, Child Welfare Manager*

*Philippe Gille, Deputy Commissioner*

*Katherine Waluschka, Deputy Commissioner*

*John Befus, Deputy Commissioner*

*Kevin McGuire, Commissioner*



**Congratulations**

# In Memoriam

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Spc. David Fahey

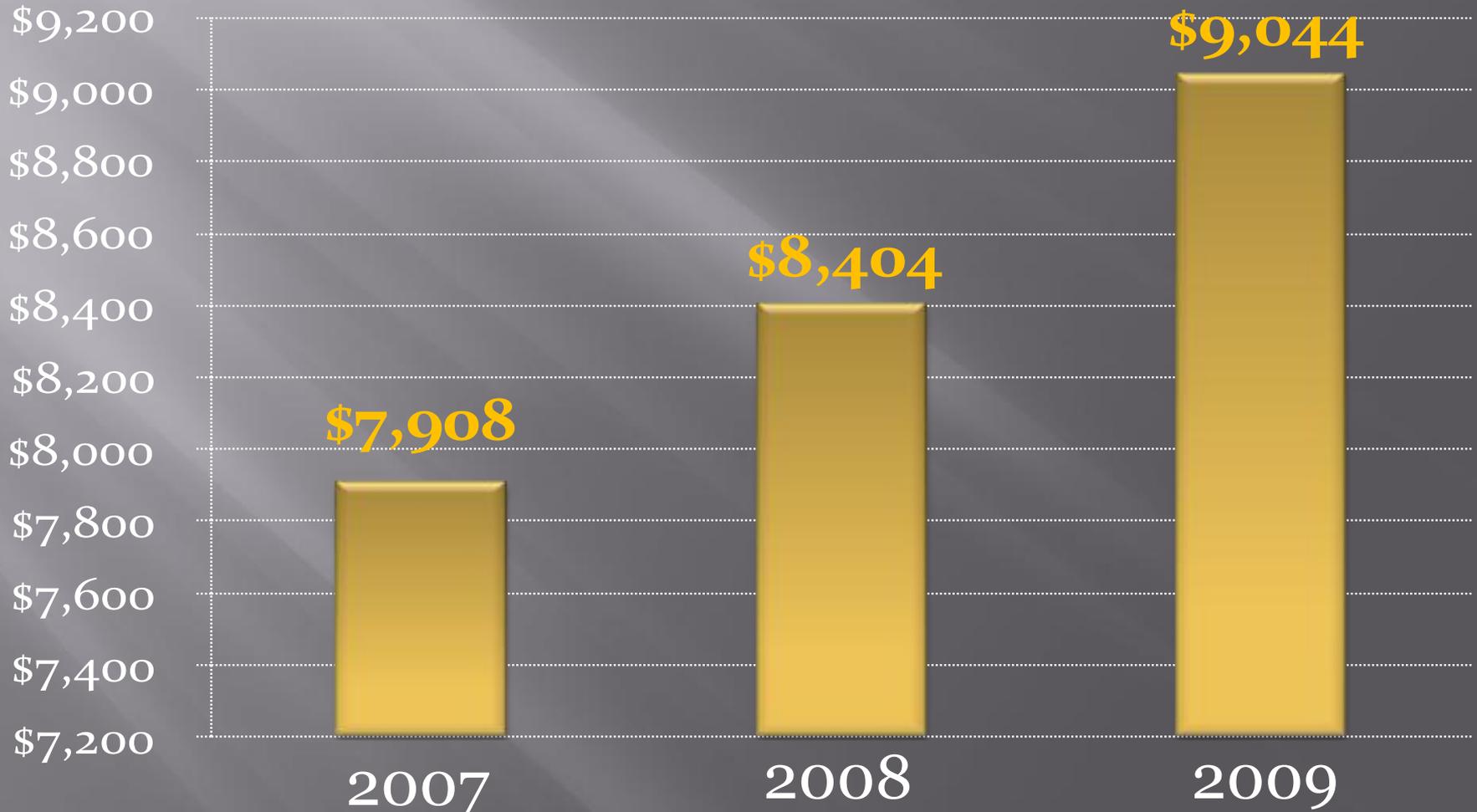
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# Westchester has the highest property taxes in the country

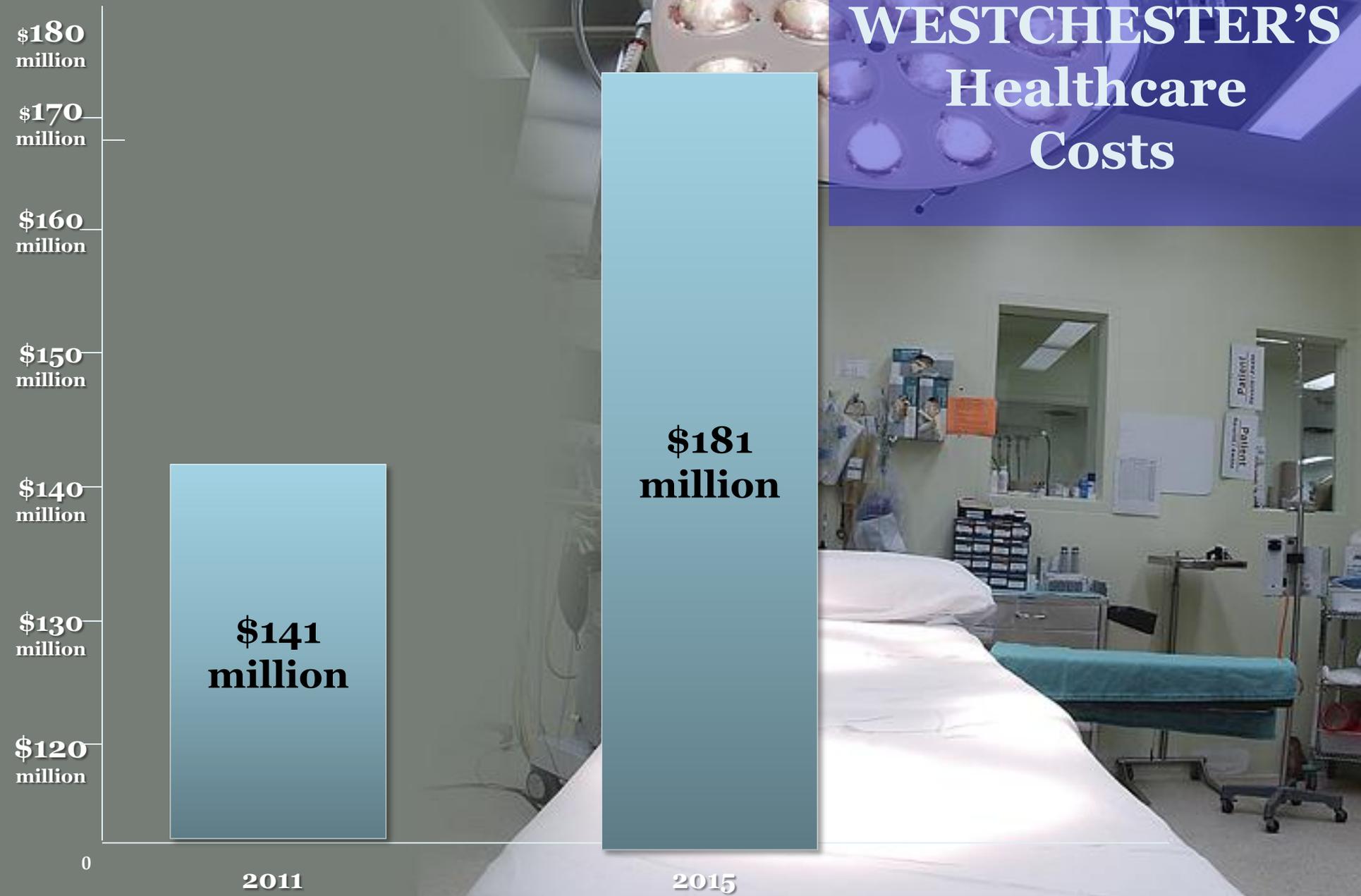
## Median Property Taxes Paid on Homes in U.S.



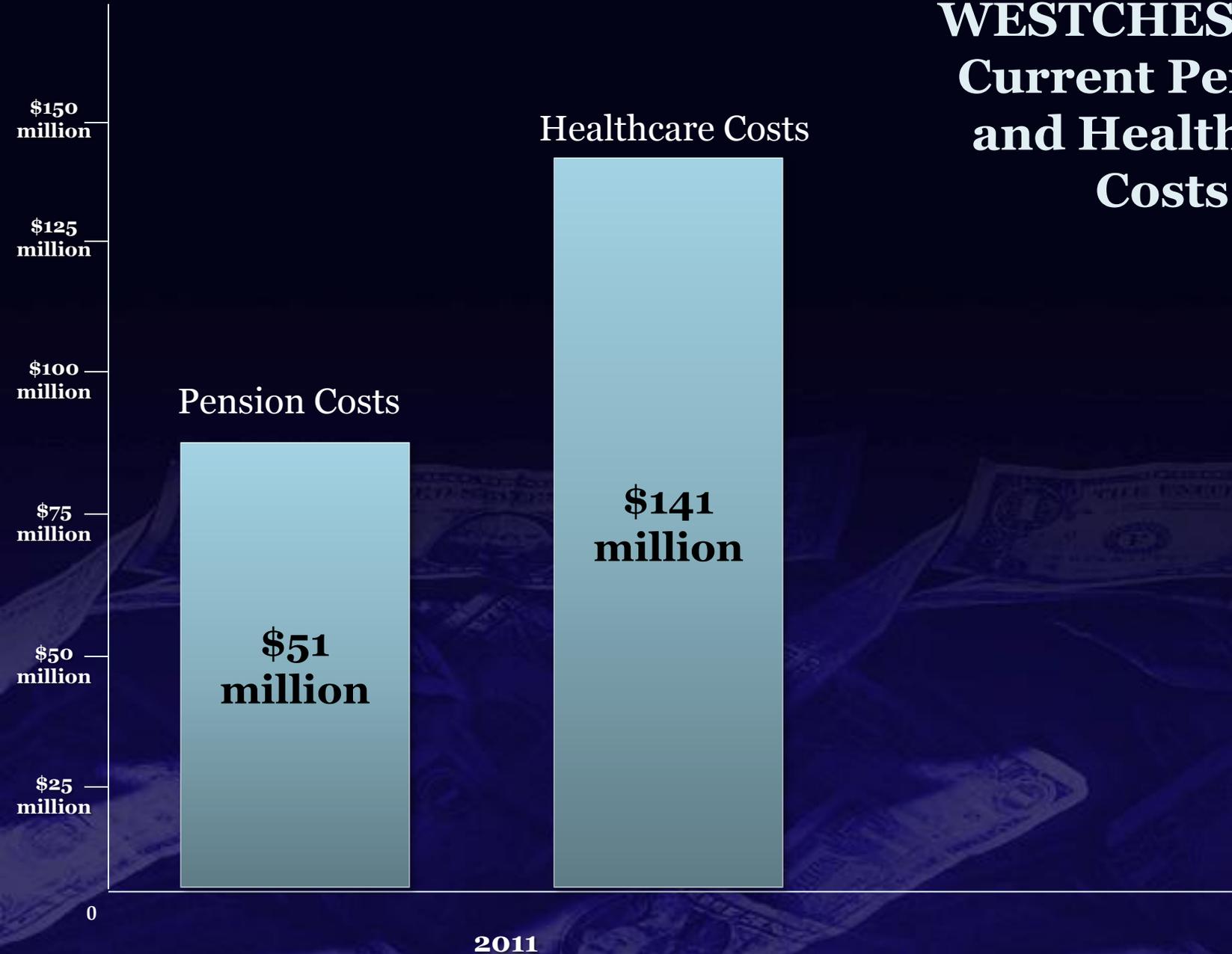
# WESTCHESTER'S Pension Costs



# WESTCHESTER'S Healthcare Costs



# WESTCHESTER'S Current Pension and Healthcare Costs



# Average cost of a county employee

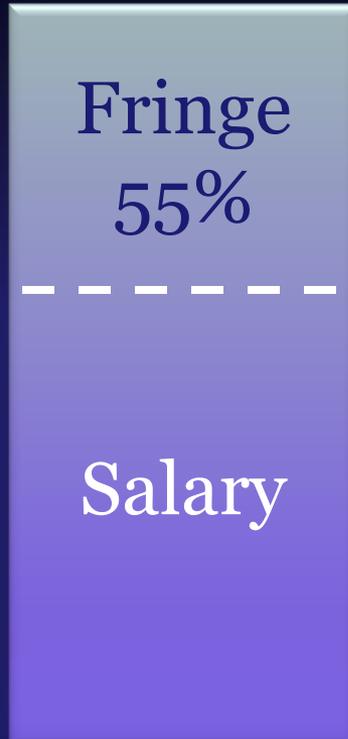
4,996 employees

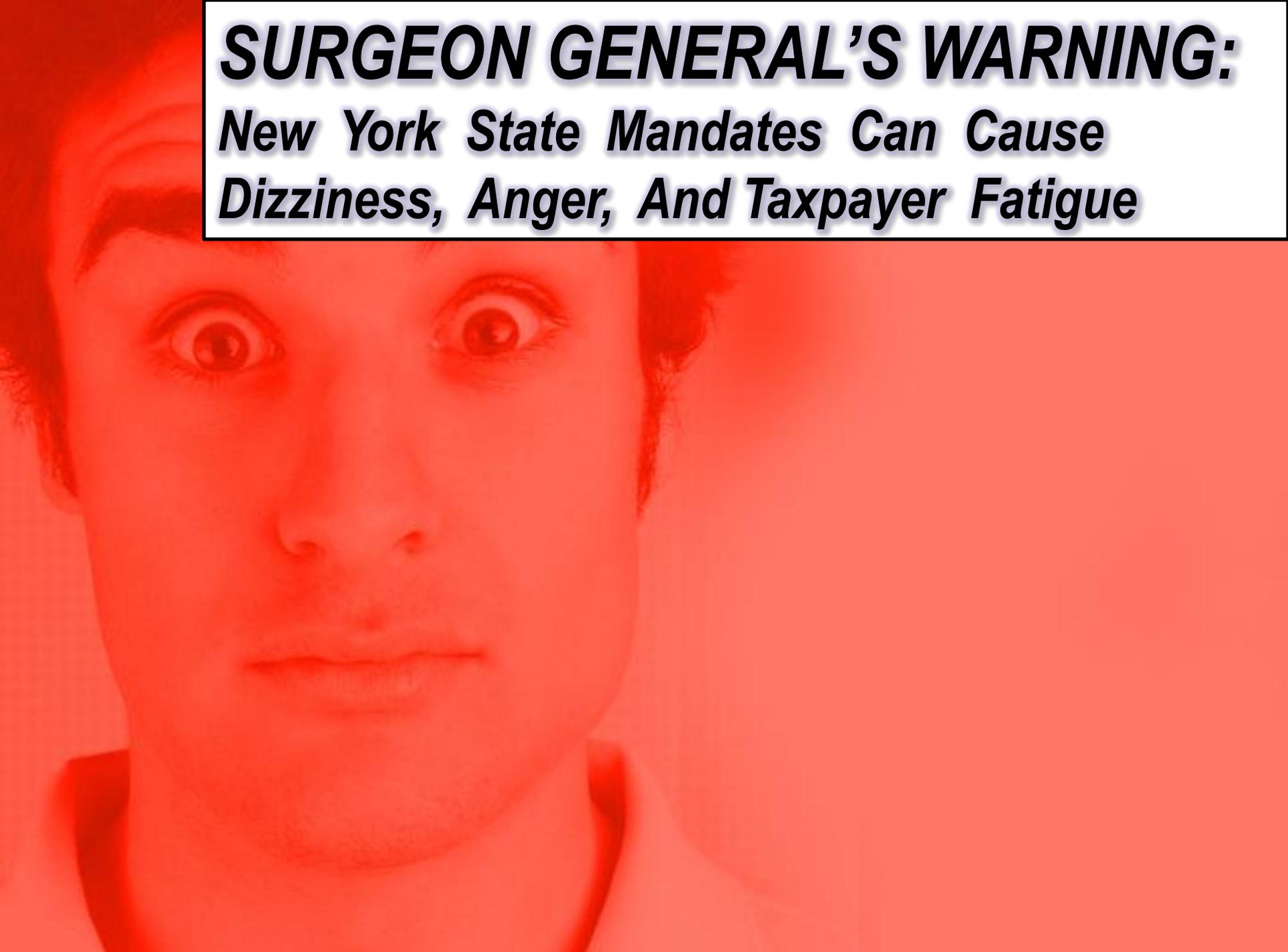
\$117,000

Fringe  
55%

Salary

2011





***SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING:***

***New York State Mandates Can Cause  
Dizziness, Anger, And Taxpayer Fatigue***

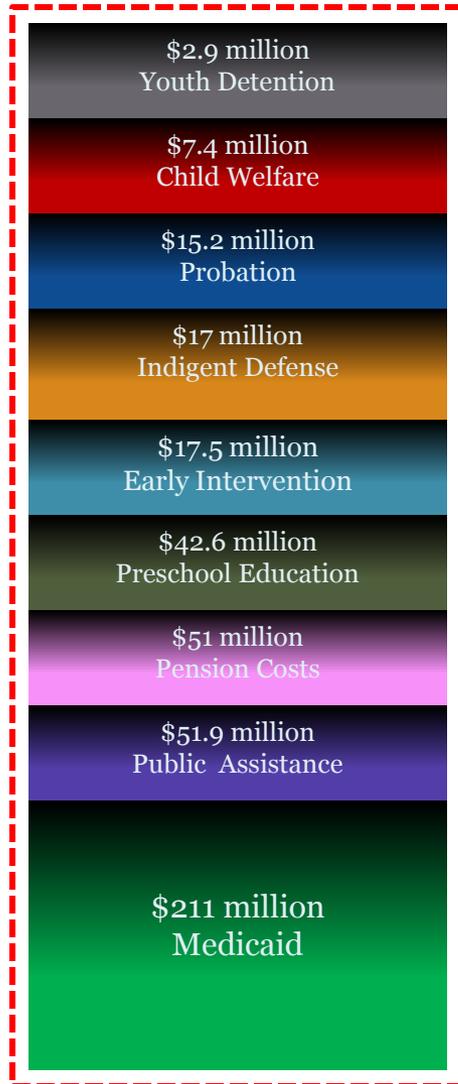


Nine NYS mandates consume three quarters of every **property tax dollar**.

# Mandate Consumption

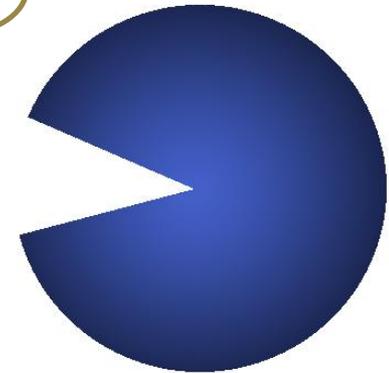
**We start with a  
property Tax Levy  
of \$548 Million**

## \$548 million Tax Levy



# Mandate Consumption

I just gobbled up **\$416 million** in tax levy!



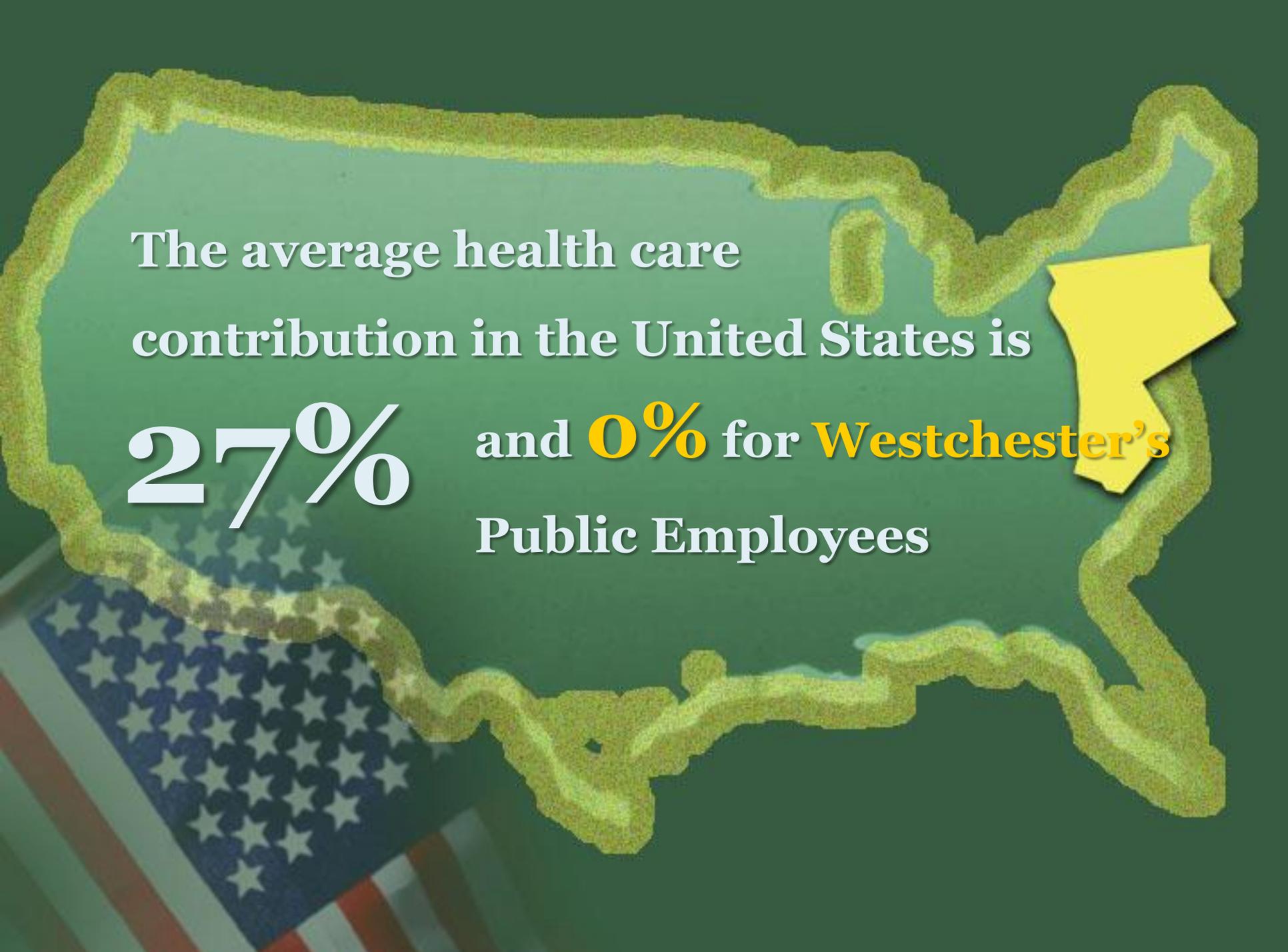
**Efficiency**  
**Common Interests**  
**New Ideas**  
**Partnership**

**Is the service  
essential?**

**Can the service be  
delivered better?**

**Who can best provide  
the service?**

**And that doesn't  
necessarily mean  
government.**



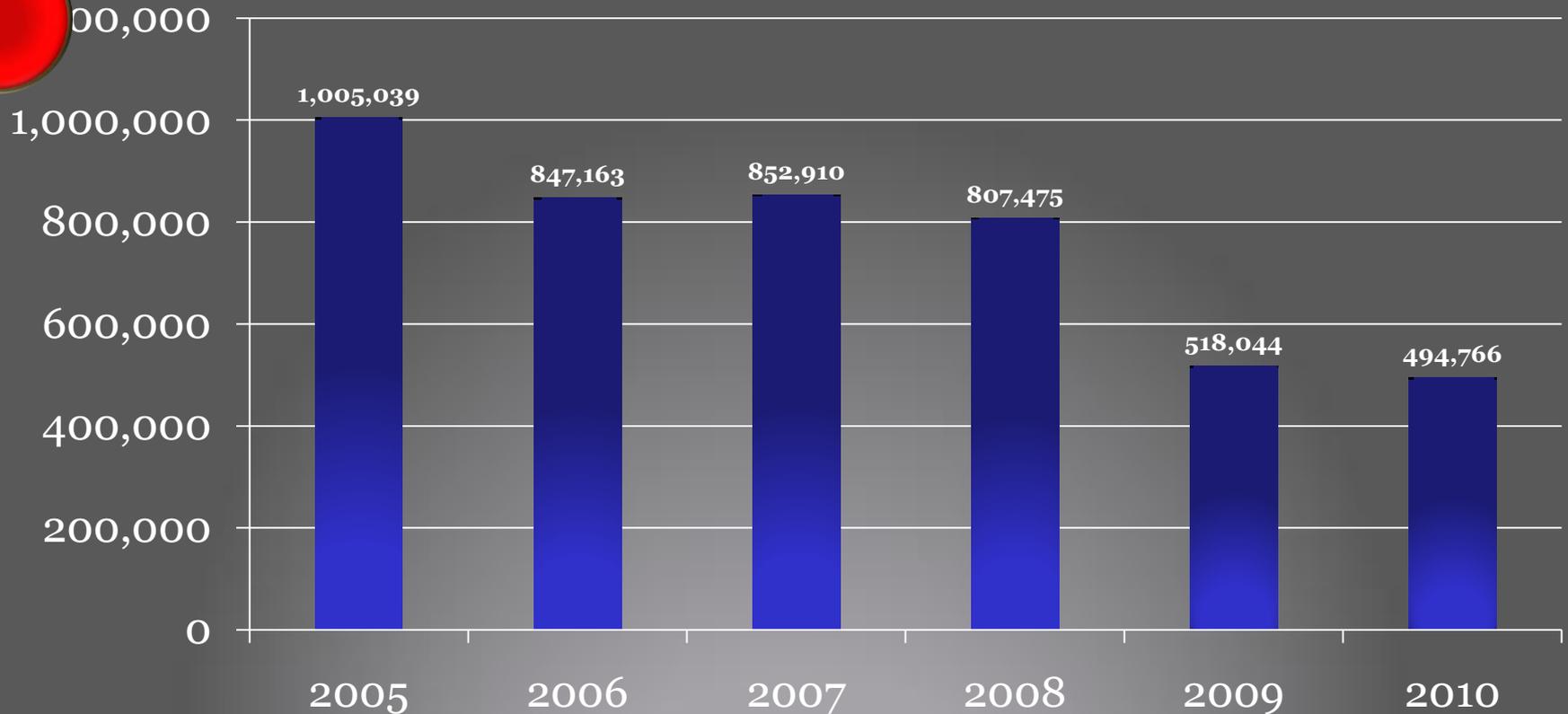
The average health care contribution in the United States is

**27%**

and **0%** for **Westchester's**  
Public Employees



# Playland Attendance





# 75,000 Weekly Visitors

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Follow us on Twitter: Save the Date: The 5th annual Autism Information Fair takes place Sunday, April 3, from 11 - 3 p.m. at the Westchester County Center.

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Autism Info Fair at County Center April 3  
Westchester Crime Stoppers Back in Business  
Attn Golfers: It's Time to Tee It Up  
Murphy Honored in Women's Hall of Fame Help for Japan  
Veterans Town Hall Meeting March 29

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to...

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Camille Falla Murphy, the founder and 30-year director of Westchester County's Office for Women, was recognized Friday, March 25, with a special honor -- a place in the Women's Hall of Fame that she herself founded many years ago.  
<http://tinyurl.com/jwcvomenawards>



March 25 at 1:40pm · Like · Comment

Alison Williams Pinsley, Thinking Westchester and Shari Lillian like this.

**Westchester County Government**

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**Astorino's visit to Peekskill, Yorktown and Cortlandt: March 2011**  
17 new photos

March 24 at 2:26pm · Like · Comment

Westchester County Government likes this.



# What's the story? TWITTER



A screenshot of the Twitter profile page for Westchester Gov. The page is displayed on a tablet-like device. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Twitter logo and a 'Sign in' link. Below that, a header section for 'Westchester Gov.' includes a 'Sign Up' button and a note about SMS updates. The main content area shows the profile name 'westchestergov', a bio, and a list of tweets. The tweets include announcements about an Autism Information Fair, a Playland Season Pass, a Facebook 'Like' request, a Women's Hall of Fame recipient, and a Pepsi Beverages Co. announcement. A right-hand sidebar shows statistics (13 following, 590 followers, 33 listed) and sections for 'Tweets' (205), 'Favorites', 'Following' (with profile pictures), and an 'RSS feed' link.





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 Management Program to Help Biotech Firms  
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 Help for Japan

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Murphy Honored in Women's Hall of Fame

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Free Prom Dresses for Those in Need



Do you know a teenage girl who would love to go to her prom but can't afford to buy a dress? Or a boy who wants a tuxedo? Let them know about Operation Prom. [Read more](#)

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Bee-Line bus service had record ridership last year with more than

**32 million passengers.**





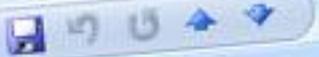
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Consider this...



**Why not just go along  
and get along?**

**Who cares about  
government spending?**



Message

Reply   Reply to All   Forward

Respond

Delete

Move to Folder  
Create Rule  
Other Actions

Actions

Block Sender  
Safe Lists  
Not Junk

Junk E-mail

Categorize  
Follow Up  
Mark as Unread

Options

Find  
Relat  
Sele  
Fin

From:  
To:  
Cc:  
Subject:

Sent:

Hi...just wanted to thank you. Got my county tax bill...saved a whopping NINETY ONE (91) CENTS from last year..thank you again...you have my vote...

# **GOALS:**

- **Provide tax relief**
- **Promote economic growth**
- **Preserve essential services**

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