

Board of Selectmen Adopted Budget



2015-2016



BOS Adopted Budget



- **\$18,867,969**
- **Increase of \$156,606**
- **0.84% increase**

Budget Goals



- To maintain fiscal responsibility by delivering quality services in the most cost effective manner;
- To ensure responsible stewardship of our natural resources and Town assets to keep Simsbury a vibrant, beautiful, safe and desirable place to raise a family and do business; and
- To modernize technology to provide transparency, increase efficiencies and meet the current and future needs of our residents.

Major Town Accomplishments



- **Ranked #1 Town in CT for Young Families by NerdWallet**
- **2015 Excellence in Conservation Organization Award**
- **Police CALEA National Reaccreditation**
- **Health Insurance Consolidation**
- **Managed 18 Winter Storms**
- **Technology Initiatives**
 - **Nutmeg Network & Gigabit RFP Participation / VOIP Demo Project**
 - **Police Vehicle Technology Upgrades / Data Storage Upgrades**
- **Silver Bicycle Friendly Award**
- **GIS System Available to the Public**
- **Ethel Walker Woods Final Closing**
- **Purchase of One Old Bridge**
- **Library 3D Printing Lab**
- **All Union Contracts Settled**

Best Town in CT for Young Families



nerdwallet

1. Simsbury

A 345-year-old town just outside Hartford, Simsbury takes the top place on our list because it offers young families an outstanding combination of affordability and quality schools. A median household can expect to pay 22% of monthly income on homeownership costs, the lowest in the top 10. It also has a GreatSchools rating of 9 out of 10. Active families will want to get out and play on the 84-mile Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, which runs through Simsbury.

Best cities for young families in Connecticut

| | Location | GreatSchools rank | Median home value | Family income growth 1999-2013 | Median family income in 2013 | Percent of families with at least one child under age 18 | Young families score |
|----|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Simsbury | 9 | \$298,700 | 76.33% | \$128,083 | 28.50% | 75.00 |
| 2 | Trumbull | 9 | \$409,200 | 59.69% | \$126,967 | 34.80% | 71.55 |
| 3 | Kensington | 7 | \$272,300 | 71.00% | \$103,458 | 26.30% | 70.02 |
| 4 | Glastonbury | 9 | \$304,000 | 84.85% | \$108,963 | 20.70% | 69.40 |
| 5 | Orange | 9 | \$393,300 | 57.61% | \$125,087 | 30.10% | 69.31 |
| 6 | Wethersfield | 7 | \$262,000 | 89.01% | \$100,722 | 22.50% | 68.32 |
| 7 | Newington | 7 | \$231,200 | 59.28% | \$90,979 | 19.10% | 65.69 |
| 8 | Winsted | 7 | \$175,500 | 70.21% | \$68,427 | 20.20% | 65.07 |
| 9 | Portland | 8 | \$242,300 | 51.04% | \$84,508 | 17.50% | 64.96 |
| 10 | North Haven | 7 | \$303,400 | 53.91% | \$101,124 | 25.10% | 64.92 |
| 11 | West Hartford | 7 | \$303,700 | 72.92% | \$106,634 | 23.30% | 64.91 |
| 12 | Terryville | 6 | \$192,800 | 57.61% | \$76,102 | 21.00% | 64.03 |

Cost Drivers of the Budget



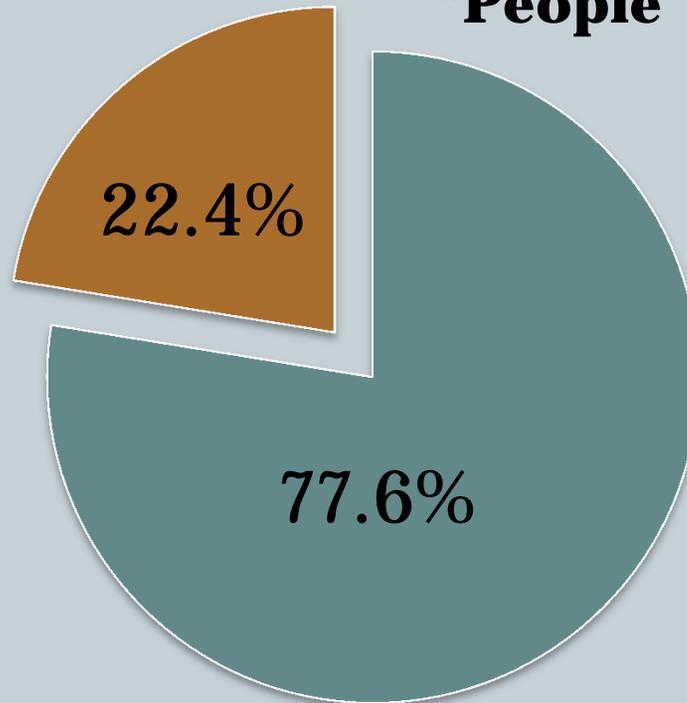
- **Negotiated Salary Increases**
- **Two Additional Police Officers**
- **DPW Project Administrator**
- **Assistant Assessor**
- **Simsbury Farms Funding**
- **Utilities & Materials**



Cost Drivers of the Budget



“People” Costs



■ People

- Salaries
- Pensions
- OPEB
- Insurance (Health/Life/LTD)

■ Other

- Contractual Services
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Capital

If the budget was increased **only** by negotiated salaries, the total budget would have to increase by **1.88%**.

Salary & Pension Indicators



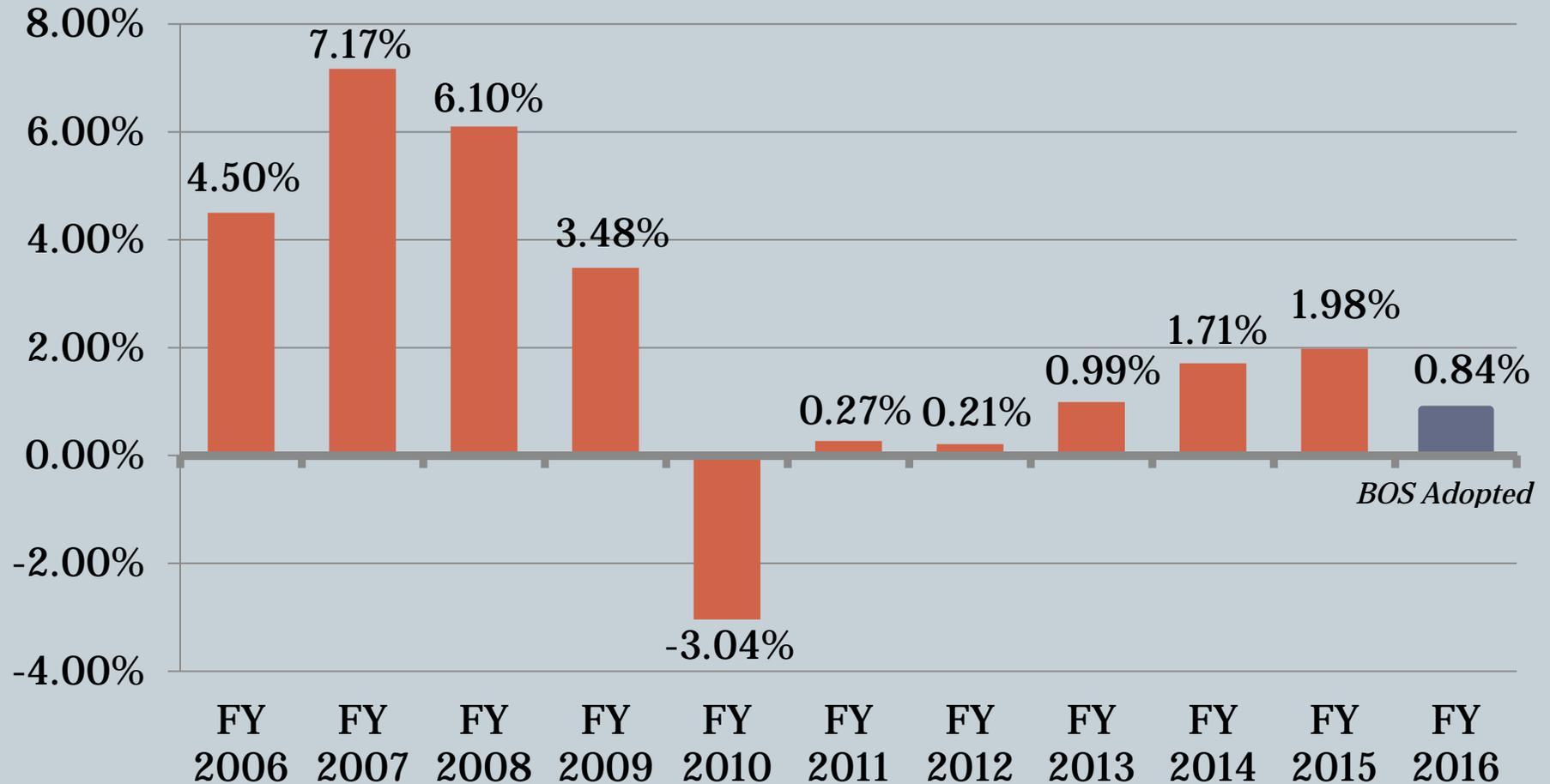
- **Median Town Employee Salary:**
 - \$60,098
- **Median Simsbury Household Income:**
 - \$117,577
- **Average Simsbury Employee Pension:**
 - \$13,995 (Non-Police)
 - \$33,264 (Police)

Budget Context



- Goal of No Increased Taxes
- Social Security COLA: 1.7%
- Modest Grand List Growth
- Stagnant State Aid
- Mill Rate Considerations
- The Hartford Uncertainty
- Unemployment Rate of 4.1% (5.7% Statewide)

Recent BOS Budget History



Town Budget Increase Comparisons



- **Simsbury:** **0.84%**
- **Granby:** **2.50%**
- **Glastonbury:** **2.62%**
- **Farmington:** **3.59%**
- **West Hartford:** **3.20%**
- **Canton:** **3.80%**
- **Avon:** **4.64%**

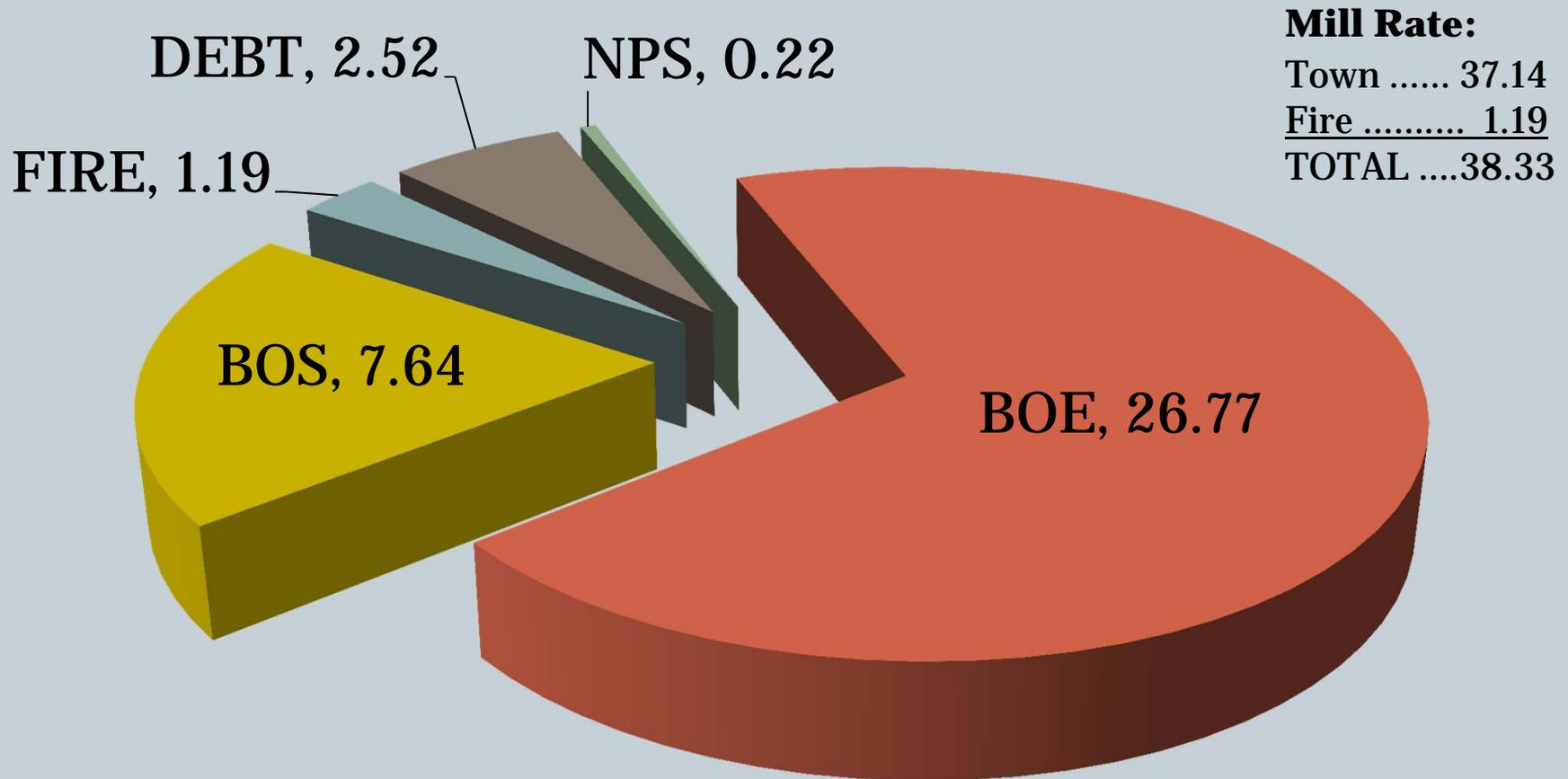
Non-Educational Expenses Per Capita



- **Simsbury:** **\$1,000**
- **Canton:** **\$1,022**
- **Granby:** **\$1,260**
- **Farmington:** **\$1,294**
- **Glastonbury:** **\$1,391**
- **West Hartford:** **\$1,442**
- **Avon:** **\$1,457**

Source: CERC Town Profiles (2014)

Mill Rate Distribution



(Based on FY15 Budget Appropriations)

Median Net Taxable Assessments



2012-2016 Grand Lists

Median Net Taxable Assessment of **\$194,000**

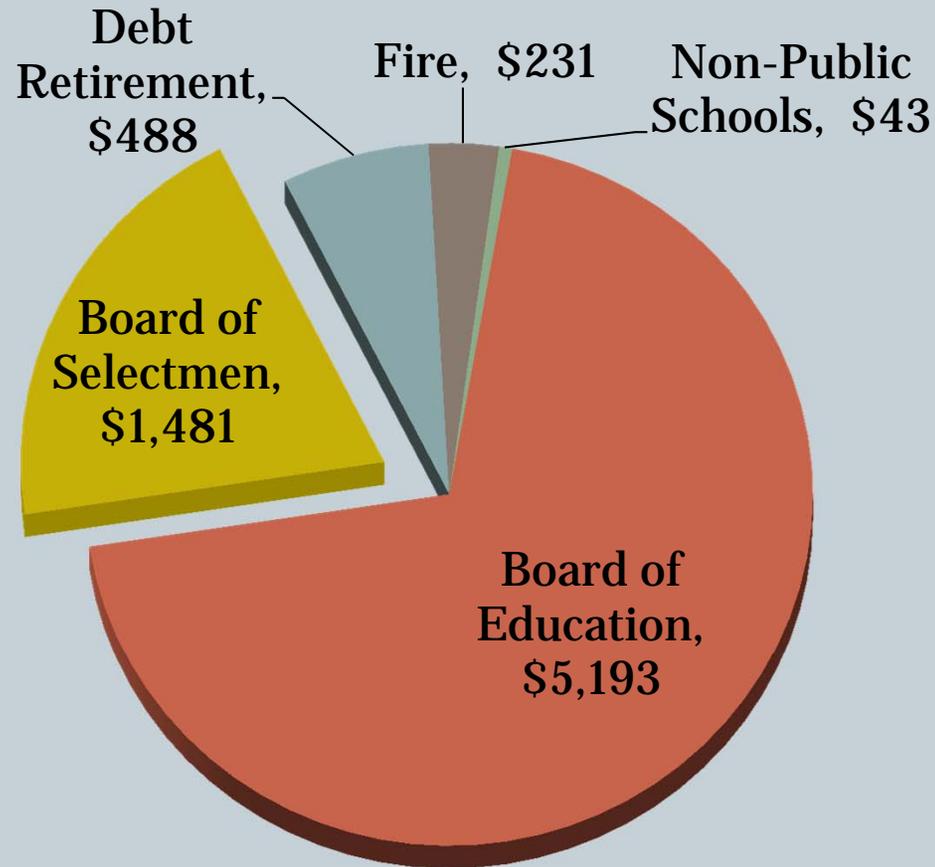
Based on an average home value of approx. \$277,000

Using the current **38.33 Mill Rate**, the Median Tax Bill in Simsbury is approximately **\$7,436**

Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?



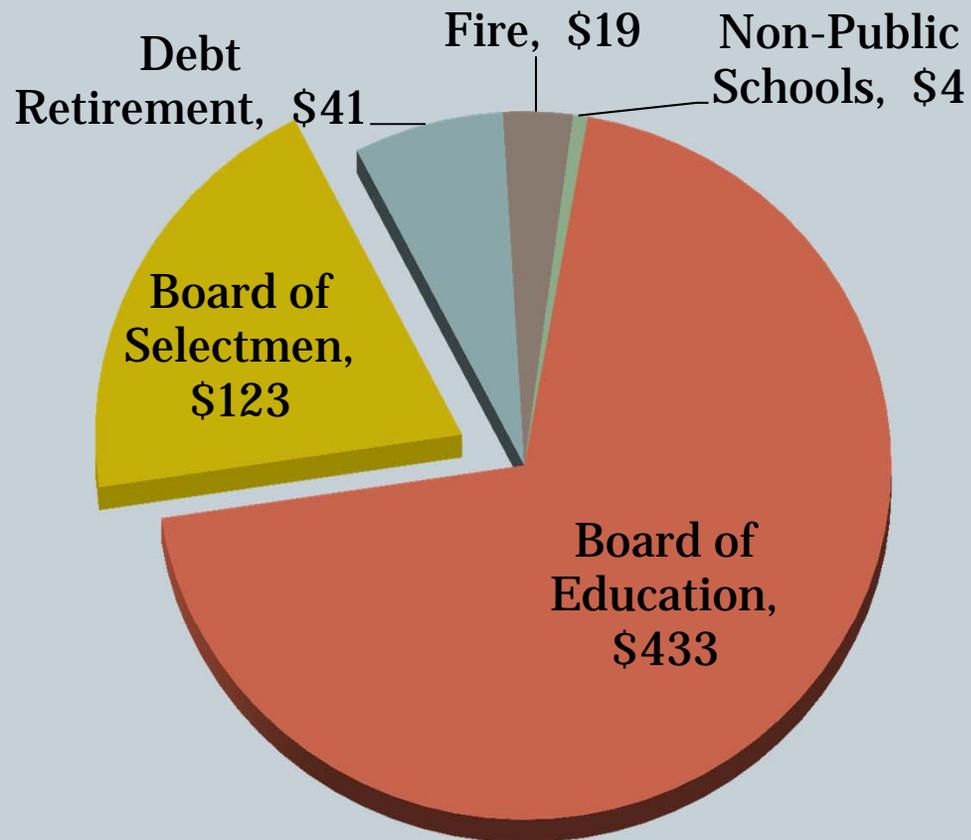
Median 2014-2015 Tax Bill of \$7,436 Per Year



Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?



Median 2014-2015 Tax Bill of \$620 Per Month



What Do Your Tax Dollars Pay For?



\$123 Per Month Paid For:

- **Police Protection**
 - 36 Sworn Police Personnel
 - 31,256 Police Calls for Service in FY 2013-2014
- **Road Paving and Maintenance**
 - 165 Miles of Town Roadway
 - 250 Catch Basins Cleaned; 94 Crosswalks repainted
 - 9.04 Miles of Road Resurfaced; 18 Miles Cracksealed
- **Snow Removal and Treatments**
 - 19.5 Highway Dept. Personnel & 14 Plow Trucks

What Do Your Tax Dollars Pay For?



\$123 Per Month Paid For:

- **Library Services**
 - 426,575 Items Circulated
 - 314,928 Library Visitors
 - 1,100 Library Events
- **Town Hall Services**
 - 145 Land Use Applications Processed
 - 676 Building Permits Issued
 - 2,242 Inspections Performed
 - 15,859 Registered Voters
 - 281 Marriage Licenses Issued

What Do Your Tax Dollars Pay For?



\$123 Per Month Paid For:

- **Engineering and Capital Project Services**
 - 9 Capital Projects Managed Valued at \$7.7 Million
 - Grants Managed Valued At \$2.6 Million
- **Emergency Response**
 - 18 Winter Storms in FY 14-15
 - 5,942 Devices Registered on Simsbury Alerts & CTAlerts
 - 980 Twitter Followers

What Do Your Tax Dollars Pay For?



\$123 Per Month Paid For:

- **Parks, Pools & Recreational Services**
 - 2,400 Acres of Open Space
 - Over 500 Acres of Town-Owned Parks
 - 40 Playing Fields and 2 Aquatic Areas
 - Over 30,000 Users of Simsbury Farms Pool
 - 36,551 Rounds of Golf at Simsbury Farms
- **Social Services and Senior Center**
 - 9,405 Dial-A-Ride Passengers Travelling 48,799 Miles
 - 8,584 Requests for Social Services
 - 1,056 Senior Center Fitness Classes Offered
 - 25,717 Senior Center participants (12,956 for fitness)

BOS Budget History



Board of Selectmen 12-Year Budget Comparison

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| <u>FY 2003</u> | <u>FY 2009</u> | <u>Net Difference</u> | |
| \$13,754,248 | \$18,332,609 | \$4,578,361 | Increase |
| | | 33.29% | Increase |
| <u>FY 2009</u> | <u>FY 2015</u> | <u>Net Difference</u> | |
| \$18,332,609 | \$18,711,363 | \$378,754 | Increase |
| | | 2.07% | Increase |

Cost Saving Efforts



- Grants Received/Managed in FY14-15
 - **Totaling \$2,631,651**
- Pension Investment Returns
 - **14.7% in FY 14**
- Lower Gasoline Prices
 - **12.5% reduction (\$33,000)**
- Employee Contributions to Pension and OPEB
- Negotiated Telephone Contract
 - **Saving \$40,000 per year**
- OPEB Actuarial Obligation Decline
 - **Totaling \$227,929**



Board of Selectmen Budget Process



- **Departments Submit Requests to Director of Finance**
- **First Selectman Reviews Requests w/ Dept. Heads**
- **First Selectman Presents Proposed Budget to BOS**
- **BOS Holds Budget Workshops and Adopts Budget**
- **First Selectman Presents BOS Budget to BOF**

Board of Selectmen Adopted Budget



- **Department Requests:**
 - ✦ \$19,527,277
 - ✦ Increase of \$815,914 (4.36%)
- **First Selectman Recommended:**
 - ✦ \$19,029,456
 - ✦ Increase of \$318,093 (1.70%)
- **Board of Selectmen Adopted:**
 - ✦ \$18,867,969
 - ✦ Increase of \$156,606 (0.84%)

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- ❑ **Operating Budget**

- ❑ **\$18,867,969 (0.84%)**

- Maintains quality core services
- Fully funds contractual salary & pension requirements
- Funds two additional police officers
- Funds a new public works project administrator
- Restores funding to the Assistant Assessor position
- Contribution to Simsbury Farms

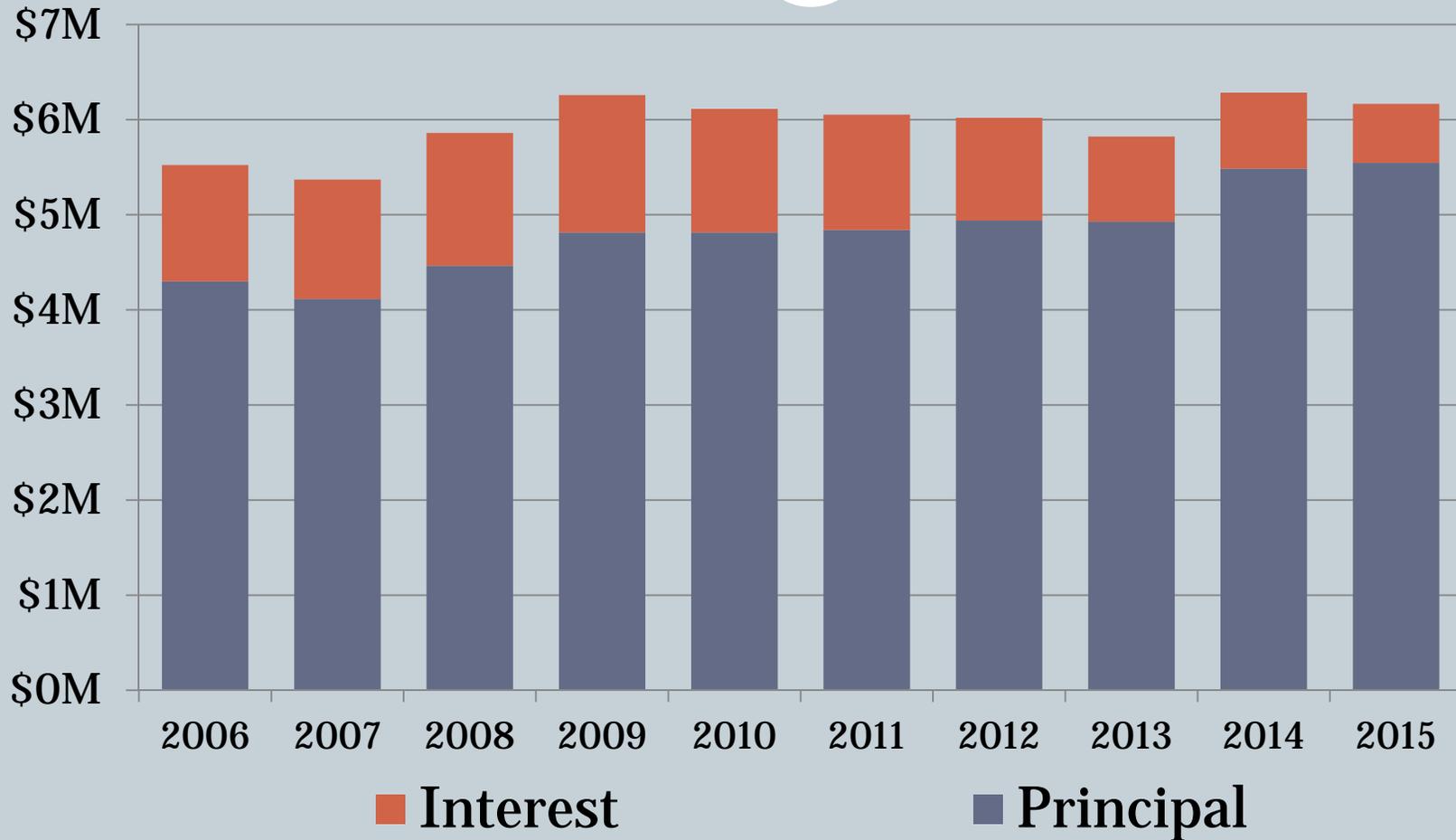
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❑ **Capital Budget**

- **Simsbury Farms Park/Rink/Pool Improvements**
- **Ethel Walker Woods Improvements**
- **Public Works Facility Improvements**
- **Critical Infrastructure Repairs**
- **Public Safety Improvements and Resources**
- **Senior/Community Center Construction**

Debt Service History



Budget Calendar



- ❑ **Budget Workshops**
 - ❑ **March 5th**
 - ❑ **March 7th**
- ❑ **Budget Adopted**
 - ❑ **March 9th**
- ❑ **BOS Presents to BOF**
 - ❑ **March 31st at 5:45 PM**
- ❑ **Public Hearing (Operating & Capital)**
 - ❑ **April 8th at 6:00 PM**
- ❑ **Budget Referendum**
 - ❑ **May 5th from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM**

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**Budget Documents
Available Online at:**

www.simsbury-ct.gov/budget

Sworn Officers Per Population

Population of 10,000 – 24,999 (FBI 2011)

National Average = 1.9 officers per 1,000 inhabitants

New England = 1.8 officers per 1,000 inhabitants

CT Municipal Average = 1.9 officers per 1,000 inhabitants

Simsbury Average = **1.5** officers per 1,000 inhabitants

Connecticut averages based on Crime in CT report 2013

Population of Simsbury based on sources in respective reports

Crime in CT 23,651

Sworn Officers Per Population

CT Averages based on population of 10,000 – 29,999

CT Municipal Average = 1.9 officers per 1,000 inhabitants

Simsbury Average = **1.5** officers per 1,000 inhabitants
(23,651)

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Sworn Officers Per Population

Town of Simsbury Figures

Simsbury currently has 36 sworn officers

| <u>Sworn #</u> | <u>Rate Per 1,000</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| 36-37 | 1.5 |
| 38-40 | 1.6 |
| 41-42 | 1.7 |
| 43-44 | 1.8 |
| 45-47 | 1.9 |

Based on Crime in CT 2013 town population data

Anticipated Residential Growth

Sworn# and Rate Per 1,000

| <u>Current</u> | | <u>Growth</u> | |
|----------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| 36-37 | 1.5 | 36-37 | 1.4 |
| 38-40 | 1.6 | 38-39 | 1.5 |
| 41-42 | 1.7 | 40-42 | 1.6 |
| 43-44 | 1.8 | 43-44 | 1.7 |
| 45-47 | 1.9 | 45-47 | 1.8 |

Population 23,651

Population Est. 25,000

Comparisons

Sworn# and Rate Per 1,000

RATE TOWN (POPULATION)

1.72 Avon (18,049)

2.39 Bloomfield (20,470)

1.78 Farmington (25,329)

1.72 Windsor (29,067)

1.67 South Windsor (25,684)

1.63 Newtown (27,543)

2.47 Wilton (18,201)

2.45 Westport (26,516)

1.53 Simsbury (23,535) 36 Officers

1.61 Simsbury (23,535) 38 Officers

Comparison Cautions

- Amount and types of crimes
- Types and Levels of Services Provided by Police
 - Community Relations Programs
 - Project Lifesaver
 - School Resource Officers
- Styles of Policing (Community Policing vs Reactive)
- Management Style (CALEA and State Accreditation)

Cost per household or taxpayer for Budget increase

- Approximately 8,900+/- households
- Proposed \$203,076.00 budget increase, means
- \$.06/day per household (approximate)