

# Town of Brunswick, Maine



## 2017-18 Budget Environment

**Town Council/Finance Committee**

**Budget Workshop**

**March 2, 2017**

# Town of Brunswick Budgeted Expenditure Trends

Thousands

\$70,000

\$60,000

\$50,000

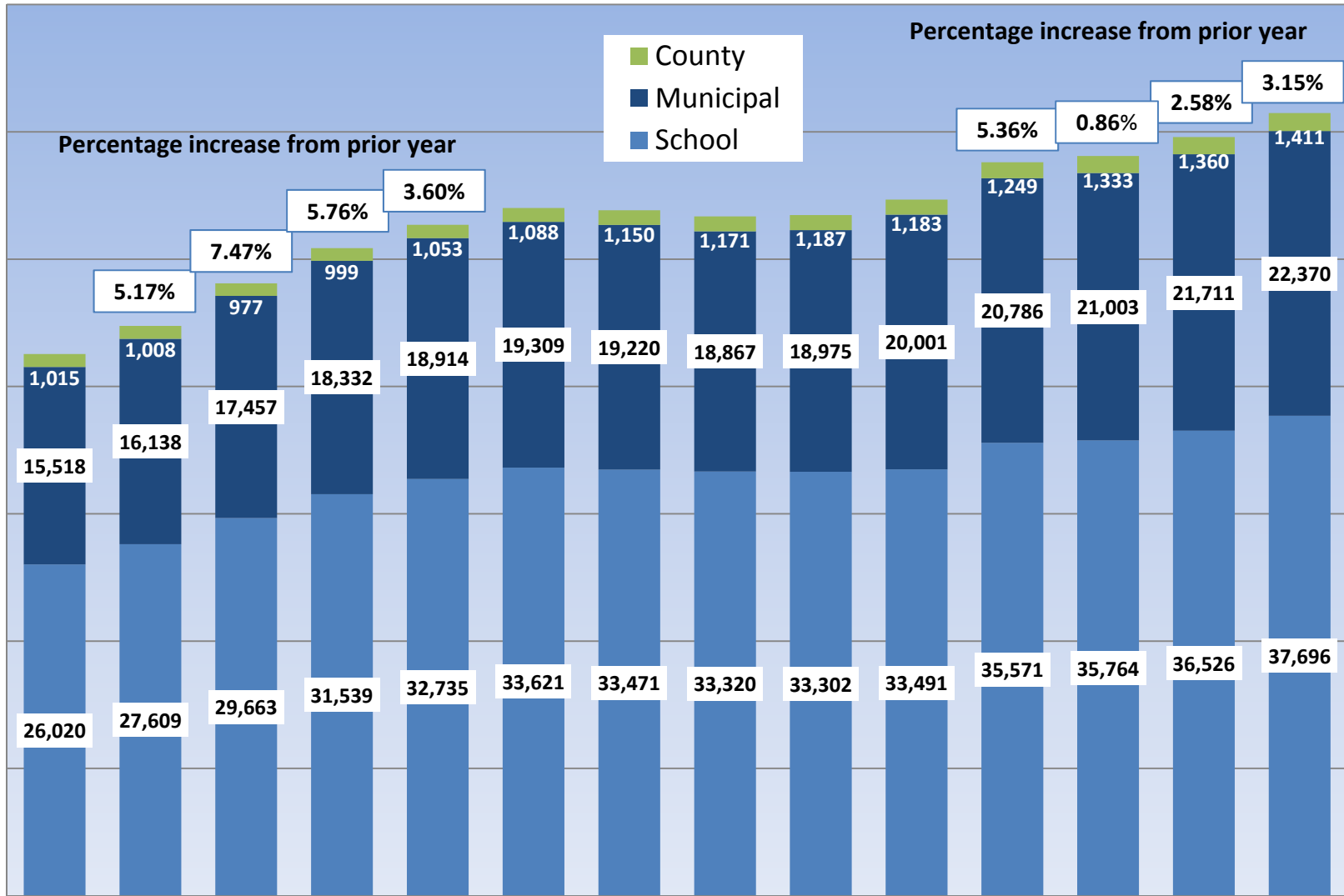
\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

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2003-04

2004-05

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2006-07

2007-08

2008-09

2009-10

2010-11

2011-12

2012-13

2013-14

2014-15

2015-16

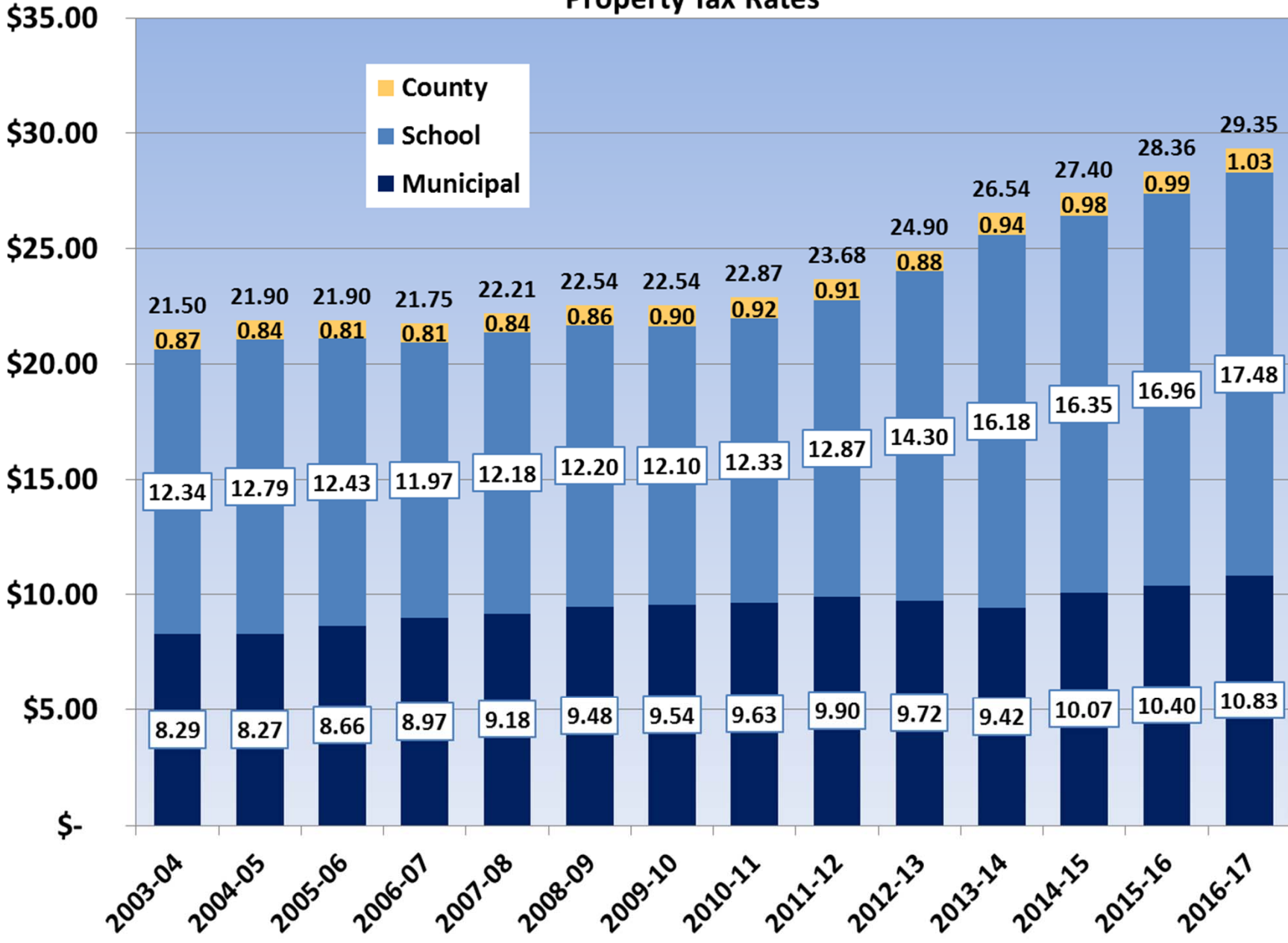
2016-17

Percentage increase from prior year

County  
Municipal  
School

Percentage increase from prior year

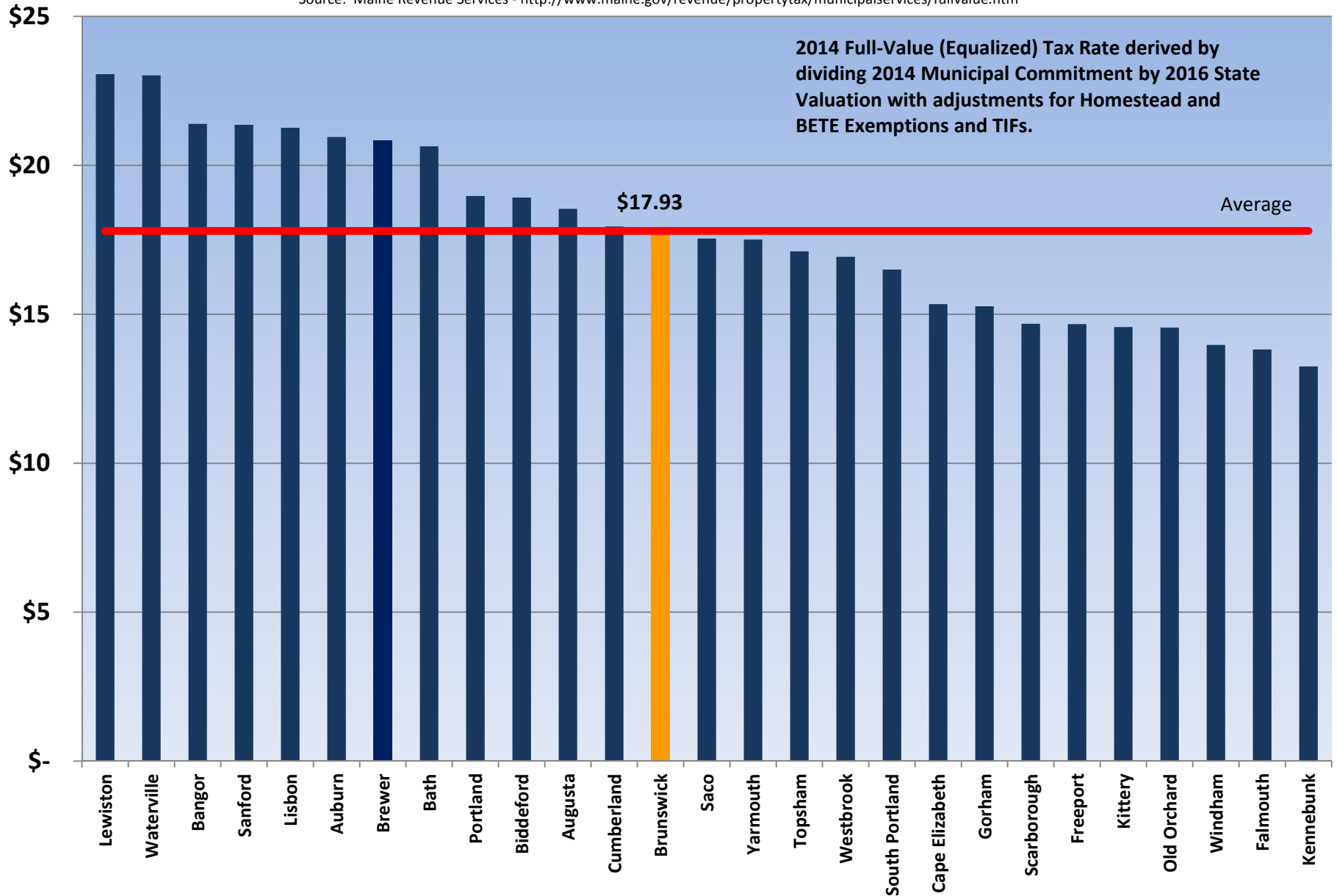
### Town of Brunswick Property Tax Rates



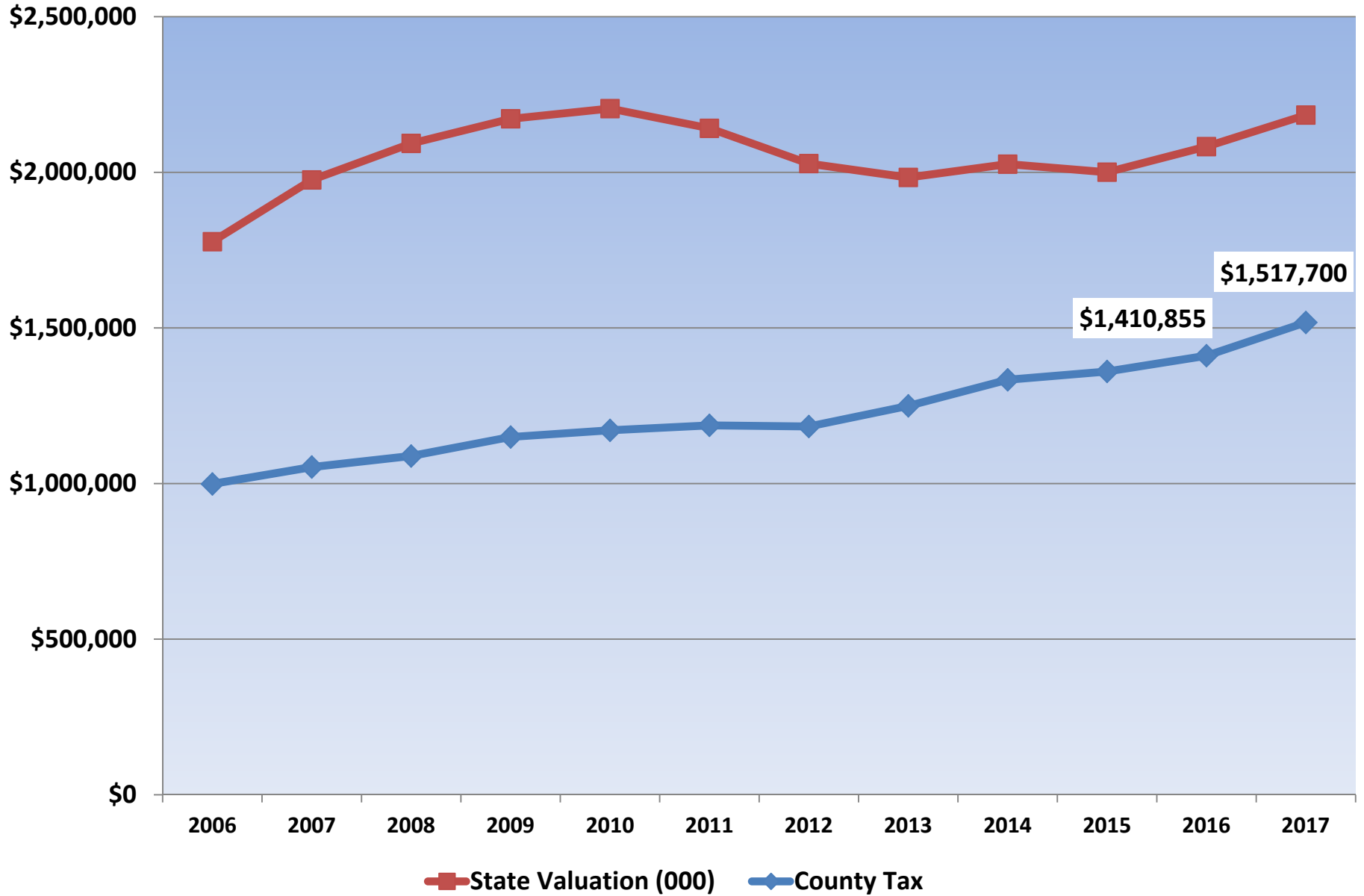
# Maine Revenue Services

## Estimated 2014 Full-Value Tax Rates

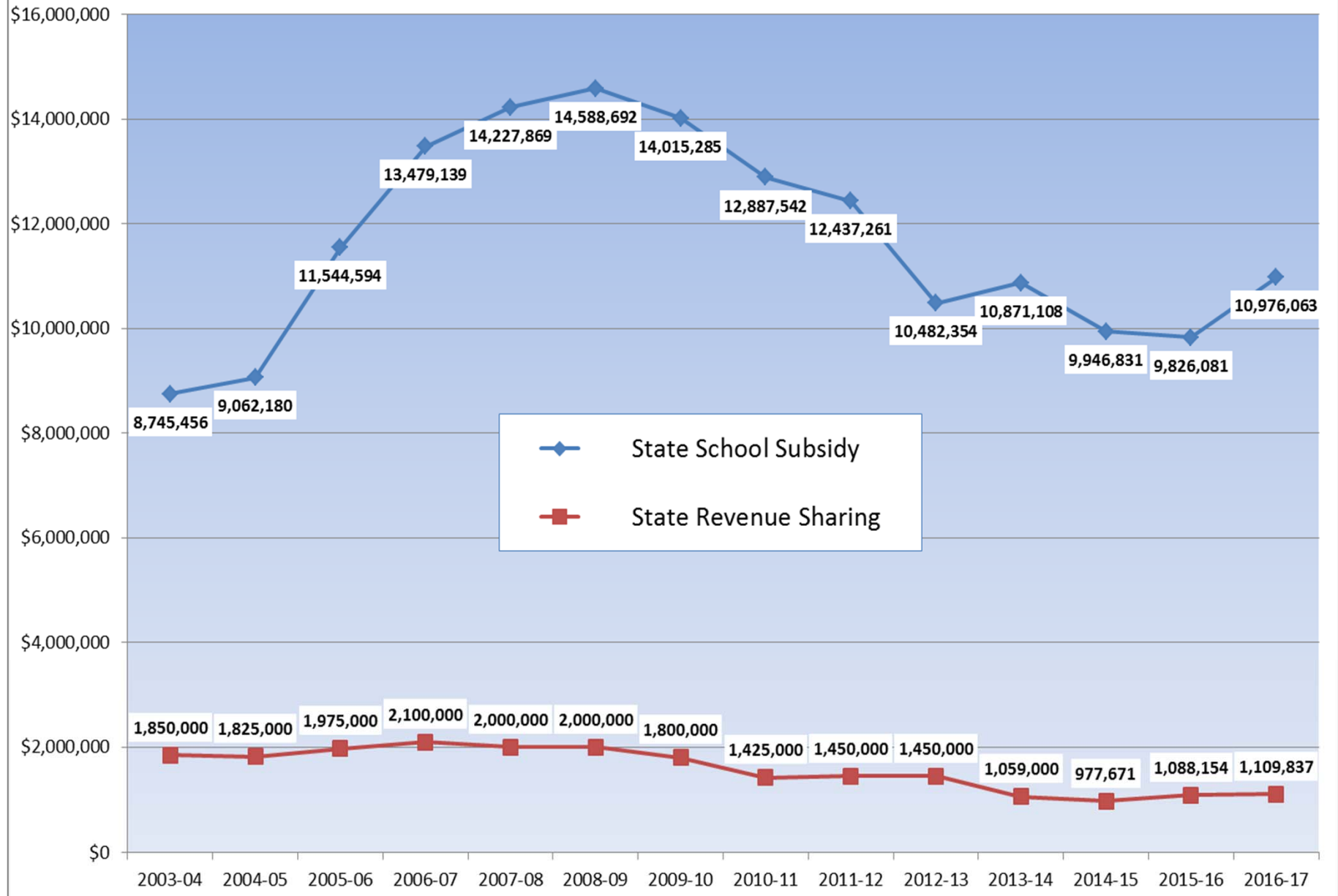
Source: Maine Revenue Services - <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/municipalservices/fullvalue.htm>



# Town of Brunswick State Valuation (000) and County Tax



# Town of Brunswick Budgeted State Revenues



# Governor LePage's proposed biennial budget – municipal implications in 2017-18

- Repeal of state/municipal General Assistance Program
- Homestead Exemption limited to resident taxpayers 65 years and older
- Homestead Exemption state reimbursement reduced from 62.5% to 50%
- BETR to BETE conversion – 25% of property shifted in FY 2018
- Multiple changes to education funding, including:
  - System Administration costs out of EPS formula
  - Elimination of three year averaging of student counts
  - 3% surcharge delayed & changed
  - Calculation of 55% funding obligation altered

# Other proposed changes for future years, with municipal budget impact

- Revenue sharing permanently reduced to 2% of state sales and income tax revenues – currently set to return to 5% in FY 2020
- Two-way telecommunications services personal property to be taxed by municipalities effective with FY 2019
- BETR to BETE conversion – 50% of property values shifted in FY 2019; 75% in FY 2020, and 100% shifted in 2021