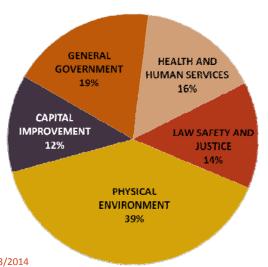
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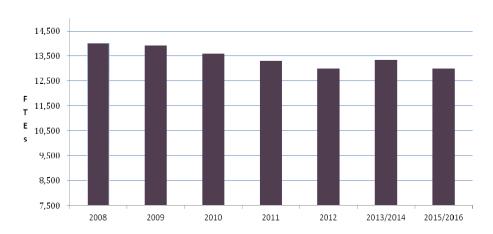
**King County Expenditures** by Program Area<sup>2</sup>

\$8.9 Billion Total



<sup>2</sup>Total budget includes 2013/2014 two-year budgets for all County funds.

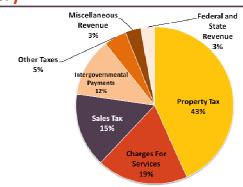
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\*Does not include Term-Limited FTEs

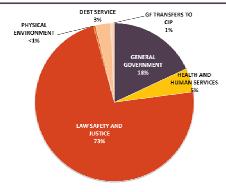
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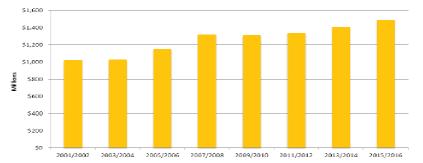
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Spending levels since 2000 reflects economic conditions



## **Countywide Strategies**

The King County Strategic Plan guides County policy, management, and financial decisions:

King County will be the Best Run Government in the Country. King County is reducing the cost to deliver services and will continue to find efficiencies to bring cost growth in line with inflation plus population growth.

Lean methods for continuous improvements are delivering results for King County citizens. Lean's emphasis on improving work processes by relying on the insights of the people doing the work has made for better services, more empowered and productive employees, and increased efficiency, including some financial savings.

**Climate Change:** The County is reducing greenhouse gas emission which is critical to our children and our future as a society.

**Equity & Social Justice:** The County intentionally integrates the principle of "fair and just" in all it does, from hiring practices, to providing services, to making budget decisions. We are committed to improving equity and social justice outcomes for all residents of King County.





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#### **King County....***Who are we?*

King County is very diverse – more than 120 languages spoken in schools.

Foreign born residents = 20.1%

Seattle has been ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in literacy (CCSU, 2012)

- 2.0 million diverse people (13<sup>th</sup> largest county by population, US Census)
- 1 in 4 homes speaks language other than English (US = 1:5)
- 46% of residents have Bachelor's degree or higher (US = 28%)
- 9<sup>th</sup> largest county by employment (BLS)
- Home to household name firms (Microsoft, Costco, Starbucks, Amazon)
- Birthplace of the Flying Fortress, Jimi Hendrix and Pictionary