

Taxes, Spending & Government Growth In Marion County, Florida

**“The Era of Big
Government is over”**

Bill Clinton

Not in Marion County Government

The last 4 Years

80% Increase in Property Taxes

29% Increase of Employees

Spending is out of Control

Property Taxes

80% Increase

of Property Taxes in the last 4 years

Year	Non-Homestead Properties Total Taxes	All Properties Total Taxes	Percentage Total Taxes Non-Homestead	Percentage Increase All Properties
2003	112,269,782.34	202,653,581.69		
2004	118,814,466.74	221,666,943.16	53%	9%
2005	136,520,579.03	250,864,773.06	54%	13%
2006	189,107,878.83	320,439,627.54	59%	28%
2007	225,058,611.34	364,866,790.04	62%	14%

* Data provided by Villie Smith, Marion County Property Appraiser
 3% Annual Homestead Increase = 12.5% 4 year compounded rate

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4 Year Compounded Rate 80%

2007 Property Taxes

Business Property Taxes = 62%
Homestead Property Taxes = 38%
Business Owners Own a Home = 8%

Business Property Taxes = 70%
Homestead Property Taxes = 30%



Government Spending

\$30,000,000

of Land Fill Reserves Spent



**No Solutions
No Plan for Future
No Recycling Plan**

**\$6,000,000 Wasted on
Transfer Station**

**Now they want to increase
your Trash Tax by 50–70%**

Government Growth

29% Increase

of Employees in the last 4 years

	OCT '03	OCT '04	OCT '05	OCT '06	OCT '07
	1133.63	1140.76	1192.02	1432.4	1464
Annual Increase		0%	4%	20%	2%
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* Data provided by Human Resources Department, Marion County

Total 4 Year Compounded Rate 29%

Does not include Constitutional Officers

Sheriff's Office, Clerk of the Court, Property Appraiser,
Tax Collector & Supervisor of Elections

Does not include "EMSA" Employees



Taxes, Spending & Government Growth

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