

County Government Structure
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County	Title of Chief Elected Official	Is Chief Elected Official elected or voted in by Council/Commission Board	Number and Method of Election (Districts)	Form of Government	Term of Office	Counties Having Elected Treasurers	County Meeting Dates
ALLEGANY	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by Board of Commissioners for 4 yr. term	3 At-Large Commissioners	Code Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	Thursdays at 10:30 am
ANNE ARUNDEL	Chairperson, County Council and County Executive	Voted by Council each December/ County Executive elected by the People	7 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	Term Limits for Council & County Executive	No	First and Third Mondays at 7:00 pm
BALTIMORE CITY	President, City Council and Mayor	Council President and Mayor Elected by the people for 4yr. terms	Council President is At-Large 14 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	No Term Limits	Comptroller Elected	Mondays at 5:00 pm
BALTIMORE	Chairperson, County Council and County Executive	Chairperson voted by the Council each January County Executive elected by the People	7 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	First and Third Mondays at 7:30 pm
CALVERT	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by Commissioners each December	2 At-Large Commissioners 3 District Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners	No Term Limits	Yes	Tuesdays 10:00 am
CAROLINE	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by Commissioners for 4 yr. term	3 At-Large Commissioners	Code Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	Tuesdays at 9:30 am, 4 th Tuesday at 7:30 pm
CARROLL	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by Commissioners for a four year term.	3 At-Large Commissioners- expanded to 5 in 2010 elections	Board of County Commissioners	No Term Limits	No	Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
CECIL Moving to Charter Home Rule in 2012	President, Board of County Commissioners Will have County Executive in 2012	Elected by Commissioners post Election	5 At-Large Commissioners Will become council members in 2012	Board of County Commissioners	Terms are staggered and expire for Districts 2, 3 and 4 in	Yes	First and Third Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

					2010, and Districts 1 and 5 in 2012, and every four years thereafter.		
CHARLES	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by the people for 4 year term	5 Commissioners Elected At-Large, but serving by District	Code Home Rule-2002	No Term Limits	No-effective in 2010 election cycle	Tues. at 9:00 am & Wed. at 2:00 p.m.
DORCHESTER	President, County Council	Elected by Council each year in November – effective December	5 District Council members	Charter Home Rule-2002	No Term Limits	No	Every other Tuesday at 6:00 pm
FREDERICK	President, Board of County Commissioners	Highest Vote Getter for 4 yr. term	5 At-Large Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners	No Term Limits	No	Tuesdays at 8:30 am; 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, Thursdays at 9:30 am
GARRETT	Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by Commissioners for no particular set period of time	3 At-Large Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners	No Term Limits	No	Tuesdays at 9:00 am
HARFORD	President, County Council and County Executive	Council President and County Executive Voted by the People	Council President is At-Large 6 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	First three Tuesdays at 8:00 pm
HOWARD	Chairperson, County Council and County Executive	Chairperson voted in by Council each December and County Executive Voted by the People	5 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	Term Limits for Council & County Executive	No	1 st & 3 rd Mondays at 7:30 pm, 4 th Tuesday at 4:30 pm
KENT	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by Commissioners post Election	3 At-Large Commissioners	Code Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	Tuesdays at 8:30 am
MONTGOMERY	President, County Council and County Executive	Council President voted by the Council each December and County Executive elected by the People	4 At-Large Councilmembers 5 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	No Term Limits for Council & County Executive	No	Tuesdays at 9:00 am
PRINCE	President, County	Council Chairman voted by	9 District	Charter Home	Term Limit	No	Tuesdays at

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GEORGE'S	Council and County Executive	Council each December and County Executive Elected by the People	Councilmembers	Rule	for Council & County Executive		10:00 am
QUEEN ANNE'S	President, Board of County Commissioners	Voted in by Board of Commissioners each December	5 At-Large Commissioners	Code Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
ST. MARY'S	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by the People for 4 yr. term	5 At-Large Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners	Limit of 3 consecutive terms	Yes	Tuesdays at 10:00 am, 2 nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
SOMERSET	President, Board of County Commissioners	Voted in by Board of Commissioners for a 4-yr. term	5 District Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners	No Term Limits	Yes	Alternating Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
TALBOT	President, County Council	Voted in annually at end of November by Council	5 At-Large Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays at 1:30 pm 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday work sessions as needed
WASHINGTON	President, Board of County Commissioners	Elected by the People for a 4-yr. term	5 At-Large Commissioners	Board of County Commissioners	No Term Limits	Yes	1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Tuesday at 8:30 am, 4 th Tuesday at 7:00 pm
WICOMICO	President, County Council County Executive	Elected by Council in December. County Executive elected by people	Council President and Vice President At-Large 5 District Councilmembers	Charter Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 10:00 am
WORCESTER	President, Board of County Commissioners	Vote held by Board of Commissioners each December	7 District Commissioners	Code Home Rule	No Term Limits	No	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays at 10:00 am