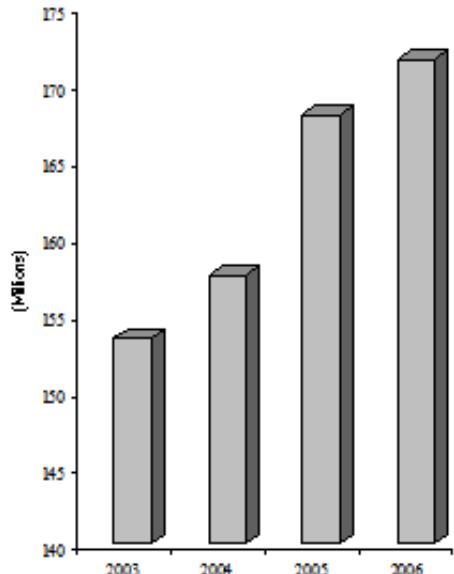


**Department of Property Assessment  
Expenditure History**



## Department of Property Assessment

Expenditures	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Salaries & Wages	894,273	924,220	1,017,102	1,007,537
Personnel Benefits	231,781	241,208	281,104	300,013
Supplies	40,056	58,391	23,802	23,802
Other Services & Charges	367,873	349,907	357,443	384,296
Total	1,533,983	1,573,726	1,679,451	1,715,648

[Revenues](#)  
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### Program Description:

The County Assessor's Office annually appraises and places value on 105,481 parcels of real and personal property with an assessed value in excess of \$9,646,266,867. Appraisers are required by law to inspect at least 1/6 of the real parcels or approximately 16,000 parcels each year. The office administers, maintains, and audits over 10,000 personal property accounts on an annual basis.

Assessors' Office staff calculates property tax requests for every taxing district in the County on an annual basis, auditing and verifying that statutory limitations are not exceeded and establishes levy rates based on the districts' requests. Rates are certified to the County Commissioners and then passed on to the County Treasurer's Office for collection.

The Assessor's Office administered over 5572 Senior Citizen/Disabled applications and renewals.

The office processes approximately 1,000 open space removals and/or continuances every year in addition to auditing over 10,700 parcels for compliance in the State Open Space – Farm & Agricultural classification.

The Assessor's staff creates and maintains all new and ongoing parcel change information and is responsible for the mapping information for the County.

### Major Objectives:

- Provide excellent customer service to the property owners and other departments of Yakima County for all requests for information or questions regarding real and personal property.
- Continue the computerization of the parcel mapping information for the County.
- Computerize the segregation process for new parcel creation within the County.
- Convert the appraisal software program to integrate it with the assessment computer system shared with the Treasurer's Office.
- Continue to improve the office's website to provide public access to information through public terminals and the Internet.
- Meet all statutory requirements for completion of levies, assessments, and addition of new construction to the assessment roll.
- Streamline procedures to insure maximum productivity of our staff.

