

Assessor

2023 Budget Overview

Finance & Personnel Committee

October 3, 2022

Community Goals & Objectives

- Increase investment & economic vitality throughout the city
 - Generate accurate, consistent & fair assessments of the city's taxable property base
 - Provide an open transparent, and responsive assessment process
 - Improve outgoing communication from the office with community presentations, printed materials, and an improved webpage.

2023 Budget Summary

	2022 Adopted Budget	2023 Proposed Budget	Amount Change	Percent Change
FTEs – O&M	48.00	49.00	1.00	2.1%
Total Positions Authorized	57.00	58.00	1.00	1.8%
Salaries & Wages	\$2,890,137	\$2,881,180	(\$8,957)	0%
Fringe Benefits	1,329,463	1,296,531	(32,932)	-2.5%
Operating Expenditures	219,337	212,337	(7,000)	-3.2%
Special Funds	70,000	65,000	(5,000)	-7.1%
TOTAL	\$4,508,937	\$4,455,048	(\$53,889)	-1.2%

Positions Changes

Positions	O&M FTEs	Non-O&M FTEs	Position Title	Reason
2	2.00		Property Assessment Technician II	Positions added
-2	-2.00		Senior Property Appraiser 4	Positions replaced by Assessment Technician II and Real Estate Modeler
1	1.00		Real Estate Modeler	New position
1	1.00	0.00	Totals	

Revenues

Appraisal Fee

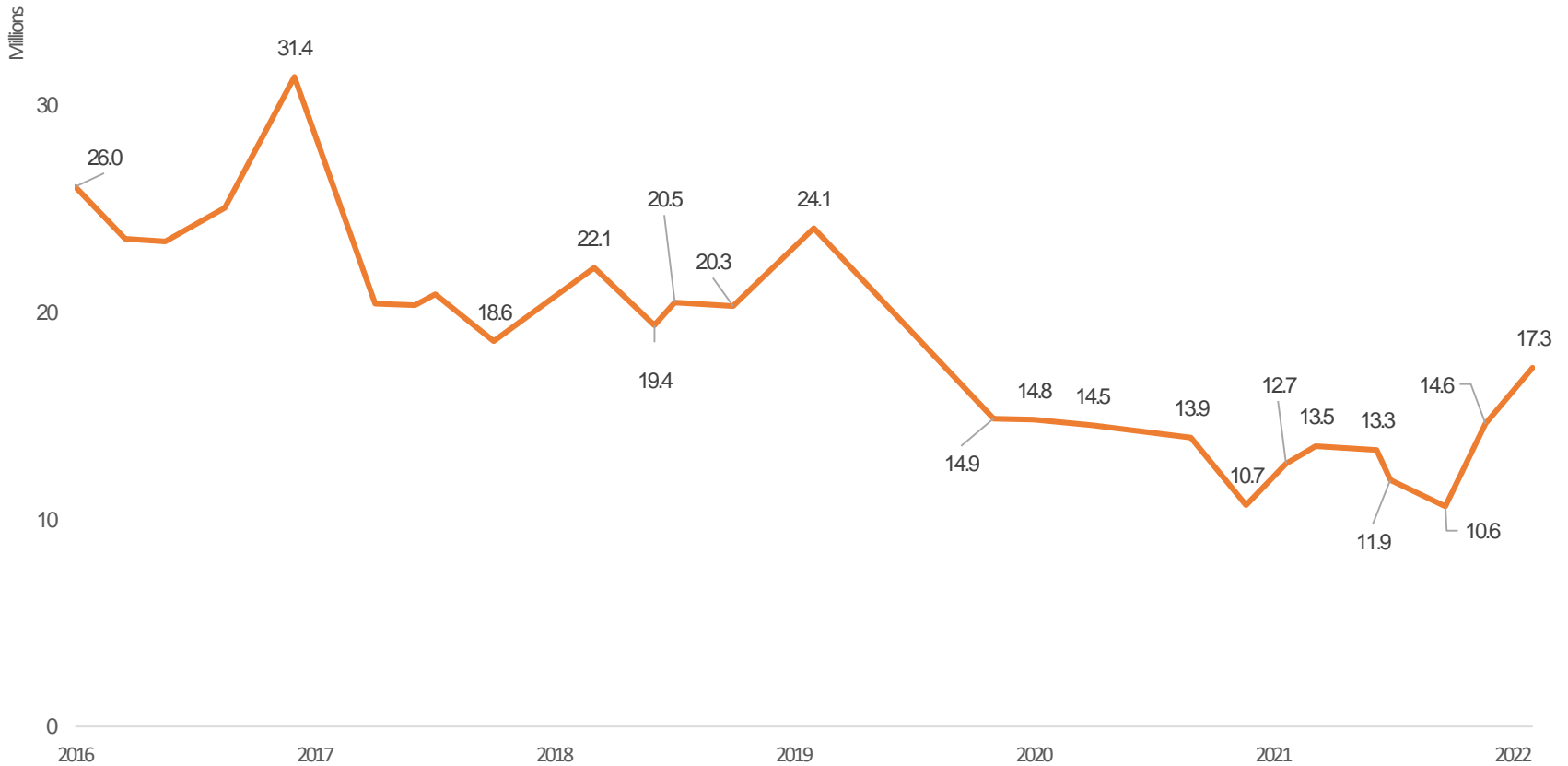
2022 Budget = \$864,000

2023 Budget = \$1,000,000

Achievements & Activities

- Launched online objections system (2022)
- Processing outstanding exemption applications
- Filled two Property Assessment Technician positions
- Discussions with Board of Review to improve timeline for processing objections
- Working with Inspector General on outstanding investigations related to church exemptions
- Maintenance Assessment vs Revaluation for 2023

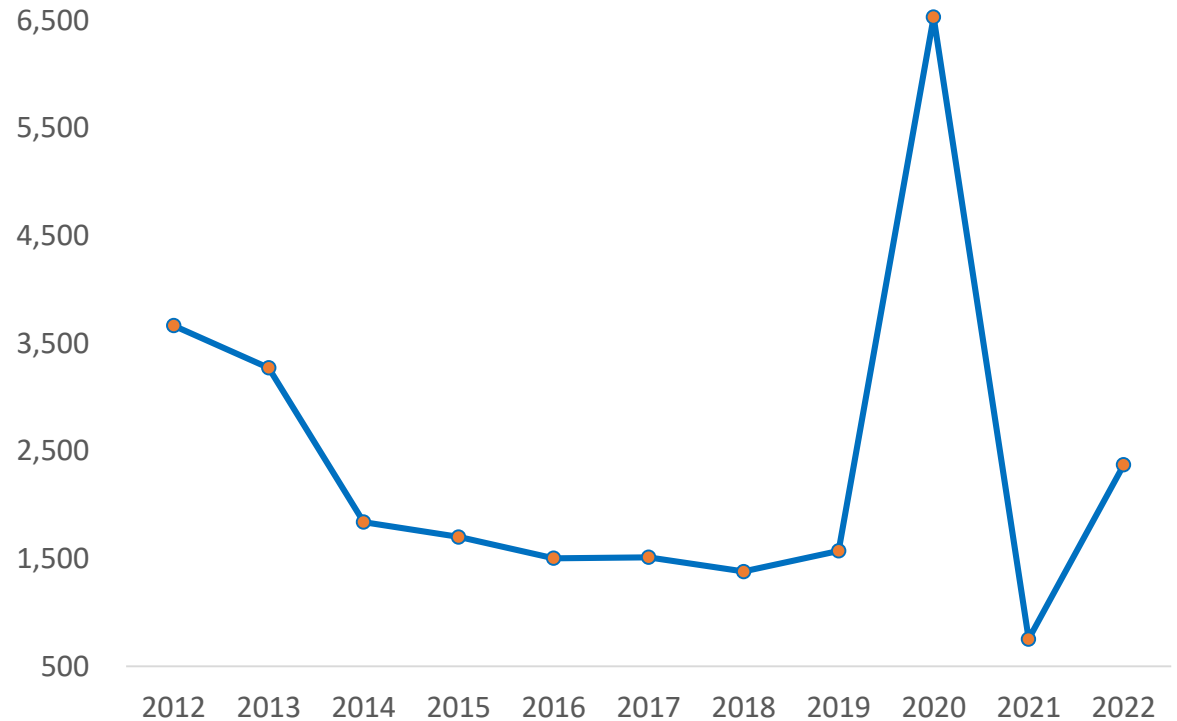
Litigation Liabilities



Objections

History of Objections

Year	Count	% of Total
2012	3,665	2.26%
2013	3,273	2.02%
2014	1,840	1.14%
2015	1,702	1.05%
2016	1,504	0.93%
2017	1,513	0.94%
2018	1,380	0.85%
2019	1,572	0.97%
2020	6,532	4.10%
2021	753	0.47%
2022	2,372	1.48%



Appeals at Board of Review

2022 Appeals Information

Class	Outstanding	Valued >\$1m
Residential	249	1
Condo	34	5
Local mercantile	81	32
Special mercantile	144	122
Apartments	29	19
Total	537	179

Technology & Innovations

- Assessor's Office webpage

- ITMD and AO staff working to customize and optimize public-facing database
- Entering testing phase
- Time Frame: Rollout before posting 2023 Notices

- Sketches

- Creates scanned images of sketches
- Required for DOR compliance
- Time Frame: Complete 2023

- Desktop Review Software

- Enables office reviews of property significant increase in productivity
- Will create efficiencies and add assessed value through improved reviews
- Time Frame: Implement 2023

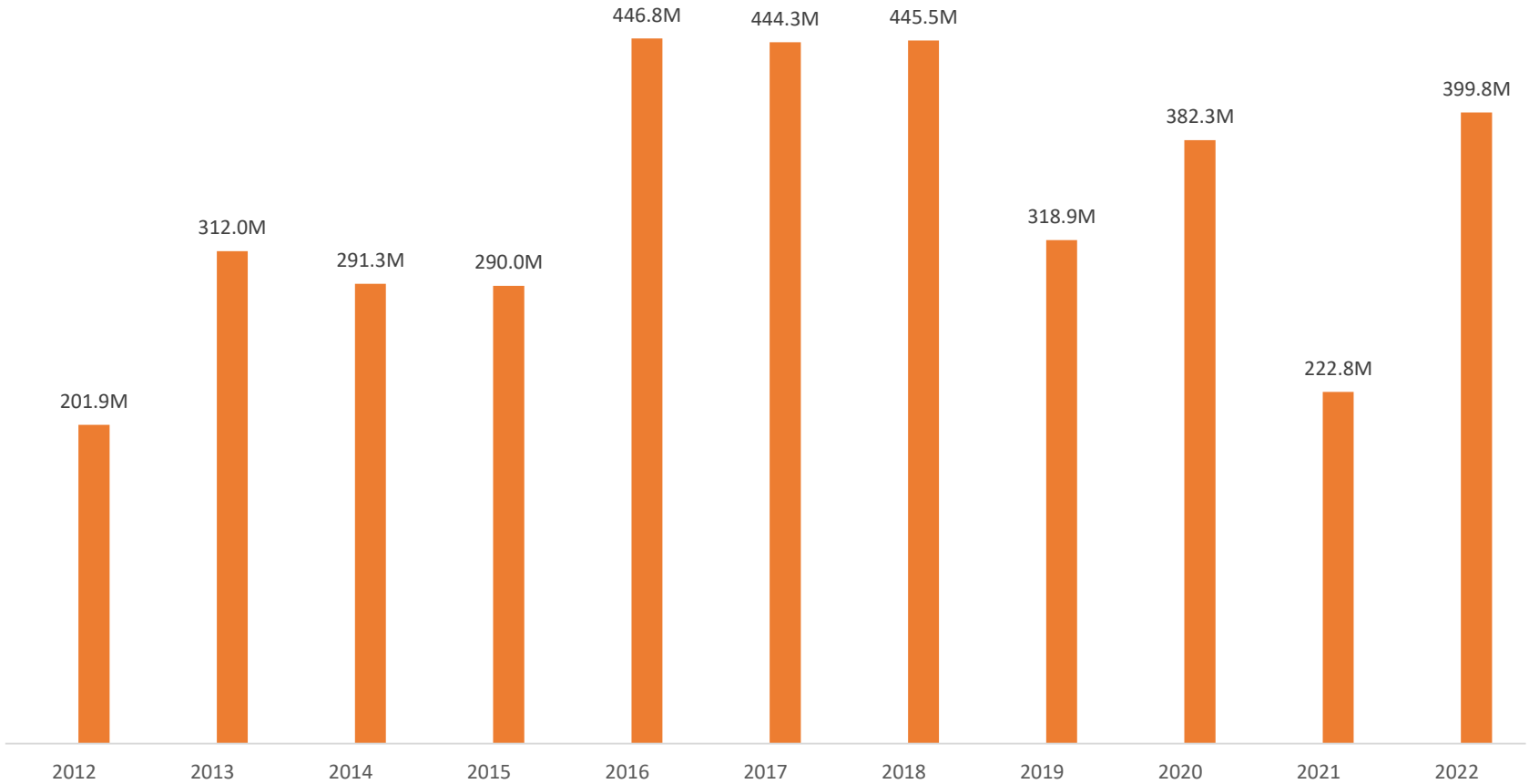
Staffing

Position	Authorized	Filled	Vacant	Comments
College Intern	2	0	2	Department interviews in progress; Reduced hours
Accounting Assistant II	1	0	1	F&P 6/15/22
Office Assistant II	1	0	1	F&P 7/26/22
Office Assistant III	5	4	1	Holding for budgetary reasons
Property Appraiser	24	23	1	Holding 1; 1 reclassified to Real Estate Modeler
Real Estate Modeler	1	1	0	New position
Administrative Services Manager	1	1	0	Classification study reclassified from supervisor
TOTAL	33	27	6	

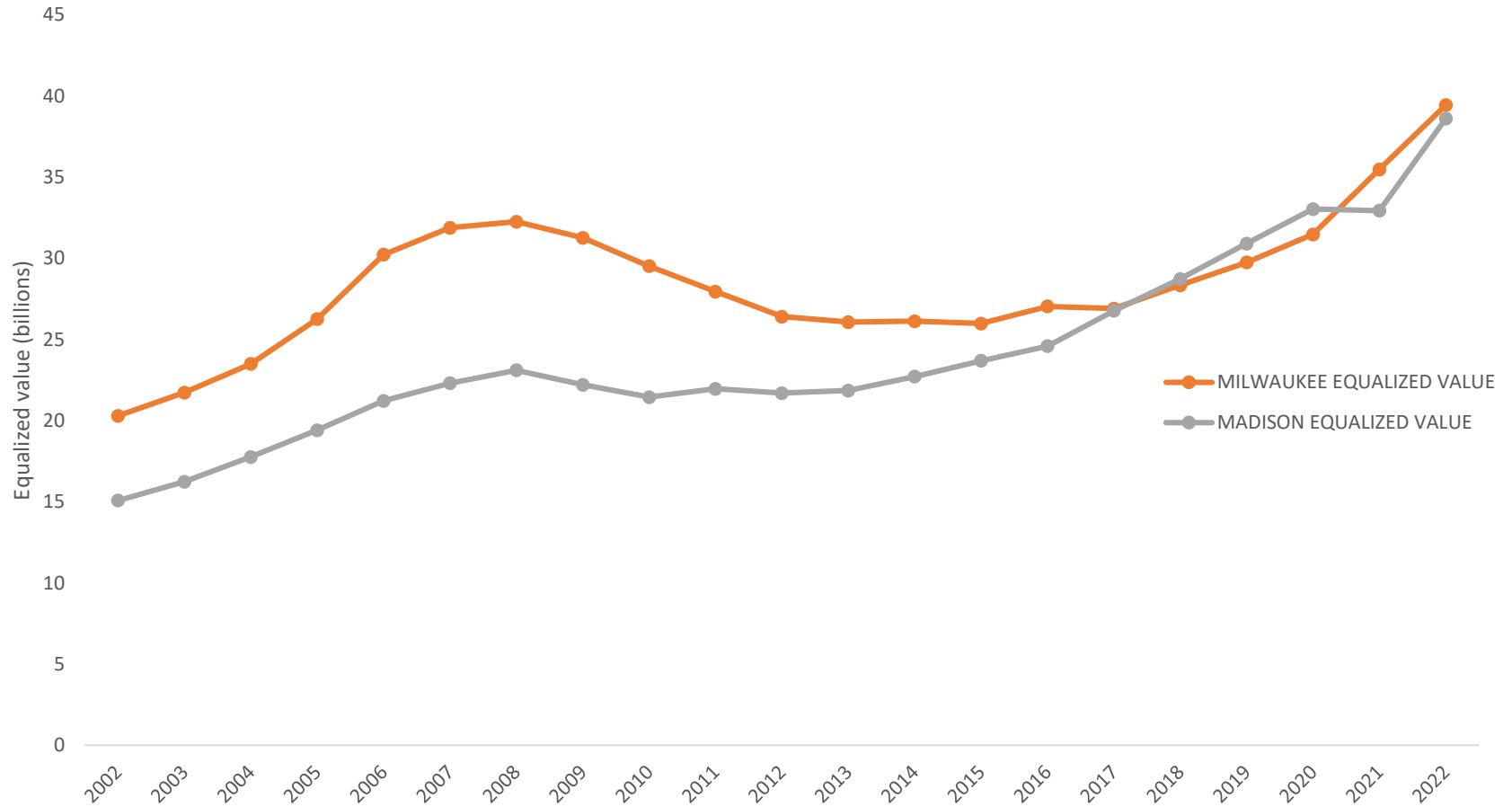
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Assessor's Office Staffing Percentages	
Department Authorized Staff Count	46
Current Staff	40
Vacancy Total	6
Vacancy percentage	13%
Male	53%
Female	48%
White	68%
Hispanic	5%
African American	27%
Asian	0%
City Resident	73%
Eligible to retire now	5%
Eligible to retire later this year	5%
Eligible to retire in 5 years	8%
Retirement eligible within the next 5 years	18%

Net New Construction



Equalized Value: Comparing Milwaukee to Madison



Exploring New Revenue

- 2024 – Tax exemption report filing fee
- Review of fees collected for inspection of new construction and alterations

The Future of the Assessor's Office

- Change process for accepting exemption requests
 - Begin accepting Jan. 1
 - No holding over requests
 - Guaranteed date for response
- Review staff assignments to maximize efficiency
 - Staff distribution and parcel type
 - Could burden Assessment Division Managers