

Assessor's Department Analysis

Financial Responsibility Task Force

2009 Benchmarking Survey Analysis

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2009 Benchmarking Survey Results

- Victor's assessment costs are higher than the peer group. Given the differences in assessment practices and requirements from state-to-state, it makes the most sense to compare Victor's spending level against its NYS peers. The largest cost disparity between Victor and its NYS peers is in the area of staff salary costs. Victor's budget includes \$102,000 in direct salary costs for assessment office personnel, compared to \$33,000 in Saratoga, \$38,000 in Clarkson, \$41,000 in Mendon, \$58,000 in Walworth, and \$77,000 in Ontario.

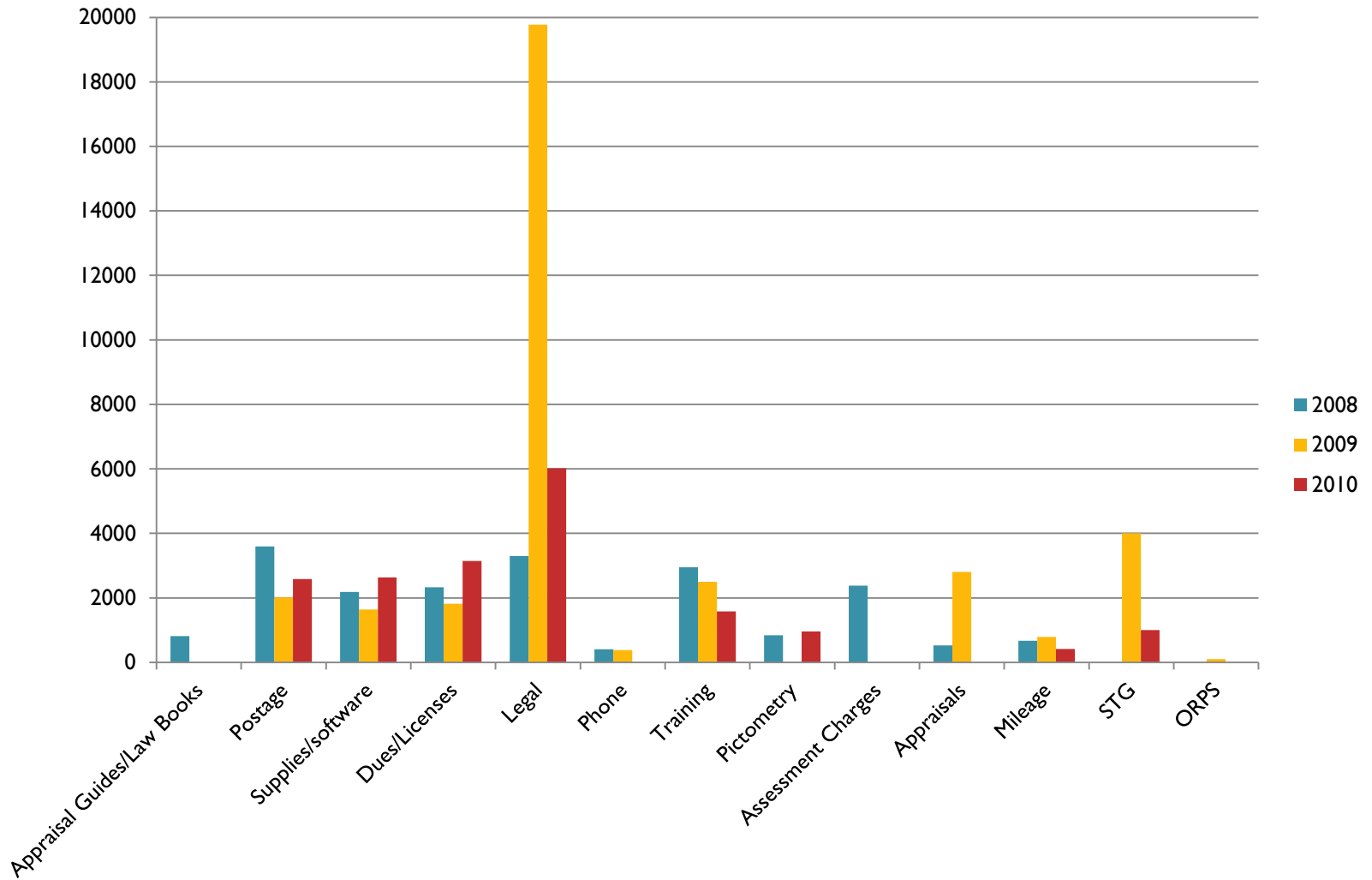
Assessment Costs Per Capita	
Victor	\$11.46
Ontario	\$9.36
Clarkson	\$9.27
Walworth	\$7.75
Saratoga	\$7.34
Mendon	\$5.44
Exeter	\$4.26

2009 Assessor Salaries for Other Towns

Town	# Of People	Total Salaries	Full or Part Time	Population	2010 Total Parcels
Pittsford	4	\$165,339	1 FTA, 1 DFTA, 1 FTAC, 1 PTA	29,405	10,437
Ogden	2	\$134,782	1 FTA, 1 PTC	19,856	7,486
Mendon	3	\$41,089	1 PTA, 2 PTC	9,152	3,866
Ontario	2	\$50,000	1-FTA, 1 PTC	10,136	4,096
Canandaigua (Town)	4	\$110,875	1 FTA, 2 FTC, 1 PTC	10,020	4,476
Victor	2	\$102,396	1 FTA, 1 FTC	14,300	5,628

FTA= Full-time Assessor, PTA= Part Time Assessor, PTC= Part Time Clerk
 DFTA = Deputy Full Time Assessor

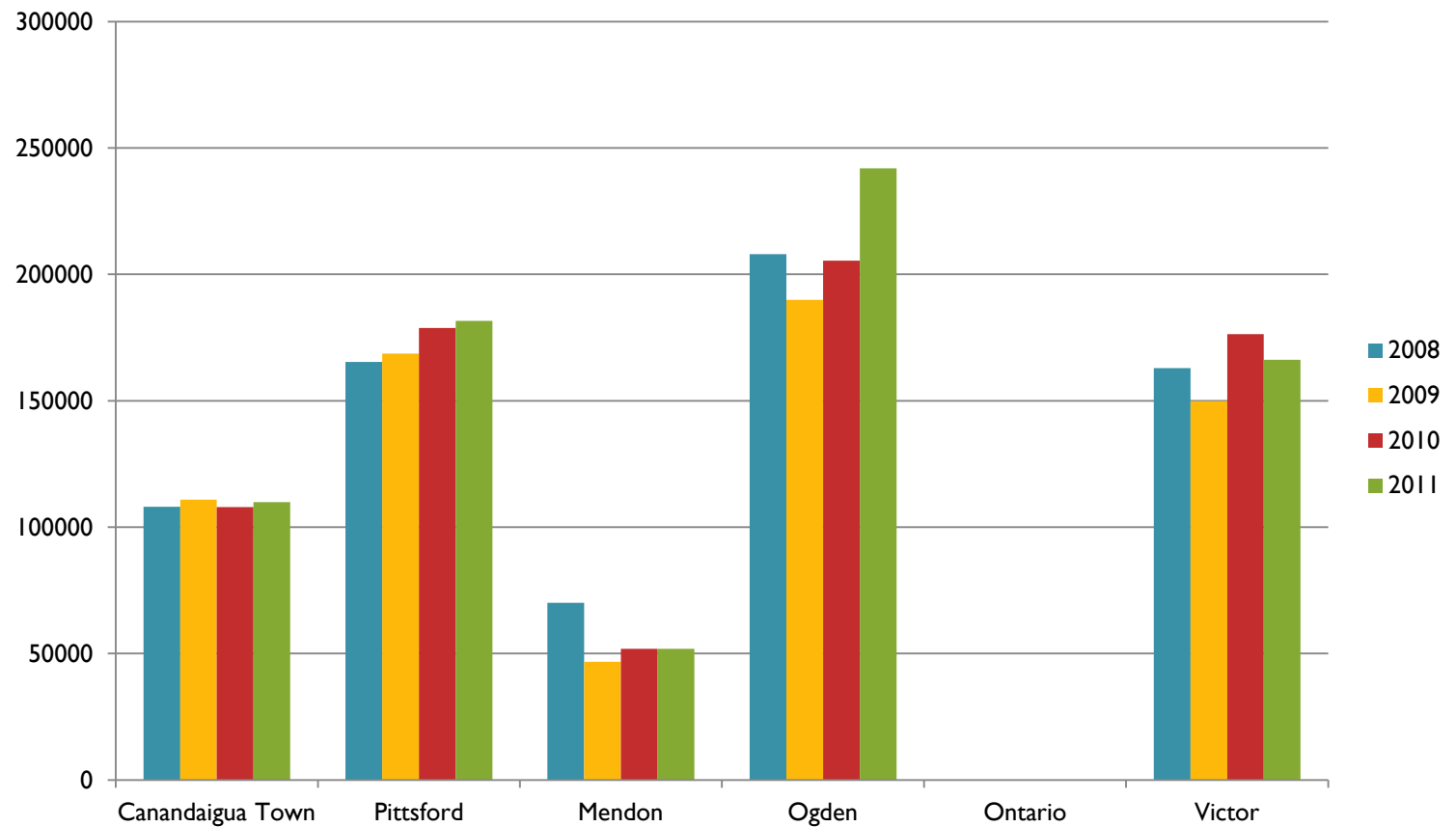
Assessor Dept. Cost Analysis



Why were costs higher?

- In 2009:
 - Legal fees - \$19,778
 - Appraisals - \$2,800
 - Encumbered \$4,000 for SDG project in 2010
- In 2010:
 - Legal fees - \$6,020
 - Software - \$1,750

Total Assessment Budgets – Town Comparison



Summary

- Costs dependent on legal activity, re-assessments, appraisals. Reduction of tax certiorari cases would generate cost savings.
- By law, the Assessor must mail letters – e-mail is not a recognized option to lower postage costs.
- Overall budget is similar to other comparable towns.
- Victor Assessor's findings are used by Town, Village, and County – there are no other Assessors for Victor