



## DUKES COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

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To the Citizens of Dukes County,

FY'24 demonstrated a continued decrease in overall real estate activity impacted by the higher interest rates along with a lack of inventory. The Registry experienced a 12% decrease in overall revenue in comparison to the previous fiscal year and a 46% decrease if compared to FY'21.

In the following pages please find visual representations of Registry data including a 4-year comparison of revenues, deeds recorded, total documents recorded, and deeds excise, as well as a breakdown of the deeds excise allotment to the Registry, the County and the Commonwealth.

In FY '24, electronic recordings accounted for 68% of all Recorded Land documents and 40% of all Registered Land documents, reflecting the continued strong adoption of the e-recording platforms.

In October, the Registry held an in-person seminar titled "How to Research Real Estate Records in Dukes County" held at the Edgartown Public Library. The seminar, was designed for both new users and those with a basic understanding of Dukes County's online real estate resources, aimed to help participants become more proficient in navigating these tools. After the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and received printed resources to support their learning.

Our research website address is [www.masslandrecords.com](http://www.masslandrecords.com) and is free to the public. Currently, Recorded Land documents are available online from 1915 to the present day. All Registered Land documents, Plan Books and Case Files are also available online, as is a large inventory of miscellaneous documents. Additionally, you can find many recorded land documents available in PDF form dating back to the early 1900s in our Book Vault at [www.dukescountydeeds.org](http://www.dukescountydeeds.org).

As we reflect on this past year, we would like to acknowledge the departure of Martha Kane, who has dedicated many years of service to the County. We wish her well in her new endeavors and thank her for her commitment and hard work throughout her tenure. Assistant Register Shannon E. Larsen and Senior Clerk Sarah Levesque continue to deliver valuable support to both our customers and me, maintaining a high standard of service.

The Registry of Deeds is located on the first floor of the Courthouse in Edgartown. The hours of operation are 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays. We can be reached during those hours at 508-627-4025. The fax number is 508-627-7821 and the email address is [registry@dukescounty.org](mailto:registry@dukescounty.org).

Respectfully submitted,

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Register of Deeds

## Seminar at the Edgartown Library

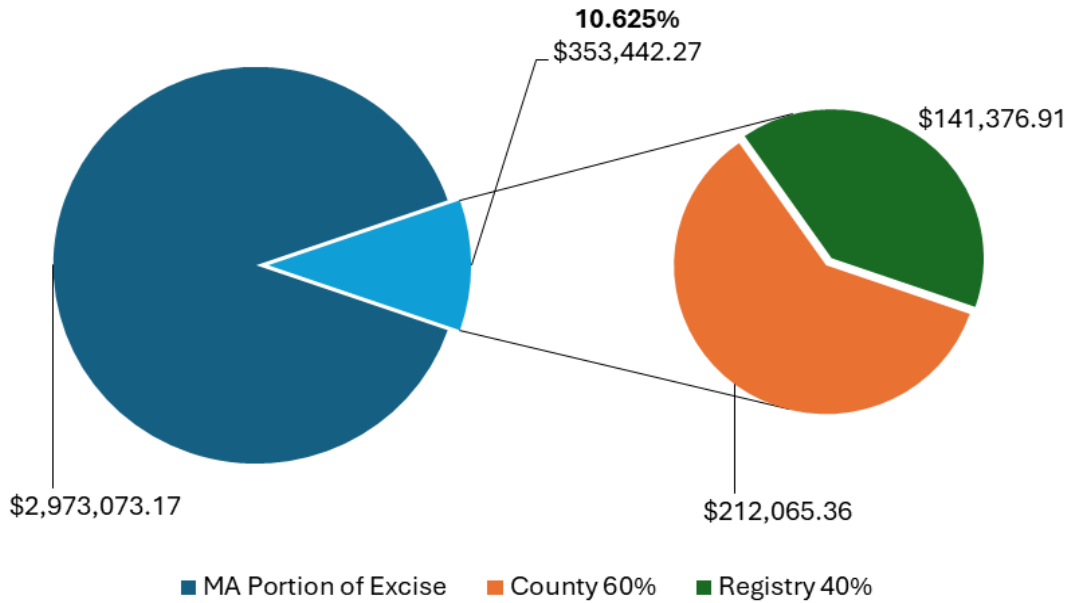


### Revenue Report

	FY' 21	FY' 22	FY' 23	FY' 24
Copies & Postage	\$9,492	\$8,875	\$8,440	\$5,874
Recorded Land Recording	\$175,021	\$157,610	\$107,840	\$99,938
Land Court Recording	\$65,558	\$59,528	\$39,952	\$34,244
Excise to County	\$401,921	\$333,683	\$244,950	\$244,950
Registry Interest	\$4	\$0	\$0	\$0
Excise Interest	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$652,010</b>	<b>\$559,696</b>	<b>\$401,182</b>	<b>\$385,006</b>

## FY' 24 Excise Breakdown

\$3,326,515.44



## Total Excise

