

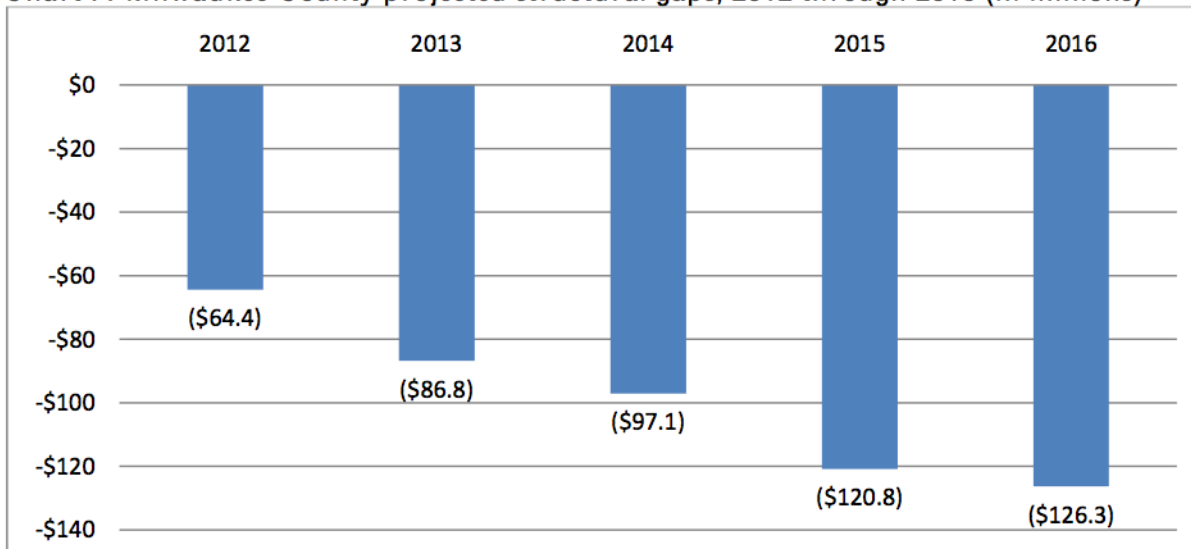
## BUDGET DEFICITS

The state has not ended the year in red under Governor Doyle, yet under Scott Walker's leadership, Milwaukee County has twice ended the year with budget deficits: 2003 & 2004. Like the state, Milwaukee County has frequently announced mid-year budget deficits, which they are required by state constitution to close by the year end.

- 2003: \$3,553,990 budget deficit [Milwaukee County Executive Budgets]
- 2004: \$1,573,366 budget deficit [Milwaukee County Executive Budgets]
- 2005: projected \$10.8 million budget deficit [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 07/28/2005]
- 2006: projected \$10.2 million budget deficit [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 06/19/2006]
- 2007: projected \$4.2 million budget deficit [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 07/20/2007]
- 2008: projected \$6 million budget deficit [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 09/25/2008]
- 2009: projected \$14 million budget deficit [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 06/13/2009]
- 2010: projected \$10 million budget deficit [[WISN](#), 02/22/2010]
- 2011: projected \$44.9 million budget deficit [[Public Policy Forum](#), 07/13/2010]

A recent [report](#) issued by the Milwaukee-based Public Policy Forum, predicts five more years of county deficits, running totaling over \$495 million:

Chart 7: Milwaukee County projected structural gaps, 2012 through 2016 (in millions)



[Public Policy Forum, "Budget Preview: 2011 Milwaukee County Budget, 07/2010]