



Assessing Financial Condition

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Session Objectives

- Understanding where your water system is right now financially
- Learning some standard measures that funders will be concerned with



Can You Sleep at Night?

- Is your system self sufficient?
- Are you able to cover your debt service after paying for your day to day operations?
- If your customers stop paying their bills, how long can you maintain operations?
- Can your system meet its short term obligations?
- How much of your utility's expected life has already run out (and how much is left)?



In terms of your system's finances, how do you sleep at night?

1. Like a baby/cat
2. Some tossing and turning
3. Insomniac
4. Heavily Medicated
5. I'm not sure yet...



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Operating Ratio

Debt Service
Coverage Ratio

Days Cash on
Hand

Current
Ratio

Asset
Depreciation



Whiteboard Video: Financial Benchmarking

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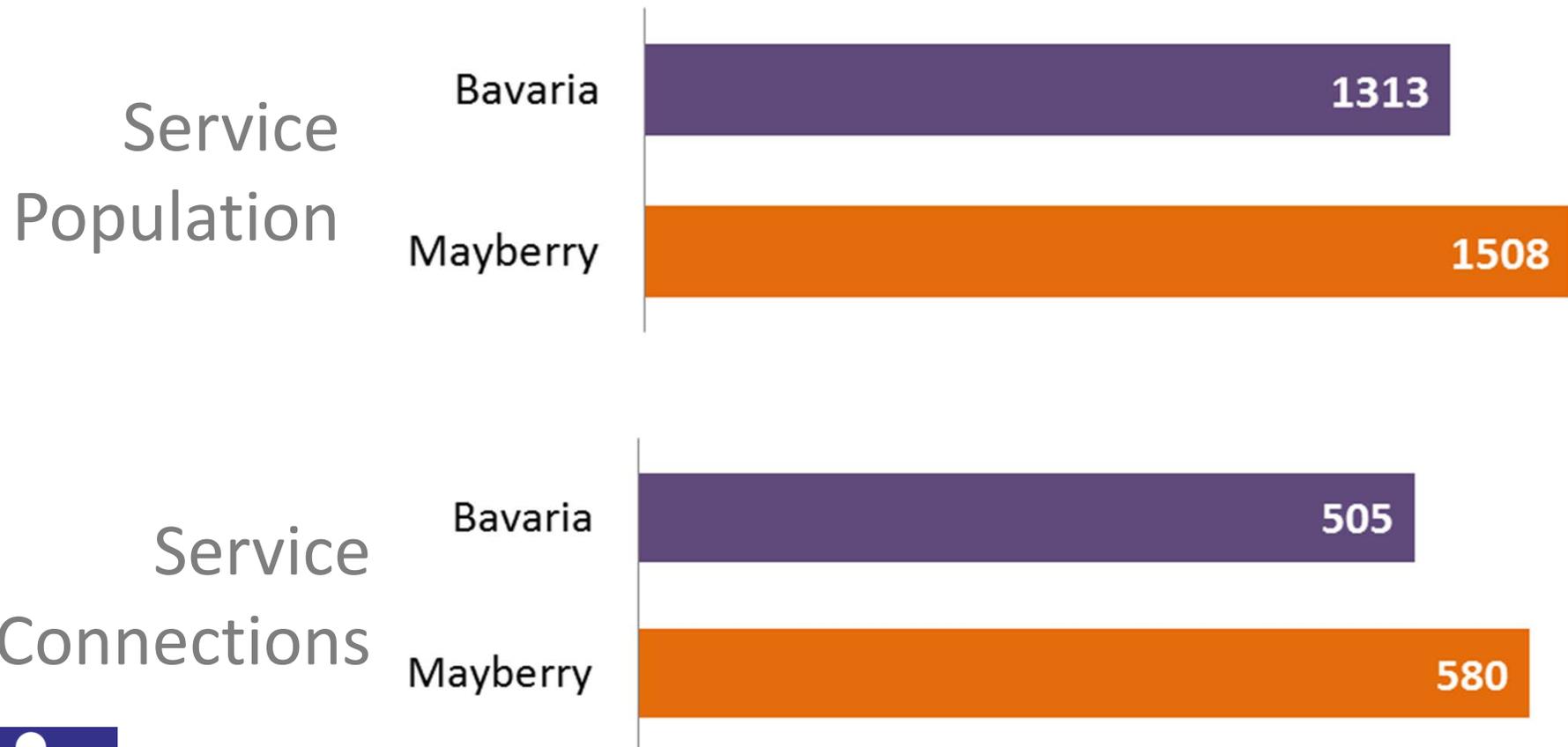
A Tale of Two Systems That Look Similar On Paper...

- **Bavaria** and **Mayberry**
- Two average small town community water systems from the same state

Note: Actual numbers from actual towns



They Serve Similar Populations





They Have Similar Demographics

MHI



Percent Poverty





...Though Vastly Different in Financial Indicators (and In Actual Appearance)



Mayberry



Bavaria



Quick Overview of Financial Statements

MAYBERRY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2010		BAYARIA STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND JUNE 30, 2011	
ASSETS		Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund	
Current Assets		\$ 368,001	(a)
Cash		60,346	(b)
Accounts receivable, net		5,856	
Total Current		640,203	
Capital Assets		177,208	
Land and Improvements		209,556	
Distribution and Collection Systems		22,682	
Less accumulated depreciation		5,873,709	(c)
Total Capital Assets		896,073	
Total Assets		1,454,079	(d)
LIABILITIES		(2,883,225)	
Current Liabilities		30,833	
Accounts payable		5,781,214	
Other payable amounts		421,278	
Total Current Liabilities		6,003,325	(e)
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Deferred maintenance out of related debt			
Total noncurrent liabilities			
Total Liabilities		6,003,325	
NET ASSETS			
Assigned to capital assets out of related debt			
Restricted for other services			
Total net assets			
Total liabilities and net assets			



Statement of Net Assets

- The assets and liabilities of the water system on the day the financial statements were prepared



Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Assets

- Annual operating and non-operating revenues and expenses for the water system
- Also transfers to and from the general fund



Statement of Cash Flows

- Money in and money out of the water system



Notes to Financial Statements

- Explanations, where needed, to the financial statements



Operating Ratio

$$= \frac{\textit{Operating Revenues}}{\textit{Operating Expenses}}$$

Please calculate two numbers—one including depreciation, and one excluding depreciation



Operating Ratio

Including Depreciation

MAYBERRY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	
	<u>Water and Sewer</u>	
OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for services	\$ 444,231	
Grants	0	
Total operating revenues	<u>444,231</u>	- ①
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personnel services	178,885	
Contractual services	63,898	
Other supplies and expense	126,202	③
Depreciation	142,463	
Total operating expenses	<u>511,448</u>	- ②
Operating income (loss)	<u>(67,217)</u>	



Operating Ratio – Mayberry

Including Depreciation

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\$444,231} \\ \text{Operating Revenues (1)} \\ \hline \boxed{\$511,448} \\ \text{Operating Expenses (including depreciation) (2)} \end{array} = \boxed{0.87}$$

1a.



Operating Ratio

Excluding Depreciation

MAYBERRY
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Operating Ratio – Mayberry

Excluding Depreciation

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{1b.} \quad \boxed{\$444,231} \\ \text{Operating Revenues (1)} \\ \hline \boxed{\$368,985} \\ \text{Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation) (2-3)} \end{array} = \boxed{1.20}$$

OE \$511,448
- DEP \$142,463



Debt Service Coverage Ratio

$$= \frac{\textit{Operating Revenues} - \textit{Operating Expenditures (excludes depreciation)}}{\textit{Principal} + \textit{Interest Payments on Long Term Debt}}$$



Debt Service Coverage Ratio

MAYBERRY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

MAYBERRY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	
Grants	
Total operating revenues	
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Personnel services	
Contractual services	
Other supplies and expense	
Depreciation	
Total operating expenses	
Operating income (loss)	

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	
Payments to suppliers	
Payments to employees	
Net cash provided by operating activities	

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Transfers in (out)	
Net cash (used) by noncapital financing activities	

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Loan proceeds	
Purchases of capital assets	
Principal paid on capital debt	
Interest paid on capital debt	
Net cash (used) by capital and related financing activities	

Enterprise Funds
Water and Sewer

\$ 437,947
(187,296)
(178,885)
<u>71,766</u>

(60,000)

(60,000)

0
(39,841)
(49,655)
<u>(35,128)</u>
<u>(124,624)</u>

④





Debt Service Coverage Ratio – Mayberry

OE \$511,448
- Dep \$142,463

\$444,231	-	\$368,985	←	
<i>Operating Revenues (1)</i>		<i>Operating Expenses (2-3)</i> <i>(excluding depreciation)</i>		
			=	0.89
2.		\$84,783		
		<i>Principal & Interest on Long-Term Debt (4)</i>		

P \$49,655
+ I \$35,128



Days of Cash on Hand

$$= \frac{\text{Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents}}{(\text{Operating Expenses} - \text{Depreciation}) / 365}$$



Days of Cash on Hand

MAYBERRY
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2010

Enterprise Funds
Water and Sewer

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash
 Restricted cash
 Receivables, net
 Total current assets

107,706

176,424

41,870

326,000

⑤
⑥

Capital assets

Land and improvements
 Distribution and collection systems
 Buildings
 Less accumulated depreciation
 Total capital assets

10,229

5,732,845

503,398

(2,514,933)

3,731,539

Total Assets

\$ 4,057,539

LIABILITIES



Days of Cash on Hand – Mayberry

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\$107,706} \\ \text{Unrestricted Cash \& Cash Equivalents (5)} \\ \hline \boxed{3.} \quad \frac{\boxed{\$368,985} / 365}{\text{Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation) (2-3)}} = \boxed{107} \end{array}$$

OE \$511,448
- DEP \$142,463



Current Ratio

$$= \frac{\textit{Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents} + \textit{Receivables, net}}{\textit{Current Liabilities}}$$



Now You Calculate For Bavaria



Operating Ratio – Bavaria

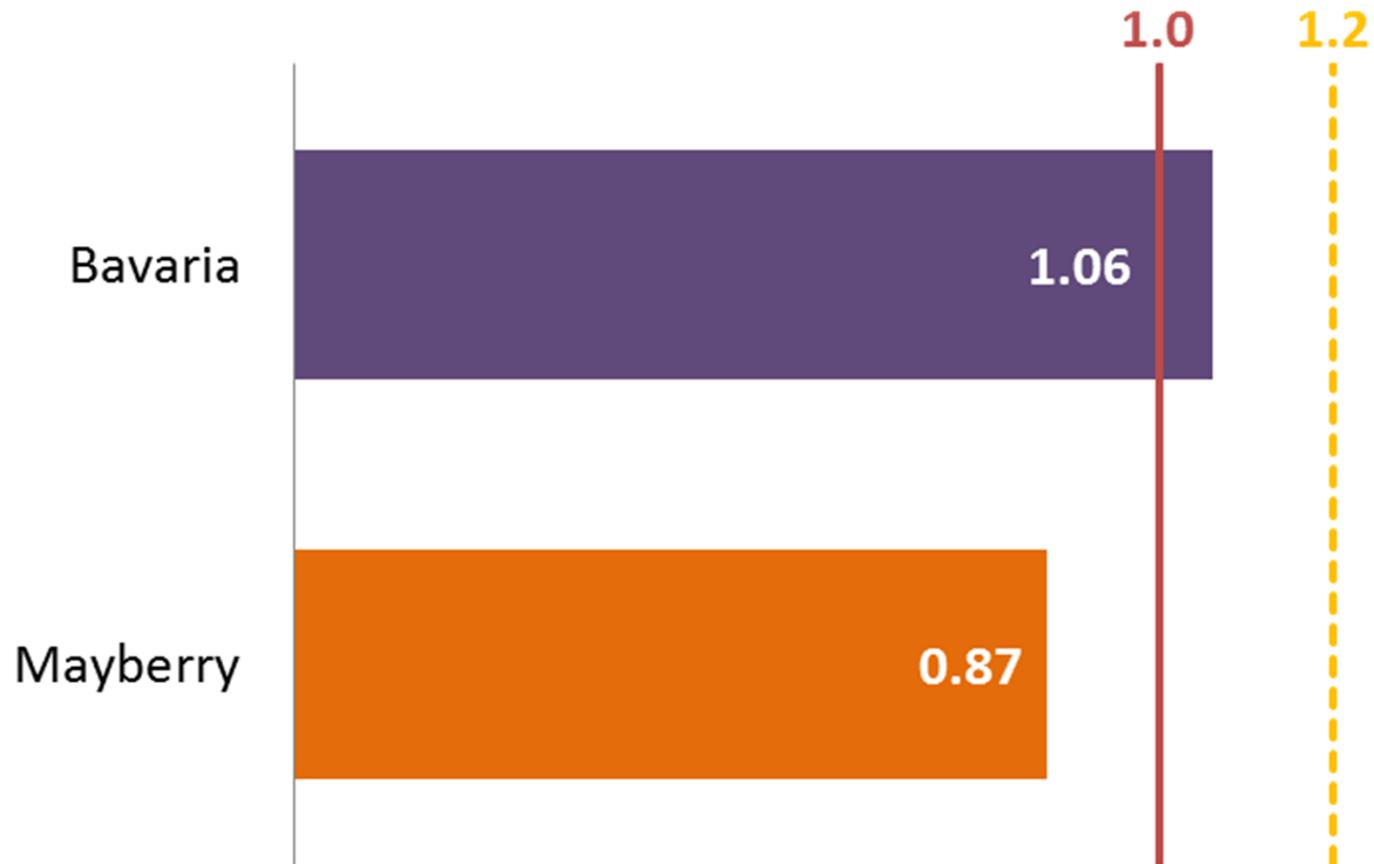
Including Depreciation

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\$709,972} \\ \text{Operating Revenues (1)} \\ \hline \boxed{\$671,333} \\ \text{Operating Expenses (including depreciation) (2)} \end{array} = \boxed{1.06}$$



Operating Ratio

Including Depreciation





Operating Ratio – Bavaria

Excluding Depreciation

1b.
$$\frac{\$709,972}{\$459,082} = 1.55$$

Operating Revenues (1)

Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation) (2-3)

OE \$671,333
- DEP \$212,251



Operating Ratio

Excluding Depreciation





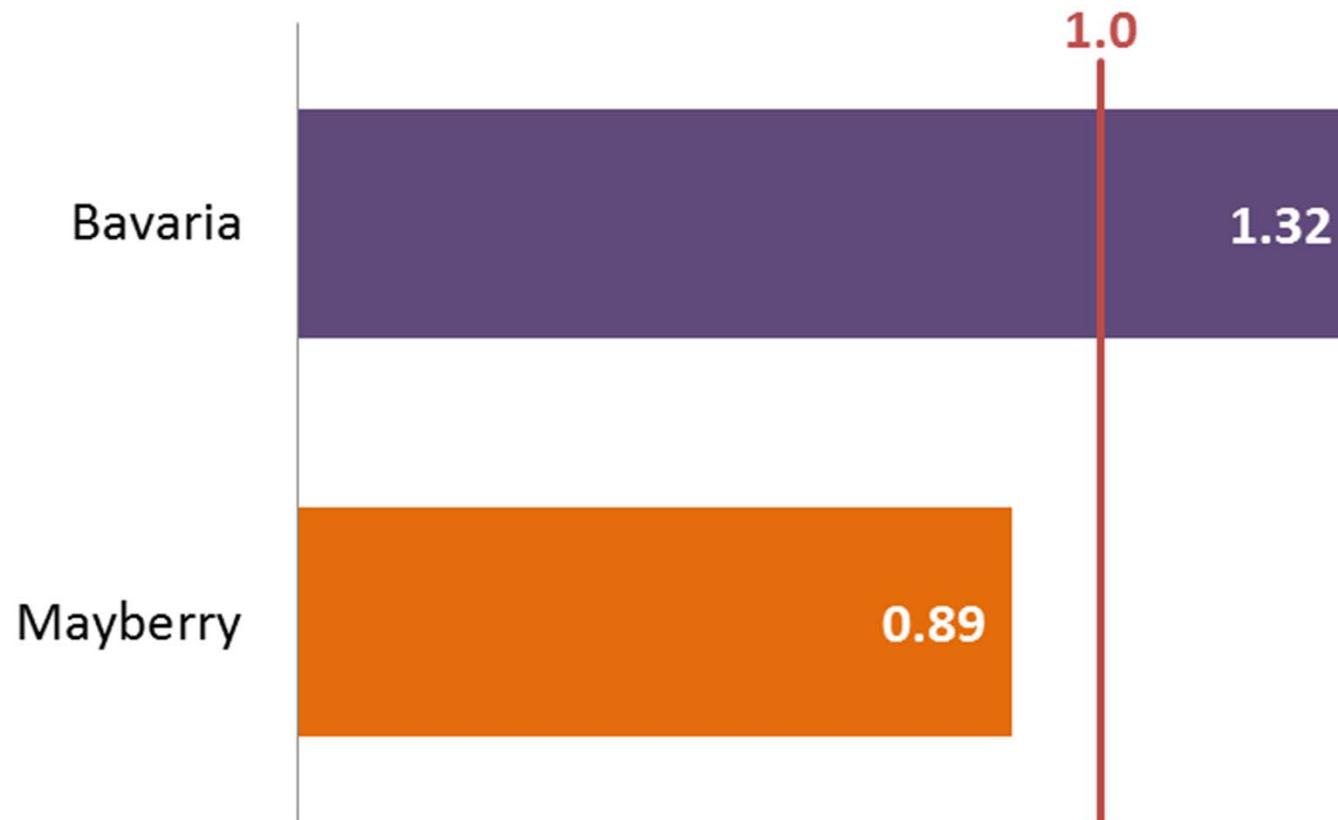
Debt Service Coverage Ratio – Bavaria

OE \$671,333
 - Dep \$212,251

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \boxed{\$709,972} - \boxed{\$459,082} \\
 \text{Operating Revenues (1)} \quad \text{Operating Expenses (2-3)} \\
 \text{(excluding depreciation)} \\
 \hline
 \boxed{2.} \quad \quad \quad = \quad \quad \quad \boxed{1.32} \\
 \boxed{\$190,633} \\
 \text{Principal \& Interest on Long-Term Debt (4)}
 \end{array}$$



Debt Service Coverage Ratio





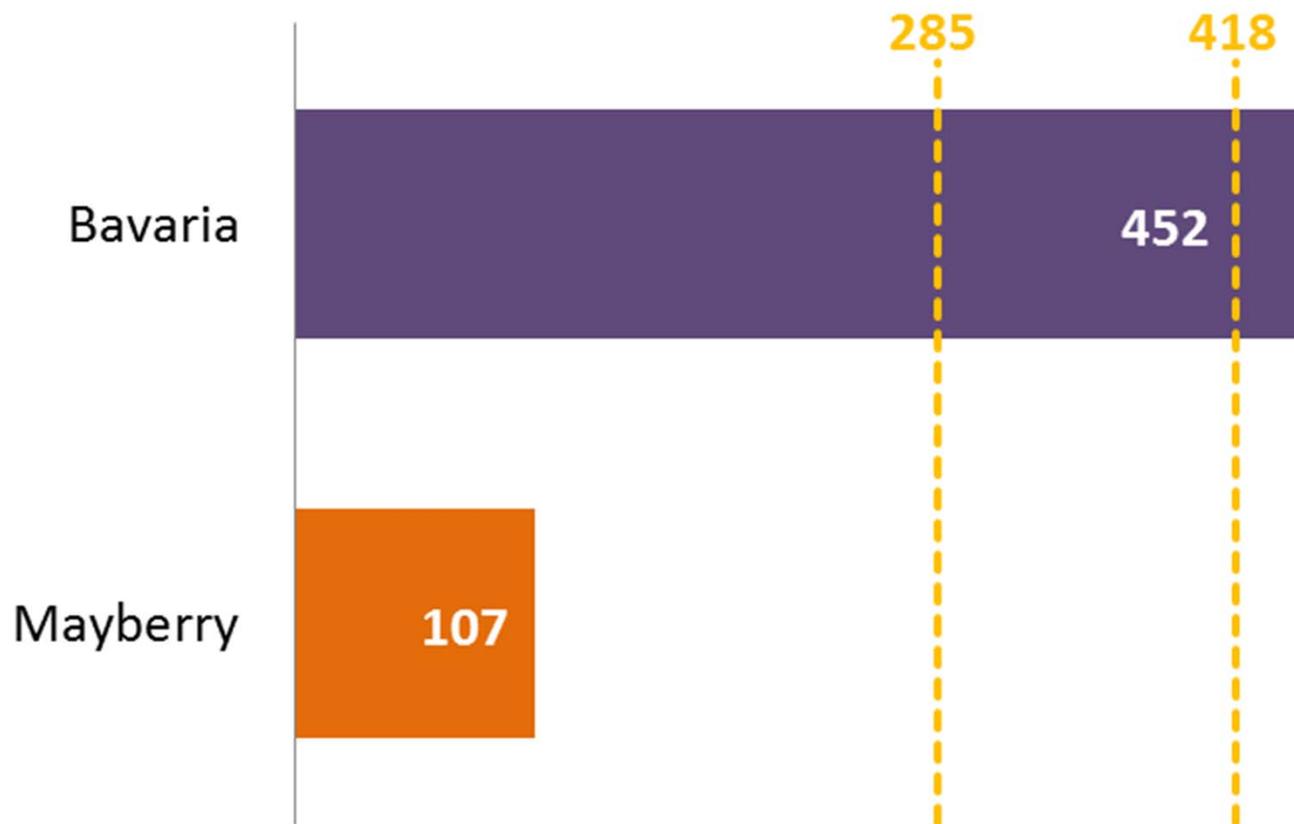
Days of Cash on Hand – Bavaria

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\$568,061} \\ \text{Unrestricted Cash \& Cash Equivalents (5)} \\ \hline \boxed{3.} \quad \frac{\boxed{\$459,082} / 365}{\text{Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation) (2-3)}} = \boxed{452} \end{array}$$

OE \$671,333
- DEP \$212,251



Days of Cash on Hand





Current Ratio – Bavaria

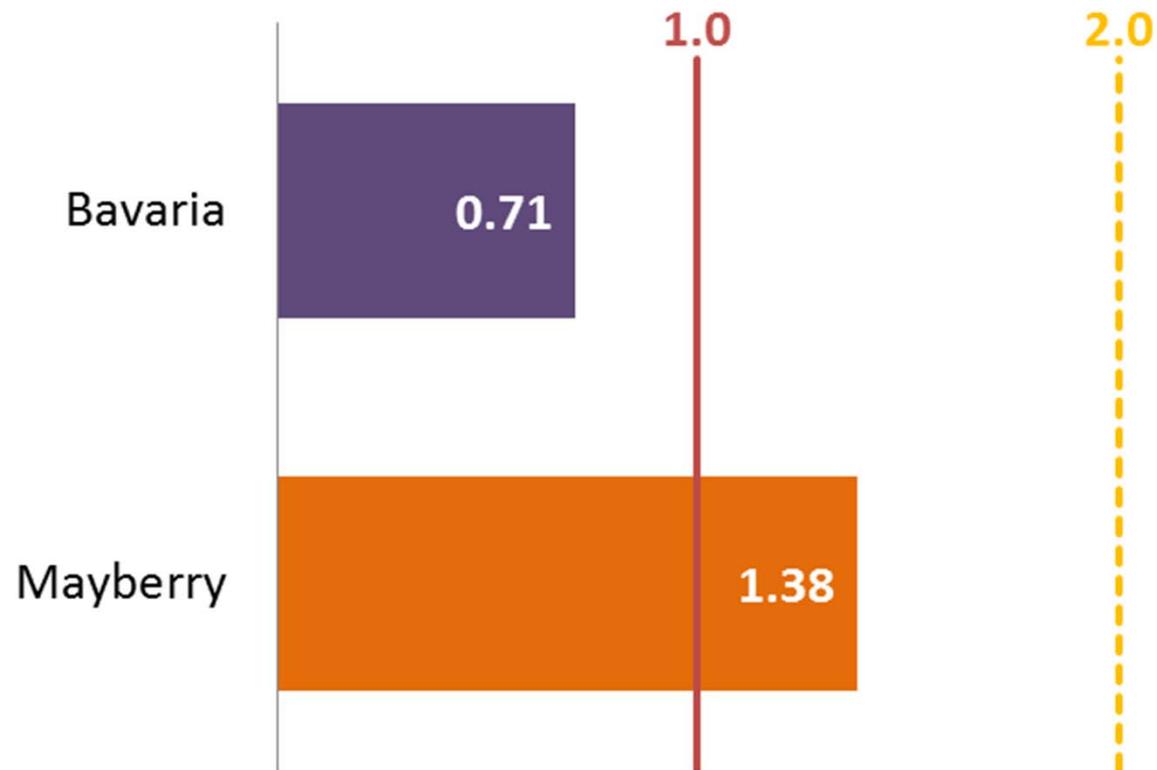
$$4. \frac{\$568,061 + \$66,346}{\$898,474} = 0.71$$

Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents (5) *Receivables, net (6)*

Current Liabilities (7)



Current Ratio





What Happened to Bavaria?

Or

Why the Notes to Financial Statements are Crucial

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements.

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Bavaria corrected

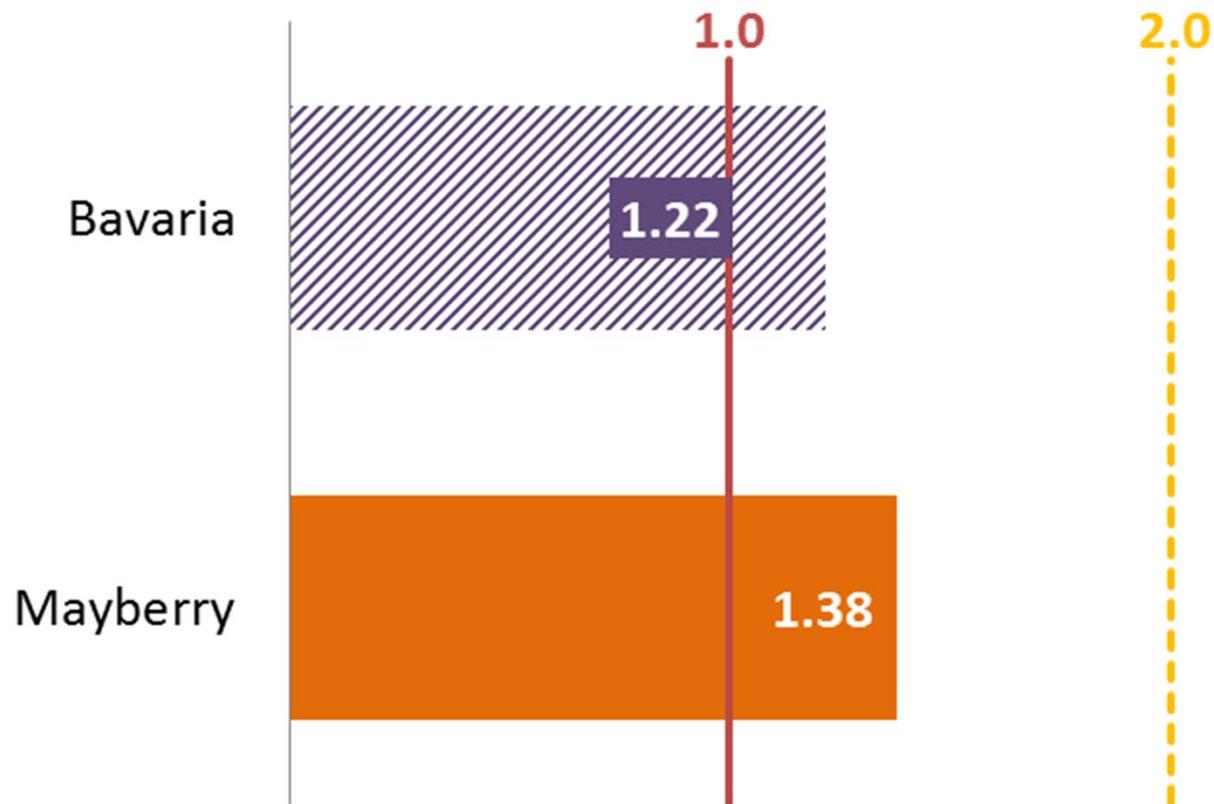
C \$568,061
+ G \$460,005

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{\$1,028,066} + \boxed{\$66,346} \\ \text{Unrestricted Cash \& Cash Equivalents (5)} \quad \text{Receivables, net (6)} \\ \hline \boxed{4.} \quad \quad \quad = \quad \quad \quad \boxed{1.22} \\ \boxed{\$898,474} \\ \text{Current Liabilities (7)} \end{array}$$



Current Ratio

Bavaria Corrected for Missing Grant Funds





One More to Mention: Asset Depreciation*

$$= \frac{\textit{Accumulated Depreciation}}{\textit{Gross Plant and Equipment}}$$

Benchmark? Don't get close to 1.0

*Caveat – This indicator is only as good as your depreciation schedule and even then historic pricing is likely to distort the results.



Why Care About This?

- Funders and ratings agencies care about this
- As you think about the future needs of your system, you have to know where you are starting from



<http://efc.web.unc.edu/2015/02/27/operating-ratio/>



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