

A blue-tinted photograph of industrial machinery, possibly a water treatment plant, featuring large pipes and valves.

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)?

Operating Ratio

Debt Service
Coverage Ratio

Days Cash on
Hand

Current
Ratio

Asset
Depreciation



Whiteboard Video: Financial Benchmarking

<http://www.waterrf.org/Pages/Projects.aspx?PID=4366>





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

Service
Population

Bavaria

1313

Mayberry

1508

Service
Connections

Bavaria

505

Mayberry

580



They Have Similar Demographics

MHI



Percent
Poverty



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		\$ 568,001	(a)
Receivables, net		60,346	(b)
Prepaid expenses		5,856	
Total current assets		640,203	
Capital Assets			
Land and improvements		177,208	
Buildings		209,556	
Equipment		22,982	
Less accumulated depreciation		5,873,769	(c)
Total capital assets		896,073	
Total Assets		1,454,079	(d)
Liabilities		(2,883,225)	
Current liabilities		30,833	
Accounts payable		5,781,215	
Deferred revenue		642,678	
Long-term liabilities			
Bonds payable			
Other long-term liabilities			
Total liabilities			
Net Assets			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt			
Restricted for debt service			
Unrestricted			
Total net assets			
Total liabilities and net assets			



Statement of Net Position

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



Statement of Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Net Position

- 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	<u>142,463</u>	- ②
Total operating expenses	<u>511,448</u>	
Operating income (loss)	<u>(67,217)</u>	



Operating Ratio – Mayberry

Including Depreciation

1a.

$$\frac{\$444,231}{\$511,448} = 0.87$$

Operating Revenues (1)

Operating Expenses (including depreciation) (2)

Operating Ratio

Excluding Depreciation

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Operating Ratio – Mayberry

Excluding Depreciation

1b.

$$\frac{\$444,231}{\$368,985} = 1.20$$

Operating Revenues (1)

Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation) (2-3)

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



Debt Service Coverage Ratio

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

Debt Service Coverage Ratio

MAYBERRY

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

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)
71,766

(60,000)
(60,000)

0
(39,841)
(49,655)
(35,128)
(124,624)

Debt Service Coverage Ratio

– Mayberry

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

\$444,231 - \$368,985

Operating Revenues (1) Operating Expenses (2-3)
(excluding depreciation)

2.

=

0.89

\$84,783

Principal & Interest on Long-Term Debt (4)

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

107,706

Restricted cash

176,424

Receivables, net

41,870

Total current assets

326,000

Capital assets

Land and improvements

10,229

Distribution and collection systems

5,732,845

Buildings

503,398

Less accumulated depreciation

(2,514,933)

Total capital assets

3,731,539

Total Assets

\$ 4,057,539

LIABILITIES

Days of Cash on Hand – Mayberry

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

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

A blue-tinted background image showing industrial machinery, possibly a large pipe or valve, with various mechanical components and bolts visible.

Current Ratio

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

Current Ratio – Mayberry

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \boxed{\$107,706} & + & \boxed{\$41,870} \\ \text{Unrestricted Cash \& } & & \text{Receivables, net (6)} \\ \text{Cash Equivalents (5)} & & \\ \hline \boxed{4.} & & \boxed{1.38} \\ \boxed{\$108,390} & & \\ \text{Current Liabilities (7)} & & \end{array}$$



Now You Calculate For **Bavaria**



Operating Ratio – Bavaria

Including Depreciation

1a.

\$709,972

Operating Revenues (1)

\$671,333

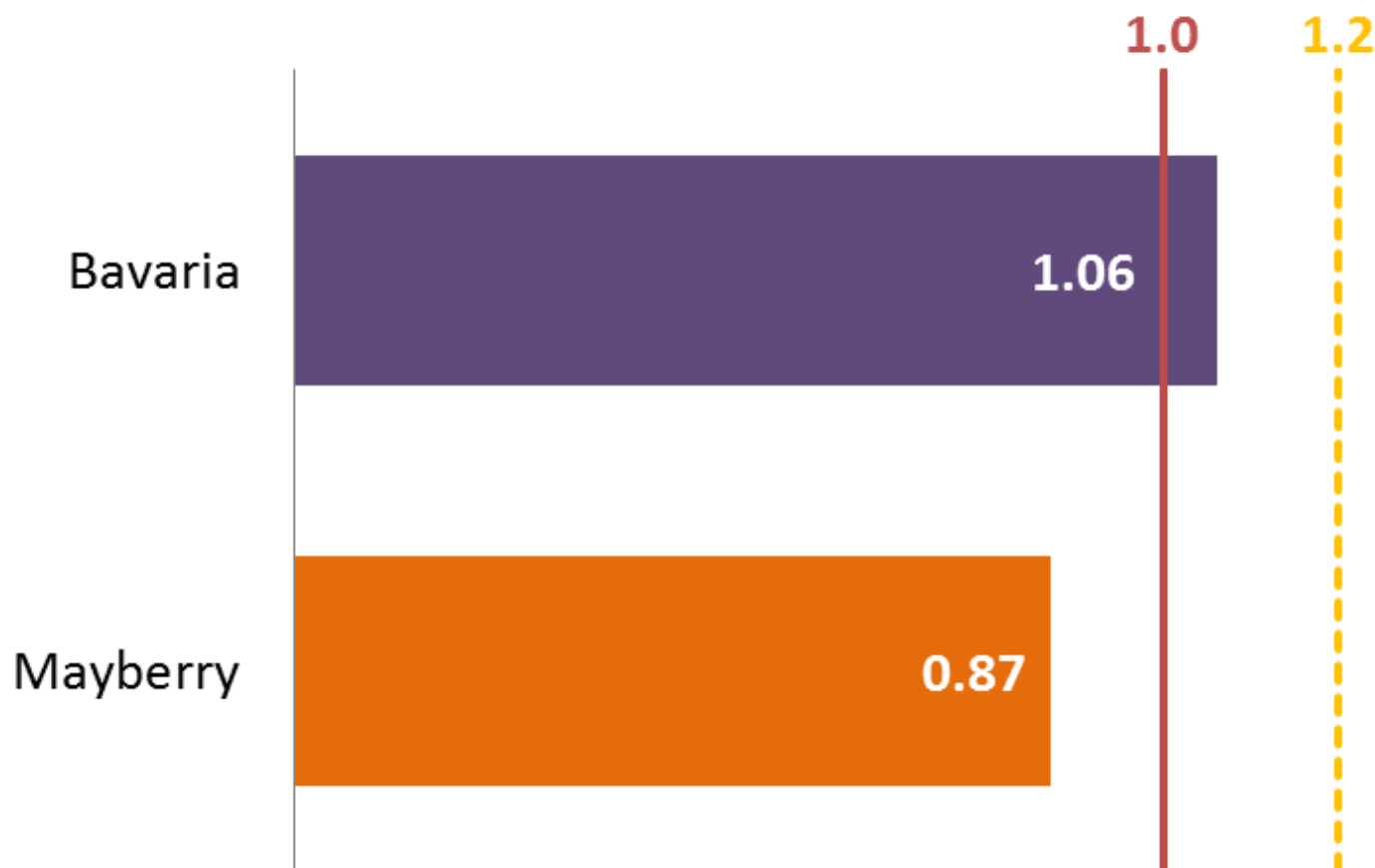
Operating Expenses (including depreciation) (2)

=

1.06

Operating Ratio

Including Depreciation



Operating Ratio – Bavaria

Excluding Depreciation

1b.

\$709,972

Operating Revenues (1)

=

1.55

\$459,082

Operating Expenses (excluding depreciation) (2-3)

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

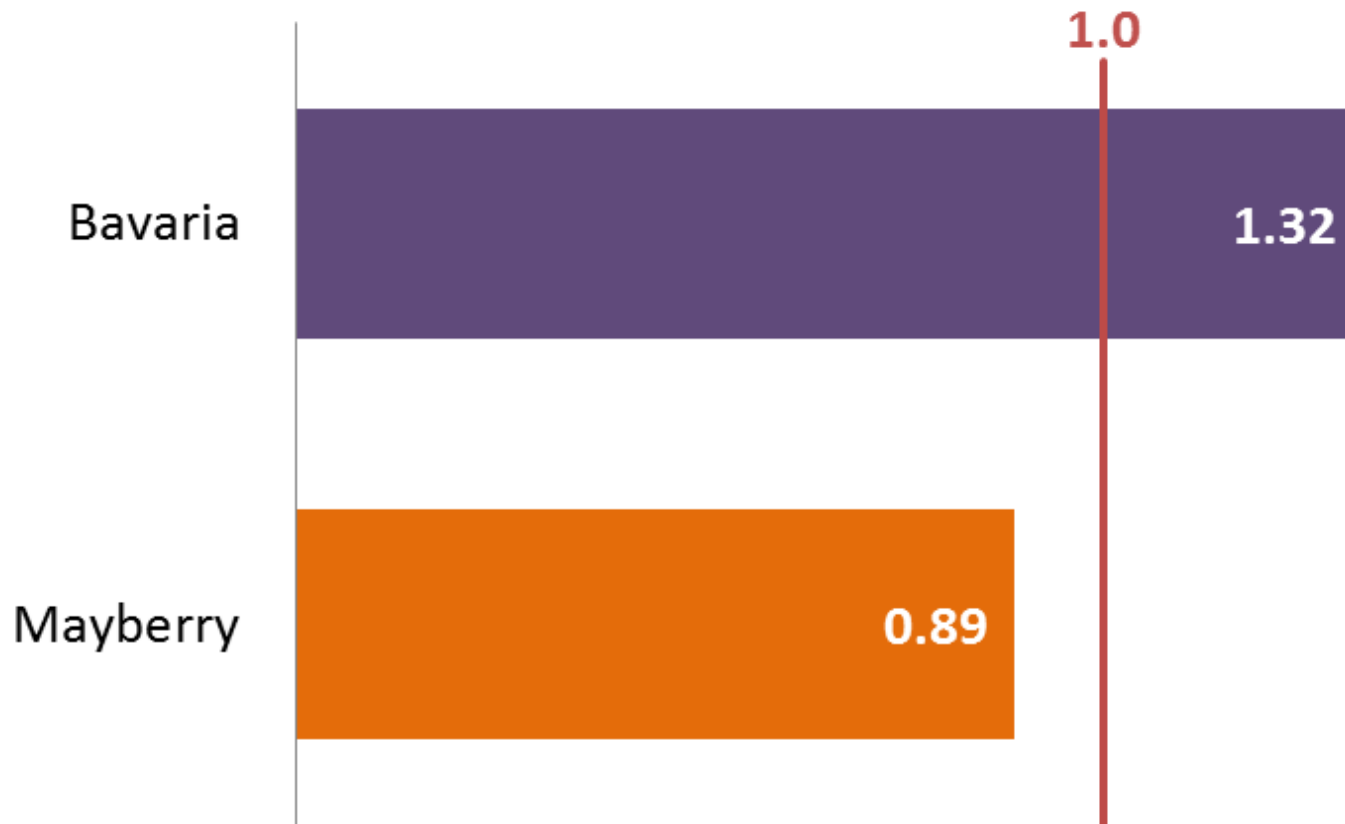
Operating Ratio

Excluding Depreciation



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

Debt Service Coverage Ratio

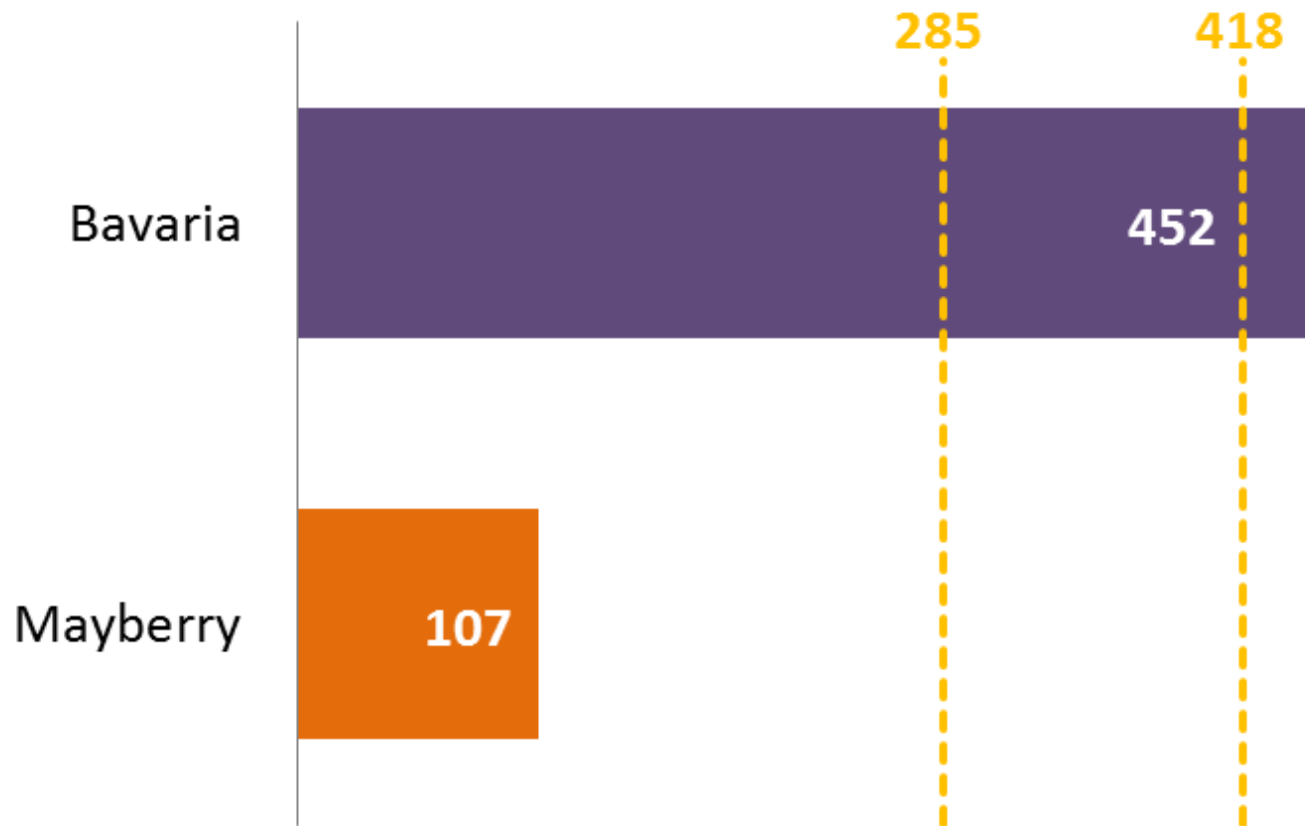


Days of Cash on Hand – Bavaria

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

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

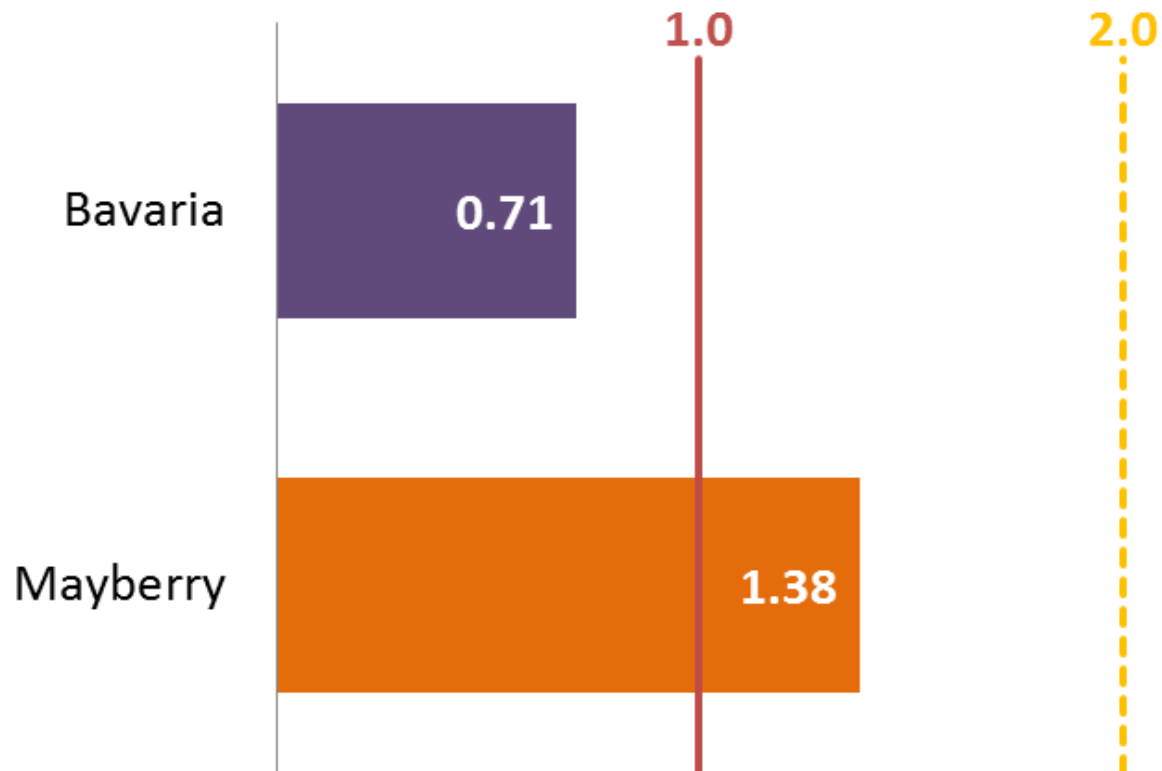
Days of Cash on Hand



Current Ratio – Bavaria

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \boxed{\$568,061} & + & \boxed{\$66,346} \\ \text{Unrestricted Cash \& } & & \text{Receivables, net (6)} \\ \text{Cash Equivalents (5)} & & \\ \hline \boxed{4.} & & \\ \boxed{\$898,474} & = & \boxed{0.71} \\ \text{Current Liabilities (7)} & & \end{array}$$

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.

Bavaria corrected

C \$568,061
+ G \$460.005

\$1,028,066

Unrestricted Cash &
Cash Equivalents (5)

+

\$66,346

Receivables, net (6)

4.

=

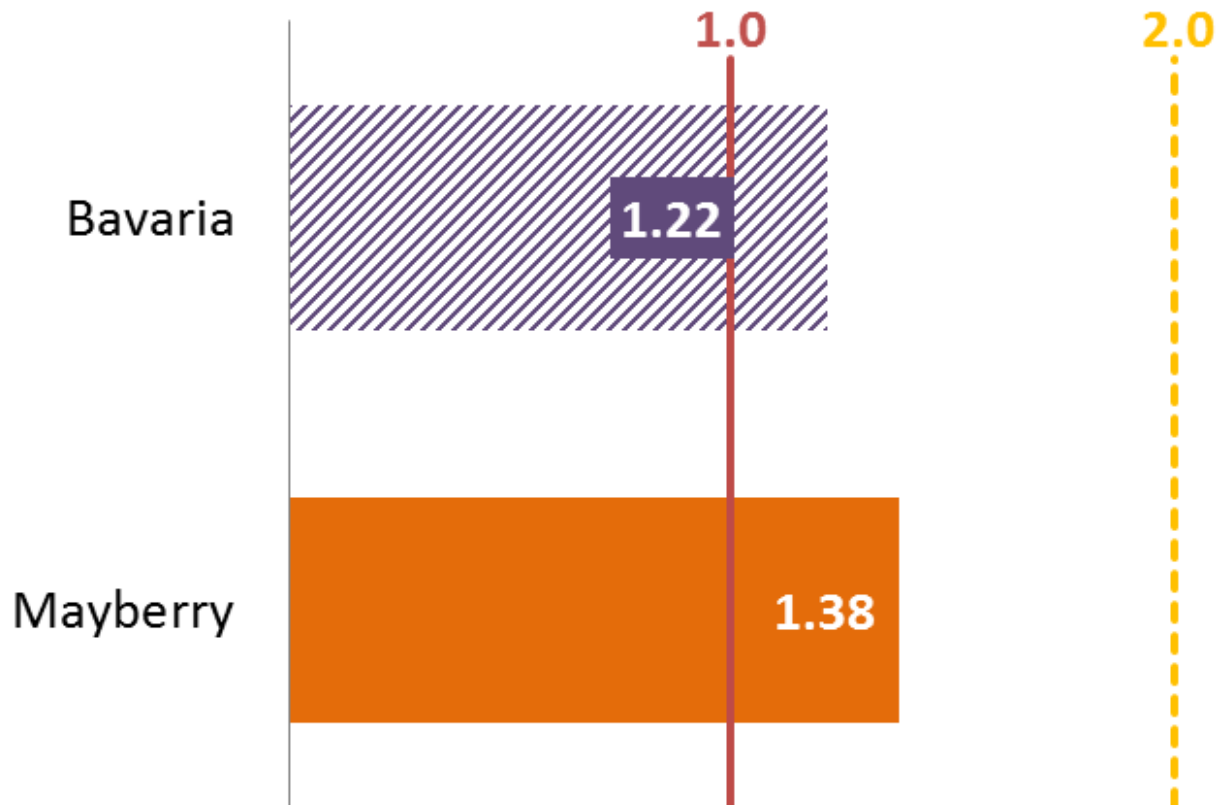
1.22

\$898,474

Current Liabilities (7)

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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Sooooooooooooo....

- Once we figure out where we are, how do we know where we are going?
- How do we estimate the future costs and revenues?