

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2018

County treasurers provide collections data for all taxing districts imposing an ad valorem property tax, either authorized by statute or approved by voters. This data excludes special benefit assessments levied.

Property Taxes due in 2018

- Property taxes due in 2018 grew 14.4 percent to \$13.489 billion, a \$1.695 billion increase
- Collections of taxes due in 2018 grew 14.6 percent to \$13.287 billion, a \$1.695 billion increase
- The collection response rate increased to 98.5 percent in 2018
- Tax roll cancellations (transfer to exempt status, correction of errors, destroyed property, and uncollectible accounts) exceeded tax roll additions (omitted property, property removed from exempt status, and new structures not previously on the rolls) by \$11.4 million. This amount equaled 0.08 percent of the 2018 tax roll.

County Collection Responses

- Thurston County had the highest collection response rate at 104.9 percent
- Thirty-eight counties reported collection response rates of 95 percent or more
- The lowest rate of collection response was 94.6 percent

Delinquent Property Taxes

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2018 tax year) were \$282 million
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$171 million was collection during the year
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 60.5 percent
- Thirty-three counties had a 50 percent or better delinquent tax collection response rate
- Nineteen counties had a 60 percent or better delinquent tax collection response rate

Current and Delinquent Property Taxes

- The combined amount of current and delinquent taxes due in 2018 was \$13.771 billion
- Total collections were \$13.458 billion, which was 97.7 percent of the total due
- Total collections were 99.8 percent of the current rolls
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2018 were up 5.4 percent to \$297 million, an increase of \$15.3 million.