# **PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2013**

Collections data are obtained from county treasurers for all taxing districts imposing an ad valorem property tax, either authorized by statute or approved by voters. Special benefit assessments levied on other than an ad valorem basis are not included.

## **Property Taxes due in 2013**

- Property taxes due in 2013 grew 1.7 percent to \$9.682 billion, a \$225 million increase
- Collections of taxes due in 2013 grew 2.6 percent to \$9.480 billion, a \$243 million increase
- The collection response rate increased 0.2 percent to 97.9 percent in 2013
- 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 \$8.2 million. This amount equaled 2.0 percent of the 2013 tax roll.

## **County collection responses**

- Garfield county had the highest collection response rate at 99.4 percent
- Thirty five counties reported collection response rates of 95 percent or more
- The lowest rate of collection response was 90.7 percent

### **Delinquent Property Taxes**

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2013 tax year) were \$327 million
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$205 million was collection during the year
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 57.4 percent
- Thirty two counties had a 50 percent or better delinquent tax collection response rate
- Eleven 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 2013 was \$10.039 billion
- Total collections were \$9.686 billion, which was 96.5 percent of the total due
- Total collections were 100.0 percent of the current rolls
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2013 were down 11.1 percent to \$327.2 million, a decrease of \$40.7 million.