

## **PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2014**

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 2014**

- Property taxes due in 2014 grew 3.9 percent to \$10.042 billion, a \$361 million increase
- Collections of taxes due in 2014 grew 3.9 percent to \$9.847 billion, a \$367 million increase
- The collection response rate increased 0.2 percent to 98.1 percent in 2014
- 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 \$13.4 million. This amount equaled 1.8 percent of the 2014 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 91.6 percent

### **Delinquent Property Taxes**

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2014 tax year) were \$327 million
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$186 million was collection during the year
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 56.9 percent
- Twenty-nine counties had a 50 percent or better delinquent tax collection response rate
- Nine 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 2014 was \$10.369 billion
- Total collections were \$10.033 billion, which was 96.8 percent of the total due
- Total collections were 99.9 percent of the current rolls
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2014 were down 5.5 percent to \$309.2 million, a decrease of \$18.0 million.