

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2023

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 2023

- Property taxes due in 2023 increased 5.8% to \$17.2 billion, a \$937.1 million increase.
- Collections of taxes due in 2023 increased 5.6% to \$16.9 billion, a \$896.3 million increase.
- The collection response rate decreased to 98.3% in 2023.
- 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 \$9.5 million. This amount equaled 0.06% of the 2023 tax roll.

County Collection Responses

- Kitsap County had the highest collection response rate at 99.0%.
- Thirty-nine counties reported collection response rates of 95.0% or more.
- The lowest rate of collection response was 95.7%.

Delinquent Property Taxes

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2023 tax year) were \$385.5 million.
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$199.7 million was collected during the year.
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 51.8%.
- Thirty-two counties had a 50% or better delinquent tax collection response rate.
- Sixteen counties had a 60% or better delinquent tax collection response rate.

Current and Delinquent Property Taxes

- The combined amount of current and delinquent taxes due in 2023 was \$17.6 billion.
- Total collections were \$17.1 billion, which was 97.3% of the total due.
- Total collections were 99.4% of the current rolls.
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2023 were up 9.3% to \$427.4 million, an increase of \$36.3 million.