

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2024

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 2024

- Property taxes due in 2024 increased 4.5% to \$18.0 billion, a \$780.4 million increase.
- Collections of taxes due in 2024 increased 5.6% to \$17.7 billion, a \$775.4 million increase.
- The collection response rate remained the same at 98.3% in 2024.
- 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 \$28.3 million. This amount equaled 0.16% of the 2024 tax roll.

County Collection Responses

- Whatcom County had the highest collection response rate at 100.4%.
- Thirty-eight counties reported collection response rates of 95.0% or more.
- The lowest rate of collection response was 92.5%.

Delinquent Property Taxes

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2024 tax year) were \$378.6 million.
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$205.7 million was collected during the year.
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 54.3%.
- Twenty-nine counties had a 50% or better delinquent tax collection response rate.
- Eleven 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 2024 was \$18.4 billion.
- Total collections were \$17.9 billion, which was 97.4% of the total due.
- Total collections were 99.5% of the current rolls.
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2024 were down 1.3% to \$385.9 million, a decrease of \$5.1 million.