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Our Mission

To achieve the highest level of voluntary compliance and customer service through collaboration and innovation.

Our Vision

To fairly and effectively collect revenues and administer programs to fund public services and advocate sound tax policy.

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How will the new state property tax rate to fund education affect your wallet? It all depends on where you live.

A change to state law raised the school portion of the state's property tax rate. This means you will pay a new rate starting in 2018. The rate will be \$2.70 per \$1,000 of your house's fair market value. **However, this tax rate adjusts based on the county you live in.**

The final tax rate that appears on your 2018 tax bill is based on:

- how close your county's property valuations are to fair market value, *and*
- other legal adjustments (such as court-ordered refunds and unpaid property taxes in your county)

This process ensures the state tax rate (\$2.70) is equally applied to all property owners across Washington. We included a graphic on the back page to explain this process better.

This change does not affect groups already taking exemptions such as senior citizens, nonprofits, and the disabled.

Why did this state tax rate change?

This new state tax rate comes from the legislative obligation to fund the state's basic education program.

What was the state tax rate in 2017?

Before this law passed, the state tax rate was \$1.89 per \$1,000 of your house's fair market value (adjusted according to where you live). You can find out your 2017 adjusted county rate by contacting your local county assessor's office, looking at your most recent bill, or checking your county's website using your last name or property address.

When will I know my 2018 tax rate?

Although this timeline varies by county, you will see this change online or in your 2018 property tax bill. Contact your county assessor's office for more information.

When do I need to start paying this new tax rate?

You need to pay this new tax rate starting in 2018. Counties generally send your bill by mid-February. If you use an escrow payment schedule, your dates may vary.

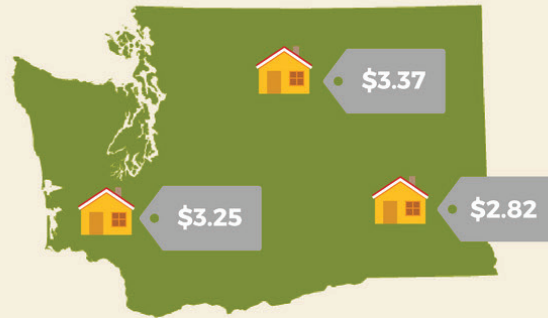
Will my tax rate change again?

The new state tax rate (\$2.70) will remain the same from 2018-2021. However, like we mentioned before, your specific amount adjusts based on your county.

Funding Education



The state portion of your property taxes will increase in 2018 to help fund basic education. The rate set by our Legislature is \$2.70 per \$1,000 of market value. The actual rate you pay varies depending on how your county assesses properties. This makes sure that properties of equal market value across the state pay the same amount to fund basic education.



The rate you pay depends on the assessment values in your county. The closer the assessed value is to market value, the closer the rate will be to \$2.70. The example below shows how different rates help equalize the total amount you and similar property owners pay.

County A



Market Value \$100,000

PROPERTY TAX BILL

Assessed value	\$100,000
Tax rate	\$2.70
Total Tax	\$270.00

County B



Market Value \$100,000

PROPERTY TAX BILL

Assessed value	\$80,000
Tax rate	\$3.37
Total Tax	\$270.00

The revenue counties collect as a result of this property tax increase go to support our state's public schools.

