

## **PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2019**

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 2019**

- Property taxes due in 2019 decreased 2.85 percent to \$13.104 billion, a \$384.9 million decrease
- Collections of taxes due in 2019 decreased 2.87 percent to \$12.906 billion, a \$381.2 million decrease
- The collection response rate remained the same at 98.5 percent in 2019
- 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 \$9.52 million. This amount equaled 0.07 percent of the 2019 tax roll

### **County Collection Responses**

- Kittitas County had the highest collection response rate at 99.4 percent
- All thirty-nine counties reported collection response rates of 95 percent or more
- The lowest rate of collection response was 95.1 percent

### **Delinquent Property Taxes**

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2019 tax year) were \$346 million
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$181 million was collected during the year
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 52.2 percent
- Thirty-four counties had a 50 percent or better delinquent tax collection response rate
- Thirteen 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 2019 was \$13.450 billion
- Total collections were \$13.086 billion, which was 97.3 percent of the total due
- Total collections were 99.9 percent of the current rolls
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2019 were up 11.1 percent to \$330 million, an increase of \$33 million