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Homes are for sale on Harbon Drive, above, and Brookstone Drive, below, in the Heritage subdivision on Hurricane Road in Franklin. Three out of four homeowners will see a significant drop in their 2008 property tax bills according to an analysis by Johnson County's information technology department.



FIND OUT YOUR PROPERTY TAX RATE

The following is a list of Johnson County's taxing districts and the total property tax rates. Rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation. Use the chart to find out your rate. Example: If you live in Franklin Township and in the city of Franklin, your 2008 rate is \$3.62 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

	2007	2008	2007-08 % change
Blue River Township (Edinburgh schools)			
Township	\$2.09	\$2.12	1.4%
Amity Fire District	2.20	2.23	1.4%
Edinburgh town and library	3.93	3.96	0.8%
Edinburgh town, county library	3.87	3.90	0.8%
Clark Township (Clark-Pleasant schools)			
Township	2.54	2.46	-3.1%
Needham Fire District	2.57	2.50	-2.7%
Whiteland Fire District	2.58	2.59	0.4%
Greenwood city, county library (new)	na	2.97	na
Franklin Township (Franklin schools)			
Township	2.27	2.53	11.5%
Amity Fire District	2.35	2.61	11.1%
Bargersville Fire District	2.44	2.69	10.2%
Hensley Fire District	2.29	2.54	10.9%
Needham Fire District	2.28	2.54	11.4%
Whiteland Fire District	2.30	2.63	14.3%
Franklin city	3.33	3.62	8.7%
Whiteland Fire District, Whiteland town	2.56	2.91	13.7%
Hensley Township (Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson schools)			
Township, Hensley Fire District	1.91	1.89	-1.0%
Trafalgar, Hensley Fire District	2.40	2.41	0.4%
Needham Township (Franklin schools)			
Township, Needham Fire District	2.27	2.53	11.5%
Amity Fire District	2.34	2.60	11.1%
Franklin city	3.32	3.61	8.7%
Nineveh Township (Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson schools)			
Township, Nineveh Fire District	1.90	1.88	-1.1%
Prince's Lakes, Nineveh Fire District	2.23	2.21	-0.9%
Trafalgar, Hensley Fire District	2.41	2.42	0.4%
Pleasant Township			
Clark-Pleasant schools, county library	2.56	2.50	-2.3%
Clark-Pleasant schools, Greenwood library	2.58	2.50	-3.1%
Greenwood schools, county library	1.88	1.81	-3.7%
Greenwood schools, Greenwood library	1.89	1.82	-3.7%
Whiteland Fire District, Clark-Pleasant schools	2.58	2.59	0.4%
Franklin city, Clark-Pleasant schools	3.61	3.57	-1.1%
Greenwood city, Greenwood schools	2.40	2.30	-4.2%
Greenwood city and schools, county library	2.38	2.29	-3.8%
Greenwood city and library, Clark-Pleasant schools	3.08	2.99	-2.9%
Greenwood city, Clark-Pleasant schools, county library	3.07	2.98	-2.9%
Whiteland Fire District, Whiteland town, Clark-Pleasant schools	2.84	2.86	0.7%
New Whiteland town, Clark-Pleasant schools	3.00	2.95	-1.7%
Whiteland town east, Whiteland fire, Clark-Pleasant schools (new)	na	2.59	na
Union Township (Franklin Community schools)			
Bargersville Fire District	2.42	2.67	10.3%
Hensley Fire District	2.28	2.52	10.5%
Bargersville Fire District and town	3.04	3.21	5.6%
White River Township (Center Grove schools unless designated)			
Bargersville Fire District	2.08	2.07	-0.5%
White River Fire District	2.10	2.09	-0.5%
Bargersville Fire District and town	2.70	2.61	-3.3%
Greenwood city, county library	2.43	2.40	-1.2%
County library, Greenwood city, White River Fire District	2.50	2.43	-2.8%
County library, Greenwood schools and city	2.39	2.30	-3.8%

SOURCE: Johnson County auditor

Numbers are rounded

Franklin schools Franklin city Mallory Circle

\$151,700 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$2,774.36	\$2,225.02
Decrease: \$594.34; 19.8 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$1.48
County	\$149.02
Township	\$9.90
City	\$702.88
Library	\$50.04
School	\$1,308.34
Solid waste	\$3.38

Franklin schools Franklin Township (outside city) Brandon Court

\$190,200 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$2,647.18	\$2,179.28
Decrease: \$467.90; 17.7 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$2.06
County	\$208.84
Township	\$59.80
Library	\$70.14
School	\$1,833.70
Solid waste	\$4.74

Franklin schools Franklin Township (outside city) Leerkamp Drive

\$122,100 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$1,334.42	\$1,139.72
Decrease: \$194.70; 14.6 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$1.08
County	\$109.22
Township	\$31.28
Library	\$36.68
School	\$958.98
Solid waste	\$2.48

Clark-Pleasant schools Pleasant Township Combs Road

\$199,600 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$3,229.92	\$2,453.16
Decrease: \$776.76; 24 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$2.36
County	\$238.20
Township	\$67.70
Library	\$80.00
School	\$2,059.50
Solid waste	\$5.40

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

Property taxes are used by local governments, including cities, towns, counties, townships and schools, to pay teachers, build schools and other buildings, for parks, police and fire protection, libraries and poor relief. Use the following examples of property tax bills to see what your bill might be. Assessed valuation is the approximate market value of your home.

\$326,700 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$4,510.12	\$3,436.34
Decrease: \$1,073.78; 23.8 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$3.94
County	\$398.20
Township	\$13.64
Fire district	\$385.88
Library	\$133.72
School	\$2,491.92
Solid waste	\$9.04

\$207,600 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$4,100.64	\$3,290.66
Decrease: \$809.98; 19.8 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$2.18
County	\$220.38
Township	\$14.64
City	\$1,039.52
Library	\$74.00
School	\$1,934.94
Solid waste	\$5.00

\$172,000 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$3,110.28	\$2,418.38
Decrease: \$691.90; 22.5 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$2.02
County	\$204.94
Township	\$2.96
Town	\$231.58
Fire district	\$131.40
Library	\$68.82
School	\$1,772.00
Solid waste	\$4.64

\$136,000 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$2,102.90	\$1,105.96
Decrease: \$996.94; 47.4 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$1.16
County	\$116.42
Township	\$1.68
City	\$262.16
Library	\$43.70
School	\$678.20
Solid waste	\$2.64

\$259,200 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$2,490.42	\$2,506.40
Increase: \$15.98; less than 1 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$2.90
County	\$293.96
Township	\$10.08
Fire district	\$255.30
Library	\$90.68
School	\$1,838.92
Solid waste	\$6.66

\$135,800 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$1,793.70	\$960.98
Decrease: \$832.72; 46.4 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$1.04
County	\$105.18
Township	\$5.42
Town	\$143.24
Library	\$35.32
School	\$647.74
Solid waste	\$2.38

AT A GLANCE

Here's a look at some figures related to this year's tax bills (more figures, [Page A2](#)):

75 percent Percentage of residential bills that went down	30.6 percent Number of residential bill decreases in the 20-29 percent range	20 percent Estimated percentage of residential bills that went up	80 percent Percentage of agricultural bills that went up
76 percent Percentage of commercial bills that went up	19 percent Commercial bills that dropped	77 percent Percentage of industrial bills that went up	20 percent Industrial bills that fell

WHAT'S UP, WHAT'S DOWN

These are individual property tax rates for Johnson County's schools, libraries, fire districts, cities and towns.

	2007	2008	2007-08 % change
Schools			
Clark-Pleasant	\$2.14	\$2.10	-1.9%
Greenwood	1.46	1.41	-3.4%
Edinburgh	1.68	1.74	3.6%
Franklin	1.85	2.13	15.1%
N-H-J	1.48	1.49	0.7%
Center Grove	1.50	1.52	1.3%
Libraries			
County	0.09	0.08	-11.1%
Greenwood	0.10	0.09	-10%
Edinburgh	0.14	0.14	0.0%
Cities, towns, county			
Franklin	1.09	1.12	2.8%
Greenwood	0.55	0.53	-3.6%
Edinburgh	1.80	1.79	-0.1%
Bargersville	0.62	0.54	12.9%
Prince's Lakes	0.33	0.33	0.0%
New Whiteland	0.50	0.51	2.0%
Whiteland	0.26	0.27	3.8%
Trafalgar	0.49	0.52	6.1%
County	0.26	0.24	-7.7%
Fire districts			
Amity	0.13	0.13	0.0%
Needham	0.06	0.06	0.0%
Whiteland	0.07	0.16	128.6%
Bargersville	0.22	0.21	-4.5%
Hensley	0.07	0.06	-14.3%
Nineveh	0.05	0.05	0.0%
White River	0.23	0.23	0.0%

Numbers are rounded.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bills mailed: On or before **Oct. 20**

When they're due: For most taxpayers, including homeowners who pay their taxes through an escrow account, farmland and business owners, the total amount of taxes is due **Nov. 12**.

Making installments: Homeowners who do not pay their taxes through an escrow account have the option to pay in three installments. Fifty percent of the total taxes would be due **Nov. 12**; 25 percent would be due **Dec. 12**; and the rest would be due **Jan. 12**. Homeowners have to fill out a form and agreement at the treasurer's office to be eligible for the payment plan.

HOW TO PAY

Local banks will accept payments, including Chase, First National, Heartland, Huntington, Irwin Union, Lincoln, MainSource and M&I. Taxpayers also can mail their payments. They also have the option to pay the bill online at [www.johnsontax.net](#).

Center Grove schools Greenwood city Oak Ridge Way

\$143,600 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$1,687.62	\$1,274.64
Decrease: \$412.98; 24.5 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$1.28
County	\$128.60
Township	\$4.40
City	\$289.54
Library	\$43.18
School	\$804.72
Solid waste	\$2.92

Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson schools Trafalgar town Lakewood Drive

\$84,700 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$684.22	\$485.90
Decrease: \$198.32; 29 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$0.48
County	\$48.80
Township	\$0.86
Town	\$104.96
Library	\$16.38
School	\$300.58
Solid waste	\$1.10

Franklin schools Franklin city Mallory Circle

\$190,200 Assessed valuation	
2007 bill	2008 bill
\$2,647.18	\$2,179.28
Decrease: \$467.90; 17.7 percent	
Where the money goes (2008)	
State	\$xxx
County	\$xxx
Township	\$xxx
Fire district	\$xxx
Library	\$xxx
School	\$xxx
Solid waste	\$xxx