

PROPERTY TAXES: WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

Your property tax bill should be in the mail around mid-July. But here are examples of bills that might help give you an idea about what you can expect. 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. The assessed valuation is the approximate market value of your home before you take any deductions. The first installment (half of the bill) will be due in mid-August. An exact date is still being determined, according to county auditor Jan Richhart. Some numbers may not add up because they are rounded.

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**Center Grove schools
White River Township
Brentridge Court**
\$344,200
Assessed valuation (2007)

\$309,100
Assessed valuation (2006)

2005 bill	2006 bill	2007 bill
\$3,745.62	\$3,644.70	\$4,510.12
Increase: \$865.42; 24 percent		

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$5.16
County	\$561.24
Township	\$17.84
Fire district	\$500.22
Library	\$191.24
School	\$3,222.62
Solid waste	\$ 11.82

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**Center Grove schools
Greenwood city
Oak Ridge Way**
\$144,900
Assessed valuation (2007)

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2005 bill	2006 bill	2007 bill
\$1,698.36	\$1,588.70	\$1,687.62
Increase: \$98.92; 6.2 percent		

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$1.66
County	\$181.34
Township	\$5.76
City	\$392.04
Library	\$61.78
School	\$1,041.22
Solid waste	\$ 3.82

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**Clark-Pleasant schools
Greenwood city
Padre Lane, Greenwood**
\$136,300
Assessed valuation (2007)

\$125,400
Assessed valuation (2006)

2006 bill	2007 bill
\$1,887.68	\$2,150.72
Increase: \$263.04; 13.9 percent	

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$1.68
County	\$182.38
Township	\$2.38
City	\$394.28
Library	\$72.62
School	\$1,493.56
Solid waste	\$ 3.84

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**Franklin schools
Franklin city
Windstar Boulevard**
\$215,700
Assessed valuation (2007)

\$194,600
Assessed valuation (2006)

2005 bill	2006 bill	2007 bill
\$2,602.44	\$3,458.50	\$4,100.64
Increase: \$642.14; 18.6 percent		

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$2.96
County	\$321.34
Township	\$19.32
City	\$1,368.52
Library	\$109.50
School	\$2,272.26
Solid waste	\$ 6.76

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**Franklin schools
Franklin township
Brandon Court (outside city)**
\$206,800
Assessed valuation (2007)

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Assessed valuation (2006)

2005 bill	2006 bill	2007 bill
\$1,896.40	\$2,582.52	\$2,647.18
Increase: \$64.66; 2.5 percent		

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$2.80
County	\$304.38
Township	\$77.50
Library	\$103.72
School	\$2,152.38
Solid waste	\$ 6.40

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**Center Grove schools
White River Township
Thornbriar Lane, Bargersville**
\$213,300
Assessed valuation (2007)

\$213,000
Assessed valuation (2006)

2006 bill	2007 bill
\$2,168.92	\$2,490.42
Increase: \$321.50; 14.8 percent	

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$2.86
County	\$312.26
Township	\$9.92
Fire district	\$259.42
Library	\$106.40
School	\$1,792.98
Solid waste	\$ 6.58

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**Clark-Pleasant schools
Whiteland town
Park Forest North Drive**
\$185,900
Assessed valuation (2007)

\$170,300
Assessed valuation (2006)

2005 bill	2006 bill	2007 bill
\$2,691.12	\$2,711.34	\$3,110.28
Increase: \$398.94; 15 percent		

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$2.64
County	\$286.46
Township	\$3.72
Town	\$285.90
Fire district	\$82.04
Library	\$97.60
School	\$2,345.90
Solid waste	\$ 6.04

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**Indian Creek schools
Trafalgar town
Lakewood Drive**
\$88,400
Assessed valuation (2007)

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Assessed valuation (2006)

2005 bill	2006 bill	2007 bill
\$701.26	\$763.68	\$684.22
Decrease: \$79.46; 10.4 percent		

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$0.68
County	\$74.46
Township	\$1.22
Town	\$139.42
Fire district	\$20.56
Library	\$25.36
School	\$420.96
Solid waste	\$ 1.56

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**Franklin schools
Union Township
County Road 100N, Bargersville**
\$206,700
Assessed valuation (2007)

\$171,700
Assessed valuation (2006)

2006 bill	2007 bill
\$2,258.06	\$2,951.86
Increase: \$693.80; 30.7 percent	

Where the money goes (2007)

State	\$2.92
County	\$318.32
Township	0
Fire district	\$264.46
Library	\$108.46
School	\$2,250.98
Solid waste	\$ 6.70

WHAT'S UP, WHAT'S DOWN

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

Schools	2006	2007	% change
Clark-Pleasant	\$2.06	\$2.14	3.9%
Greenwood	1.37	1.46	6.6%
Edinburgh	1.60	1.68	5.0%
Franklin	1.82	1.85	1.6%
N-H-J	1.53	1.48	-3.3%
Center Grove	1.40	1.50	7.1%

Libraries

County	0.10	0.09	-10.0%
Greenwood	0.10	0.10	0%
Edinburgh	0.14	na	na

Cities, towns, county

Franklin	1.07	1.09	1.9%
Greenwood	0.53	0.55	3.8%
Edinburgh	1.75	na	na
Bargersville	0.60	0.62	3.3%
Prince's Lakes	0.43	0.33	-23.3%
New Whiteland	0.49	0.50	2.0%
Whiteland	0.25	0.26	4.0%
Trafalgar	0.37	0.49	32.4%
County	0.24	0.26	8.3%

Fire districts

Amity	0.11	0.13	18.2%
Needham	0.06	0.06	0%
Whiteland	0.09	0.07	-22.2%
Bargersville	0.17	0.22	29.4%
Hensley	0.04	0.07	75.0%
Nineveh	0.06	0.05	-16.7%
White River	0.26	0.23	-11.5%

Numbers are rounded

HERE'S THE BAD NEWS

Nearly 83 percent of homeowners in Johnson County will see their property tax bills go up, according to an analysis of residential bills done by the county's computer services department.

About 12 percent of the bills will go down, leaving about 5 percent that will stay the same.

Of the 83 percent who will get an increase, about 45 percent will see their bills go up between 1 and 19 percent. Here's the breakdown for bills that are going up.

Increase 1 to 9 percent: 22.6 percent

Increase 10 to 19 percent: 22.7 percent

Increase 20-29 percent: 16.9 percent

REMEMBER THE REBATE

Don't forget the property tax rebate lawmakers granted homeowners earlier this year.

The rebates are based on a home's market value and a state formula that would give an equal percentage of the money to homeowners across the state.

On average, the owner of a \$151,000 home would receive \$236 this fall and a credit of \$320 on next year's tax bill.

The example is based on the average value of homes in Indiana.

For example, the owner of a \$302,000 home would get a check for \$472 this year and a credit of \$640 next year.

Similarly, if your home is worth less, you'll receive less. The owner of a \$100,000 home will get \$156 this year.

SOURCES: Johnson County auditor, treasurer and computer services department