

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

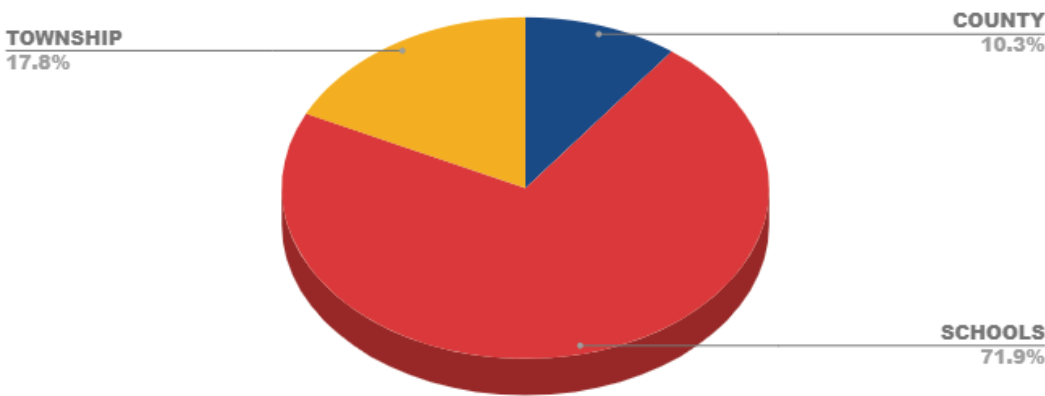
## 2019 TAX INFORMATION



The 2019 tax rate is \$2.612 per \$100 of assessed value, an increase of about 2.3% compared to 2018. While the municipal portion of the property tax rate increased about 1.5%, both the local school district (the largest portion of property taxes) and regional school district rates increased about 2.8%.

About 17.8% of your property taxes funds the municipal government, which provides services such as police and public works as well as vehicles and equipment for volunteer fire and first aid organizations. The municipal government also collects property taxes for the county, regional school district (9-12) and local school district (K-8). The county receives 10.3% of your property taxes, the regional school district 22.5% and the local school district 49.4%. The charts below show this distribution as well as the statewide average in 2018. For more info on property taxes in our state you can find the New Jersey Homeowner's Guide to Property Taxes from NJCPA, New Jersey Realtors and the Association of Municipal Assessor of New Jersey at [njpropertytaxguide.com/](http://njpropertytaxguide.com/)

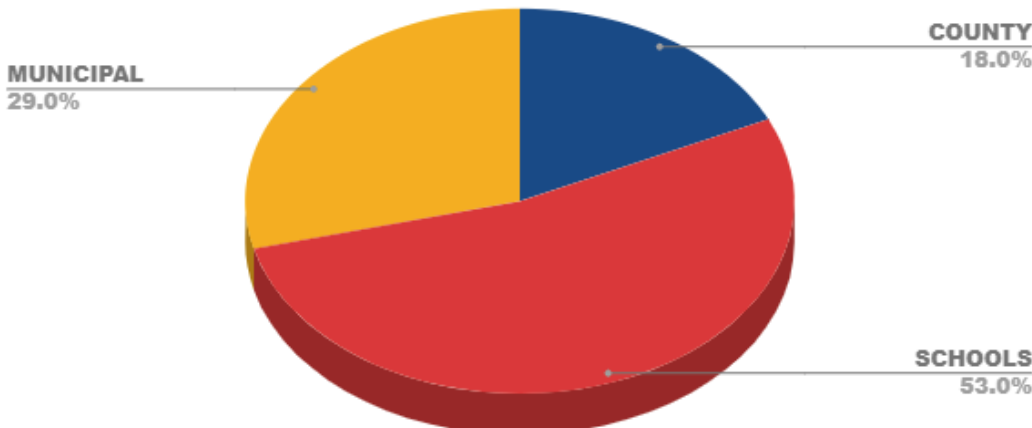
### 2019 WASHINGTON TWP. PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION



Compared to other municipalities in Morris County, Washington Township had the second lowest share of property taxes funding municipal services (including library and open space) in 2018 at 18% and the highest percent of property taxes funding schools at 71.5%.

The average residential property taxpayer in Washington Township paid \$11,209 in 2018. At \$2,017 the average amount paid for municipal taxes was sixth lowest in the county. At \$8,020 the average amount paid in school taxes was 13th highest of 39 municipalities in the county.

### STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAXES

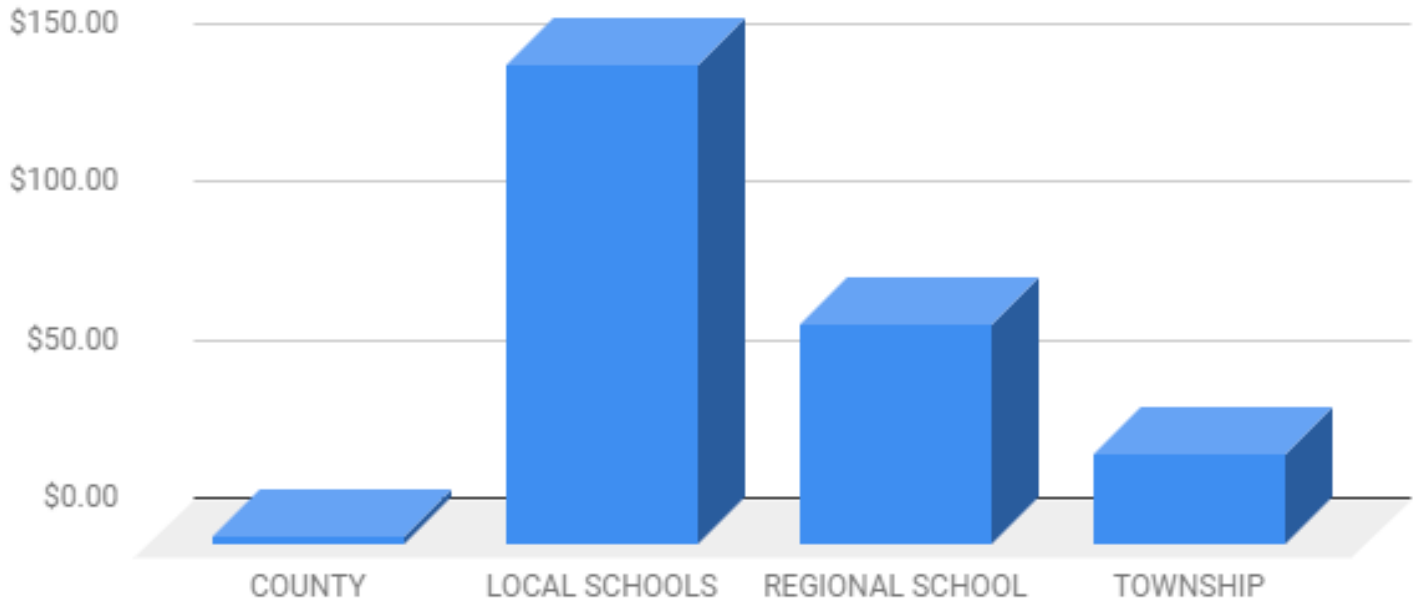


Statewide tax information is available at [https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/property\\_tax.html](https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/property_tax.html)

Comparative data for 2019 is not yet available; continue to the reverse for changes in Washington Twp taxes.

# CHANGES IN TAX LEVIES 2018-2019

For the average assessed home of \$436,000, total 2019 taxes will be about \$253 more for a home assessed the same in 2018. Of that, \$152 is due to the local school district increase, \$70 to the regional school district and \$29 to the municipality.



## MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES PER CAPITA

With a census bureau population of 18,533 in Washington Township, estimated municipal property taxes per person in 2019 of \$709; in 2018 it was \$701. This was the third lowest municipal tax per person of any municipality in Morris County in 2018 and for several years prior. Though comparative data is unavailable at this time, barring any extraordinary tax increases or decreases in other municipalities it will likely remain the third lowest municipal tax rate in the county. Total taxes per person (including county and school taxes) will be \$3,970; in 2018 it was \$3,894.

## CHANGES IN STATE AID TO SCHOOLS

As you may be aware, the state has changed its funding formula for school aid to reflect changes in student enrollment. School funding information from the state can be found at:

<https://www.nj.gov/education/stateaid/1920/>

While the 2019 property tax levy is based on 2019 municipal and county budgets; school budgets run with the school year. The 2019 portion of the tax levy for the school districts is based on half of the 18-19 school budgets and half the 19-20 budgets.

More tax and budget information can be found on the township website by scanning the QR code or by visiting:



<https://tinyurl.com/y4hp4ozt>