

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS IN 2015

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 2015

- Property taxes due in 2015 grew 4.6 percent to \$10.509 billion, a \$466 million increase
- Collections of taxes due in 2015 grew 5.0 percent to \$10.341 billion, a \$494 million increase
- The collection response rate increased 0.3 percent to 98.4 percent in 2015
- 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 \$7.3 million. This amount equaled 0.1 percent of the 2015 tax roll.

County Collection Responses

- Cowlitz County had the highest collection response rate at 100.5 percent
- Thirty-seven counties reported collection response rates of 95 percent or more
- The lowest rate of collection response was 94.8 percent

Delinquent Property Taxes

- Delinquent taxes (taxes on the rolls prior to the 2015 tax year) were \$312 million
- Of the above amount, plus additions, \$188 million was collection during the year
- The statewide delinquent tax response rate was 60.4 percent
- Thirty-four counties had a 50 percent or better delinquent tax collection response rate
- Fourteen 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 2015 was \$10.820 billion
- Total collections were \$10.529 billion, which was 97.3 percent of the total due
- Total collections were 100.2 percent of the current rolls
- Delinquent taxes due at the end of 2015 were down 7.5 percent to \$286 million, a decrease of \$23.1 million.