



PROPERTY TAXES IN DES MOINES



In Des Moines, roughly 40 percent of properties belong to non-taxable entities. For those that do pay property taxes, the City of Des Moines receives approximately \$0.35 for every \$1.00 a property owner is billed each year.

The remainder of your property tax bill is determined by Broadlawns County Hospital, DART, Des Moines Public Schools, DMACC, Polk County and the State of Iowa.

Property taxes are billed and collected by the Polk County Treasurers Office, then distributed to each of the taxing authorities mentioned above.

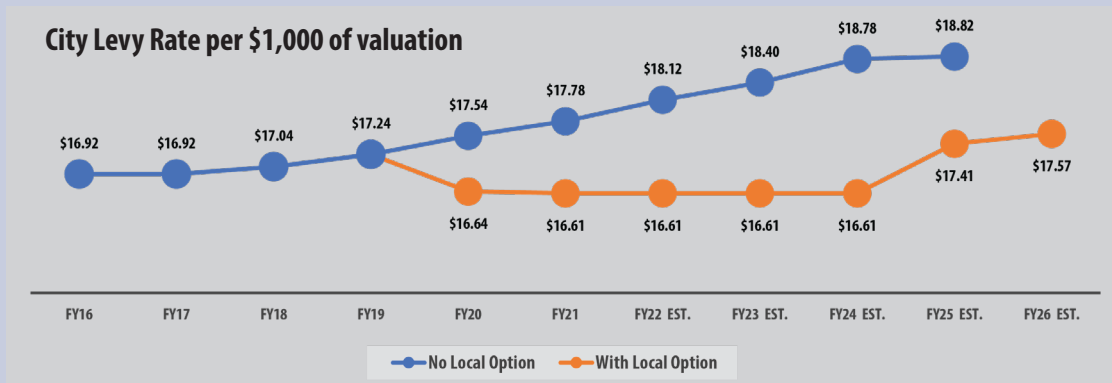


Broadlawns County Hospital	City of Des Moines	DART	Des Moines Public Schools	DMACC	Polk County
5.68%	35.29%	2.01%	39.54%	1.35%	15.53%

Polk County Assessor & Extension, State of Iowa
0.61%

As Des Moines has grown and aged, the need for additional investment in the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to repair and replace Des Moines' streets and storm sewers became more and more burdensome for property tax payers.

When the Local Option Sales & Services tax was approved by voters in 2019, Des Moines City Council provided relief to property owners in the form of an immediate \$0.60 reduction to the City's levy rate to \$16.64 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The new rate for FY 2021 is even lower, at \$16.61.



City Council is committed to continuing to use *at least* 50 percent of annual Local Option revenue to keep property taxes lower, while continuing an aggressive effort to update aging infrastructure over the next five years. Learn more at [DSM.city/localoption](https://www.dsm.city/localoption).

So you might ask: **"If the City of Des Moines has lowered its property tax levy rate, why did my bill still increase?"**

Answer: Increased property assessment values, set by the Polk County Assessor's Office based on fair market rates.

	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21
City Levy Rate	17.24	16.64	16.61
Assessed Value	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 162,000
State Rollback	55.6209 %	56.9180 %	55.0743 %
Taxable Value	80,094	81,962	89,220
Gross Tax Bill	\$ 1,380	\$ 1,364	\$ 1,483
Homestead Exemption	\$ (84)	\$ (81)	\$ (81)
Net Property Tax Bill	\$ 1,296	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,402

The table to the left shows how the property tax bill was determined for a house in Des Moines over the past three years.

Learn more about how property taxes in the State of Iowa and Polk County are determined by visiting:

<https://tax.iowa.gov/iowa-property-tax-overview>

<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/county-assessor>