



Texas Taxpayer Tools: Property Taxes

Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it. ~Thomas Paine

How much does my school district put upon area homeowners and businesses? How fast have property taxes been trending up over the last two decades? How many special districts are in my area? Where can I find information about my specific property tax bill?

Learning how to answer these questions is easier than you think! By using the array of online transparency tools available, Texas taxpayers can get informed about property taxes and hold elected officials accountable.

Below are four easy-to-use tools that Texans can use to scan the tax data of most cities, counties, school districts, and special districts; search for the contact information for their special districts; study statewide property tax trends; and stay informed on the particulars of their property.



SCAN: [Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Rates and Levies](https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/rates/index.php)

The Texas Comptroller's office maintains a comprehensive database of local property tax information on specific jurisdictions that includes market values, taxable values, tax rates, tax levies, and more. Accompanying the database is a data visualization tool that helps bring the information to life!

Link: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/rates/index.php>



SEARCH: [Texas Comptroller's Special Purpose District Public Information Database](https://spdpid.comptroller.texas.gov/)

This tool lets taxpayers search for important information about their special districts, like its type, its tax rates, its physical address, its contact information, its board members, and more. The site also includes a glossary with useful definitions for key terms.

Link: <https://spdpid.comptroller.texas.gov/>



STUDY: [Texas Comptroller's Biennial Property Tax Report](https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/reports/index.php)

Every two years, the state publishes a new report on Texas' property tax system, giving taxpayers high-level information on the size of the tax in relation to other revenue streams, the types of entities collecting the tax, and how fast it has grown over time. The website also includes a data visualization tool that helps Texans see the whole picture.

Link: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/reports/index.php>



STAY INFORMED: [Your Appraisal District, Your Property Search](#)

Most, if not all, appraisal district websites feature a property search tool that lets taxpayers find their properties by owner name, property address, account number, or other detail. Using this tool, interested Texans can discover a wealth of information on the property itself, its market and appraised values, its roll value history, the governmental entities that impose taxes on the property, and more.

Need help? Contact the Texas Public Policy Foundation's [James Quintero](#) or [Shelby Sterling](#) at (512) 472-2700.