

2009 DEARBORN COUNTY PROPERTY TAX REPORT

WITH COMPARISONS TO 2007 AND 2008

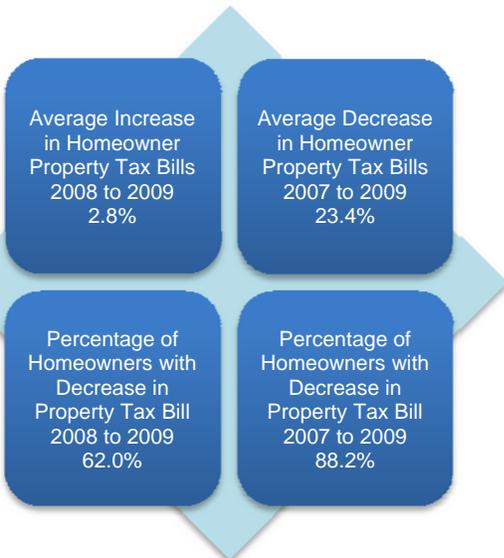


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In March 2008, the Indiana General Assembly enacted the most substantial property tax reforms in 35 years. Many of these reforms took effect for the first time in 2009. Property taxes for the school general fund, county welfare funds, and several smaller funds were eliminated and their costs taken over by the state. State property tax replacement credits and most state homestead credits were eliminated, with the money used to fund added state school and welfare costs. Homeowners received a new 35% deduction from their homestead assessments. Property tax caps limited tax bills to a fixed percentage of property assessments. These caps were 1.5% for homesteads, 2.5% for other housing and farmland, and 3.5% for all other property. Taxpayers with tax bills higher than these caps received added tax credits. Local governments did not collect the property tax amounts above the caps.

Details of Changes to Homeowner Property Tax Bills Dearborn County



| Change in Tax Bill | Change from 2008 to 2009 | | Change from 2007 to 2009 | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | Number of Homesteads | % Share of Total | Number of Homesteads | % Share of Total |
| 20% or More | 2,028 | 16.8% | 388 | 3.2% |
| 10% to 19% | 670 | 5.6% | 364 | 3.0% |
| 1% to 9% | 1,881 | 15.6% | 653 | 5.4% |
| 0% | 10 | 0.1% | 13 | 0.1% |
| -1% to -9% | 4,150 | 34.4% | 1,502 | 12.5% |
| -10% to -19% | 2,259 | 18.7% | 2,420 | 20.1% |
| -20% to -29% | 551 | 4.6% | 2,987 | 24.8% |
| -30% to -39% | 247 | 2.0% | 2,685 | 22.3% |
| -40% to -49% | 73 | 0.6% | 688 | 5.7% |
| -50% to -59% | 55 | 0.5% | 177 | 1.5% |
| -60% to -69% | 34 | 0.3% | 68 | 0.6% |
| -70% to -79% | 31 | 0.3% | 42 | 0.3% |
| -80% to -89% | 21 | 0.2% | 24 | 0.2% |
| -90% to -99% | 14 | 0.1% | 16 | 0.1% |
| -100% | 39 | 0.3% | 36 | 0.3% |
| Total | 12,063 | 100.0% | 12,063 | 100.0% |
| Higher Tax Bill | 4,579 | 38.0% | 1,405 | 11.6% |
| No Change | 10 | 0.1% | 13 | 0.1% |
| Lower Tax Bill | 7,474 | 62.0% | 10,645 | 88.2% |
| Average Change in Tax Bill | 2.8% | | -23.4% | |

Note: Percentages may not total due to rounding.

Policy Changes with Offsetting Effects on Tax Bills. The interaction of multiple policy changes, plus local changes in levies and assessments, determine how tax bills change in each county. Eliminating the school general fund and county welfare levies reduced levies by 30.6% statewide. The new 35% supplemental homestead deduction reduced tax bills for homeowners, but also reduced taxable assessed value in each jurisdiction. Taxable assessed value fell 14.3% in Indiana as a whole. As a result of the lower assessed value, tax rates were not reduced by the full amount of the levy reductions. The elimination of the property tax replacement and homestead credits partially offset the drop in tax rates. The average property tax replacement credit statewide was 20.1% in 2008. Total state homestead credits averaged 39.5% statewide in 2008, and this rate fell to 7.2% in 2009. The circuit breaker tax caps reduced tax bills in places with high tax rates. Counties that adopted new local option income taxes delivered additional property tax relief. (Statewide averages are now based on 85 counties reporting.)

| Factors Affecting Homeowner Tax Bills | Dearborn County | State Average |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Net Assessed Value, 2008 to 2009 (% change) | -20.7% | -14.3% |
| Gross Tax Levy, 2008 to 2009 (% change) | -30.0% | -30.6% |
| State PTRC Percentage, 2008 | 21.2% | 20.1% |
| Total State Homestead Credit, 2008 | 34.4% | 39.5% |
| Total State Homestead Credit, 2009 | 5.7% | 7.2% |
| Did County Adopt a LOIT in 2008 or 2009? | No | |

Note: State Average based on data for 85 counties available November 2009

Effects on County Tax Bills. Statewide, average homeowner tax bills fell by about 1% from 2008 to 2009. Homeowner tax bills in Dearborn County increased by 2.8%. The elimination of the property tax levies, and the added 35% supplemental homestead deduction, were almost offset by the elimination of the property tax replacement credits and the state homestead credits. But Dearborn County local taxing units increased their levies by more than the state average in 2009, which lessened the size of the tax rate reductions from the levy

2009 Property Tax Changes:

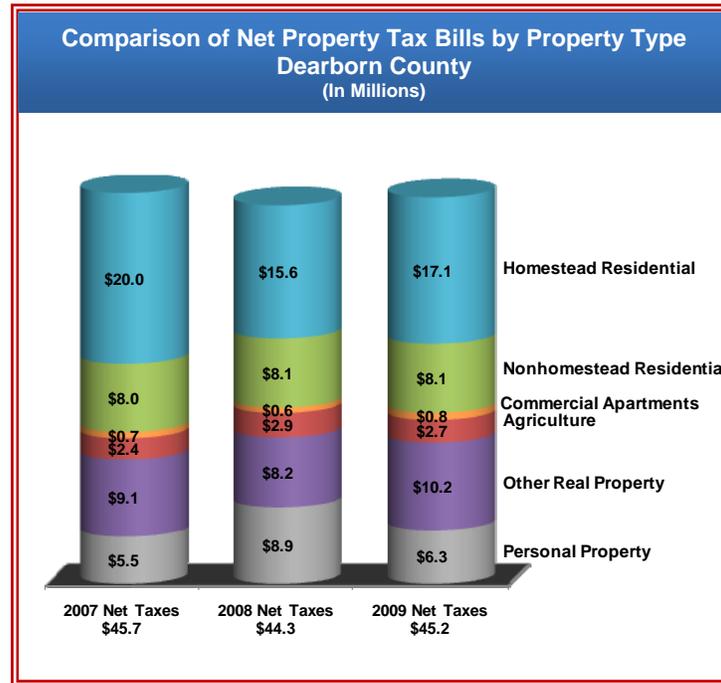
The state took over funding of school general funds, county welfare funds, and several smaller funds – Units where these funds were a large portion of the overall property tax received the greatest benefit.

State Property Tax Replacement Credits were eliminated, and State Homestead Credits were much reduced – Credits didn't apply to debt service levies, so they were lower in units with more debt service; such units lost less from the elimination of the credits, and so received relatively more net benefit from the new tax relief programs.

Counties could adopt new LOIT for property tax relief in 2008 and 2009 - Homeowners in 41 counties that adopted a LOIT saw larger property tax cuts or smaller tax increases; other taxpayers benefitted if counties distributed tax credits to nonhomestead property.

Circuit Breaker Tax Caps were enacted at 1.5% of gross assessed value for homes, 2.5% for rental housing and farmland, and 3.5% for other property- Rental housing and commercial/industrial property received the most tax cap credits; cities and towns and jurisdictions that overlap them lost the most revenue to the caps.

eliminations. Dearborn County did not adopt a local option income tax for property tax relief, and no Dearborn County homeowners were eligible for the circuit breaker tax cap credits. Homeowner taxes were substantially lower in 2009 compared to 2007 in Dearborn County, as they were in almost all Indiana counties.



In Dearborn County from 2008 to 2009, nonhomestead residential properties (small rentals and second homes) saw no significant decline in average property tax bills. Average tax bills on commercial apartments increased 33.3%. Agricultural business real property (which includes farmland and farm buildings, but not homesteads) saw a 6.9% average tax decrease. Other commercial, industrial, and utility real property average tax bills increased 24.4%. Personal property, which is largely business equipment, saw a 29.2% decrease in average tax bills.

Circuit Breaker Tax Caps. Property tax caps limit taxpayers' tax bills to a fixed percentage of their property's assessed value before deductions. Tax bills that exceed the caps are reduced by a tax credit. The cap rates were 1.5% for homesteads, 2.5% for other residential property and farmland, and 3.5% for other property. In 2010 and after, the cap rates will be 1%, 2%, and 3%, respectively.

Local Revenue Losses. Local governments do not collect the amount of these tax cap credits, and the revenue is not replaced. More taxpayers are likely to be eligible for circuit breaker tax cap credits in jurisdictions with higher tax rates. Tax districts in cities and towns tend to have higher tax rates because the municipal tax rate is added to tax bills. Cities and towns and jurisdictions that share taxpayers with cities and towns tend to lose the most revenue to tax cap credits.

Tax Bill Reductions. Generally, as a result of tax relief from homestead deductions most homeowners did not have tax bills high enough to qualify for tax cap credits. Rental housing has a lower tax cap than other businesses, and much of it is located in cities and towns, so many rental housing owners receive credits. Most farmland is outside cities and towns in jurisdictions with low tax rates. Few farmland owners receive credits. Commercial and industrial property tends to receive credits where tax rates are relatively high.

Total Circuit Breaker Tax Cap Credit Amount for Dearborn County \$0

Percentage share of circuit breaker tax cap credits by cap category...

1.5%
Homestead qualifying property
\$0 0.0%

2.5%
Other qualified residential property
\$0 0.0%

3.5%
All other real and personal property
\$0 0.0%

Elderly
\$0 0.0%

Dearborn County Levy Comparison by Taxing Unit

| Unit | 2007 Levy | 2008 Levy | 2009 Levy | 2007-2008 Levy Change | 2008-2009 Levy Change | 2008 - 2009 Comparable Levy Change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| County Total | \$60,506,963 | \$63,144,154 | \$45,058,695 | 4.4% | -28.6% | 9.9% |
| State Unit | 66,697 | 70,794 | 0 | 6.1% | -100.0% | |
| Dearborn County | 10,288,026 | 12,542,445 | 9,047,976 | 21.9% | -27.9% | 7.8% |
| Caesar Creek Township | 8,256 | 8,439 | 8,776 | 2.2% | 4.0% | 4.0% |
| Center Township | 31,601 | 28,299 | 33,899 | -10.4% | 19.8% | 19.8% |
| Clay Township | 51,578 | 48,702 | 13,661 | -5.6% | -71.9% | -71.9% |
| Harrison Township | 57,066 | 53,458 | 63,178 | -6.3% | 18.2% | 18.2% |
| Hogan Township | 31,091 | 30,137 | 34,368 | -3.1% | 14.0% | 14.0% |
| Jackson Township | 17,244 | 17,544 | 21,159 | 1.7% | 20.6% | 20.6% |
| Kelso Township | 14,123 | 13,009 | 15,092 | -7.9% | 16.0% | 16.0% |
| Lawrenceburg Township | 54,393 | 53,579 | 59,944 | -1.5% | 11.9% | 11.9% |
| Logan Township | 56,887 | 48,465 | 63,491 | -14.8% | 31.0% | 31.0% |
| Manchester Township | 104,444 | 96,148 | 113,804 | -7.9% | 18.4% | 18.4% |
| Miller Township | 119,702 | 106,331 | 130,843 | -11.2% | 23.1% | 23.1% |
| Sparta Township | 40,286 | 36,122 | 39,851 | -10.3% | 10.3% | 10.3% |
| Washington Township | 31,928 | 30,417 | 32,846 | -4.7% | 8.0% | 8.0% |
| York Township | 19,182 | 18,802 | 21,026 | -2.0% | 11.8% | 11.8% |
| Lawrenceburg Civil City | 4,460,324 | 5,352,985 | 5,265,374 | 20.0% | -1.6% | -0.6% |
| Aurora Civil City | 1,045,962 | 974,389 | 1,085,117 | -6.8% | 11.4% | 15.9% |
| Dillsboro Civil Town | 149,196 | 140,518 | 162,254 | -5.8% | 15.5% | 15.5% |
| Greendale Civil Town | 1,959,627 | 1,809,405 | 2,092,455 | -7.7% | 15.6% | 15.9% |
| Moores Hill Civil Town | 32,817 | 25,069 | 36,888 | -23.6% | 47.1% | 47.1% |
| St. Leon Civil Town | 664 | 625 | 1,521 | -5.9% | 143.4% | 143.4% |
| West Harrison Civil Town | 65,999 | 62,954 | 77,679 | -4.6% | 23.4% | 23.4% |
| Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corp. | 17,886,122 | 16,238,128 | 11,108,139 | -9.2% | -31.6% | 9.5% |
| South Dearborn Community School Corporation | 9,046,982 | 10,860,630 | 6,377,345 | 20.0% | -41.3% | -7.8% |
| Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation | 12,290,189 | 11,807,260 | 6,419,703 | -3.9% | -45.6% | 78.4% |
| Aurora Public Library | 701,114 | 599,277 | 749,625 | -14.5% | 25.1% | 25.1% |
| Lawrenceburg Public Library | 1,344,882 | 1,523,418 | 1,419,271 | 13.3% | -6.8% | -6.8% |
| Dearborn County Solid Waste Management Dist. | 511,344 | 519,160 | 563,410 | 1.5% | 8.5% | 8.5% |
| Greendale Redevelopment Commission | 19,237 | 27,645 | 0 | 43.7% | -100.0% | -100.0% |

Note: 2008 – 2009 Comparable Levy Change reflects the percentage change in the remaining levies after levy reductions for state assumption of pre-1977 police and fire pension fund payments and elimination of these funds: state fair, state forestry, school general, preschool special education, family and children, children’s psychiatric residential treatment, medical assistance to wards, children with special health care needs, and hospital care for the indigent.

Dearborn County Assessed Values, Levies, Tax Rates, and Credit Rates by Taxing District

| Taxing District | Net Assessed Value (In Millions \$) | | | Gross Levy (\$) | | | Tax Rate (%) | | State PTRC | State Homestead, Total | | Total Local Income Tax Credits, Homesteads | |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | % Change | 2008 | 2009 | % Change | 2008 | 2009 | Rate-Real | 2008 | 2009 | 2008 | 2009 |
| | Caesar Creek Township | 14.4 | 13.1 | -9.0% | 298,770 | 213,184 | -28.6% | 2.0769 | 1.6277 | 19.11% | 31.56% | 5.73% | 0.00% |
| Center Township | 75.9 | 58.7 | -22.7% | 1,549,314 | 936,151 | -39.6% | 2.0400 | 1.5948 | 19.16% | 31.15% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Aurora City-Center Township | 148.9 | 130.6 | -12.3% | 3,902,993 | 3,002,866 | -23.1% | 2.6207 | 2.2989 | 18.37% | 35.80% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Clay Township | 77.6 | 62.6 | -19.2% | 1,609,773 | 986,012 | -38.7% | 2.0754 | 1.5742 | 19.05% | 31.39% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Dillsboro Town | 42.9 | 37.7 | -12.1% | 1,013,206 | 755,606 | -25.4% | 2.3610 | 2.0032 | 18.72% | 34.12% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Harrison Township | 187.8 | 155.4 | -17.2% | 3,521,419 | 2,537,491 | -27.9% | 1.8755 | 1.6325 | 17.69% | 32.60% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| West Harrison Town | 11.7 | 11.6 | -1.3% | 281,412 | 263,351 | -6.4% | 2.4051 | 2.2796 | 17.37% | 37.19% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Hogan Township | 53.2 | 42.0 | -21.0% | 1,103,737 | 690,393 | -37.4% | 2.0749 | 1.6423 | 19.12% | 31.56% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Jackson Township | 95.2 | 77.5 | -18.6% | 1,777,030 | 1,255,592 | -29.3% | 1.8657 | 1.6202 | 17.70% | 32.50% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Kelso Township | 88.9 | 74.2 | -16.5% | 1,653,507 | 1,195,341 | -27.7% | 1.8601 | 1.6106 | 17.72% | 32.46% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| St. Leon Town | 35.3 | 31.0 | -12.2% | 654,976 | 497,642 | -24.0% | 1.8534 | 1.6041 | 17.73% | 32.40% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Lawrenceburg Township | 107.6 | 89.5 | -16.8% | 1,844,239 | 1,206,918 | -34.6% | 1.7141 | 1.3485 | 32.95% | 39.82% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Lawrenceburg City-A | 466.9 | 312.6 | -33.0% | 11,977,819 | 7,682,589 | -35.9% | 2.5653 | 2.4575 | 27.40% | 44.90% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Aurora City-Lawrenceburg Twp | 17.7 | 18.3 | 3.3% | 406,442 | 375,076 | -7.7% | 2.2906 | 2.0471 | 28.58% | 43.27% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Greendale Town-A | 253.4 | 191.0 | -24.6% | 6,050,054 | 4,508,310 | -25.5% | 2.3875 | 2.3605 | 28.10% | 43.82% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Loagan Township | 181.1 | 143.3 | -20.8% | 3,393,495 | 2,346,889 | -30.8% | 1.8742 | 1.6372 | 17.68% | 32.56% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Manchester Township | 147.8 | 117.6 | -20.5% | 3,080,158 | 1,948,545 | -36.7% | 2.0834 | 1.6574 | 18.80% | 30.89% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Miller Township | 585.8 | 459.2 | -21.6% | 10,928,127 | 7,445,725 | -31.9% | 1.8654 | 1.6214 | 17.70% | 32.50% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Sparta Township | 89.3 | 71.2 | -20.3% | 1,837,082 | 1,149,346 | -37.4% | 2.0564 | 1.6139 | 18.99% | 30.96% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Moore Hill Town | 15.1 | 11.7 | -22.4% | 332,028 | 221,938 | -33.2% | 2.1976 | 1.8922 | 18.96% | 32.80% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Washington Township | 81.9 | 70.2 | -14.3% | 1,684,098 | 1,128,481 | -33.0% | 2.0569 | 1.6074 | 19.09% | 31.22% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| York Township | 58.4 | 48.5 | -17.0% | 1,097,518 | 793,074 | -27.7% | 1.8797 | 1.6363 | 17.71% | 32.70% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Greendale Town-B | 17.3 | 9.7 | -43.7% | 412,792 | 229,588 | -44.4% | 2.3875 | 2.3605 | 28.10% | 43.82% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Lawrenceburg City-B | 154.4 | 149.6 | -3.1% | 3,959,807 | 3,676,999 | -7.1% | 2.5653 | 2.4575 | 27.40% | 44.90% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| County Totals/Averages | 3,008.6 | 2,387.1 | -20.7% | 64,369,798 | 45,047,107 | -30.0% | 2.1406 | 1.8874 | 21.15% | 34.40% | 5.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% |

Notes: A *taxing district* is a geographic area of a county where taxing units overlap, so the sum of the taxing unit tax rates is the total district rate.

The *Net Assessed Value* is the total taxable assessed value of all property types, after deductions. It declined in 2009 because of the introduction of the new 35% supplemental deduction for homesteads.

The *Gross Levy* is the amount of property tax to be collected, before credits. It declined in 2009 because of the elimination of the levies for school general funds, county welfare funds, and several smaller funds.

The *Tax Rate* is the gross levy divided by net assessed value, in dollars per \$100 assessed value. Rates fell because the drop in the levies due to levy elimination was greater than the reduction in assessed value due to the new deduction.

State PTRC Rate - Real is the state property tax replacement credit for real property in 2008. This credit was eliminated in 2009.

The *State Homestead, Total* is the sum of the regular state homestead credit rate, which was eliminated in 2009, and the HEA1001-2008 special rate, which was reduced in 2009.

The *Total Local Income Tax Credits - Homesteads* is the sum of the COIT and CEDIT homestead credit rates and the LOIT credit rates for homesteads, residential property, and all property. These are credits funded by local income taxes, including the COIT, the CEDIT, and the CAGIT for property tax relief.

Dearborn County 2009 Circuit Breaker Cap Credits

| Taxing Unit | Total Levy | Circuit Breaker Credits by Property Type | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | | (1.5%) Homesteads | (2.5%) Other Residential/ Farmland | (3.5%) All Other Real/Personal | Elderly | Total |
| Dearborn County | 9,047,976 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Caesar Creek Township | 8,776 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Center Township | 33,899 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clay Township | 13,661 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Harrison Township | 63,178 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hogan Township | 34,368 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson Township | 21,159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kelso Township | 15,092 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrenceburg Township | 59,944 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Logan Township | 63,491 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manchester Township | 113,804 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miller Township | 130,843 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sparta Township | 39,851 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington Township | 32,846 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| York Township | 21,026 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrenceburg Civil City | 5,265,374 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aurora Civil City | 1,085,117 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dillsboro Civil Town | 162,254 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greendale Civil Town | 2,092,455 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moores Hill Civil Town | 36,888 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Leon Civil Town | 1,521 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| West Harrison Civil Town | 77,679 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation | 11,108,139 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Dearborn Community School Corporation | 6,377,345 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation | 6,419,703 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aurora Public Library | 749,625 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrenceburg Public Library | 1,419,271 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dearborn County Solid Waste | 563,410 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greendale Redevelopment Commission | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total - All Taxing Units | 45,058,695 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Notes: Circuit breaker tax cap credits are tax savings for taxpayers and revenue losses for local government units. Circuit breaker credits are highest in tax districts with the highest tax rates. These are usually districts that include cities or towns because the municipal tax rate is included in the district tax rate. This means that most circuit breaker credits are in cities and towns and in units that overlap cities and towns.

The *Total Levy by Unit* is gross property taxes levied, before all tax credits. It is included to allow comparison to the circuit breaker revenue losses.

Circuit Breaker Credits:

Homesteads are owner-occupied primary residences and include homestead land and buildings in the 1.5% tax cap category. Owner-occupied mobile homes and agricultural homesteads are included in this category. This category only includes credits on the portion of the property that qualifies as a homestead.

Other Residential/Farmland includes small rental housing units, larger commercial apartments, long-term care facilities, and farmland, in the 2.5% tax cap category.

All Other Real/Personal is commercial, industrial, and utility land and buildings, and business equipment, including agricultural equipment, in the 3.5% tax cap category. This category also includes credits on the portion of homeowner properties that do not qualify as a homestead.

Elderly includes credits for the 2% annual limit on homestead tax bill increases for low-income homeowners, age 65 and over.