

# PROPERTY TAXES IN WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, 2007-2008



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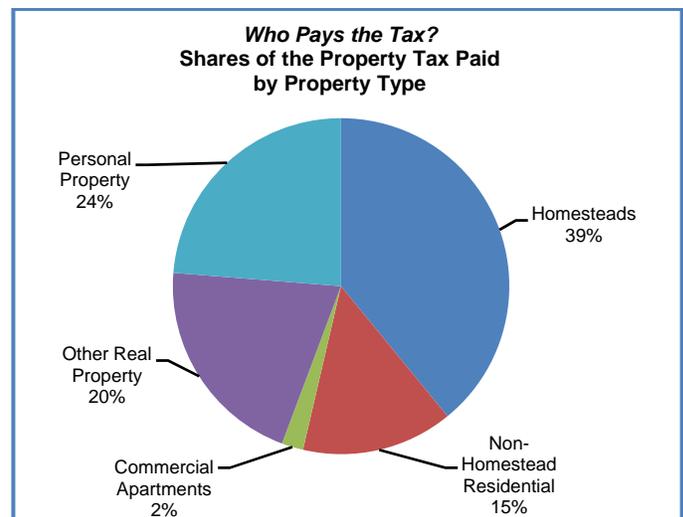
The Indiana General Assembly enacted major property tax reforms in 2008. These reforms are intended to provide substantial tax relief to homeowners. Starting in 2009, property taxes for the school general fund, county welfare funds, and several other funds will be eliminated, and their costs taken over by the state. Homeowners will also receive a substantial new deduction from their home assessments. And “circuit breakers” will limit homeowner tax bills to a fixed percentage of their assessments, 1.5% in 2009 and 1% beginning in 2010. The circuit breaker for homeowners is 2% in 2008.

In 2008, substantial tax relief is provided through an added homestead credit. The credit will be financed with payments from the new race track casinos and from the added sales tax. Statewide, this amounts to added property tax relief of \$870 million. Homeowner taxes should fall by about one-third. Each county is different, however. Homeowner tax bills depend on changes in the homestead’s assessment and the assessments of other property, on changes in local government tax collections, on new local income tax adoptions, as well as on added state credits. Warrick County did not adopt a new local option income tax for 2008.

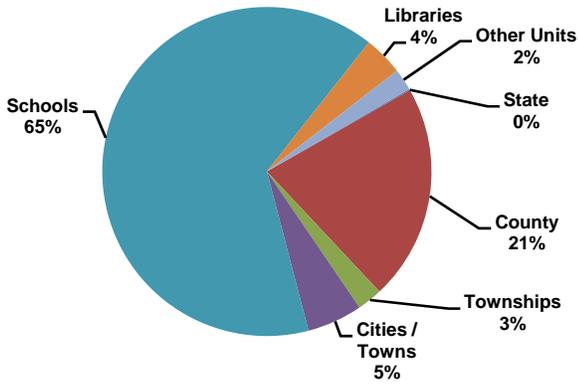
In Warrick County, the average homeowner saw their tax bill decrease by 25.9% for 2008, with 92.9% of homeowners seeing decreases. Without the added homestead credit, the average tax bill would have increased by 4.8%, and 79.0% of homeowners would have seen tax bill increases.

In Warrick County, 39% of property taxes are paid by homeowners (homesteads are primary residences, occupied by their owners); 15% are paid by owners of smaller rental housing units or owners of second homes (non-homestead residential); 2% are paid by owners of larger rental housing units (commercial apartments); and 44% are paid by other agricultural, commercial, industrial, or utility businesses on their real property (land and buildings) or on their personal property (equipment).

Change in Tax Bill	With Added 2008 Homestead Credit		Illustrated Without Added 2008 Homestead Credit	
	Number of Homesteads	% Share of Total	Number of Homesteads	% Share of Total
20% or more	656	3.9%	2,097	12.5%
10% to 19%	159	0.9%	1,794	10.7%
1% to 9%	307	1.8%	9,409	55.9%
0%	75	0.4%	78	0.5%
-1% to -9%	792	4.7%	2,475	14.7%
-10% to -19%	1,890	11.2%	282	1.7%
-20% to -29%	5,375	31.9%	166	1.0%
-30% to -39%	6,687	39.7%	132	0.8%
-40% to -49%	330	2.0%	120	0.7%
-50% to -59%	201	1.2%	144	0.9%
-60% to -69%	158	0.9%	29	0.2%
-70% to -79%	95	0.6%	7	0.0%
-80% to -89%	9	0.1%	5	0.0%
-90% to -99%	5	0.0%	1	0.0%
-100%	86	0.5%	86	0.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,825</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16,825</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Higher Tax Bill	1,122	6.7%	13,300	79.0%
No Change	75	0.4%	78	0.5%
Lower Tax Bill	15,628	92.9%	3,447	20.5%
Average Change in Tax Bill	-25.9%		4.8%	



**Who Gets the Revenue?**  
**Property Tax Levies by Government Type**



On average, Warrick County property tax levies increased 3.8% from 2007 to 2008. This is lower than the expected statewide average increase of 5%. County levies for welfare increased substantially, as did the school corporation general fund levy and the solid waste management district levy.

In Warrick County, the school corporation receives 65% of all property taxes. The county receives most of the rest. The city and towns, the townships, the library districts, the solid waste management district, and the state collect a small share of property taxes.

In 2009 the school and county shares of property tax revenue will decrease significantly when the state takes over the school general fund and county welfare levies.

**Changes in Property Tax Levies from 2007 to 2008**  
**by Governmental Units in Warrick County**

Taxing Unit	2007 Levy	2008 Levy	Change
<i>County Total</i>	<i>\$65,064,483</i>	<i>\$67,515,689</i>	<i>3.8%</i>
State Unit	74,381	76,682	3.1%
Warrick County	13,437,564	14,333,766	6.7%
Anderson Township	371,676	379,237	2.0%
Boon Township	253,593	269,394	6.2%
Campbell Township	19,248	19,657	2.1%
Greer Township	25,834	29,147	12.8%
Hart Township	62,274	81,631	31.1%
Lane Township	6,690	6,930	3.6%
Ohio Township	1,385,485	743,022	-46.4%
Owen Township	35,435	36,201	2.2%
Pigeon Township	42,863	44,579	4.0%
Skelton Township	55,198	58,146	5.3%
Boonville Civil City	2,286,753	2,352,236	2.9%
Chandler Civil Town	378,615	394,349	4.2%
Elberfeld Civil Town	156,273	163,411	4.6%
Lynnville Civil Town	47,120	145,365	208.5%
Newburgh Civil Town	580,915	600,976	3.5%
Tennyson Civil Town	18,207	18,871	3.6%
Warrick County School Corporation	42,502,572	43,692,611	2.8%
Newburgh - Ohio Township Public Library	2,056,703	1,874,802	-8.8%
Boonville-Warrick County Public Library	706,127	734,528	4.0%
Warrick County Solid Waste Management District	560,957	1,460,148	160.3%