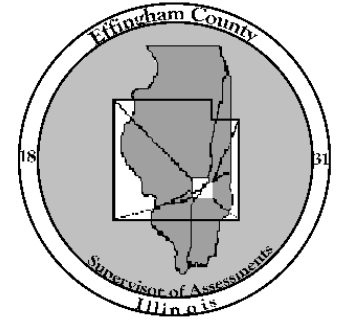


# Effingham County Supervisor of Assessments

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**Taxpayers, it is imperative that a parcel owner understands the components to Property Tax to assure they are paying their fair share and receiving the Homestead Exemptions they can. The County Offices involved in the Property Tax Cycle each have their own responsibilities but work together to complete. These Offices do not determine the Tax Levy for a District, each District determines their own Levy and reports to the County Clerk Extension Office.**

**Lets get started with the Basics today, WATCH for more articles this week!**

## PROPERTY TAX 101

### DID YOU KNOW?????

Property Tax is a tax based on a property's value. The imposed tax is from local government taxing districts only (school districts, municipalities, counties, park districts and more). The tax collected **stays within the County** for local services; educate children, maintain streets and county roads, provide recreational facilities, provide for fire safety and response and many other services our community depends on. Laws and Regulations are governed by State Legislation and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

It is often commented that Illinois Property Tax is one of the highest in the Country. Illinois schools are funded at a higher rate through property taxes than most States, **more than 60% of your tax bill goes to District Schools and the Junior College. However, other states elevate services to do the same**, just shifting the burden from taxpayers in property tax, such as higher car titles, sales tax, drivers license, etc... Effingham County's tax rates are somewhat lower than most surrounding Counties because we have a higher valuation total, Residential, Commercial and Industrial. Effingham County's Assessed Valuation for 2023 at 33.33% was **\$1,226,201,120**. This value includes Farm Land at Soil Type not Market. The County Taxable Parcel Count was 25,918.

### Property Taxes are based on 3 factors:

- 1.) **Assessed Value of your Property** (Township Assessors and County Assessor review and collect property data, the County Determines the Assessed Valuation at 33.33% of Market Value for all properties not preferentially assessed such as farmland and farm buildings)
- 2.) **Homestead Exemptions Deduction or Preferential Adjustments** (Exemptions are deducted based on eligibility such as Owner Occupied, Senior, Disabled Veterans and Persons as well as Home Improvements) Review website for those available.
- 3.) **Tax Rates** (the amount of money levied for their district needs)

Generally, **Property Tax is a two-year cycle**. During the first year, the assessor determines valuations, notices are mailed on changes for the tax year and exemptions and appeals are processed. After the Assessor completes the Tax Year, the County Clerk processes the taxing districts Levy's and

Determines the Tax Rates and Aggregate based on each Tax Parcels locations. Tax amount are determined and the then the Treasurer processes and mails the Bills. The Treasurer then collects and Distributes the Collection to the Taxing Districts. Each of these Departments handle several other tasks contributing to the process.

**Key Points:**

#1 **effinghamcountyil.gov** is the County Website. Each Department has spent time posting information, links and vital information to assist you with knowledge and answers to your questions.

**In reference to Property Tax:**

- A. **Supervisor of Assessments** provides and updates their **Property Tax Inquiry** which allows Taxpayers, Law Offices, Banks and Closing Agents to use 24/7. You can review your parcel, check your assessments, exemptions on record, see sketch and more. Historical Records from 1998 to current. There are links to vital components of Property Tax aspects. Publication Dates and Publications. Equalization and more.
- B. **GIS & Maps** for Parcel Lookups as well definition and layers of taxing districts and other key layers. Link back and forth to Property Inquiry.
- C. **County Treasurer** provides the current and past history of tax amounts, rates, due dates and payment information on the Property Tax Inquiry, as well as T-9 and Tax District Settlement Sheets on their site.
- D. **County Clerk** provides information on Tax Computation Reports by year so that you may review the Tax District's Levy and calculated rates.

**Please do not hesitate to contact my Office anytime. 217-342-6711**

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