

Property Tax 101 - Week 1: Property Tax Affects Everyone

Every year millions of dollars are collected from property owners by way of property taxes – the single largest tax in Illinois. Whether you own property or not, this tax affects you; it is included in the cost of rent you pay, or products you buy. Everyone is affected.

Likewise everyone benefits from these taxes. If you attend a public school, use the library, drive on the street, or walk on the sidewalk; if you are protected by police or a fire department, or utilize county services you have benefited from the collection of property taxes. Following is a brief breakdown of where your property tax dollars go:

- 70 % education/schools
- 9 % cities, villages & towns
- 8 % county purposes
- 7 % townships & road districts
- 6 % other - fire protection, library, airport, etc.

For more information go to <http://www.jeffersoncountyillinois.com>. Select - Departments; then Treasurer/Collector; then Tax Distribution Reports

“If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact our office at 244-8010. We are here to help you in any way we can.”

Next week: “How do you eat an elephant?”

