

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

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In the State of Michigan, cities and townships serve as the tax collection authority. We collect and distribute tax revenue to a variety of entities including the State of Michigan, Kalamazoo County, School Districts, Libraries, and more. Here is a snapshot of where your tax dollars go.

2020 Personal Tax Breakdown Example

Figures vary based on school district and applicable special assessment districts.

Breakdown Example Criteria:

- Assessed Value: \$140,000
- Principal Residence Exemption (PRE): 100%
- School District: Portage Schools

Allocation of Tax Dollars

- Township Operations – 9%
 - Township Operating (3%)
 - Township Fire Department (3%)
 - Special Assessments (Road Maintenance & Street Lighting) 3%
- Schools (Including KRESA & KVCC) – 48%
- Kalamazoo County – 21%
- State Education Tax – 15%
- Library – 6%

2020 Example Tax Breakdown

Total Collected: \$5,101.90

Retained by Township: ~9% (\$467.36)

Passed on To Other Entities: 91%

