

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How are rates figured?

A: Tax rates, or millage levies, are set by procedures established in the Oklahoma Constitution or voted on directly by the taxpayers. The **Assessor's Office** does not set the tax rate. There are over 37 different rates in Comanche County. They vary depending on which school district, city limit and vocational-technical school district the property is located.

Q: How do you figure taxes?

A: The method to figure ad valorem taxes requires 4 steps:

1. You must know the taxable market value of the property.
2. Multiply the taxable market value by the assessment ratio (**11.25%** for both real and personal property).
3. Exclude any exemption amounts.
4. Multiply by the millage levy of the area you reside in.

Q: My mailing address changed, what should I do?

A: You are required to notify the **Assessor's Office** and the **Treasurer's Office**.

Assessor's Office: 580-355-1052

Treasurer's Office: 580-355-5763

• **Q: What is a mil?**

A: A mill is **1/10** of a cent. For property assessment purposes, it is **\$1** for every **\$1,000** valued. The tax rate is the sum of all mills levied. For convenience, Oklahoma expresses the tax rate as dollars per thousand dollars of assessed value. A tax rate of 80 mills, for example, would be 80 tax dollars.

Q: When do I pay taxes?

A: The **Treasurer's Office** sends out the tax bill in **November**. If you do not receive your tax statement by the end of **November**, contact the **Treasurer's Office** at 580-355-5763.

Q: Where do the taxes go?

A: Property Taxes are distributed between local schools, vocational/technical schools, libraries, and city and county government. Generally, local schools receive the largest share of the property tax, followed by city bond issues, county government, vocational/technical schools, libraries, and city/county health departments.