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BGR Dashboards Show Most Property Tax Rates Lower After Reassessments

The Bureau of Governmental Research (BGR) has updated its interactive [Property Tax Dashboards](#) with the latest rates for Jefferson, Orleans and St. Tammany parishes. First launched at the beginning of 2024, the dashboards help residents, business owners and policymakers navigate the complexities of property tax rates, taxing bodies and dedicated purposes across the three parishes.

“When we first launched our Property Tax Dashboards last year, our goal was to inform the public,” BGR President and CEO Rebecca Mowbray said. “These dashboards act as instruments of transparency for voters to better understand the taxes they pay for local government.”

The update reveals most millage rates were lowered in Jefferson and St. Tammany, after parishwide reassessments in 2024 increased total property value in most individual tax districts or wards.

Major takeaways by parish include:

Jefferson Parish (latest rates are for 2024 tax year)

- The 2024 reassessment increased the total value of property in the parish by 5.6%.
- Following the reassessment, the parish’s taxing authorities reduced, or “rolled back,” their rates as required by law to keep tax collections revenue neutral. Most taxing authorities maintained those lower rates and did not exercise their option to increase, or “roll forward,” their rates up to the allowed maximum rate and receive new revenue. As a result, the median total rate across Jefferson’s tax wards fell to 130.89 mills, a 4.13-mill reduction from 2023. All but three wards saw a decrease in their total rate.
- Total rates for Jefferson Parish’s wards now range from 100.18 mills to 150.75 mills.

St. Tammany Parish (latest rates are for 2024 tax year)

- St. Tammany's 2024 reassessment increased the total value of property in the parish by almost 22%.
- Taxing authorities rolled back their rates to make the increase revenue neutral. Most taxing authorities opted to levy the reduced rates instead of rolling their rates forward and realizing new revenue. As a result, the median total rate across St. Tammany's tax districts fell to 130.8 mills, an 8.29-mill reduction from 2023. All districts saw a decrease in their total rate.
- Total rates for the tax districts now range from 98.47 mills to 154.48 mills.

Orleans Parish (latest rates are for 2025 tax year)

- This wasn't a reassessment year for New Orleans, and the parish's taxing authorities largely maintained the previous year's rates. The total rate fell slightly due to a 2-mill decrease in the rate required to pay the City's general obligation bond debt.
- The total rate for most East Bank residents is now 131.99 mills. The rate is marginally higher in Algiers at 132.01 mills due to a slightly higher levee district tax.

The dashboards provide complete rate details for each individual taxing area within the parishes. They are a one-stop resource for answering the most common property tax questions:

- What is my total rate?
- Where does the money go?
- How does a home's value change its tax bill?
- Who sets the rate and levies each tax?
- How have rates changed over time?

While the Property Tax Dashboards cover three parishes, BGR cautions against making direct comparisons between them. The dashboards reflect only property taxes, and total funding for different services could include sales taxes, fees, state or federal money. Different parishes pay for public services with different combinations of funding.

For example, public schools in Jefferson Parish rely more on sales tax revenue and less on property tax revenue than New Orleans' public schools. And unlike most Jefferson residents, New Orleans residents do not pay any property taxes to fund their water and sewer systems and garbage collection. However, they pay higher fees for water and sewer usage and trash pick-up.

Explore the dashboards by visiting <https://www.bgr.org/property-tax-dashboards>. The website is easy to use – select a parish and then click on a map of a taxing area, such as Algiers, River Ridge or City of Mandeville. The dashboard for that area will display in a new tab in your browser. The dashboards are best viewed on a desktop or laptop screen, but you can also view them on a mobile

device. The website includes a [video tutorial](#) on how to get the most out of using the dashboards. BGR has also paired the dashboards with an [online guide](#) to the basic nuts and bolts of property taxes.

The Property Tax Dashboards complement BGR's independent, nonpartisan research and analysis on local government. BGR is the go-to resource for voters in the metro New Orleans area to inform their decisions on significant local tax propositions. BGR highlights their strengths and weaknesses and assesses whether they are likely to lead to effective outcomes for the public. The tax dashboards provide broader context for the individual propositions BGR analyzes. They also contribute to our [extensive body of research](#) on local public finance, which helps citizens to understand where their money goes and how taxes and spending fit with public needs and priorities.

You can access the Property Tax Dashboards, instructions and video tutorial [here](#).

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