



DES MOINES COUNTY ASSESSMENT & PROPERTY TAX

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN DO I RECEIVE MY NEW PROPERTY TAX VALUATION?

The 2023 Assessment Notices for Des Moines County are being mailed out on March 31, 2023.

WHY DID THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY INCREASE SO MUCH?

Sales of properties that occurred in the county during 2022 are used to determine the 2023 assessments. The market has seen a large amount of appreciation since the 2021 assessments were determined and in 2022 properties were, on average, selling for about 29% more than their 2021 assessments.

WILL I HAVE TO PAY THAT% INCREASE IN TAXES?

No, the residential rollback will significantly cushion the impact of the large increases in assessed value. The taxable value, the value after the rollback has been applied, for the typical property owner will only increase around 3%.

WHAT IS A RESIDENTIAL ROLLBACK?

It limits growth in statewide taxable value, due to revaluation or reassessment, to 3% statewide. That's a statewide limitation not an individual property limitation. Right now in Iowa the total statewide taxable value is around \$220 billion. The number is limited to grow 3% annually.

WHO SETS THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY?

The Des Moines County Assessor's Office determines the assessments in Des Moines County.

DOES DES MOINES COUNTY DETERMINE MY PROPERTY TAXES?

Des Moines County is one of the taxing authorities that determines a portion of your overall property taxes. Your school district, city, county assessor, and community colleges are some of the other taxing authorities that also determine a portion of your overall property taxes.

WHEN CAN I EXPECT TO SEE A CHANGE ON MY PROPERTY TAX BILL?

The taxes based on your 2023 assessment will be payable in September of 2024 and March of 2025.

HOW DOES DES MOINES COUNTY USE THESE PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS?

Des Moines County provides many services that are funded by property taxes including police protection, correctional services, maintenance of roads, health department, conservation, court administration, community, family, and youth services, parks, and emergency management to name a few.

I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE MY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT. HOW DOES THAT WORK?

There are two options. You can request an informal review with the assessor from April 2-25. You can also file a protest to the Des Moines County Board of Review between April 2nd and May 1st. The protest forms are available on the Des Moines County Assessor's web site. There are also tools on the Assessor's web site that can help you gather evidence to support your appeal.