



# **Hamilton County Quick Guide to Property Taxes**

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## Hamilton County Holidays in 2022

New Year's Day.....	January 3
Martin Luther King Jr Birthday .....	January 17
Lincoln's Birthday .....	February 11
Washington's Birthday .....	February 21
Spring Holiday/Good Friday .....	April 15
Memorial Day .....	May 30
Juneteenth Independence Day.....	June 20
Independence Day .....	July 4
Labor Day.....	September 5
Columbus Day.....	October 10
General Election.....	November 8
Veterans Day .....	November 11
Thanksgiving.....	November 24-25
Christmas.....	December 23 & 26
New Year's Eve.....	December 30

# Hamilton County IL Courthouse



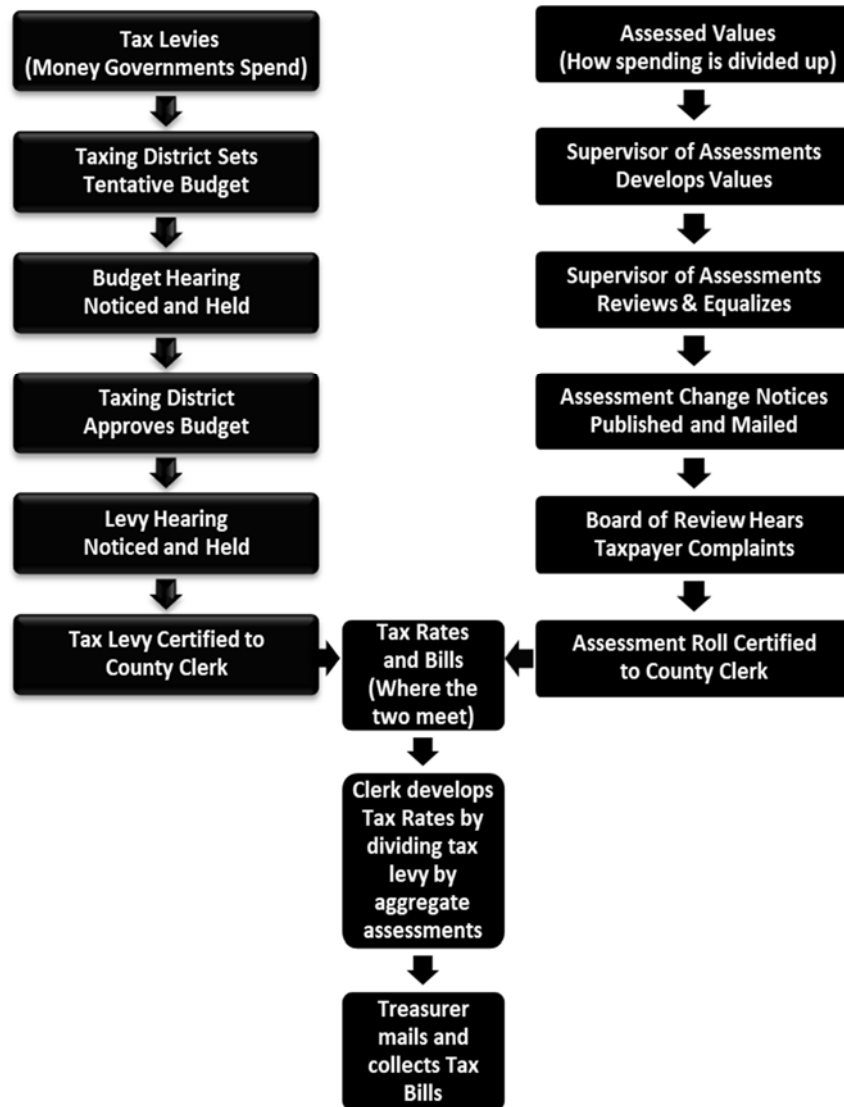
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# Property Tax Overview

Under Illinois law, property taxes are the primary means of funding local governments. Property taxes are developed from two components: the taxes levied by each local government taxing district, and the relative value of each taxable parcel in the boundaries of each taxing district.



Simply put, the Illinois property tax system divides up each local government taxing district's property tax levy over all parcels in the district, based on each parcel's proportionate assessed value as a percentage of the aggregate assessed property value in the district.

The Hamilton County Elected Officials, who administer the property tax code, have developed this guide to help taxpayers better understand the property tax system.

## Homestead Exemptions

**Homestead Exemptions** reduce the taxable value of a property by a specific amount prior to taxes being calculated; the actual tax savings depends upon the tax rate for a specific property. They are typically available for properties that are occupied by their owners or persons with legal or equitable interest as of January 1 of the taxable year.

Applications for all Homestead Exemptions are available at the Supervisor of Assessment's Office or by calling (618) 643-3971. Available homestead exemptions include:

- The **General Homestead Exemption (up to \$6,000)** is for taxpayers who own and occupy their home as a principal dwelling; in most cases, no annual reapplication is required after the initial approval.
- The **Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption (\$5,000)** is for taxpayers who are 65 or older by December 31 of the tax assessment year; if there are two owners, only one needs to be 65.
- The **Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption (amount varies)** effectively freezes the taxable value at a base year (the year prior to the first year's approval).
  - **This exemption does not freeze a property's taxes, only the taxable valuation of the property.**
  - To qualify, a property must be the principal residence of the owner for the beginning of two consecutive years, and the owner must be 65 or older by Decem-

## Homestead Exemptions

ber 31 of the taxable year and meet certain household income requirements.

- If owned and occupied by a married couple, only one of the two owner-occupants must be 65.
- **Annual reapplication is required to maintain this exemption; by state law, this must include evidence that the household income does not exceed \$65,000.** An application will be mailed each year. Proof of income is required to accompany the application.
- In most cases, if a property value falls below the base year, the new lower value will become the new base-year value.
- The **Homestead Improvement Exemption (up to \$25,000)** reduces the taxable value of a new improvement (such as a room addition or basement finish) for four years. Questions on this exemption should be directed to the Supervisor of Assessments.
- The **Returning Veterans' Exemption (\$5,000)** is for veteran homeowners for two years after returning from an armed conflict.
- The **Standard Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (up to 100%)** is for qualifying homeowners with a service-connected disability rating of at least 30%.
- The **Veterans with Disabilities Exemption (up to \$100,000)** is for veteran homeowners with service-connected disabilities who have Specially Adapted Housing.
- The **Persons with Disabilities Exemption (\$2,000)** is for homeowners with disabilities that inhibit employability.
- The **Natural Disaster Exemption** provides relief from increased EAVs due to the reconstruction of a home in certain circumstances after a natural disaster.

## Homestead Exemptions

For assistance with exemptions, contact the County Assessment Office. Senior citizens may also obtain assistance by calling their income tax preparer.

### Example of the Impact of Exemptions

Each exemption reduces the tax burden of a qualifying property by reducing its taxable value. In Hamilton County, tax rates generally range from around 6.00% to 10.00%, with a median rate of 8.00%; they can be higher in special-service areas.

In the following example, a senior citizen homeowner lives in a house with a fair cash value of \$225,000; the homeowner is living off savings, and has an income that qualifies for the senior freeze with a base-year EAV of \$56,657. The benefits of the available homestead exemptions, based on a property tax rate of 9.00%, are:

	Without Exemptions	With Exemptions
<b>Property Value</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000
<b>Level of Assessment</b>	33.33%	33.33%
<b>Equalized Assessed Value</b>	74,993	74,993
<b>Exemptions</b>		
<i>General Homestead</i>		(6,000)
<i>Senior Homestead</i>		(5,000)
<i>Senior Freeze (56,657 base year)</i>		(18,336)
<b>Net Valuation</b>	74,993	45,657
<b>Estimate Tax Rate</b>	X 9.00%	X 9.00%
<b>Tax Dollars Due</b>	\$6,749	\$4,109
<b>Total Tax Savings from Exemptions: \$2,640 (39%)</b>		

## Definitions

### **Levy:**

Each individual Taxing District has to create a Budget annually for the upcoming Fiscal Year. After the annual Budget is approved by the individual Taxing District, they then calculate the amount of revenue needed from Property Tax. The amount of money needed to cover this portion of the Budget from Property Tax, is defined as the Taxing District's **Levy**. The Levy amount is certified to the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December annually. The amount Levied is the total amount that taxpayers will pay on their property tax bills in the following year. Taxpayers who are concerned with the amount of property tax distributed to taxing districts should attend the public meetings & hearings to voice their opinions concerning how much money will be needed from property tax.

### **Total Assessed Value:**

The total amount of value from all Assessment Types within a Taxing District. This is the sum of the Assessed Value from the following Assessment Types: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Farm, Mineral, Locally Assessed Railroad, State Assessed Railroad, and State Assessed Pollution Control. Depending on the location of the Taxing District, they may only have certain Assessment Types included in their Total Assessed Value.



## Definitions

### Rate Setting Equalized Assessed Value:

Total Assessed Value

- Home Improvement & VET Exemptions

Adjusted County Assessed Value

- Multiplied by State Equalization Factor (Non-Farm)

Equalized Assessed Value

- Remaining Homestead Exemptions
- EAV to TIF District
- EAV to Enterprise Zone

Hamilton County Setting EAV

- + Overlapping Counties EAV (if applicable)

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Rate Setting Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)

The Rate Setting EAV is the value applied to each individual Final Rate, to determine the Total Extension. The Total Extension is the actual dollar amount extended to the Taxing Districts.

### Taxes Billed

The amount of tax dollars billed within each individual Taxing District. IF all tax bills that are billed are paid within a Taxing District, this is the amount of tax dollars that the individual Taxing Districts will receive from property tax.

## 2020 & 2021 Levy Comparisons

Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Levy	2021 (Pay 2022) Levy	% Change
Hamilton County	\$1,025,122	\$1,076,362	5.00 %
City of McLeansboro	\$459,728	\$481,786	4.80 %
Dahlgren Fire	\$19,800	\$20,500	3.54 %
Wayne City Fire*	\$180,545	\$189,728	5.09 %
Hamilton Memorial Hospital	\$693,000	\$693,000	0.00 %
Rend Lake College*	\$7,195,611	\$7,297,232	1.41 %
Eastern IL College*	\$7,563,370	\$7,794,211	3.05 %
Southeastern II College*	\$5,564,638	\$5,704,682	2.52 %
Eldorado Memorial Library*	\$311,450	\$306,250	-1.67 %
Galatia Public Library*	\$161,000	\$169,000	4.97 %
Norris City Library*	\$108,320	\$111,010	2.48 %
Dahlgren Library District	\$3,600	\$3,600	0.00 %
McLeansboro Library	\$25,900	\$25,900	0.00 %
Dahlgren Township	\$153,300	\$160,900	4.96 %
Knights Prairie Township	\$63,150	\$77,893	23.35 %
Flannigan Township	\$76,580	\$80,705	5.39 %
South Flannigan Township	\$28,900	\$21,000	-27.34 %
Crouch Township	\$110,665	\$120,055	8.49 %
South Crouch Township	\$98,512	\$91,129	-7.49 %

\*Percentage Changes from 2020 to 2021 Tax Years are rounded to two decimal places\*

## 2020 & 2021 Levy Comparisons

Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Levy	2021 (Pay 2022) Levy	% Change
McLeansboro Township	\$419,050	\$433,673	3.49 %
Twigg Township	\$139,522	\$140,463	0.67 %
South Twigg Township	\$14,179	\$66,312	367.68 %
Beaver Creek Township	\$65,774	\$68,398	3.99 %
Crook Township	\$96,733	\$116,760	20.70 %
Mayberry Township	\$97,769	\$100,957	3.26 %
Benton High School 103*	\$4,285,435	\$4,624,766	7.92 %
Galatia School District #1*	\$2,225,837	\$2,312,580	3.90 %
NCOE Unit 3*	\$2,054,227	\$2,158,640	5.08 %
Hamilton County Unit 10	\$4,431,070	\$4,709,818	6.29 %
Wayne City Unit 100*	\$2,624,702	\$2,838,633	8.15 %
Thompsonville Unit 174*	\$1,039,403	\$1,074,093	3.34 %
Eldorado Unit 4*	\$2,753,400	\$2,767,689	0.52 %
Akin District School 91*	\$1,644,500	\$1,688,900	2.70 %
Village - Belle Prairie	\$300	\$300	0.00 %
Village of Broughton	\$13,370	\$14,025	4.90 %
Village of Dahlgren	\$19,970	\$20,925	4.78 %
Village of Macedonia*	\$235	\$235	0.00 %
Saline Valley Conservancy*	\$392,900	\$413,500	5.24 %

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## 2020 & 2021 Total AV Comparisons

Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Total AV	2021 (Pay 2022) Total AV	% Change
Hamilton County	172,023,057	185,494,086	7.83 %
City of McLeansboro	25,153,370	26,753,916	6.36 %
Dahlgren Fire	38,833,013	40,951,310	5.45 %
Wayne City Fire*	13,908,288	15,212,201	9.38 %
Hamilton Memorial Hospital	171,610,410	185,061,553	7.84 %
Rend Lake College*	161,573,783	173,737,495	7.53 %
Eastern IL College*	750,105	873,963	16.51 %
Southeastern IL College*	9,699,169	10,882,638	12.20 %
Eldorado Memorial Library*	2,850,273	3,048,298	6.95 %
Galatia Public Library*	966,708	1,085,583	12.30 %
Norris City Library*	5,882,188	6,748,757	14.73 %
Dahlgren Library District	5,774,233	6,207,754	7.51 %
McLeansboro Library	25,153,370	26,753,916	6.36 %
Dahlgren Township	38,833,013	40,951,310	5.45 %
Knights Prairie Township	11,903,339	12,926,299	8.59 %
Flannigan Township	8,406,993	8,852,961	5.30 %
South Flannigan Township	3,243,039	3,506,713	8.13 %
Crouch Township	13,908,288	15,212,201	9.38 %
South Crouch Township	7,226,743	7,950,937	10.02 %

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Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Total AV	2021 (Pay 2022) Total AV	% Change
McLeansboro Township	45,020,274	47,958,657	6.53 %
Twigg Township	10,541,830	11,693,011	10.92 %
South Twigg Township	3,759,277	4,122,327	9.66 %
Beaver Creek Township	8,203,969	9,121,456	11.18 %
Crook Township	9,527,805	10,415,437	9.32 %
Mayberry Township	11,448,487	12,782,787	11.65 %
Benton High School 103*	34,748	36,850	6.05 %
Galatia School District #1*	983,692	1,103,990	12.23 %
NCOE Unit 3*	8,347,864	9,428,108	12.94 %
Hamilton County Unit 10	154,135,351	165,643,062	7.47 %
Wayne City Unit 100*	4,153,127	4,618,050	11.19 %
Thompsonville Unit 174*	1,518,002	1,615,739	6.44 %
Eldorado Unit 4*	2,850,273	3,048,298	6.95 %
Akin District School 91*	34,748	36,850	6.05 %
Village - Belle Prairie	722,400	763,198	5.65 %
Village of Broughton	1,392,072	1,478,571	6.21 %
Village of Dahlgren	5,774,233	6,207,754	7.51 %
Village of Macedonia*	412,647	432,543	4.82 %
Saline Valley Conservancy*	86,455,824	93,476,633	8.12 %

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## 2020 & 2021 Rate Setting EAV Comparisons

Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Rate Setting EAV	2021 (Pay 2022) Rate Setting EAV	% Change
Hamilton County	135,925,178	147,557,858	8.56%
City of McLeansboro	17,491,841	18,841,977	7.72%
Dahlgren Fire	23,126,783	24,379,658	5.42%
Wayne City Fire*	53,537,954	58,897,825	10.01%
Hamilton Memorial Hospital	135,599,777	147,219,643	8.57%
Rend Lake College*	1,143,561,795	1,182,413,403	3.40%
Eastern IL College*	1,708,196,834	1,771,479,906	3.70%
Southeastern IL College*	604,468,496	620,217,824	2.61%
Eldorado Memorial Library*	65,119,828	61,923,928	-4.91%
Galatia Public Library*	43,171,857	44,963,417	4.15%
Norris City Library*	58,035,105	61,737,468	6.38%
Dahlgren Library District	4,317,216	4,739,217	9.77%
McLeansboro Library	17,491,841	18,841,977	7.72%
Dahlgren Township	23,077,202	24,324,028	5.40%
Knights Prairie Township	10,423,963	11,320,440	8.60%
Flannigan Township	7,571,149	7,949,049	4.99%
South Flannigan Township	2,853,766	3,103,363	8.75%
Crouch Township	12,739,636	14,017,908	10.03%
South Crouch Township	6,431,297	7,128,571	10.84%

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Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Rate Setting EAV	2021 (Pay 2022) Rate Setting EAV	% Change
McLeansboro Township	34,126,620	36,672,061	7.46%
Twigg Township	9,157,868	10,245,937	11.88%
South Twigg Township	3,319,743	3,653,177	10.04%
Beaver Creek Township	7,370,624	8,186,577	11.07%
Crook Township	8,505,221	9,345,902	9.88%
Mayberry Township	10,348,089	11,610,845	12.20%
Benton High School 103*	193,285,981	193,287,994	0.001%
Galatia School District #1*	43,509,392	45,353,705	4.24%
NCOE Unit 3*	60,375,060	64,292,635	6.49%
Hamilton County Unit 10	122,078,339	132,015,048	8.14%
Wayne City Unit 100*	53,504,440	59,343,125	10.91%
Thompsonville Unit 174*	24,706,295	23,789,259	-3.71%
Eldorado Unit 4*	65,119,827	61,923,928	-4.91%
Akin District School 91*	57,648,115	57,650,217	0.004%
Village - Belle Prairie	538,281	553,804	2.88%
Village of Broughton	1,087,307	1,154,176	6.15%
Village of Dahlgren	4,317,216	4,739,217	9.77%
Village of Macedonia*	368,561	381,375	3.48%
Saline Valley Conservancy*	420,712,197	427,241,444	1.55%

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## 2020 & 2021 Taxes Billed Comparisons

Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Taxes Billed	2021 (Pay 2022) Taxes Billed	% Change
Hamilton County	\$1,025,184	\$1,076,360	5.00%
City of McLeansboro	\$458,855	\$481,785	5.00%
Dahlgren Fire	\$19,757	\$20,451	3.52%
Wayne City Fire*	\$40,069	\$41,106	2.59%
Hamilton Memorial Hospital	\$660,963	\$653,758	-1.08%
Rend Lake College*	\$786,538	\$829,702	5.50%
Eastern IL College*	\$3,247	\$3,785	16.61%
Southeastern IL College*	\$79,096	\$89,010	12.54%
Eldorado Memorial Library*	\$11,427	\$12,930	13.15%
Galatia Public Library*	\$3,145	\$3,465	10.17%
Norris City Library*	\$9,945	\$11,075	11.36%
Dahlgren Library District	\$3,600	\$3,600	0.00%
McLeansboro Library	\$25,900	\$25,900	0.00%
Dahlgren Township	\$152,320	\$160,168	5.15%
Knights Prairie Township	\$63,151	\$77,685	23.02%
Flannigan Township	\$63,052	\$70,252	11.42%
South Flannigan Township	\$28,900	\$21,000	-27.33%
Crouch Township	\$109,691	\$120,054	9.45%
South Crouch Township	\$86,792	\$91,129	5.00%

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## 2020 & 2021 Taxes Billed Comparisons

Taxing District	2020 (Pay 2021) Taxes Billed	2021 (Pay 2022) Taxes Billed	% Change
McLeansboro Township	\$413,134	\$433,672	5.00%
Twigg Township	\$120,784	\$127,872	5.87%
South Twigg Township	\$14,179	\$25,771	81.75%
Beaver Creek Township	\$65,114	\$68,369	5.00%
Crook Township	\$96,735	\$111,674	15.44%
Mayberry Township	\$95,720	\$100,703	5.21%
Benton High School 103*	\$637	\$738	15.86%
Galatia School District #1*	\$44,101	\$48,305	9.54%
NCOE Unit 3*	\$245,667	\$280,739	14.28%
Hamilton County Unit 10	\$4,342,093	\$4,608,858	6.15%
Wayne City Unit 100*	\$175,141	\$191,007	9.06%
Thompsonville Unit 174*	\$54,780	\$58,729	1.64%
Eldorado Unit 4*	\$102,091	\$123,598	21.07%
Akin District School 91*	\$766	\$901	17.62%
Village - Belle Prairie	\$300	\$300	0.00%
Village of Broughton	\$13,370	\$13,602	1.74%
Village of Dahlgren	\$19,970	\$20,924	4.78%
Village of Macedonia*	\$207	\$208	0.48%
Saline Valley Conservancy*	\$63,703	\$73,022	14.65%

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: *Why did my tax bill go up?***

A: Your taxes may be higher than they were last year for any or all of four general reasons:

- You may not be receiving all of the homestead exemptions for which your property is eligible.
- Other properties in your area may qualify for one or more exemptions for which you are not eligible.
- The local governments (such as municipalities and schools) in your area may have approved a higher tax levy than last year.
- Rates of value change vary, even in the same neighborhood. If your property's value change was higher than the average in your area, your relative tax burden will be greater than it was last year. If your property's value change was lower than average change in your area, your relative tax burden will be less than it was last year.

**Q: *Where does the property tax money go?***

A: The largest portion goes to the school districts; the remaining portions go to the other local governments in the County:

**For 2020 pay 2021, the total property taxes extended by Hamilton County was \$9,502,418; in 2021 pay 2022, it was \$10,082,207, an increase of 6.1%.**

**Q: *Does Hamilton County decide how much in property tax other local governments (such as schools) can levy?***

A: No. Each local taxing district makes this decision independently; Hamilton County has no authority to issue any property tax levy but its own.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: *How can I see how much tax I pay to each district for just my property?***

A: Visit <https://il1296.cichosting.com/atasportal/> & you can search for your property by Property Index Number, Address, or Owner Name. Once you are at your property record, you can see how much property tax you pay to each taxing body that levies against your property.

**Q: *What should I do if I think my property is over-assessed?***

A: First, discuss the Property Details & Assessed Value with the Supervisor of Assessments. This conversation can often times be beneficial for both you, the property owner, and the Supervisor of Assessments Office.

**Q: *How is my property's assessment determined?***

A: For most Non-Farm property, the Supervisor of Assessments estimates the fair cash value, and then develops an Assessed Value based on 33.33% of that fair cash value of the property as of January 1 of the Assessment Year, based on the three prior years of sales. The Supervisor of Assessments then equalizes all assessments to provide for uniform valuations in the County.

**Q: *How are farm assessments determined?***

A: Under the state property tax code, the assessment of farmland is based on its agricultural economic value, not its fair cash value. In other words, farmland located in the Chicago metropolitan area is valued the same way that farmland in rural areas of southern Illinois is valued. Major factors in farmland valuation include soil productivity, crop prices, and farm loan interest rates.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: *How can I file an assessment complaint with the Board of Review?***

A: If you have spoken to the Supervisor of Assessments and still wish to formally contest your assessment, you can file a complaint with the Hamilton County Board of Review within 30 days of the assessment notices being published in the local newspaper. Assessments are generally published early-mid December annually. There are generally three bases for appealing an assessment:

- ***Discrepancy in Physical Data*** - Example: The property records show I have a 2,400-square-foot house, but my survey shows I have only 2,200 square feet.
- ***Valuation*** - The equalized assessed value is greater than 1/3 of my property's fair cash value.
- ***Equity*** - My equalized assessed value is greater than comparable properties in my neighborhood.

Please note that the state Property Tax Appeal Board has consistently ruled that the amount of taxes paid or percentage of change in value from one year to the next is not a valid basis for an appeal.

**Q: *When can I file an assessment complaint with the Board of Review?***

A: By state law, assessment complaints may be filed up to 30 days after a reassessment notice is published in a local newspaper. Assessments are generally published early-mid December annually.

**Q: *When I get my tax bill, is it too late to file a complaint?***

A: Yes, it is too late unless you have already taken your complaint to the Board of Review for that taxable year.

## Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: How can I compare the assessed value of my property to the assessed values of similar homes in my area?***

A: You have the right to inspect the Supervisor of Assessment's records, which contain assessed values as well as other information. You may inspect the records for any parcel of property, as well as the records for your own property, subject to reasonable regulations set forth by local officials.

***Q: Will I be notified if my assessment is going to be increased?***

A: By State Law, notices of all assessment changes are published in a local newspaper. Also the Supervisor of Assessments will mail you an additional notice via U.S Mail sent to the same address where your tax bill is sent.

***Q: What else can I do to minimize my property tax burden?***

A: Call the County Assessment Office to verify that you are receiving the exemptions for which you qualify. If you have questions about the rate charged by a specific taxing body, we suggest that you contact that taxing body. If you have specific questions about your assessed valuation, please contact the Supervisor of Assessments.

***Q: What will happen if I don't pay my property taxes?***

A: Your taxes may be sold at the annual tax sale. If your taxes are sold, you will retain the right to redeem your property for two and one-half years if it is your principal dwelling. Other property must be redeemed within two years. To redeem it, you will have to pay costs and interest in addition to any tax due. For more information, contact the County Clerk's Tax Redemption Department.

## Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: I didn't live here last year. Why did I receive a tax bill for that year?***

A: The tax remains with the property regardless of ownership. To determine your liability for paying the tax, check your closing statement to see if the seller gave you credit, or contact your attorney.

***Q: I don't know my parcel index number (PIN); how can I get it?***

A: Your PIN is on your property tax bill or on your assessment notice. You can also get your PIN by contacting the Supervisor of Assessments Office or by visiting our Web Tax Portal or GIS Website.

***Q. How do I change the mailing address on my tax bill?***

A. Contact the Supervisor of Assessments Office at 618-643-3971

***Q. Where can I make my real estate tax payments?***

A. Property Tax payments can be made in the County Treasurer's Office, by mail, the DROP BOX located on the South Side of the Courthouse. Property Tax Payments can also be made at Banterra Bank & Peoples National Bank in Hamilton County, as long as the payment is made on or before the due dates.

Payment can also be made online at the following website:  
<http://govtechtaxpro.com/>

Payment can also be made by calling 877-237-0753

## Frequently Asked Questions

***Q: I didn't pay my taxes last year. How can I find out how much I owe?***

A: Call the Hamilton County Clerk and ask for an Estimate of Redemption; have your parcel number ready when you call.

***Q: I owe back taxes on my property, where do I pay my Outstanding Due Property Taxes?***

A: Outstanding Property Taxes must be Redeemed in the County Clerk's Office. To Redeem the Outstanding Taxes, payment must be made with Certified Funds which include: Cash, Cashier Check or Money Order. Personal Checks are NOT accepted.

***Q: I did not receive my property tax bill, do I still have to pay it? Do I have to pay the interest & fees for being past due?***

A: Yes, to both questions. 35 ILCS 200/20-15 states the following: "The failure or neglect of the collector to mail the bill, or the failure of the taxpayer to receive the bill, shall not affect the validity of any tax, or the liability for the payment of any tax."

### **2021 Pay 2022 Tax Bill Due Dates:**

**1st Installment: August 15th 2022**

**2nd Installment: September 15th 2022**

**2022 Mobile Home Privilege Tax Bills: August 1st 2022**

# Who To Contact

Assessed Valuations or Complaints .....	<i>Supervisor of Assessments</i>
Budgets.....	<i>Individual Taxing Districts</i>
Current Tax Bills/Collection .....	<i>County Treasurer</i>
Delinquent Taxes and Redemptions .....	<i>County Clerk</i>
Equalization Factors.....	<i>Supervisor of Assessments</i>
Exemptions.....	<i>Supervisor of Assessments</i>
Forfeitures.....	<i>County Treasurer</i>
Foreclosures .....	<i>County Sheriff</i>
Levies.....	<i>County Clerk</i>
Mobile Home Registration .....	<i>Supervisor of Assessments</i>
Mobile Home Tax Bills .....	<i>County Treasurer</i>
Property Tax Rates.....	<i>County Clerk</i>

### Hamilton County Supervisor of Assessments

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McLeansboro IL 62859  
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ccao@hamiltoncountyil.gov

### Hamilton County Treasurer

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McLeansboro IL 62859  
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### Hamilton County Clerk & Recorder

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## Hamilton County Courthouse



### Hamilton County Courthouse History

Hamilton County was formed out of White County & organized on February 8th 1821. It is named for Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary War hero and the first United States Secretary of the Treasury.

The first Courthouse was a hewn-log structure, 16 by 16 foot square, with a plank floor. The building had one window, with glass panes, and a three-foot wide plank door. In 1840, the county built a brick courthouse, that Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1894. Forty-four years passed before the county built another courthouse. The current Hamilton County Courthouse was built in 1938.

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