

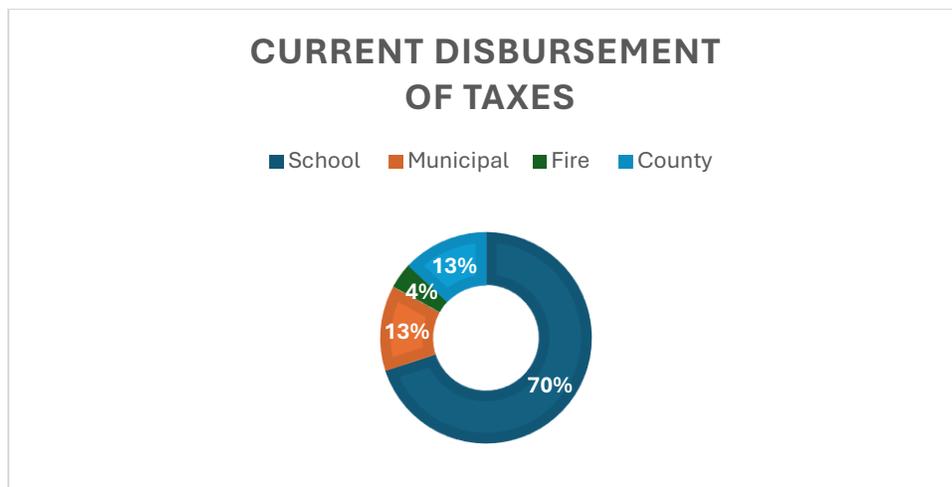
A Brief Guide to How Local Property Taxes Are Collected and Distributed

Each local agency, including the School District, Fire Districts, Cape May County, and the Municipality, operates with its own budget. Upper Township acts as the billing and collection agent for all these entities, but it does not control the total amount billed.

Typically, the School District represents the largest portion of the local property tax levy. However, other agencies also contribute to the total amount collected. In Upper Township, property taxes are collected on behalf of:

- Upper Township School District
- Local Fire Districts
- Cape May County
- The Municipality (Upper Township)

Municipal taxes make up approximately 13% of the total property tax levy, while about 70% goes toward the School District. The remaining percentage supports County and Fire District services.



Although exact figures may vary slightly depending on the fire district in your area, the chart included shows the average distribution of property taxes in Upper Township.

Each property tax bill provides a detailed breakdown of how your taxes are allocated. This information is shown in two sections on the bill:

1. Explanation of Taxes
2. Distribution of Taxes

Tax bills are mailed out in August and are also available online at the [Tax Collector – Upper Township](#)

What Do Municipal Taxes Pay For?

- Road maintenance
- Beach patrol
- Emergency medical services (EMS)
- Code enforcement
- Day-to-day operations of municipal government

Transparency and Public Participation

If you have questions or concerns about the school district or local government operations, resources are available to help.

Public meetings are open to all, with designated time for public comments. Meeting agendas, minutes, and video recordings are published on the respective websites. Budgets follow an annual schedule with public notice requirements, ensuring transparency in the budgeting process.

Helpful Links:

- [Upper Township Board of Education Budget/Meeting](#)
- [Board of County Commissioners | Cape May County, NJ - Official Website](#)
- [NJCPA_PROPERTY_TAX_GUIDE.pdf](#)