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MAP: Where are Pennsylvania school property taxes highest?

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Pennsylvania taxpayers are engaged in discussions around water coolers, kitchen tables and committee meeting rooms over whether to overhaul the complicated taxing mechanisms that provide funds to the state's 499 school districts.

Approximately \$16.6 billion was raised through local taxes, the overwhelming majority of which were through property taxes. The Pennsylvania Department of Education calculates an equalized millage rate for each district by dividing the total revenue generated by the total market value of the taxed property.

The result shows that some districts place vastly different burdens on their property owners than others. The highest rate in the region is East Stroudsburg Area School District in Monroe County, which collects \$35.20 for every \$1,000 of property value.

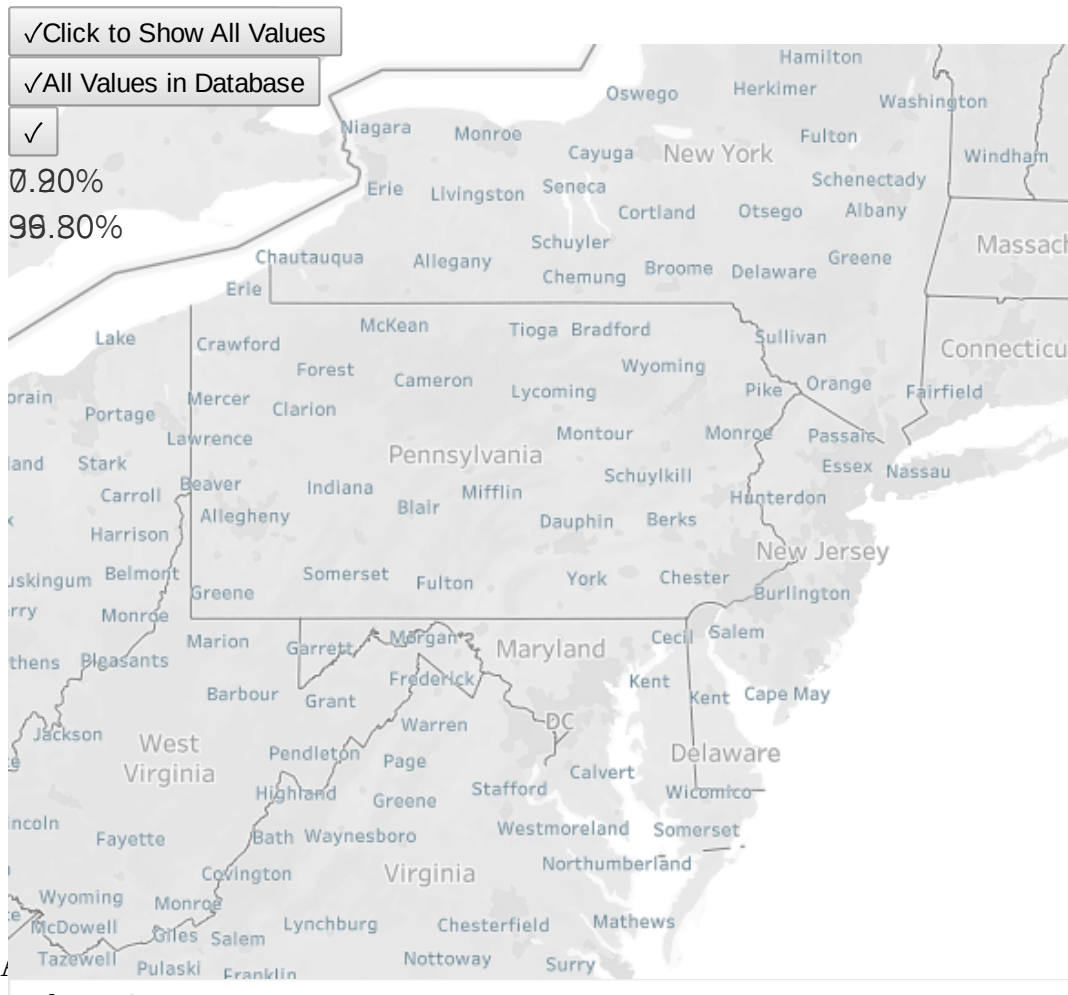
The lowest regional rate of \$12.80 per \$1,000 of property value is shared by three districts: New Hope-Solebury and Palisades in Bucks County; and Upper Merion

Area in Montgomery.

Hover over a district on the map below to see more information. Districts shaded in orange are below the average tax rate and districts in blue are higher than average. Use the sliding filters to show only the higher- or lower- ranked districts.

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Equalized Millage



The map shows calculated property tax millages based on total assessed value of taxable property divided by how much income it generated for the district. The numbers are for the school year 2017-18. Districts are shaded orange for lower equalized tax rates, and blue for higher. More intense shading indicates further higher or lower.

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