



Medina County Auditor

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Medina County Residents Pay Some of the Lowest Taxes in Northeast Ohio

The first-half property tax deadline for 2022 has passed in Medina County. Although no one enjoys paying taxes, it can be heartening to know the tax burden in Medina County is often lower than those of many of our neighbors. Much lower in some cases.

Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack recently surveyed selected surrounding communities to compare tax rates for Medina County and he liked what he found. "I was pleasantly surprised," Kovack said. "I believe our tax rates are tremendously competitive with all communities in northeast Ohio."

Three Medina County cities were in the top four lowest tax districts of those analyzed, despite Medina and Brunswick just passing new tax levies in 2021. "This is a great selling point for Medina County," Kovack said. "Savvy home buyers often research tax rates before deciding where they want to live."

How has Medina County managed to keep such a relatively low tax burden? There are a number of factors.

First, Medina County's communities are relatively newer than others. Newer infrastructure is less costly to maintain, which can factor into lower taxes. Alternatively, aged infrastructure requires more repairs and maintenance, which increases the need to raise money through taxes in older communities throughout the area. Additionally, Medina County cities boast a good mix of commercial and industrial properties, as well as residential. This mix helps to spread the tax burden.

Another reason why Medina County's tax burden is low is the culture of fiscal responsibility in its public school systems. "A very large factor in these tax rates is our school districts," Kovack said. "And I believe the main point you can take from these comparisons is that Medina County School districts are doing an excellent job managing their finances for the property owners in their communities."

Lastly, Auditor Kovack and his office have taken an aggressive approach to managing bond levies and emergency levies throughout Medina County. These levies, unlike operating levies, are adjusted individually by the Auditor’s office, rather than by the state. “We’ve always taken a very vigorous approach to rolling these levies back. In that way, Medina County residents are never paying any more taxes than they’ve approved,” said Kovack.

The net result is some of the lowest property tax rates in northeast Ohio – even if it doesn’t feel like it at tax time!

City	County	Residential Effective Tax Rate	Population 2020 Census	Annual Tax \$200,000 Home Without Owner-Occupied Reduction
Medina	Medina	56.90	26,094	\$3,983
Lorain	Lorain	57.69	65,211	\$4,038
Wadsworth	Medina	57.75	24,046	\$4,043
Brunswick	Medina	58.16	35,426	\$4,071
Avon Lake	Lorain	59.77	25,206	\$4,184
Twinsburg	Summit	60.50	19,248	\$4,235
Elyria	Lorain	61.18	52,656	\$4,283
Wooster	Wayne	61.77	27,232	\$4,324
Kent	Portage	62.68	28,215	\$4,388
Hudson	Summit	63.80	23,110	\$4,466
Canton	Stark	64.92	70,872	\$4,544
Brecksville	Cuyahoga	68.65	13,635	\$4,806
Strongsville	Cuyahoga	68.65	46,491	\$4,806
North Royalton	Cuyahoga	70.74	31,322	\$4,952
Berea	Cuyahoga	74.64	18,545	\$5,225

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