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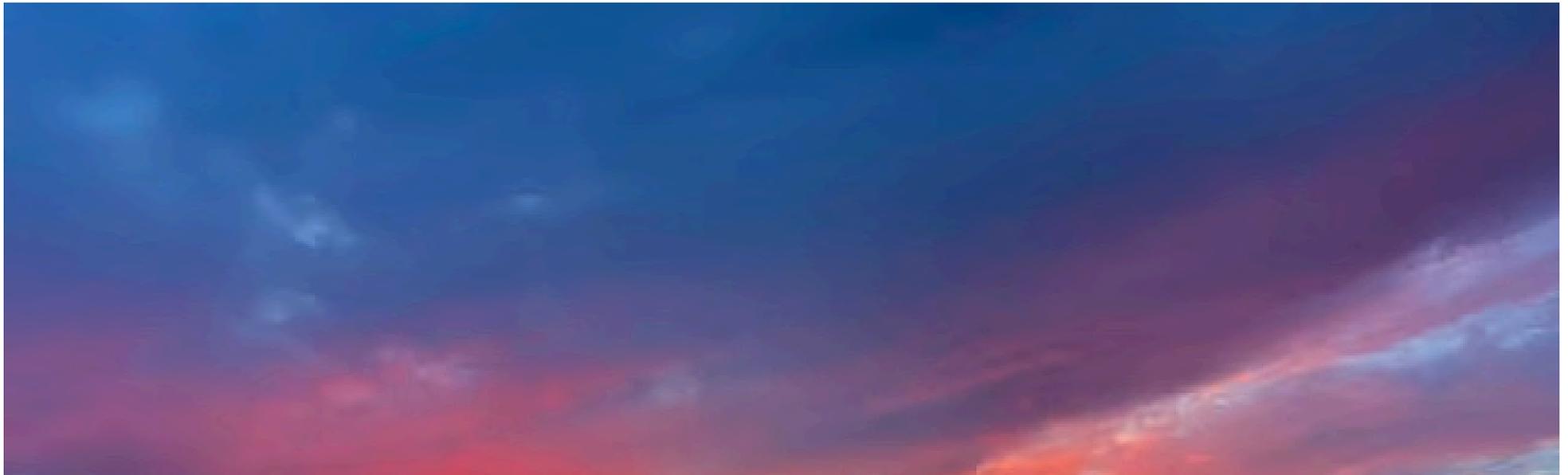
Property taxes in this major Florida city spiked nearly 400%, report shows

Report reveals which counties have the highest property tax levies per capita

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Apopka, Florida sunset (Copyright 2022 by WKMG ClickOrlando)



With the discussion around property tax cuts **hitting a fever pitch in Florida**, a new report shows which counties have imposed the highest levies statewide.

That report — issued this month by the nonprofit **Florida Tax Watch** — claims that local governments across the state spend over \$120 billion annually.

“Local taxing and spending is a major part of Florida government operations,” the report reads. “More than half of all Florida government revenue is raised at the local level, the largest share in the nation.”

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As such, researchers with the nonprofit used state data to figure out which counties levy the highest total property taxes per capita.

To start with, the study looks at which of Florida 50 largest cities had the highest property tax growth between 2014 and 2024.

Several of the highest-ranked cities on this list can be found in Central Florida:

Rank	City	Growth Rate
1	Apopka	372%
2	St. Cloud	294.9%
3	North Port	293.5%
4	Port St. Lucie	257%
5	Homestead	191.4%
6	Lakeland	179.1%
7	Gainesville	178.5%
8	Hialeah	175.4%
9	Tampa	171.7%
10	Deltona	170.4%
11	Sanford	164.6%
12	Orlando	164.2%
13	Kissimmee	161.5%
14	Palm Bay	158.2%
15	West Palm Beach	156.3%
16	Clearwater	155.8%
17	Miami Gardens	155.7%
18	Palm Coast	152.9%
19	Port Orange	150.6%
20	Miami	150.3%

The list comes as Florida lawmakers **are crafting property tax reform** proposals for next year's legislative session.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis **has been a vocal proponent of reducing property taxes** in the state, calling on lawmakers earlier this year to put a constitutional measure on the ballot in 2026.

However, the governor has been critical of the House's multiple proposals, instead pushing for **a single, comprehensive amendment** to avoid confusion.

Regardless, property taxes are a local issue, used to fund services like law enforcement and fire departments. As such, any action by the state would require an amendment, which needs support from 60% of voters in the next election to take effect.

In the meantime, the counties with the highest per-capita property tax levies are as follows:

Rank	County	Total Property Tax Levies (Per Capita)
1	Monroe	\$4,873.55
2	Walton	\$4,836.82
3	Collier	\$3,828.88
4	Palm Beach	\$3,741.67
5	Martin	\$3,656.86
6	Miami-Dade	\$3,361.84
7	Broward	\$3,067.43
8	Franklin	\$3,061.97
9	Gulf	\$2,966.54
10	Sarasota	\$2,884.84
11	Nassau	\$2,721.28

Rank	County	Total Property Tax Levies (Per Capita)
12	Pinellas	\$2,607.02
13	<u>Orange</u>	\$2,601.85
14	Charlotte	\$2,564.51
15	Indian River	\$2,537.54
16	Lee	\$2,498.43
—	STATEWIDE	\$2,397.57
17	Manatee	\$2,369.91
18	St. Lucie	\$2,347.05
19	St. Johns	\$2,209.22
20	<u>Flagler</u>	\$2,176.86
21	Bay	\$2,025.78
22	Hillsborough	\$1,991.91
23	Duval	\$1,896.90
24	<u>Volusia</u>	\$1,876.63
25	<u>Osceola</u>	\$1,804.17
26	Putnam	\$1,765.46
27	Alachua	\$1,713.68
28	Hendry	\$1,698.11
29	Okaloosa	\$1,669.27
30	<u>Seminole</u>	\$1,665.84
31	Okeechobee	\$1,645.69

Rank	County	Total Property Tax Levies (Per Capita)
32	<u>Sumter</u>	\$1,644.36
33	<u>Brevard</u>	\$1,608.78
34	Glades	\$1,601.41
35	Hardee	\$1,591.66
36	Pasco	\$1,560.82
37	Lake	\$1,536.23
38	Leon	\$1,529.18
39	Hamilton	\$1,494.90
40	Taylor	\$1,470.56
41	Citrus	\$1,458.57
42	<u>Marion</u>	\$1,382.69
43	Escambia	\$1,296.39
44	<u>Polk</u>	\$1,295.30
45	DeSoto	\$1,277.83
46	Hernando	\$1,271.59
47	Clay	\$1,251.60
48	Highlands	\$1,155.25
49	Levy	\$1,134.99
50	Gilchrist	\$1,117.33
51	Santa Rosa	\$1,088.63
52	Jefferson	\$1,056.10

Rank	County	Total Property Tax Levies (Per Capita)
53	Madison	\$1,052.08
54	Suwannee	\$1,013.81
55	Dixie	\$929.59
56	Columbia	\$926.44
57	Bradford	\$918.78
58	Gadsden	\$881.14
59	Wakulla	\$868.66
60	Baker	\$825.14
61	Washington	\$778.75
62	Calhoun	\$757.03
63	Lafayette	\$727.64
64	Liberty	\$719.91
65	Jackson	\$695.76
66	Holmes	\$516.83
67	Union	\$415.94

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