



2022 Assessor's Report

DO HIGHER ASSESSMENTS MEAN HIGHER TAXES?

No, higher assessments levels do not bring in any additional tax dollars to the taxing districts. The process of assessing property and setting the amount of money a tax district can collect are separate processes. The amount of taxes a district can collect is not dependent on assessed values. If a tax district is allowed to collect \$10 Million dollars in tax revenue, the district will collect the exact same amount if assessed values increased by 5% or 50%. With a 5% increase in assessed values, the tax rate will be higher than if there is a 50% increase. The amount a tax district can collect is set, but the tax rate is variable based on the assessed values. Higher assessed values equal a lower tax rate.

SENIOR AND DISABLED VETERANS DEDUCTIONS EXPANDED

The Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities is designed to help seniors, persons with disabilities, and wounded warriors on the financial edge to continue living in their homes. Beginning with the 2022 tax year based on 2021 incomes, Medicare Part B premiums, long term care insurance premiums and certain medical costs are deductible when determining if an applicant meets the income threshold to qualify for the program.

SENIOR AND DISABLED EXEMPTION FAQs

- Q: If I'm approved for the Senior Exemption program, do the property taxes need to be paid back?**
- A:** *No, the Senior Exemption program exempts a senior from a portion of the property taxes. Liens are not placed on the property.*
- Q: What is the income level to qualify for the Senior Exemption program?**
- A:** *The highest level of income to qualify is a household income of \$50,348.*
- Q: How do I apply?**
- A:** *You can apply online at www.clark.wa.gov/assessor utilizing our portal or reach out to our senior team at taxreduction@clark.wa.gov.*



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Peter Van Nortwick Assessor

During 2021, property values continued to increase in Clark County. Low inventory continued as an issue pushing residential values even higher.

New construction was strong through the beginning of 2021, but toward the end of the year supply chain issues began to show an impact on the new construction marketplace.

In 2021, Clark County was the second fastest growing county in Washington State and our population broke the 500,000 mark.

Clark County is second to King County in population density and with the current supply chain issues, I expect Clark County to continue as a seller's market.

JOINT LOBBY SERVICE CHANGES

The Assessor's Office and our Joint Lobby partners have moved to an enhanced personalized service model to better assist our customers. All interactions are done on an individual appointment basis. Appointments can be booked online. After booking an appointment, our team will follow up with the necessary information to ensure a successful appointment.

Appointments may also be scheduled by calling our office at 564.397.2391.



APPLY ONLINE TODAY www.clark.w.gov/assessor



ASSESSED VALUE APPEALS MOVE ONLINE

The Assessor's Office, in partnership with the Clark County Board of Equalization, leveraged our secured portals to bring the property tax appeals online. With the new system, taxpayers can fill out the appeals form, add pertinent information, attach relevant documents, and upload photos. The new system will be easier for taxpayers and increase the efficiency of the appeals process. For more information, visit the Board of Equalization at clark.wa.gov/internal-services/board-equalization. Contact the Board of Equalization at BOE@clark.wa.gov or 564.397.2337.

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For other formats, contact the Clark County ADA Office

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