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**Orange County Auditor-Controller Announces Fiscal Year 2025–26
Property Tax Rates**

Santa Ana, CA — The Orange County Auditor-Controller's Office today announced the calculation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–26 property tax rates to support voter-approved debt service requirements. The Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted the rates at its September 9, 2025 meeting, as required by state law.

This year, 29 K–12 school districts, 3 community college districts, and 7 local taxing agencies will levy indebtedness rates to generate the revenue needed to pay for voter-approved obligations.

Each year, the Auditor-Controller's Office calculates the property tax rates by factoring in debt service requirements, assessed property values, and estimated delinquencies in tax collections. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the rates are applied to assessed values determined by the County Assessor. These rates, along with direct charges levied by [local taxing entities](#), are then transmitted to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for billing and collection. The basic and debt service taxes for FY 25-26 are close to \$8.9 billion, which is about \$500 million of increase from FY 24-25. The total amount of direct charges levied by local taxing entities has increased from last year to \$834 million.

[Debt service tax rates](#) are levied to ensure taxing jurisdictions have sufficient revenue to meet their annual debt obligations in accordance with [Article XIII A, Section 1\(b\)](#) of the California Constitution.

"The Auditor-Controller's Office is committed to ensuring transparency and accuracy in calculating property tax rates that fund our schools, cities, and community infrastructure," said Andrew Hamilton, Orange County Auditor-Controller. "These rates reflect voter-approved obligations and provide the necessary resources for districts and agencies to fulfill their financial commitments."



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The adopted Fiscal Year 2025–26 Property Tax Rates are available in [Attachment 1](#) to the Board of Supervisors resolution.

ABOUT:

The Orange County Auditor-Controller's Office and its 400+ employees work to ensure the County operates financially responsibly, effectively, and with transparency. Duties including payroll for over 19,000 employees, general accounting services, property tax allocation, budget control, accounts payable, and financial reporting.

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