

In 1978 Proposition 13 was approved by the voters in California to amend the State Constitution limiting the property tax to 1% of the market value of property as of July 1, 1975. The value was allowed to increase with inflation but not more than 2% a year. Properties resold after July 1, 1975 are assessed at the price paid by buyer. New construction was to be assessed at the cost of construction (if self occupied) or market sale value if sold.

The tax is collected the by County Tax Collector and apportioned to the various agencies including cities, school districts, college districts, hospital districts, etc., on a formula basis adopted by the State legislature under Assembly Bill 8. This is contained in the California Government Code Section 26912.

Secured taxes are due and payable to the County in two equal installments each fiscal year by December 10th and April 10th. The secured roll consists of taxes that become a lien against the property. The unsecured roll consists of property that is of a moveable nature such as personal property or stock in trade where a lien cannot be secured.

In 1993 and in 1994 the state Legislature changed the basis in which property taxes are allocated between local agencies and school districts. The cumulative effect of these changes is a 20% reduction in property taxes received by local agencies.

The County remits the property tax to the cities on a regular basis as they have been collected. Redwood City's share of the general fund property taxes for the last six years and the two budgeted years is as follows:

Year	\$ Amount	% Increase/ Decrease	Per Capita
1996-97	10,686,370	5.29	145.16
1997-98	11,169,435	4.32	148.23
1998-99	12,422,907	10.09	162.28
1999-00	13,946,925	10.93	182.79
2000-01	15,403,664	9.46	200.83
2001-02	18,221,568	15.47	237.57
2002-03	18,440,389	1.19	240.42
2003-04	19,308,779	4.50	251.74

