

BRYAN COUNTY, GA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Bryan County Board of Commissioners – 2025 Property Tax Update

Each year, the Bryan County Board of Commissioners sets the property tax rate, also known as the millage rate. You may also hear the term “rollback rate.” Bryan County has successfully rolled back its millage rate for nine consecutive years.

In 2016, the countywide millage rate was **9.185 mills**. Currently, that rate has been reduced to **5.770 mills**. The purpose of the rollback is to keep the amount of taxes paid by each household steady from year to year, even when property values rise.

It is important to note that the Board of Commissioners does not set property values. Property assessments are determined by the Bryan County Board of Assessors, which uses recent sales of comparable homes and other factors such as property size and structure size to determine fair market value.

Why the Rollback Is Possible

The ability to maintain a reduced millage rate is due in part to SPLOST and TSPLOST funding. These are local 1% sales taxes collected on purchases made within Bryan County. Because visitors and non-residents also contribute to these funds, they provide an equitable way to invest in community needs.

TSPLOST (Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax): Restricted to road and bridge repairs and improvements.

SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax): Can be used for recreation facilities, public safety vehicles, and other county needs.

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One mill equals \$5.770 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. In Georgia, only 40% of the fair market value of a property is taxable.

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Fair market value: \$300,000

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Other Millage Rates

In addition to the county's millage rate, the school system and the cities of Pembroke and Richmond Hill each set their own millage rates. The school system's rate applies countywide, while city millage rates only apply to properties within city limits.

Current millage rates:

Bryan County Government: 5.770 mills

Bryan County Schools: 14.663 mills

Richmond Hill: 3.981mills

Pembroke: 12.00 mills

Reducing Your Tax Bill

Homeowners who live in Bryan County may qualify for homestead exemptions:

\$30,000 exemption on the county or city portion of property taxes for residents under 65.

\$50,000 exemption for residents 65 and older.

Applications must be filed by January 1 for the following tax year at the Tax Commissioner's Offices in Richmond Hill or Pembroke.

A Commitment to Residents

"Maintaining a reduced millage rate reflects our Board's dedication to balancing fiscal responsibility with community needs. We are proud to have rolled back the millage rate for nine consecutive years, easing the burden on taxpayers while continuing to invest in the services that protect and enhance quality of life in Bryan County" said Carter Infinger, Chairman – Bryan County Board of Commissioners.

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