



Tax Rate

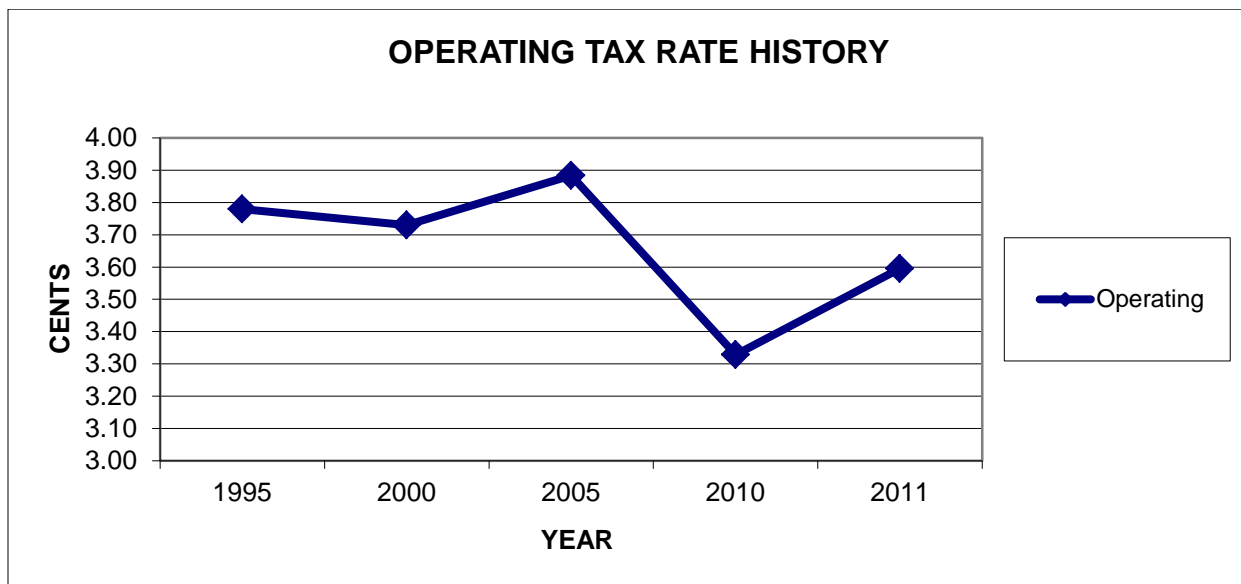
For the 2010-2011 school year, the total tax rate for Rockwood residents is \$4.2752.

The tax rate increased in 2010 for several reasons including: a recalculation of the 2009 tax rate and related revenue; recoupment of tax levy pennies for revenue lost in the 2009 levy; and an increase in tax levy pennies due to the reduction of assessed valuation in real estate and personal property.

The last time Rockwood voters approved a tax levy was in April 1994. Voters passed a \$1.23 tax increase.

Year	Tax Rate Change
2010-11	4.2752
2009-10	4.0083
2008-09	3.9232
2007-08	3.9987
2006-07	4.4177
2005-06	4.5074
2004-05	4.6334

	Operating	Debt Service	Total	
2011	\$3.5952	\$0.68	4.2752	(.3582) below the high of 2005
2010	3.3283	0.68	4.0083	(.625) rollback in past 5 years
2005	3.8834	0.75	4.6334	
2000	3.7300	0.75	4.4800	
1995	3.7800	0.75	4.4300	





St. Louis County Tax Rate Comparison

Rockwood's property tax rate ranks 12th in comparison to other St. Louis County school districts.

School District Property Tax Rates (Source: St. Louis County Collector's Office)		
	2010 Rate	% Increase
Special School District	0.9950	6.03
Ladue	3.1000	4.03
Lindbergh	3.1300	0
Bayless	3.2810	2.18
Brentwood	3.4330	15.33
Mehlville	3.5470	2.74
Parkway	3.5670	4.61
Clayton	3.7430	3.17
Pattonville	4.0770	11.06
Hancock Place	4.1680	2.07
Kirkwood	4.1870	2.51
*Rockwood	4.2750	6.66
Ritenour	4.6230	8.28
Ferguson-Florissant	4.6410	0
University City	4.6620	10.73
Valley Park	4.7170	3.33
Maplewood-Rich. Hts.	4.9880	21.77
Affton	5.0280	6.18
Riverview Gardens	5.1770	8.05
Jennings	5.5000	8.73
Webster Groves	5.5780	14.74
Hazelwood	6.2200	3.01
Normandy	6.2500	6.79

Key Facts:

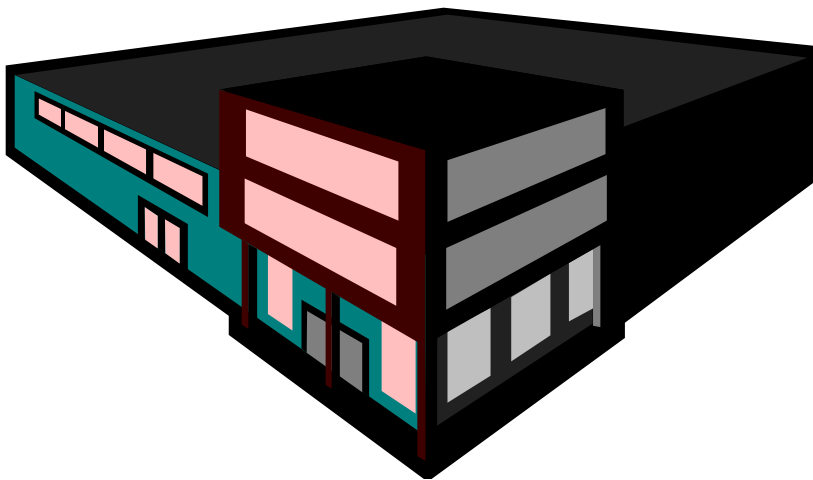
- The Rockwood community is predominately residential. As a result, the district receives the majority of its funding from residential property taxes.
- School districts with large commercial bases are less dependent on revenue generated from residential property taxes. Commercial real estate is assessed at a higher rate (32%) and therefore produces more tax revenue than does residential real estate.

Comparison of Residential and Commercial Tax Payers



If an average lot size is $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, a 10-acre area yields 20 houses.

At **\$250,000 average cost** and assessed at 19%, they would produce \$40,600 real estate tax plus personal property tax of about \$14,200 – **an amount that would educate 5.6 students.**



If the same 10 acres is occupied by a **commercial property** assessed at 32%, this would generate \$90,300 real estate tax plus \$26,100 personal property tax – **an amount that would educate 11.9 students.**

Homes Contributing to One Student's Education

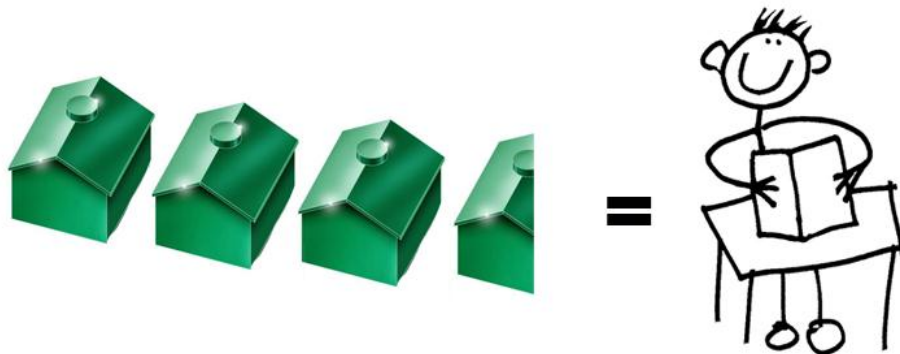
Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	
Resident	19,023
VICC	1,750
Total ADA	20,773
Operating Expenditures	\$203,500,000
	= \$9,796 per student

To determine Rockwood School District's property taxes on one home:

Home assessed value: \$250,000

$\$250,000 \times 19\% \div 100 \times 4.2752$ (tax rate) = \$2,030 ± (property tax amount) + \$712 (estimated personal property) = **\$2,742**

With the formula above for operating expenditures per student (current), it takes taxes from **3.6 houses** in Rockwood to equal the cost to educate **one student**.





2009-10 Assessed Value per Average Daily Attendance (ADA)* Comparison

DISTRICT NAME	ENROLLMENT	(ADA) AVG DAILY ATTENDANCE	ASSESSED VALUE	ASSESSED VALUATION BY ADA
JENNINGS	3,009	2,824.46	\$124,133,260	\$43,949
RIVERVIEW GARDENS	6,652	5,874.39	\$258,480,090	\$44,001
HANCOCK PLACE	1,610	1,521.34	\$73,400,400	\$48,247
NORMANDY	4,170	4,013.00	\$274,904,240	\$68,503
FERGUSON-FLORISSANT R-II	11,717	11,085.42	\$1,079,611,000	\$97,390
RITENOUR	6,344	5,925.18	\$593,331,120	\$100,137
BAYLESS	1,621	1,494.88	\$159,569,310	\$106,744
HAZELWOOD	18,378	17,343.28	\$1,931,441,590	\$111,365
*ROCKWOOD R-VI	22,382	20,788.39	\$3,515,636,323	\$169,115
AFFTON 101	2,476	2,316.94	\$404,957,950	\$174,781
VALLEY PARK	1,016	963.27	\$173,490,950	\$180,106
MEHLVILLE R-IX	10,816	9,749.11	\$1,777,204,260	\$182,294
WEBSTER GROVES	4,248	3,881.11	\$728,663,570	\$187,746
UNIVERSITY CITY	3,188	2,976.09	\$613,640,010	\$206,190
LINDBERGH SCHOOLS	5,685	5,186.66	\$1,300,553,490	\$250,750
PATTONVILLE R-III	5,518	5,540.72	\$1,419,428,410	\$256,181
PARKWAY C-2	17,386	16,226.14	\$4,448,004,710	\$274,126
KIRKWOOD R-VII	4,996	4,517.79	\$1,242,098,790	\$274,935
MAPLEWOOD-RICHMOND HEIGHTS	1,034	954.66	\$293,023,740	\$306,940
LADUE	3,799	3,602.20	\$1,482,073,350	\$411,436
BRENTWOOD	803	752.49	\$323,996,590	\$430,566
CLAYTON	2,478	2,343.06	\$1,050,174,880	\$448,207

***Average Daily Attendance (ADA)**

The state funds school districts based on adjusted student attendance, also known as Average Daily Attendance (ADA). ADA is calculated by dividing the total number of hours of student attendance by the number of hours of school scheduled during the same period.