

Your Tacoma tax money buys:

- 381 police officers who responded to more than 178,000 calls in 2003
- 443 fire fighters who responded to more than 36,000 calls in 2003
- 2.1 million items available thru the Tacoma Public Library
- Public Works maintains:
 - 653 miles of arterial roads
 - 582 miles of residential streets
 - 20,000 streetlights
 - 106 traffic circles
 - 30 vehicle bridges – some more than 90 years old

This brochure is a companion to the TV Tacoma program, "Your Piece of the Pie." The taxes you pay support a myriad of services and infrastructure provided by the City of Tacoma. Everyone who lives and works in the City uses these services every day – even if they don't realize it. We hope you find this tax information helpful.

For more information about the City of Tacoma's budget, visit the Office of Management Budget and Analysis at www.cityoftacoma.org/0304budget

Copies of "Your Piece of the Pie" may be purchased from TV Tacoma. Send check or money order payable to "Tacoma City Treasurer" (\$20 for VHS or \$40 for DVD) along with a note including your mailing address and requesting a copy of "Your Piece of the Pie" to:

TV Tacoma
747 Market St./MSC
Tacoma, WA 98402
Attn: Nancy Johnson

Questions?
Call TV Tacoma at
(253) 591-5169

Copies of the video can also be checked out from any branch of the Tacoma Public Libraries. There are more than 200 copies in the library system.



Your piece of the pie

What does the City of Tacoma get from the property tax?

- Average assessed value of a Tacoma home = \$132,000
 Average annual property tax = \$2,300
 City of Tacoma receives = \$514
- City of Tacoma General Fund receives = \$388
 - Voter approved taxes for specific projects = \$126

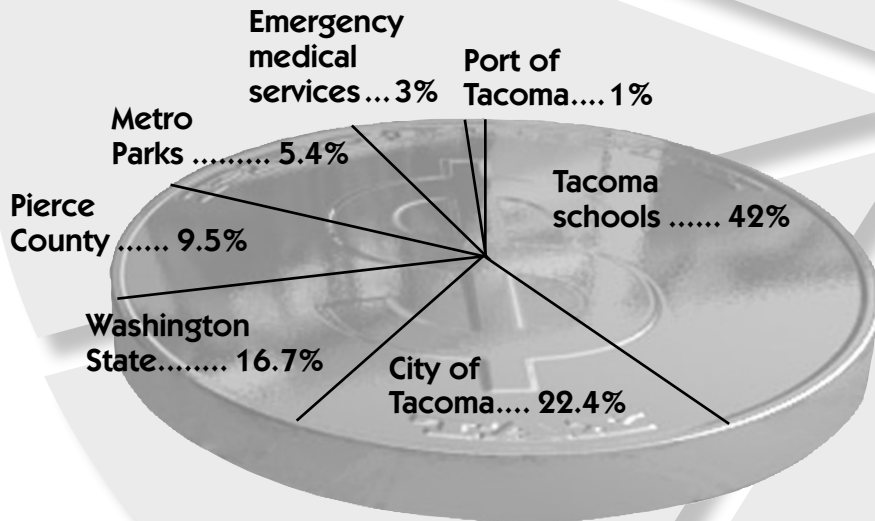
Where do your sales taxes go?

- Overall sales tax paid per \$100 purchase = \$8.80
- Tacoma receives = 85 cents
 - Washington state receives = \$6.51
 - Pierce Transit receives = 60 cents
 - Regional Transit Authority receives = 40 cents
 - Pierce County receives = 34 cents
 - Metro Parks receives = 10 cents

Where does the money in Tacoma's General Fund come from?

- Sales tax = 23%
- Property tax = 21%
- Business & Occupation tax = 20%
- Utility tax = 18%
- Non-tax revenue = 12%
- All other sources = 6%

Where do your property taxes go?



What does Tacoma's General Fund pay for?

