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Tax Rate – General Property Rate	2025-05-07 10:14:48	Evan Gothard	Raleigh	27612	Last year we just had a tax increase in what was supposed to be a revenue neutral revaluation exercise. Our rates increased by 30% vs prior years. Another tax rate increase is not reading the room correctly and is tone deaf. With lingering inflation from the past administration and upcoming price increases from tariffs, people can’t afford more property tax. Like they tell us at work: do more with less. County government needs to take heed of this lesson. Thanks!
	2025-05-06 14:15:20	James Gardner	Willowspring	27592	How many times does Wake County have to raise the property tax? Wake County Residence have just been re-evaluated and increased so some people are considering selling their LAND because they cannot afford it! Farm land in Wake County is vanishing before our eyes. With all the millions of people moving into Wake County, there should be a surplus of property tax. It is unfair for residence who have NOT moved to Wake County to foot the bill because Wake County has not slowed the growth rate. This has caused the shortage space in WCPSS. Why should Wake County continue to build new schools when repairs are not been made to older facilities and placing the burden on the tax payers of Wake County. Again, unfair for long generations of family's to foot the bill for Wake County's mis-managed growth.
	2025-05-06 12:52:32	George S Amato	Cary	27513-3837	It is irresponsible to continue to increase funding though increases in property taxes. Sales taxes, income taxes or other fixed annual fees should be utilized. Property taxes should go down, not up.
	2025-05-05 22:31:19	Kenneth Taylor	Wake Forest	27587	No new taxes! Already paying too much. Property reevaluation last year increased my taxes 40%! Makes me want to sell and leave NC. If taxes are needed, apply to those near libraries that need it not county wide.
	2025-05-05 21:52:35	Ed. Parrish	Raleigh	27603	You just did a property tax increase. It’s unfair to increase them so often for seniors on fixed income an no actual benefit for us . Our income decreases an you keep taking more every year or two
	2025-05-05 20:38:18	Paige Gotterer	Raleigh	27613	So, last year we were hit with a \$500 a year increase in our property tax bill. What did that money go towards? And could we wait at least another year or so for another large increase? Thank you
	NA	Jim			Emily, my name is Jim I've been here in Wake county since 1976 and in that time I've seen all my fees and all my expenses and all my taxes all that go up dramatically. Much faster than inflation. Now I see where someone in the Wake county management office is having a concern about budget financing. I have a concern about where all the money's going. My property taxes went up 305% this year, my automobile taxes went up 100% this year, I'm paying brand new fees over the last 3 years that are silly things like roof run off the end some kind of sewer pipe maintenance that's what our course what our sewer bills supposed to pay for but there's an add-on fee for that anyway, my concern is I personally am paying approximately 250% more in taxes and fees then I paid 5 years ago that's 250% more. Where's that money going all my neighbors are complaining they're doing the same thing. If everybody is really paying \$250% more in 5 year period, what expenses have gone up beyond that amount so that I and my neighbors being ridiculously taxed now are not covering all the bills. Is this something Elon musk should look at?
Wake County Public Schools	2025-05-19 12:38:29	Christina Cole	Raleigh	27612	Good afternoon, Chair Evans, commissioners and Manager Ellis. I’m Christina Cole, WCPSS special education teacher by trade, currently serving as Wake NCAE President. Since March 18, Wake NCAE has been organizing public school workers to go to WCPSS Board of Education meetings to demand a "no cuts" budget request that does not cut positions, employer paid dental insurance, and maintains investments in maintenance and operations. In their budget request, WCPSS Board of Education echoed the Superintendent’s “strategic repurposing” that asks for \$40million in additional local funding actually cuts \$20million in local resources rather than requesting the \$60M increase needed to maintain about 200 critical school-based staffing positions and keep our classrooms and buildings at a bearable temperature for teaching and learning rather than adjusting the thermostat in already hot classrooms to save on usage. The school board’s request does not reflect the needs of Wake county staff and students. And the County Manager’s proposal, a \$35million increase, threatens to rubberstamp even more cuts to the school district’s budget next year. Public school staff and parents understand and recognize the historic underfunding from privatizers in the General Assembly and we are feeling the impacts of federal grant funding getting canceled expeditiously. Public school staff and union members go to the polls and do hundreds of hours of pollstanding every election season. We knocked thousands of doors over 10 Saturdays last Fall to draw attention to important downballot public education races. We’ve had multiple lobby days and in-district meetings this session began to call hard questions to better understand how to work with our friends and get rid of our foes. Make no mistake that we have our sights set on the General Assembly and Supreme Court, too. Yet we know what happens in this room matters too. Right now, public school staff, parents, students are counting on local elected officials like you to step in and step up. Many people, taxpayers, do not know the important role county government plays in the funding of our public schools, regardless of the national or statewide conditions. Your 7 votes have a lot of power for our local schools and communities each SPring. Wake county public school staff deserve to be sure that our county commissioners will fight to keep our employer paid contributions to dental insurance, will fight to invest in the maintenance and operations of our school buildings, will support funding that maintains frontline staff positions. Wake County schools need Wake’s help. We ask that you fund our school district’s request and And though this is a hearing about the FY26 budget, there is much to be discussed and challenged about how Capital Improvement Plan is implemented to address ongoing deferred maintenance. After this budget is passed, Wake NCAE is hopeful to work together with school board, county commissioners, district and county staff on a clear, transparent plan that effectively addresses facilities issues at all of our schools.
	2025-05-19 11:59:59	Aviva Imbrey	Raleigh	27604	In many of the classrooms teachers are expected to teach a huge variety of children without instructional aids or support. Many of those aids and supports are pulled to cover teachers who are out in other classes. If the budget allowed the schools to staff aids and support staff, as well as pay teachers a living wage, more children would be getting the attention required to access an education. The teachers are overwhelmed and the students are having more and more issues that stem from lack of teacher support staff.
	2025-05-19 11:25:05	Ben Robbins	Raleigh	27604	WCPSS needs to maintain and increase it's budget directed toward elementary schools. We need to provide the best possible start for young children across the county. We're seeing teachers struggle, which has a impact on how well we services the children in these earlier years.
	2025-05-19 11:08:15	Rebecca Griffin	Raleigh	27604	My child attends WCPSS. There are several children at her school that come from the homeless shelter. The school needs more funding to support their needs.
	2025-05-19 11:01:02	Chelsea Eshraghi	Raleigh	27604	Please find more in your budget for the public schools. The amount that goes towards education is SO LOW and I’m CONFIDENT you can find more money. Our kids deserve better!

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	2025-05-06 07:35:04	Brandon	Wake Forest	27587	Why does the school system continue to need more funds. It seems they have more people at central office than teachers in the classroom. Aren't there positions outside of teachers, and especially outside of the schools at central office that can be cut? The growing budget seems ridiculous, shouldn't the increase in tax generated from people/businesses coming to Wake County negate the need for raising taxes again. People can't afford it!

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Other/General Feedback	2025-05-18 15:59:34	Trish Wright	Cary	27513	I'm happy with the budget related to the Animal Care, Control & Adoption Center. There are so many needs related to animal welfare but this is a start.
	2025-05-10 15:07:43	Shruti	New hill	27562	Went through the budget presentation and I did not find any new / keep-the-light-on work for environmental sustainability and improvements mentioned. Even though immediate economic concerns are high priority, we should dedicate resources and thoughts to environmental impact wake county is having and try to reduce it.
	2025-05-10 08:04:07	Dawn Cozzolino	New Hill	27562	Wake County Commissioners are solely focused on raising taxes to fund their programs. I challenge you to shift the focus to cost efficiencies, system upgrades, contract savings, and routing out waste as an established practice as part of the Budget cycle. Raise the bar on how you operate. You already jacked insurance rates up and everything else is going up while salaries are stagnant and do not match Wake's cost of living increases. Also, Wake Commissioners are not protecting our valuable natural environment. Where is there concern for clear cutting life providing tree canopy? Why are chemical companies dumping PFAs? Where is the concern for Vision Zero traffic safety? There needs to be a shift in this day & age to look at the process from a continuous improvement lens. I'm hopeful you could safeguard taxpayers hard earned money and invest wisely - with deep concern for the Environment - as if these are limited resources (which they are). Thank you for considering.
	2025-05-06 22:35:26	Peggy Morris	Raleigh	27603	This budget is absolutely ridiculous. I can't even imagine that anyone thinks this is okay. Your timing to increase taxes for our citizens is unbelievably cruel. Do you not realize people are struggling financially, especially outside city limits. This makes no sense whatsoever. Should we all start collecting our blood to pay you with or are you going to just put this old lady with multiple expensive medical conditions in jail for not paying. We need a break, not increased spending. Everything has gone up in price the past 4 years and I do mean everything. People are not buying needed medication so they can pay their electric bills that are without a doubt a scam. I am sick of how local, state and federal spends tax dollars in such frivolous ways.
	2025-05-05 21:01:57	Charles	Raleigh	27603	Stop rasing taxes!!! You are killing those who are retired and on a fixed income.
	2025-05-05 20:36:57	Suzanne Edwards	Raleigh	27613	I am writing as a concerned resident of Wake County to express my opposition to the recent property tax increases and to highlight the cumulative burden these hikes have placed on homeowners over the past decade. Over the last ten years, Wake County has seen multiple property tax rate increases: 2019: The property tax rate increased by 2.9 cents to 64.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value. 2020: A significant 10% increase brought the rate to 72.07 cents per \$100, primarily to fund education initiatives. 2023: The rate was set at 65.7 cents per \$100 of assessed value, resulting in an approximate \$131 increase for the owner of a \$350,000 home. 2024: Although the rate was reduced to 51.35 cents per \$100, the 2024 property revaluation led to a 53% increase in assessed values, causing many homeowners to experience higher tax bills despite the lower rate. These consistent increases, coupled with rising property valuations, have significantly impacted residents, especially those on fixed incomes. The financial strain is becoming untenable for many in our community. While I understand the necessity of funding essential services and education, I urge the Board to consider alternative funding mechanisms and to prioritize fiscal responsibility. It's crucial to balance the county's growth and service needs with the financial well-being of its residents. I appreciate your attention to this matter and hope that future budgets will reflect a more balanced approach that considers the cumulative impact on taxpayers.

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