



How much does the education tax contribute to education funding?

With Budget 2013, education property taxes will contribute about \$2.06 billion to public and separate school boards. If this money was not collected through property taxes, the provincial government would have to fund education using other tax revenues.

It is projected that total provincial funding for education will be \$6.43 billion in the 2013/14 fiscal year. Across Alberta, education property taxes will provide about 32 per cent of provincial funding (excluding infrastructure) for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 education system. The remainder of funding comes from general revenues.

Why are education property taxes required?

Education property taxes provide support for Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 education system, and all Albertans benefit from this quality education system.

Education property taxes provide:

- a stable source of revenue for funding education;
- equitable funding for students no matter where they live; and
- stability in taxation for property owners.

Is the province collecting more than last year from Albertans for education?

In fiscal year 2013/14, the government will collect about \$79 million more in education property taxes than in 2012/13, compared to a \$120 million increase in the previous fiscal year. The increase reflects the cost of providing quality education to Alberta students.

Where exactly do Albertans' education property tax dollars go?

Education property taxes support public and separate school students. The majority of these funds are for instruction, including teachers' salaries, textbooks, and classroom resources.

Education property taxes are not used to fund capital expenditures such as school construction or renovations, teachers' pensions, or government operations.

How are education property taxes distributed?

Education property taxes are pooled and then distributed to all public and separate school boards on an equal per-student basis. In Alberta, no matter where a student attends school and whether the school is public or separate, each is funded at the same funding rate.