

What you get for your property taxes

The City of Ottawa provides many vital services to residents each day, which directly impacts the quality of life that residents expect. One-quarter of a residential property tax bill is effectively set or mandated by the Province. Education taxes are set by the Province and collected by the City. Also, the City is required to administer Provincially mandated programs such as employment and financial assistance (Ontario Works), long-term care and affordable housing.

See below to where your property taxes went for every \$100,000 in assessment in 2026:

Services	Urban Area	Rural with Reduced Transit Service	Rural - Para Transpo only
Provincial Education	\$153	\$153	\$153
Provincially Mandated Programs	\$105	\$105	\$105
Conservation Authorities	\$8	\$8	\$8
Transit & Para Transpo	\$242	\$62	\$13
Police	\$181	\$181	\$181
Capital Financing	\$145	\$145	\$145
Roads & Traffic	\$103	\$103	\$103
Fire	\$95	\$57	\$57
Parks/Recreation/Culture	\$72	\$72	\$72
Program Support	\$97	\$97	\$97
Library	\$27	\$27	\$27
Planning/Economic Dev/Environment	\$18	\$18	\$18
Paramedics	\$25	\$25	\$25
Total	\$1,271	\$1,053	\$1,004

Service description

Provincial education:

The provincial government sets the rates that fund the education system in Ontario.

Provincially mandated programs:

The Province requires the City to pay for social service programs such as: social assistance, child care services, social housing, public health and long-term care, and to pay for assessment services provided by MPAC.

Conservation authorities:

The City funds three watershed Conservation Authorities (Rideau Valley, Mississippi Valley and South Nation).

Transit and Para Transpo:

Funds public transit services based on your service delivery area.

Police:

The Ottawa Police Services Board provides residents with protection and law enforcement services.

Capital financing:

These are costs associated with the repayment of borrowed funds along with funding of capital projects.

Fire:

This rate is set according to your service delivery area for fire prevention, suppression and rescue operations.

Roads and traffic:

The City maintains its road network and traffic control systems.

Program support:

This includes functions such as: City Council, City Manager's Office, Financial Services, City Clerk and Solicitor, and Information Technology.

Parks, recreation and culture:

This includes recreational programs and maintenance of recreation facilities, parks and sports fields.

Library:

Supports reader and collection services, and virtual services through multi-service points.

Paramedics:

Funds the provision of pre-hospital emergency patient care.

Planning/economic development/environment:

Funds the provision of planning services that guide growth and regulate development and the delivery of environmental and economic development programs.

For a full description of the City's budget please refer to the [City of Ottawa budget](#).