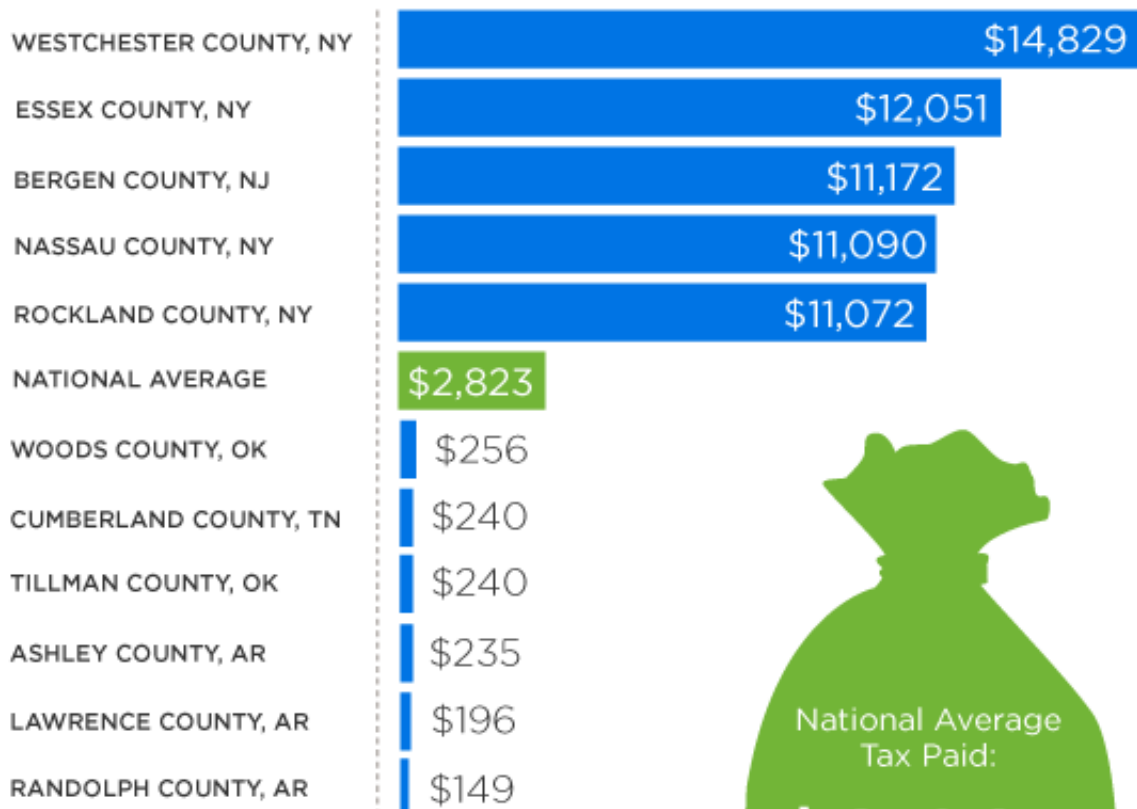




Who Pays America's Highest (and Lowest) PROPERTY TAXES?



This analysis looks at property taxes paid on single family homes across the country in 2012. We averaged the dollar amount of property taxes paid on a single family home in counties where we had information on at least 30 properties.

Adjusting for the average cost of single-family homes in each county, homeowners in [Allegany County, NY](#) win the award for the highest property tax burden. The average tax obligation of \$2,549 in Allegany County amounts to 3.8 percent of the average single family home value; in Westchester County, the average tax obligation is slightly lower, at 2.5 percent of the county's average home value. Nationally, the typical homeowner is spending approximately 1.4 percent of their home's value on annual property taxes.

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The second biggest cost of home ownership — following the [mortgage](#) — is usually property taxes. In 2012, U.S. homeowners paid an average of about \$2,800 in property taxes, according to a recent Zillow study. And if you live in New York, New Jersey, or Colorado your taxes were in some cases five times more than the national average. The numbers are based on an average of real estate taxes paid on single family housing in 2012.

The residents of [Westchester County](#) in New York pay more in property taxes than the typical resident of any other major American county. The average property tax bill for a single family home in Westchester County comes to \$14,829 a year.

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