Tax Data Verification

Ingrid Otto-Jones & Elise Amodeo Monitoring and Analysis Unit



Topics for Today's Session

- History Schedule of Real Property Taxes
- Review Process Collection and Computation
- Reporting Requirements Online Service Filing System
- Data Output Importance of Accurate Data
- Q&A Segment



Schedule of Real Property Taxes

What Are We Talking About?

- Schedule of Real Property Taxes
- Collection of:
 - Taxable assessed values
 - Taxes levied
 - Supplemental information

Schedule of Real Property Taxes

History

- Counties report tax data information to OSC on an annual basis.
 - Prior to 2015, municipalities reported tax data using the MA-144 form.
 - In 2015, municipalities starting reporting tax data using a spreadsheet-based Tax Data Verification (TDV) Form.



Access	ITEM	EDP	AMOUNT (Use Whale Dallers)	050			EDP	TOTAL
He.	COUNTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS:	Cuda	(Da HOT Enter Gents)	Only	CTV	TTV	CODE	AMOUNT
	General Tax	4P001	13,342,524		0	0	4P001	13,342,524
A1004	Part- County Police Tax	4P004			0	0	4P004	•
G1001	Part-County Sewer Tax and Assessments	4P005			0	0	4P005	•
F1001	Part-County Water Tax and Assessments	4P006			0	0	4P006	•
	Other Part-County Taxes (Specify):	4P009		33333	0	0	4P009	•
A650	Special Levies for: Consolidated Health Districts	4P010			0	0	4P010	•
	District Superintendent of Schools	4P011		3333	0	0	4P011	•
	Other (specify)	4P012			0	0	4P012	•
A430	(ADD) Town and City Accounts:				0	0		
	County Self-Insurance Plan	4P101			0	0	4P101	•
	Chargebacks for: Erroneous Assessments	4P102	98,634		0	0	4P102	98,634
	Assessment Roll Printing	4P103		33333	0	0	4P103	•
	Election Expenses	4P104	68,908	33333	0	0	4P104	62,902
	Community College	4P105		33333	0	0	4P105	•
	Social Services (specify)	4P106		33333	0	0	4P106	•
	Other (specify)	4P109		1000	0	0	4P109	•
	Deficit from Prior Year Tax Rate	4P107		33333	0	0	4P107	•
	Excess from Current Year Tax Rate	4P108			0	0	4P108	•
A430	(DEDUCT) Town and City Accounts:				0	0		
	Excess from Prior Year Tax Rate	4P201			0	0	4P201	•
	Deficit from Current Year Tax Rate	4P202			0	0	4P202	•
	Payments to Reduce Taxes	4P203	167,542	1000	0	0	4P203	167,542
	Other (specify)	4P209		33333	0	0	4P209	•
	TOTAL COUNTY TAX LEVY	4P210	13,342,524	CTW	13,342,524	0	4P210	13,342,524
A430C	(DEDUCT) Sales Tax Credit to Reduce County Levy	4P215			0	0	4P215	•
	NET COUNTY TAX LEVY	4P220	13,342,524		0	0	4P220	13,342,524
	Returned School & Village Taxes (Do NOT add in Totals)	4P302	2,049,169		0	0	4P302	2,049,169
	TOWN TAXES:		(Da HOT Enter Centr)		13,342,524			
A640	General (Townwide)	4P401	5,373,594		CTV	0	4P401	5,373,594
	General (Town Outside Village)	4P402				0	4P402	•
	Highway (Townwide)	4P404	2,402,882			0	4P404	2,402,##2
	Highway (Town Outside Village)	4P403	·			0	4P403	•
	TOTAL TOWN TAX LEVY	4P407	7,776,476	TTW		7,776,476	4P407	7,776,476

Original MA-144 Form

Schedule of Real Property Taxes and Assessments



County					
Description	TOTAL AMOUNTS				
County General Tax	72,164,768.15	10,891,833.63	1,031,457.95	2,447,036.06	5,115,091.06
County Police	-	-	-	-	-
Total District Levies	-	-	-	-	-
Total District User Fees	-	-	-	-	-
County Chargebacks	21,277.15	4,306.44	-	1,276.27	-
County Self-Insurance Plan	-	-	-	-	-
Omitted Tax - County	4,563.52	4,306.44	-	-	-
Total Adjustments to County Levy	25,840.67	8,612.88	•	1,276.27	-
Total County Levy	72,190,608.82	10,900,446.51	1,031,457.95	2,448,312.33	5,115,091.06
County Sales Tax Credit	-	-	-	-	-
Taxable Full Value	9,741,074,112.00	1,473,353,455.42	139,524,589.00	331,020,171.43	691,910,920.00
Full Value Tax Rate	7.41				
Town			I		
Town General Highway Levy	23,538,585.49	-	142,639.97	880,283.68	985,386.68
Town Blended Fire District	1,103,806.35	-	-	-	-
Town Fire Protection District	4,067,851.47	-	144,366.15	188,699.95	602,501.04
Total Fire Protection Levy	5,171,657.82	-	144,366.15	188,699.95	602,501.04
Town Ambulance District	382,264.36	-	36,233.95	-	-
Town Drainage District	99,670.63	-	-	657.83	-

Spreadsheet-Based Tax Data Verification Form

Schedule of Real Property Taxes and Assessments



The 2018 Review Process Online Services Application

- In 2018, municipalities will report the schedule of real property taxes using Online Services.
- The process will stay the same, for the most part.
 - Counties provide tax rolls to Taxation and Finance.
 - Tax roll data is uploaded into the OSC system and analyzed.
 - Questionnaire is sent to municipalities to request additional information.
 - OSC sends municipalities the summary for review and approval.
- Reviews will begin March 2018, on a rolling basis.



Online Services Application

- New Functionality
 - File questionnaire electronically
 - View tax roll summaries and calculations
 - Approve summary electronically
 - View prior year data
 - Read-only access for other interested local officials



Collection of Data

- Required: Tax Rolls
 - Municipalities: Submit tax roll data files to Tax and Finance
 - OSC: Convert & sum tax roll data files received from Tax and Finance
 - OSC Requests tax roll data files or PDF files from municipalities if needed
- Required: Questionnaire
 - OSC collects supplemental information from municipalities
- Optional Additional Support
 - Warrants
 - Budgets
 - Other schedules

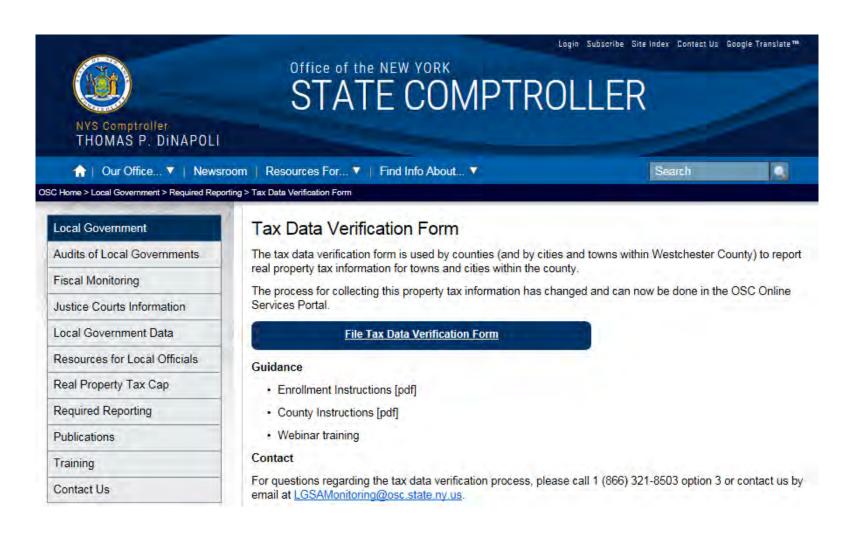


Computation of Taxes and Assessments

- Total Taxes
 - Based on tax roll and Tax Cap guidelines
 - User fees based on usage are not included in the total taxes
- Full Value Formula
 - Taxable Assessed Value / equalization rate.
- Tax Rate Formula
 - (Total taxes / full value) x 1000

OSC Analysis of Data

- OSC Reviews the Following:
 - Prior year totals
 - Previously submitted Tax Cap forms
 - Tax Cap reviews and determinations
 - Online tax rolls, budgets, tax rates and resolutions
 - Additional information from counties and towns



Required Reporting – Tax Data Verification

- Visit OSC's Online Services to log in: https://portal.osc.state.ny.us/Enrollment/login?0
- If you don't have an account, select "Enroll Now."

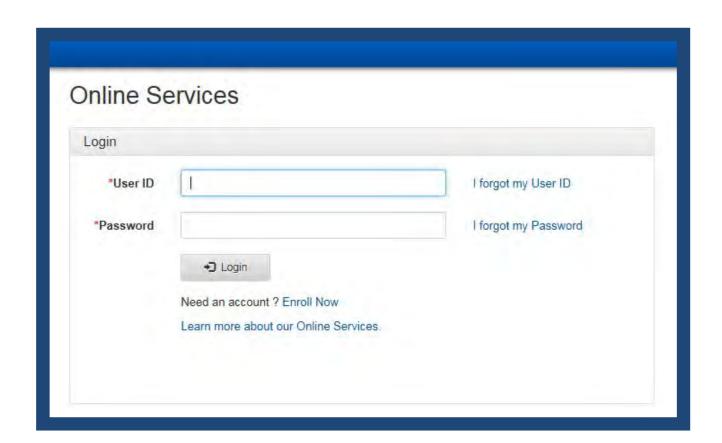


Enrollment

Online Reporting Application

Enrollment

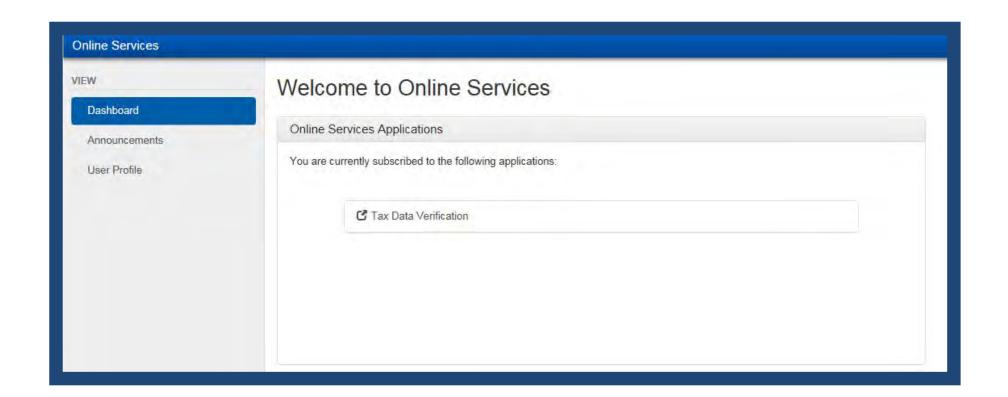
- Online Services Applications
 - Tax Data Verification
 - Real Property Tax Cap
 - Constitutional Tax Limit
- User ID and password required
 - Tax Data Preparers
 - If previously enrolled, the new link should appear.
 - If not, OSC has or will email a user ID and temporary password.
 - Need help? Contact us.



Sign in to the Online Services Portal

- Enroll in Online Services.
- Access system using assigned User ID and Password.





Tax Data Verification Application

- Tax Data Verification should be an available application on your dashboard.
- Use the HAPPS dropdown button to enter CTL and Tax Cap Applications, if you have user rights to access them.



Home Tax Data Verification Use this online service to report your real property taxes and assessment information for the towns and cities within the County. The system will provide information to assist you in completing your Tax Data Verification Form, but it's your responsibility to ensure that the information is accurate. How to Proceed Select a fiscal year below. **Fiscal Year Status** Fiscal Year 2018 Open 2017 Closed 2016 Closed 2015 Closed

Select Fiscal Year

- Select the fiscal year to enter the TDV form.
- Users will not be able to access forms when OSC is reviewing the data.
- OSC will notify the assigned Tax Data Preparer when the form is available.

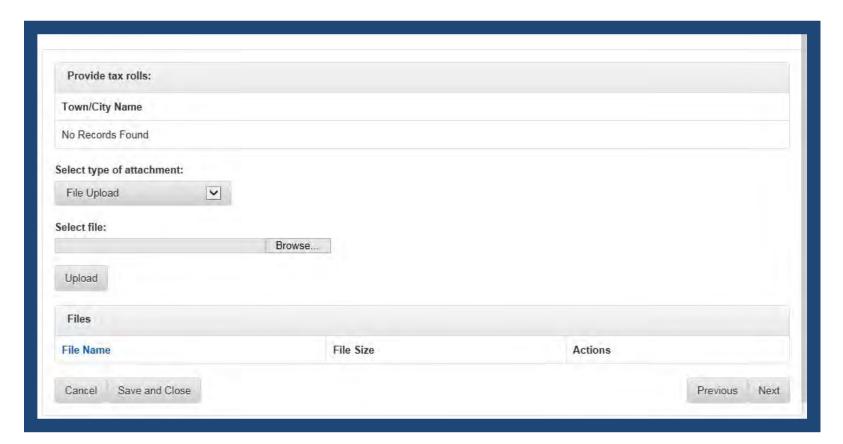




Completing the Questionnaire

- Tax Data Preparer will receive an email notification to complete the TDV questionnaire.
- Required questions for your county or town will be listed under the topics.
- Select "Start" or a topic name to begin.

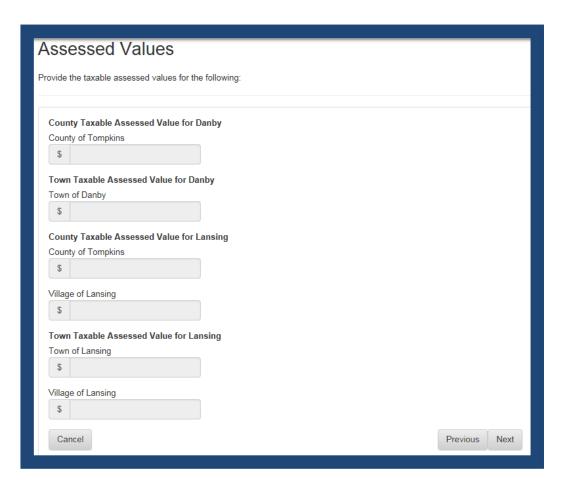




Tax Rolls

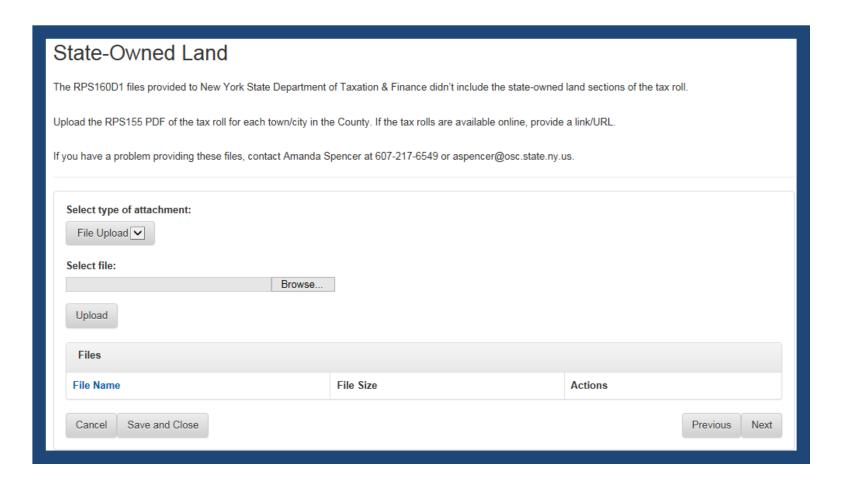
- Users will be asked to provide information if OSC has not received tax rolls.
- Users will have the following options:
 - Upload the RPS160 reports (if using RPS),
 - Upload a PDF of the tax roll summary sections, or
 - Provide a link to the tax roll published online.





Taxable Assessed Value (TAV)

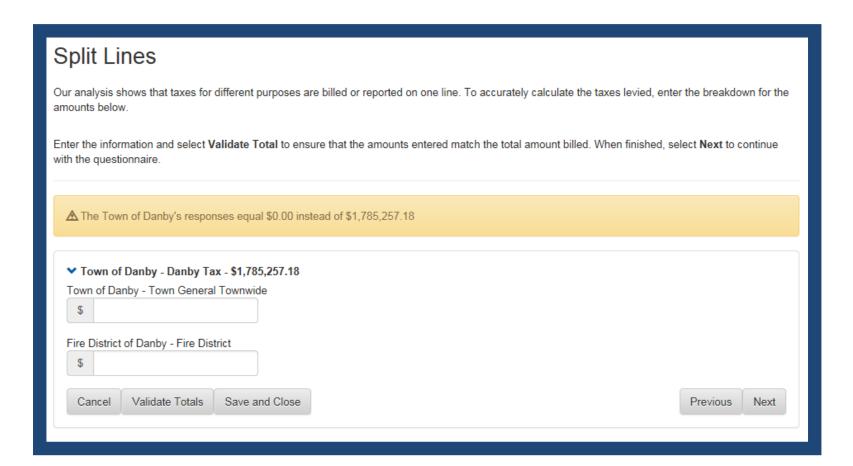
- OSC requests TAV amounts when town-wide taxes are not billed for town or county purposes.
- If a town has a village, OSC will ask for the town-outside-village and village area assessment amounts.



State-Owned Land

• If the RPS160 files do not include the state-owned land section, provide OSC with the RPS155 PDF of the tax roll.

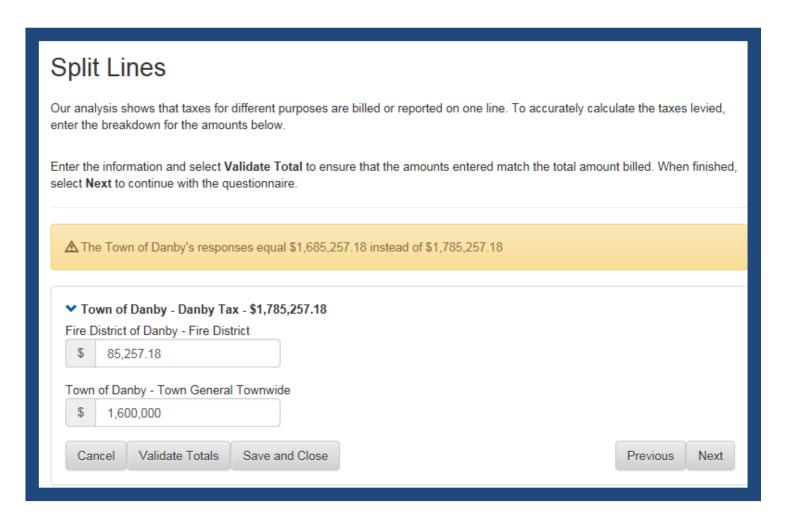




Split Lines

 Provide taxes billed by purpose for individual taxing districts billed or reported in total on one line of the tax roll.



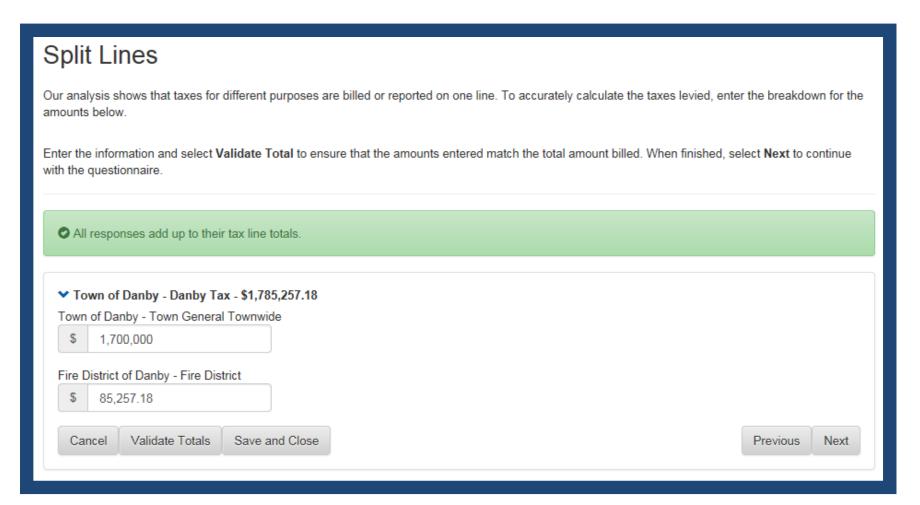


Split Lines

 A yellow banner indicates the amounts entered do not total the amount billed.

NYS COMPTROLLER

THOMAS P. DINAPOL

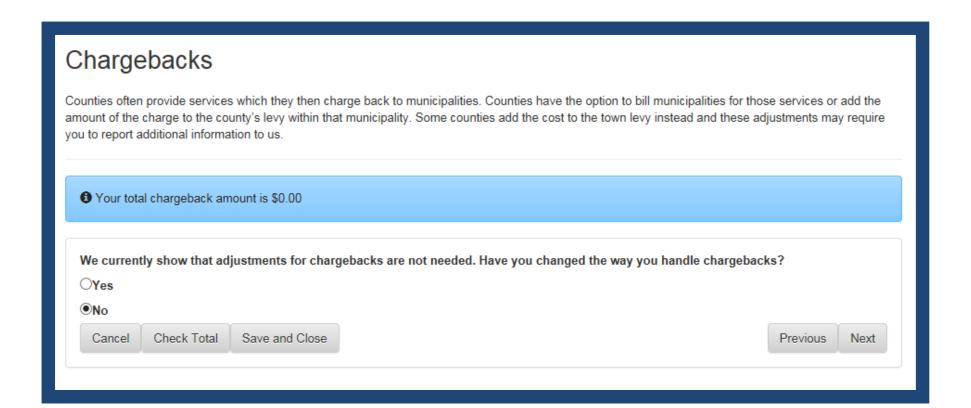


Split Lines

- Enter the tax total breakdown.
- Select "Validate Totals."
- A green banner indicates that the amounts entered are totaled correctly.

NYS COMPTROLLER

THOMAS P. DINAPOL



Chargebacks

- Each year, users will be asked if there are changes in the way the County handles chargebacks.
- If changes have been made, select "Yes" and provide a response.

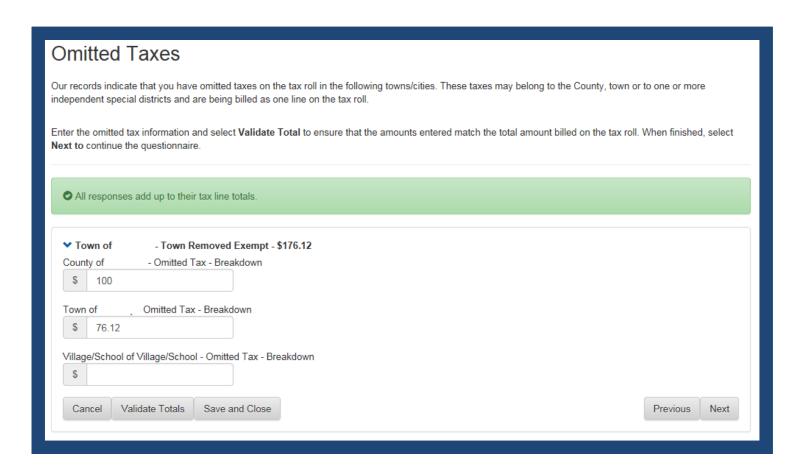




Chargebacks

- If a county imposed chargebacks, adjustments will be needed for each local government.
- Select "Validate Total" to view the amount entered.
- Select "Next" to continue.





Omitted Taxes

 If omitted taxes are billed on one line of the tax roll, OSC will ask for users to break these taxes down to the applicable county, town or independent special districts.

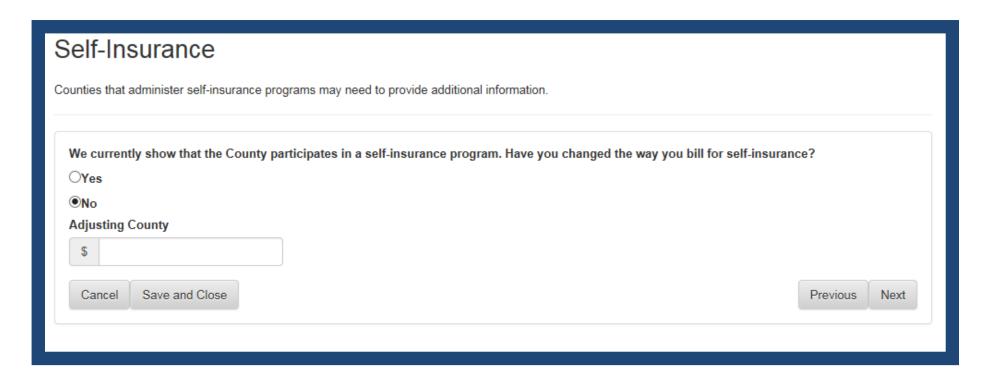




Consolidated Health Districts (CHD)

- If consolidated health districts (CHD) are billed on the town or county tax line, provide the amount billed.
- If CHD are billed out as a separate line on the tax roll, this question will not be required.





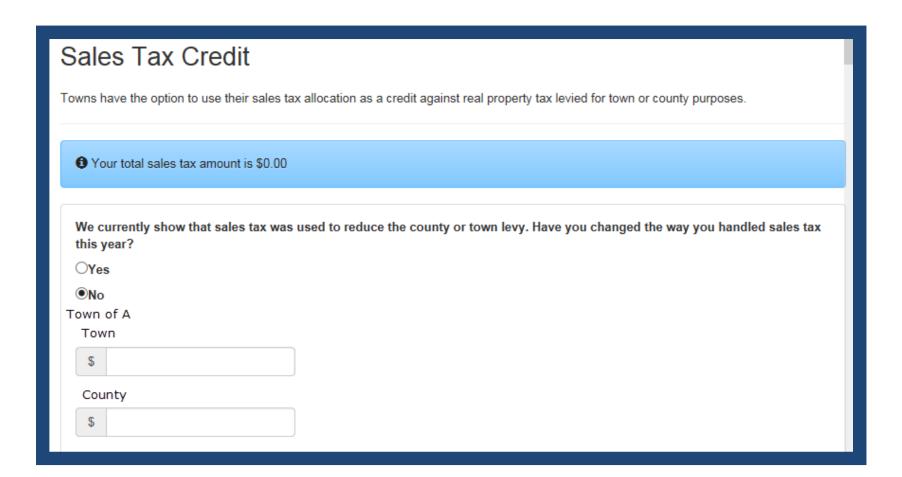
Self-Insurance

- If the County participates in a self-insurance program, OSC will ask if you have changed the way you charge for self-insurance.
- If "No," enter the amounts billed in the spaces available.
 - Added to County Levy
 - Added to Town Levy
 - Billed to Towns
 - Separate Line on Tax Roll



Sales Tax Credit Towns have the option to use their sales tax allocation as a credit against real property tax levied for town or county purposes. We currently show that sales tax was not used to reduce the county or town levy. Have you changed the way you handled sales tax this year? Yes \bigcirc No Please explain... Save and Close Previous Next Cancel





Sales Tax

• If towns have used sales tax to reduce the town and county levy in the past, users will be asked to provide amounts used in the current year.

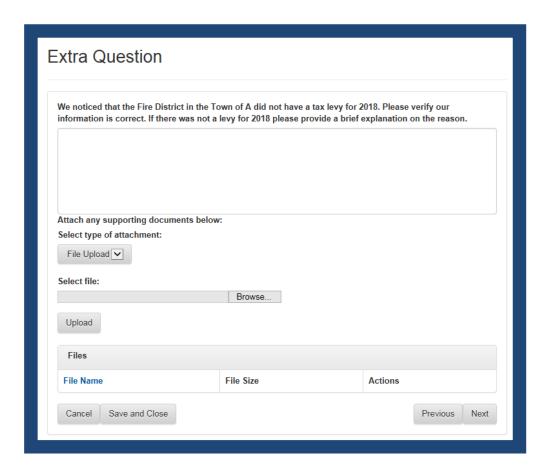




Payments to Reduce Taxes

- Town law allows towns to make payments to reduce county taxes.
- OSC will ask users if this has occurred.
 - If "yes," enter the amounts by town.
 - If "no," select next.

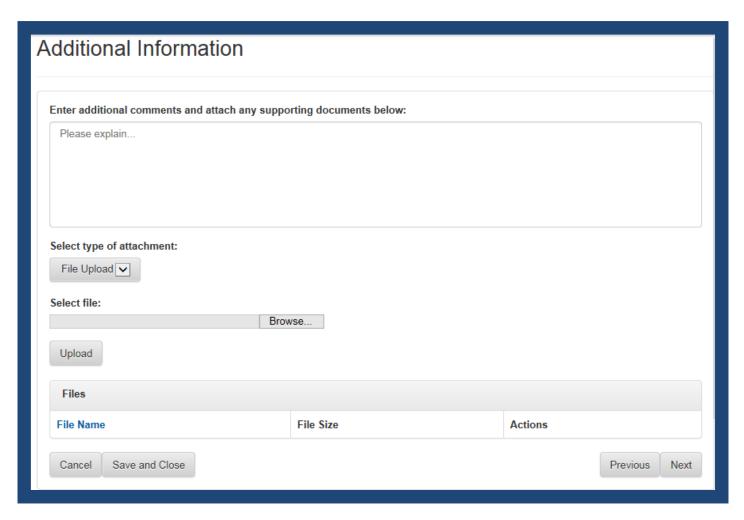




Extra Question

- If follow-up questions are required, this page will appear.
- Preparers will have the ability to enter answers or upload files.

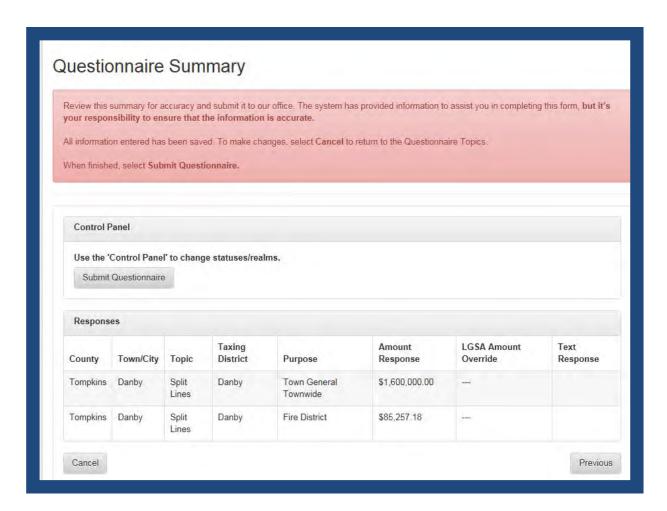




Additional Information

 Preparers can use this page to enter comments or questions and to upload any other supporting documentation.





Questionnaire Summary

- Review the entered information for accuracy
- When the review is complete, select "Submit Questionnaire."
- If changes are required, select "Cancel" or "Previous."



Tax Data Verification

Use this online service to report your real property taxes and assessment information for the towns and cities within the County.

The system will provide information to assist you in completing your Tax Data Verification Form, but it's your responsibility to ensure that the information is accurate.

How to Proceed

Select a fiscal year below.

We're currently reviewing the data and we will notify you when you may complete the Tax Data Verification form.

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Status
2017	Open
2016	Closed
2015	Closed

OSC Review

- Once submitted, OSC will review the questionnaire.
- Preparers will not be to access forms during OSC review.
- OSC will notify preparers when the review is complete.

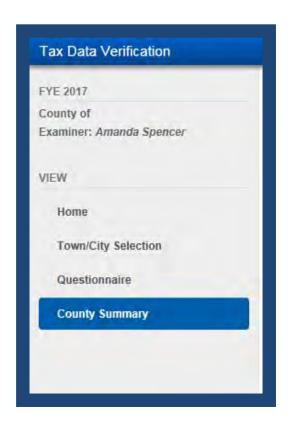


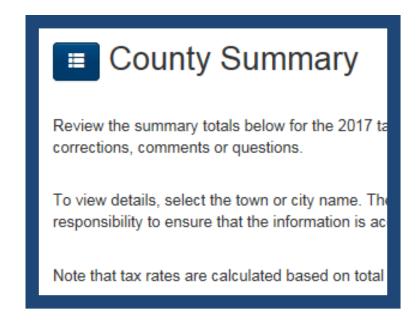
County Calculations							
Purpose Description	Total County Amounts	City of A	Town of A	Town of B	Town of C		
County							
County General Tax	\$ 44,869,376.70	\$12,223,107.34	\$835,830.97	\$1,305,641.71	\$6,524,026.19		
Total County Levy	\$44,869,376.70	\$12,223,107.34	\$835,830.97	\$1,305,641.71	\$6,524,026.19		
County Sewer User Fee	\$2,811,894.69	\$838,107.20	\$89,205.90	\$86,298.97	\$392,673.75		
Total County District User Fees	\$2,811,894.69	\$838,107.20	\$89,205.90	\$86,298.97	\$392,673.75		
Taxable Assessed Value	No Value	\$1,843,874,164.00	\$215,566,865.00	\$287,855,899.00	\$983,991,392.00		
Export to Excel							

County Summary

- View the summary on this screen or export it to Excel.
- Note: user fees are not included in total taxes or tax rates.



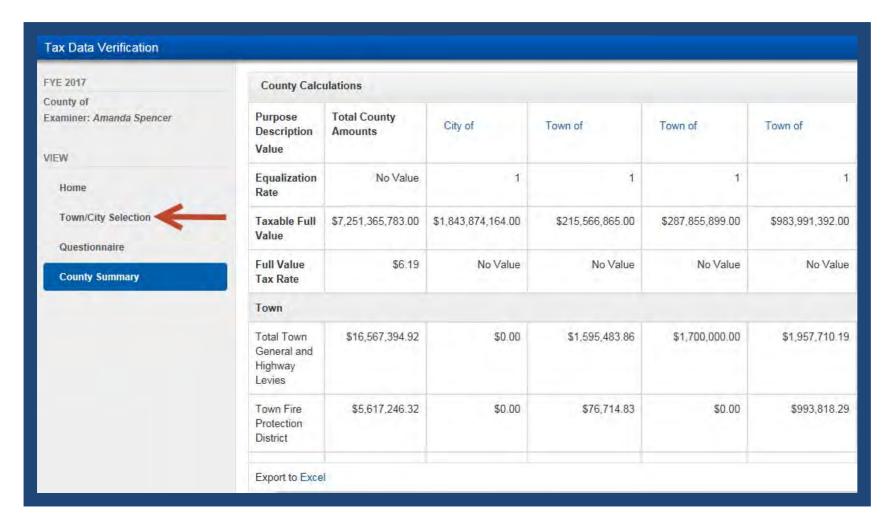




Navigation Tools

- Can't see the navigation bar on the left?
 - Select the **=** to see the navigation side-bar.



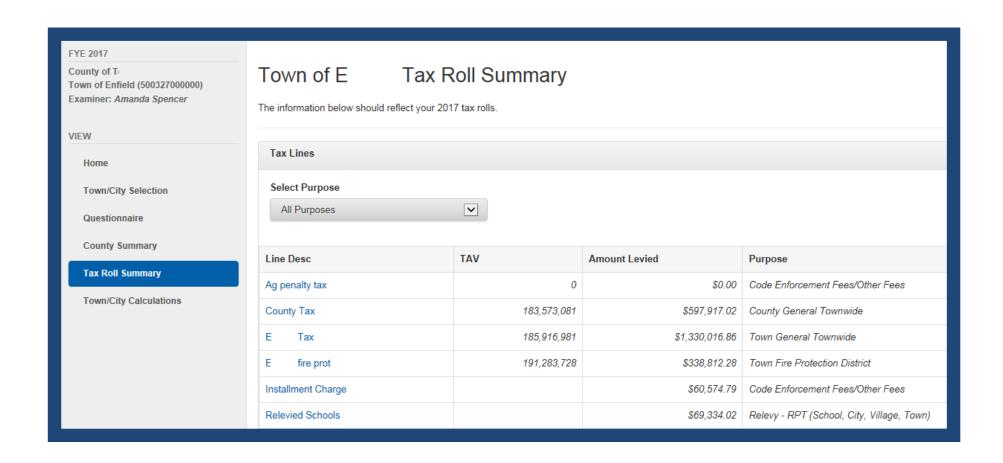


County Summary

• Select "Town/City Selection" to view an individual town or city tax roll summary.

FYE 2017 Town/City Selection County of Examiner: Amanda Spencer To review the tax roll summary data, select a municipality below. VIEW Select Town/City Home Muni Name **Town/City Selection** City of Questionnaire Town of **County Summary** Town of Town of







Tax Data Verification **FYE 2017 County Calculations** County of Purpose **Total County** Examiner: Amanda Spencer City of Town of Town of Town of Description **Amounts** Value VIEW Equalization No Value Home Rate Town/City Selection \$287,855,899.00 \$983,991,392.00 Taxable Full \$7,251,365,783.00 \$1,843,874,164.00 \$215,566,865.00 Value Questionnaire No Value **Full Value** No Value \$6.19 No Value No Value **County Summary** Tax Rate Town \$16,567,394.92 \$1,595,483.86 \$1,957,710.19 Total Town \$0.00 \$1,700,000.00 General and Highway Levies \$5,617,246.32 \$993,818.29 Town Fire \$0.00 \$76,714.83 \$0.00 Protection District Export to Excel





Town of D Calculations

The following calculations are the totals that were generated from the tax roll data and information provided via the questionnaire. These totals are broken out by taxing district. You can click on the arrow to see the detail.

County Calculations

1	Taxing District	Class Type	Amount Levied	Tax Rate	TAV	EQ Rate	Full Value
	> T	County	\$1,305,641.71	4.54	287,855,899	1.0000	287,855,899

Town Calculations

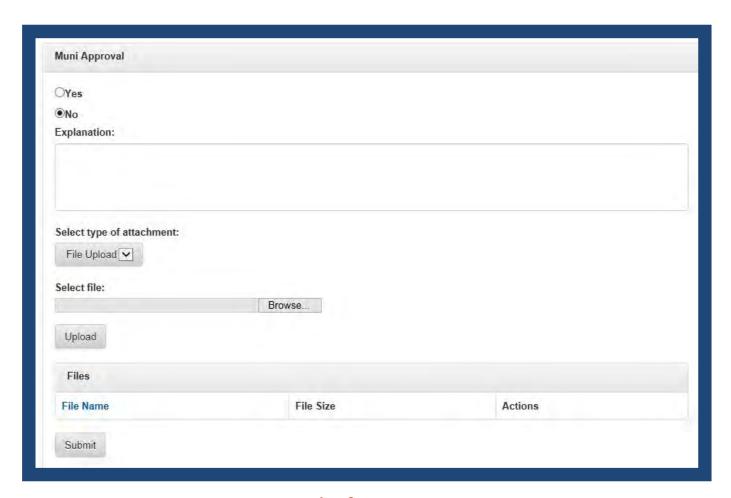
Taxing District	Class Type	Amount Levied	Tax Rate	TAV	EQ Rate	Full Value
> D	Town	\$1,755,471.71	5.90	297,638,774	1.0000	297,638,774

Town Calculations - Independent Special Districts

Taxing District	Class Type	Amount Levied	Tax Rate	TAV	EQ Rate	Full Value
> D	Fire District	\$599,257.02	0.99	605,767,156	1.0000	605,767,156

+Show Other Data





Approval of OSC Summary

• If the amounts reported are accurate, select "Yes."

• If the amounts reported are not accurate, select "No" and provide an explanation. Upload supporting documentation, if available.

Data Output

Real Property Tax Cap

The Tax Cap legislation limits the amount local governments can increase property taxes.

- OSC reviews tax cap submissions.
- OSC examiners use TDV analysis to avoid additional requests from counties.
- Totals on TDV forms are compared to tax cap submissions to identify discrepancies.



Data Output Real Property Tax Tables

OSC posts real property tax levies, taxable full values and full value tax rates on our website.

- Information from these tax tables is used by:
 - Federal and New York State agencies
 - Legislators
 - Real estate associations
 - Think tanks
 - Research analysts and students
 - Local governments
 - Taxpayers



Data Output

Constitutional Tax Limit (CTL)

The CTL places a legal limit on the authority of counties, cities and villages to impose taxes.

- Full value of taxable property
- Taxes levied
- Chargebacks / sales tax / self insurance
- Totals on TDV forms are compared to CTL form submissions to identify discrepancies.



Data Output

Constitutional Debt Limits

The debt limit constrains the amount of debt a local government can incur.

 Generally, a percentage of the five-year average full value of taxable property within the municipality.

Contact Us

- Monitoring and Analysis Unit
 - (866) 321-8503, Option 3
 - LGSAMonitoring@osc.state.ny.us
 - Tax Data Verification
 - Constitutional Tax Limits
 - Real Property Tax Cap
 - Tax Tables
- Tax and Finance
 - **-** (518) 591-5478
 - Proptaxbills.datafiles@tax.ny.gov
 - Tax Roll Submissions
 - Proptaxbills.questions@tax.ny.gov
 - Tax Roll Questions

Questions?

Please use the questions box to submit your questions.



Thank You

Division of Local Government and School Accountability localtraining@osc.state.ny.us

