

# Quick Guide to Your 2026 Property Tax Notice

Historically, oil and gas revenues contributed more than 70% of Starland County's operating revenue. While oil and gas still remains an important contributor to Starland County's economy, tax revenues from that sector have seen a continual decline over the last seven years. Despite these challenges, Starland County has managed to keep the municipal tax rate stable without any increases for three years, including the 2026 tax year. However, with rising inflation and increasing costs for infrastructure maintenance, emergency services and programs, future tax rate increases will be necessary.

## *What Your Municipal Taxes Support*



- Roads and transportation
- Fire and emergency services
- Water and wastewater systems
- Recreation, campgrounds
- Library services
- Protective services and bylaw enforcement
- Solid Waste Management
- Family and Community Support Services
  - Cemetery Services
  - Agricultural Services
  - Land Development

# Why Did My Taxes increase this year?

Some tax increases are due to increases in property assessment values – essentially your property is worth more today than it was worth last year. In our county, residential farm/acreage parcels saw an average increase of 15-20% in assessed value. Properties in the hamlets saw an average increase of 6% in assessed value. Another portion of the tax increase is also attributable to increases in tax requisitions, which are collected through your tax notice, but are remitted directly to the province or region for shared responsibilities.

## 2026 Property Tax Rate Changes

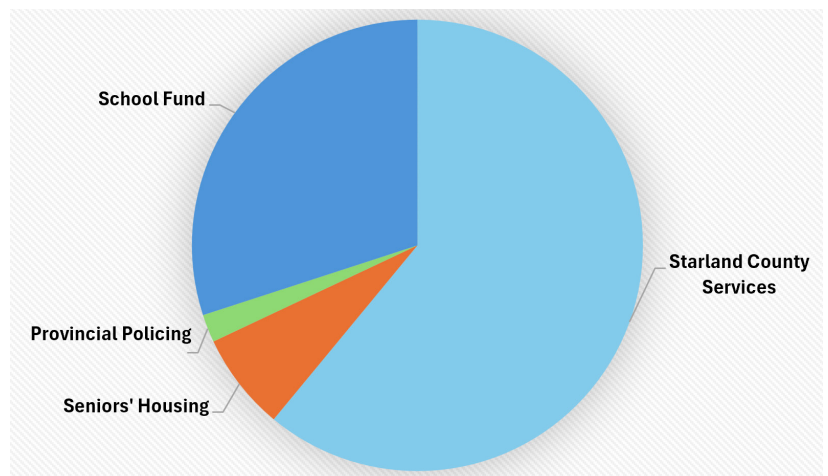
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| Education Fund      | 8.31% Increase |
| Seniors' Housing    | 4.68% Decrease |
| Provincial Policing | 3.71% Increase |
| Municipal Tax       | 0% Increase    |

Your overall property tax rate has increased by 2.13%

## Where do your residential taxes go?

61% of your residential tax bill goes to support Starland County services, programs capital assets, systems, and facilities. 32% of your residential tax bill is remitted directly to the Province of Alberta – 30% for school fund and 2% for provincial policing.

The remaining 7% is remitted directly to the Drumheller and District Seniors' Foundation for seniors housing.



For questions regarding your 2026 Tax Notice, please contact Starland County at [taxes@starlandcounty.com](mailto:taxes@starlandcounty.com) or call 403-772-3793

