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**Do business**





Year after year,  
Texas cities rank  
among the top cities  
in the nation for job  
creation, population  
growth and best  
management.

### Value of Lewisville City Services

	Tax Rate	Property Tax	Water	Sewer	Total Annual Charges
Lewisville	0.436086	\$872	\$543	\$271	\$1,835
Carrollton	0.603700	\$966	\$560	\$367	\$2,153
Addison	0.560472	\$897	\$528	\$481	\$2,172
Plano	0.478600	\$766	\$554	\$721	\$2,224
Farmers Branch	0.602267	\$964	\$847	\$469	\$2,280

### Leanest Local Governments

	POP	TOTAL EMPLOYEES	EMPLOYEES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Little Elm	42,504	283	67
Carrollton	133,351	926	69
Lewisville	104,659	734	70
The Colony	42,408	330	78
NTX AVG.	5,664,256	55,406	98



Texas cities lead the nation because they provide the services and infrastructure businesses need and the quality of life people want.





Instead of celebrating the amazing successes of Texas cities, some state officials are telling the world that Texas cities are bad places to do business.

## The End of Local Laws? War on Cities Intensifies in Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott, an outspoken critic of federal overreach, recently suggested that his state should adopt a "ban across the board" on local regulations.

BY DANIEL C. VOCK | APRIL 5, 2017

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## Anti-city legislation bucks Texas history, leaders' own agenda

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### Stop fight against local control

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott should stop his war against city governments. He is up for re-election next year and wants to curry favor with all the special interests that chafe under local regulations enacted by cities. Abbott's motivation is not to be outdone, state Rep. Jonathan Stickland told a forum last fall that if a city doesn't go along with lawmakers, "We can remove their charter." Depending on whom you ask, the battle over "local control" vs. "state control" is over

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

### They praise 'local control,' but they want Austin control

BY BUD KENNEDY

Obviously, the Texas Legislature does not have enough to do. When lawmakers convene Tuesday in Austin, they will have five months to work up a budget and fix anything that might need fixing between now and 2019.





The ability of Texans to create vibrant, livable cities is under assault from state officials who want to dictate that every community and neighborhood conform to their agenda.



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### Revenue caps would save little, hurt much

Anyone concerned about skyrocketing property taxes should be against state Sen. Paul Bettencourt's push to cap revenues for cities and counties. Why? Because stressed homeowners deserve a better deal than an extra cup of coffee a month. That's what he and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick are offering in exchange for putting fast-growing cities and urban counties in revenue binds. It's a move that



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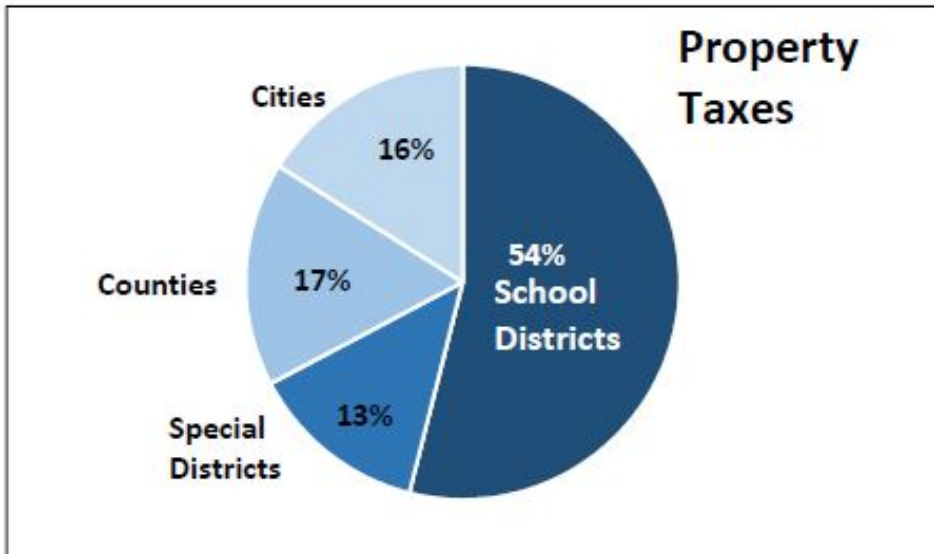
## *Tax limit ties hands of local government*

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Local government officials including Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price were in Austin on Tuesday to argue against Senate Bill 2, a measure that Sen. Paul

## The greatest threat now:

State officials want to put one-size-fits-all restrictions on the annual budgets of all cities and counties.

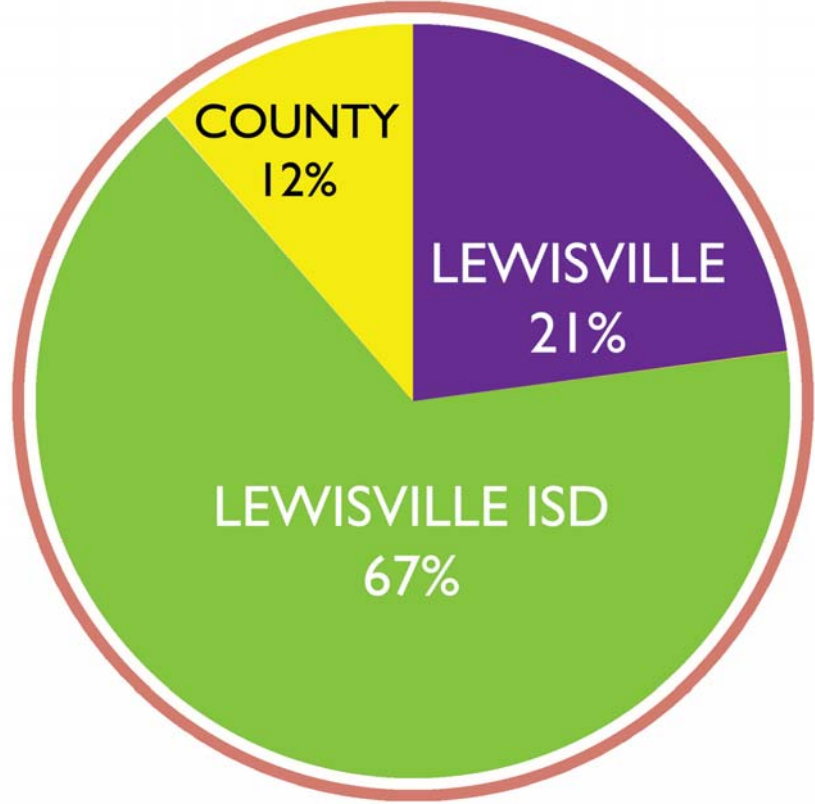


Some state officials are trying to mislead Texans into believing cities are to blame for high property taxes.

But here's the truth:  
**Cities only collect 16 % of property taxes.**



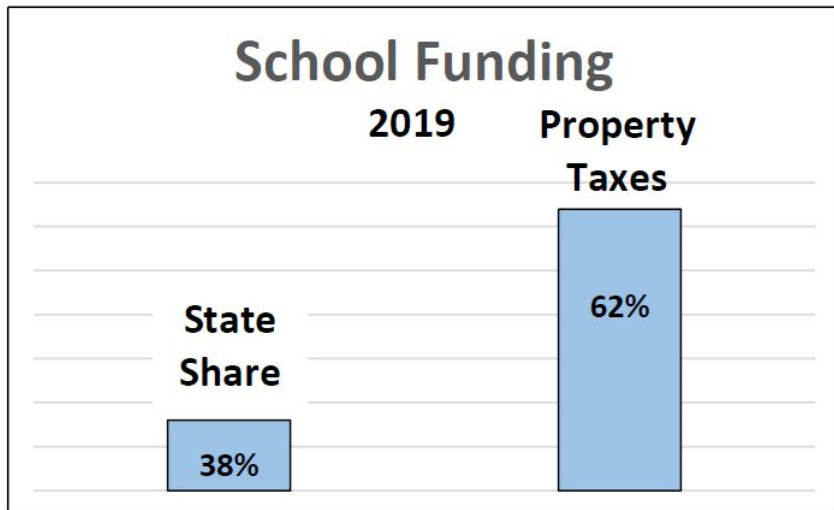
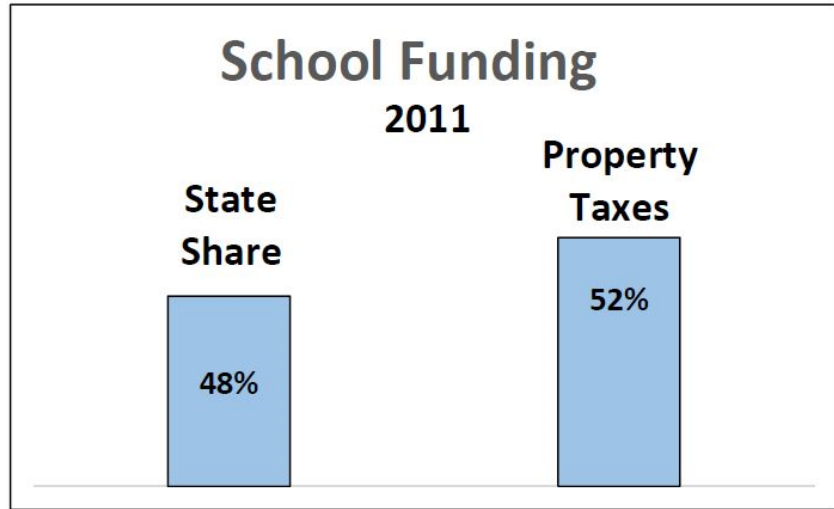
Look at your tax bill.  
Across the state, school district taxes are about **3.5 times higher** than city taxes.





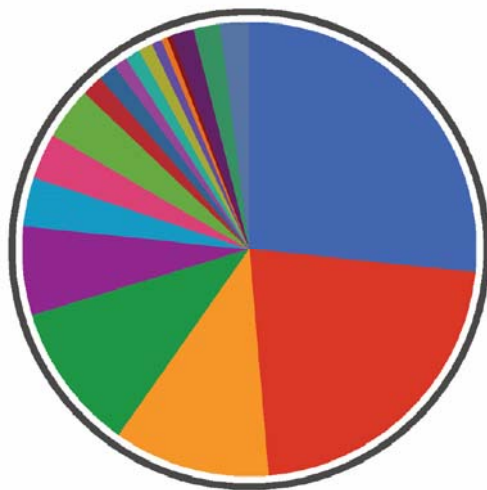
Texas property taxes are high because the legislature has been cutting the state's share of funding for education.

This forces school districts to raise your local property taxes to make up the difference.





21% of Lewisville resident's taxes go to the City of Lewisville. Based on the overall General Fund budget, the annual taxes paid on an average Lewisville home would be allocated as follows:



Police Department	\$252.94	Human Resources	\$9.54
Fire Department	\$207.58	Com. Rel./Tourism	\$10.97
Debt	\$102.39	Economic Dev.	\$8.87
Public Services	\$101.19	Legal	\$7.26
Parks & Recreation	\$60.01	Public Records	\$4.06
Development Services	\$33.87	Emergency Mgmt.	\$1.97
Information Tech	\$31.67	Engineering	\$15.96
Administration	\$33.21	Library	\$17.86
Finance	\$16.07	Neighborhood Serv.	\$19.69
Municipal Court	\$11.18		



## Senate Bill 1 – General Appropriations Bill FY 2018 – FY 2019

In 2017, the Legislature adopted a state budget that is based on our school property taxes increasing by 14% over two years.

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### Texas Senate approves its budget, shifting school costs to local taxpayers

The Texas Senate passed budget that would shift \$1.8 billion in public education costs to local taxpayers. [f](#) [t](#)

BY EDGAR WALTERS MARCH 28, 2017 2:18 PM



Instead of blaming cities, the state can provide meaningful property tax relief by fixing the school finance system.

## Austin's Smokescreen

State needs to fix school finance problem it created

**A**ustin has no shame when it comes to passing the buck on school finance and property taxes.

**Bad bills**  
Senate Bill 1 would lower the rate of revenue increases from property taxes for cities and

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WESAY PROPERTY TAXES

## Provide real tax cuts, not illusions

To successfully pull off their stunts and tricks before audiences, great magicians employ the art of misdirection. The same is true for some politicians,

By leaving the school property tax untouched, the tax bills homeowners will pay in future years will rise sharply. That's because the state's school finance





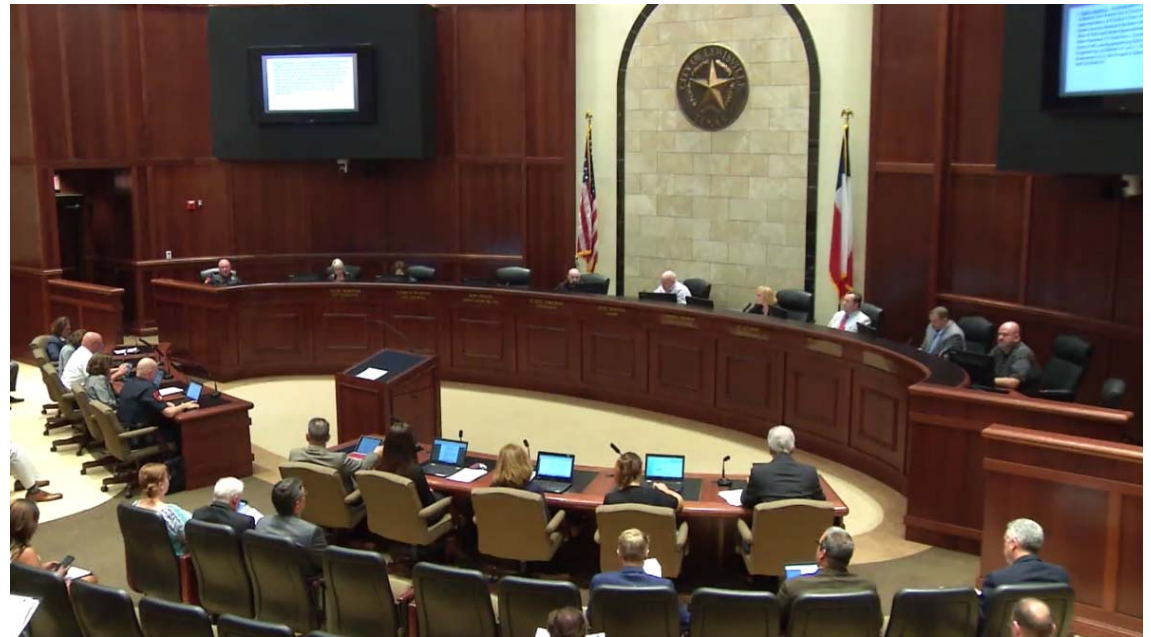
*We need to tell the real story:*

**Letting Texans decide at the local level  
what's best for their community is the  
foundation of the Texas Miracle.**



Local decision-making gives Lewisville residents a voice:

**In the level of services they want and how to pay for them.**





# Local decision-making gives Lewisville residents a voice:

**In how much they want to invest in infrastructure improvements such as roads, new police and fire stations, water and wastewater treatment, and recreation facilities.**





Local decision-making gives Lewisville residents a voice:

**In rules and regulations that protect their home values and the character of their neighborhoods.**





**Texans want the decisions  
that affect their homes and  
neighborhoods to reflect our  
local priorities and values.**



It's your home.

It's your neighborhood.

It's your community.

You and your neighbors should decide what's best for your community.





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