



Smithfield Township 2024 Budget & Tax Overview

General Overview

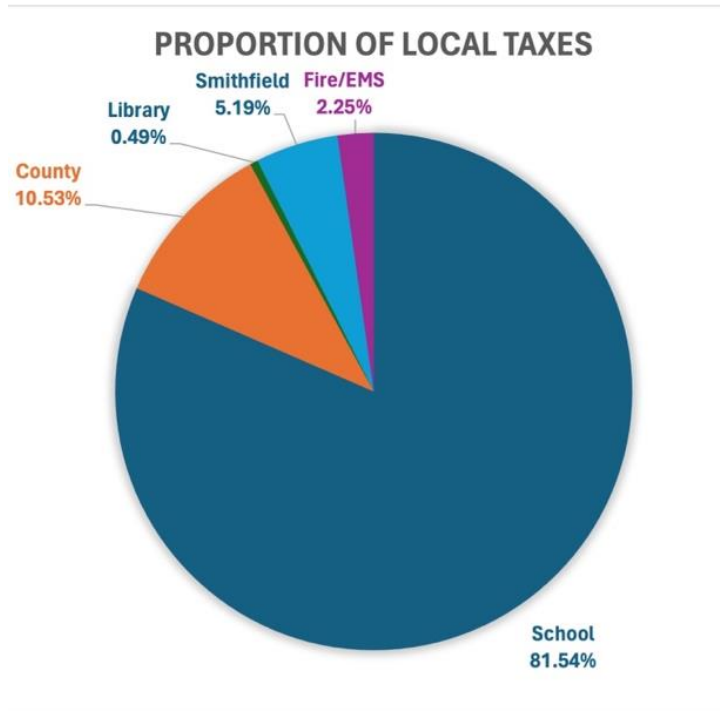
1. Smithfield Township's millage rate is the 12th lowest in Monroe County:

Municipality	Municipal Tax	Municipality	Municipal Tax
1. Stroudsburg:	9.824	11. Del. Water Gap:	1.97
2. East Stroudsburg:	6.1747	12. Smithfield:	1.96
3. Mt Pocono:	6.115	13. Middle Smithfield:	1.75
4. Pocono:	3.429	14. Tunkhannock:	1.722
5. Coolbaugh:	2.68	15. Jackson:	1.35
6. Stroud:	2.58	16. Paradise:	1.04
7. Chestnuthill:	2.42	17. Polk:	0.62
8. Barrett:	2.4015	18. Price:	0.5
9. Eldred:	2.2	19. Hamilton:	0.14
10. Tobyhanna:	2	20. Ross:	0

2. Eleven Monroe County municipalities now levy a Fire/EMS tax or have a higher general purpose millage rate to support them.

Municipality	EMS/Fire Tax
1. Coolbaugh	1.25
2. Middle Smithfield	0.9
3. Smithfield	0.85
4. Tobyhanna	0.311
5. Jackson	0.3
6. Chestnuthill	0.24
7. Del. Water Gap	0.24
8. Mt Pocono	0.233
9. Price	0.225
10. Pocono	0.201
11. Tunkhannock	0.164

3. East Stroudsburg Area School District maintains its status as the bulk of your local taxes – their current millage rate (2023) is 30.79 mills.



4. The difference in local tax bill is calculated below on the average household assessed value – NOT resale value – of \$175,000 in Smithfield Township. School district millage is absent because the school district has not announced 2024 rates:

Difference In Local Tax Bill on Avg. Home			Average Local Tax Bill	
Entity	\$ Change	% Change	Entity	Amount Due
County	\$ 131.25	33%	County	\$ 696.03
Library	\$ 2.96	1%	Library	\$ 32.53
Smithfield	\$ 111.13	28%	Smithfield	\$ 343.00
Fire/EMS	\$ 148.75	37%	Fire/EMS	\$ 148.75
Total	\$ 394.08	100%	Total	\$ 1,220.31

Fire/EMS Tax Creation

1. EMS Providers for Smithfield Township:
 - a. Bushkill EMS (based in Middle Smithfield Township and Smithfield Township)
 - b. Suburban EMS (based in Stroud Township)
2. Since June 2023, Smithfield Township has approved a monthly emergency payment of \$11,160 to Bushkill EMS to keep the emergency service functioning. If Smithfield Township stops these emergency payments, Bushkill EMS is in danger of closing its doors. The creation of this tax creates a sustainable funding stream so residents continue to receive EMS coverage from a nearby provider. The next closest EMS provider is Suburban EMS, out of Stroudsburg.
3. Fire Providers for Smithfield Township:
 - a. Delaware Water Gap Fire Company
 - b. Marshalls Creek Fire Company
 - c. Shawnee Fire Company
4. All fire companies that serve the Township are volunteer organizations. Decreasing donations and rising costs of trucks mean the fire companies are in danger of not being able to afford to operate in the coming years. To prevent fire coverage from being threatened as EMS is now, the fire tax creates a funding stream that will permit fire companies to sustainably replace vehicles and equipment needed to preserve the life safety of residents and firefighters.

Municipal Millage Increase

1. Smithfield Township increased the millage because previous Boards saved to pay off the Township's bond, but in doing so, pushed off equipment repairs and replacement. This has placed the Township in a position where Township equipment is failing, and there were inadequate funds set aside to cover the purchase of new equipment.
2. Smithfield Township's millage increase covers:
 - a. Establishment of a Capital Improvements & Grants Fund, creating a consistent contribution to replace failing and failed equipment
 - i. Includes purchase of a loader (required for loading trucks with salt)
 - ii. Includes purchase of a skid steer (for road paving and maintenance)
 - b. Increases in personnel, to bring equipment repairs in-house, increase grant funding applied for, increase park and environmental stewardship, increase Township outreach through social media and other digital applicants, and support zoning administration.
2. Smithfield Township staff work will lead to a gain of ~\$368,000 in reimbursables due to the Township from awarded grants.

Awarded Grant Funding

1. Smithfield Township has worked diligently to procure millions of dollars in grants to procure better amenities without adding additional tax burden:

Grant	Project	Grant Award
2017 DCED LSA Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 1	\$ 219,138.00
2017 DCNR C2P2 Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 1	\$ 180,000.00
2018 DCED GTRP Grant	Waterfront Wellness Park Phase 1	\$ 72,148.00
2019 Green Light GO	Signals in Twp	\$ 690,852.50
2020 DNCR C2P2 Grant	Waterfront Wellness Park Phase 2	\$ 104,290.00
2021 Act 101, Section 902 Grant	Leaf Truck	\$ 186,981.00
2021 DCED GTRP Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 1	\$ 100,000.00
2021 DCED LSA Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 1	\$ 240,000.00
2021 DCED LSA Grant	Waterfront Wellness Park Phase 3	\$ 146,467.00
2021 DCNR Planning Grant	River's Edge Park Master Site Plan	\$ 25,000.00
2021 Redevelopment Authority Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 1	\$ 30,323.91
2022 1% for Nature	Park Upgrades	\$ 2,343.35
2022 Act 101, Section 902 Grant	Leaf Truck + 2021 Truck Overage	\$ 274,680.00
2022 DCNR C2P2 Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 1	\$ 285,800.00
2022 MCOS Grant	Waterfront Park Upgrade	\$ 2,207.00
2022 PennDOT Multimodal Grant	Green Mountain Drive Bridge	\$ 351,678.00
2023 DCNR Statewide LSA Grant	Marshalls Falls Phase 2	\$ 367,500.00
2023 PMVB Grant	Tree Cutting in Parks	\$ 7,100.00
2024 One for Nature	Park Upgrades	\$ 1,330.00
2024 PMVB Grant	Park Upgrades	\$ 7,955.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	\$ 3,295,793.76