

Colorado Property Tax Map

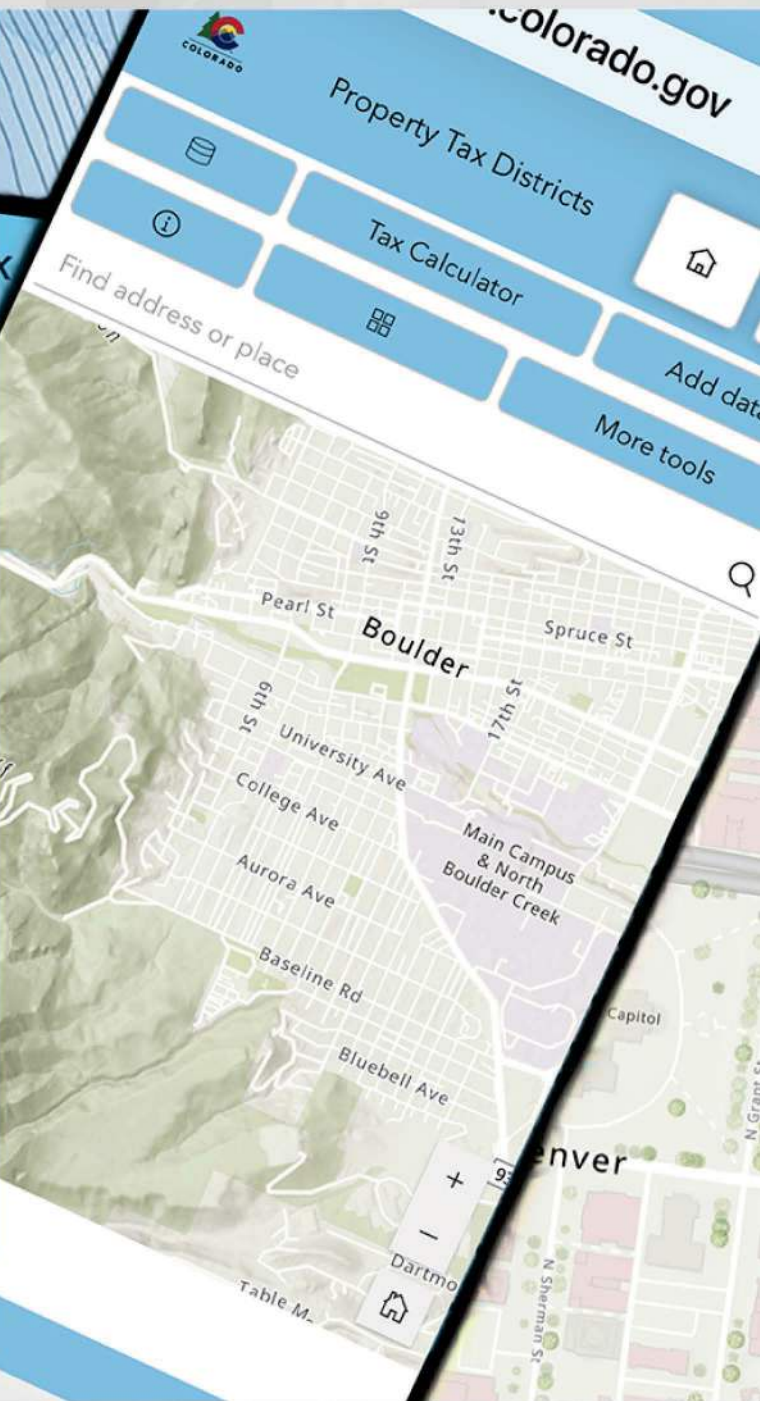
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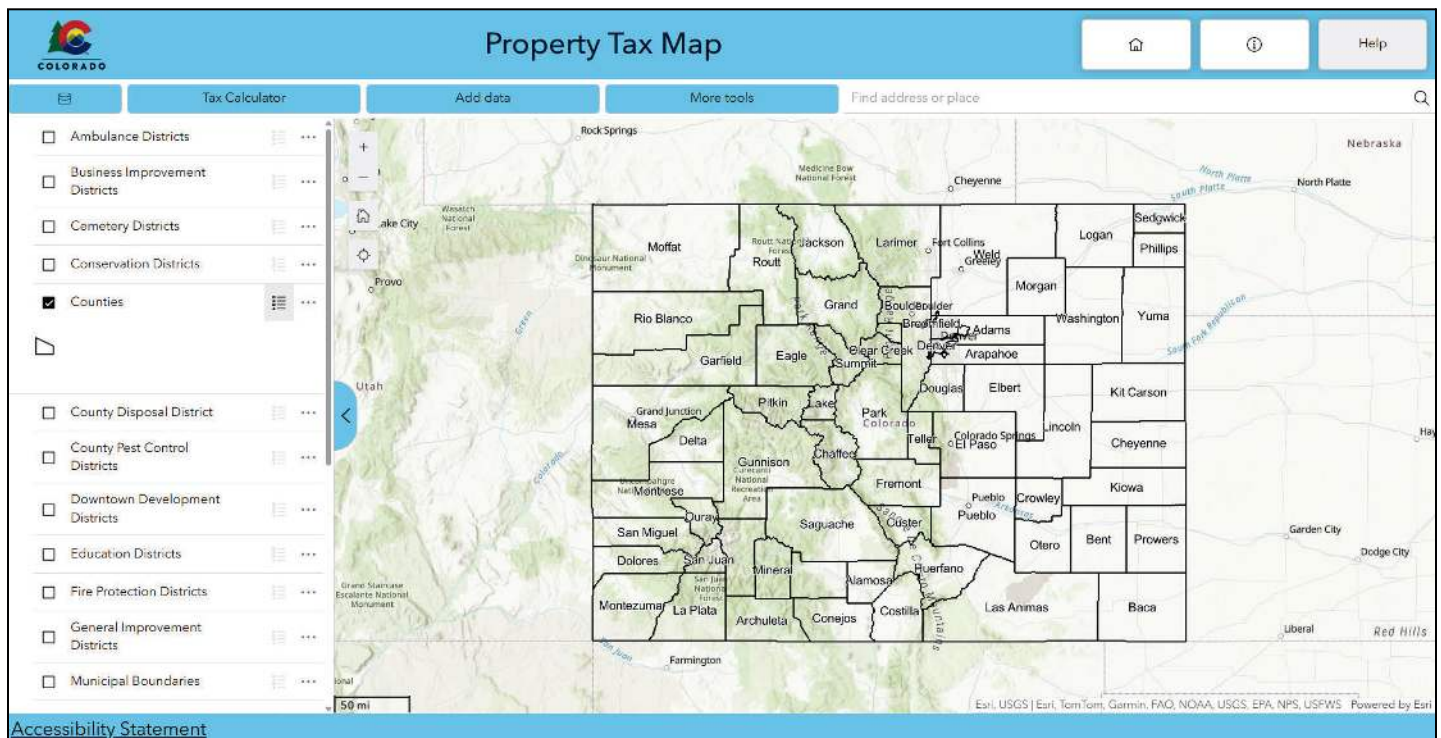


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Demystifying property taxes across 64 counties used to be an impossible task for Coloradans – until now. The [Colorado Property Tax Map \(Map\) and Calculator](#) is a pioneering digital tool that shatters a fragmented status quo, centralizing county data into one powerful, unified platform. By transforming a historically confusing maze into a transparent, interactive and fully multilingual experience, this tool empowers residents to estimate their taxes, visualize their districts and understand their obligations in seconds, setting a new gold standard for accessible, user-friendly government transparency.

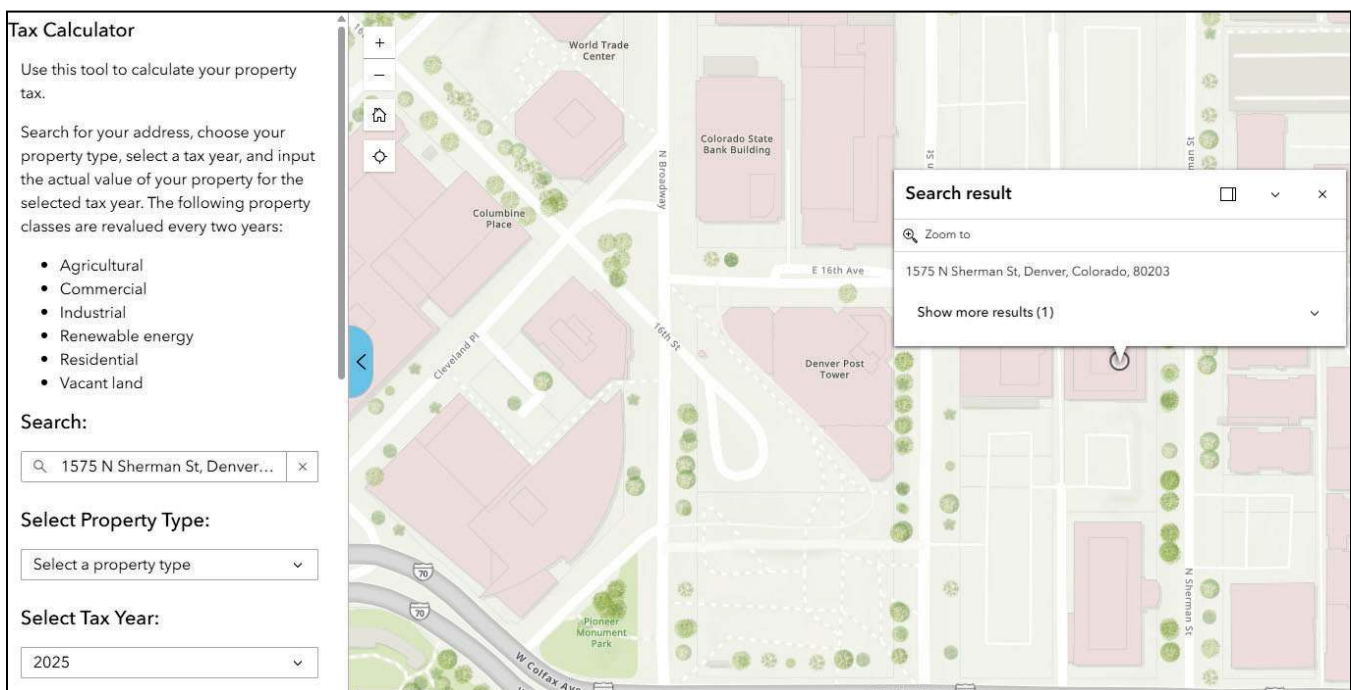
The Map centralizes access so that Coloradans can now search for addresses, view tax districts on an interactive map, estimate taxes and connect directly with county resources. The result is a more transparent, simple and accessible experience that reduces confusion and improves engagement with digital government services.



IDEA

Property taxes are an essential part of homeownership, yet navigating the process has historically been confusing and fragmented for many Coloradans. With 64 counties operating separate assessor and treasurer websites, processes and terminology, residents often struggle to find accurate information and understand how to pay their taxes, especially when moving between counties.

The Property Tax Map and Calculator addresses this challenge by creating a centralized, user-friendly experience that improves public access to property tax information. Users can search for an address, estimate property taxes and directly connect to county assessor and treasurer websites. By simplifying access to information and incorporating multilingual functionality for Spanish-speaking residents, the project increases transparency, improves accessibility and strengthens public engagement with government services.



Unrivaled in the nation, the Colorado Property Tax Map is the first initiative of its kind to centralize fragmented statewide property tax data into a single, interactive platform. The Map has become a model for other states facing similar challenges with fragmented systems, inconsistent access to information and public confusion around property tax processes.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Colorado Property Tax Map was developed through a collaborative partnership between the **Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT)**, the **Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)** and the Governor's Office, which worked together to design the application and shape the overall user experience. County assessors and treasurers across the state were also engaged throughout the process. They were asked to review the application, provide feedback and help ensure the tool would effectively meet the needs of both residents and local government partners.

Project Planning & Discovery

The project began with a collaborative planning phase focused on defining project goals, identifying the intended public value, outlining required map and application functionality, establishing agency roles, responsibilities and data management processes. DOLA provided taxing district data, while OIT managed parcel data and application development.

Initial Design & Stakeholder Review

OIT developed the first version of the map and application in alignment with the project's requirements, including designing the user experience and interface, sharing prototypes with partner agencies and gathering stakeholder feedback to identify potential improvements and refinements.

Platform Rebuild and Design Refinement

Next, OIT built the application on an accessible, user-friendly platform. This phase focused on improving usability and accessibility, revisiting design concepts and workflows, and strengthening cross-agency collaboration to reach consensus on the final design. Teams also revisited the data-cleaning process, recognizing the complexity of aggregating and validating county-level data, and data refinement remains an ongoing effort to improve statewide accuracy and consistency.

Soft Launch and User Feedback

Before its public release, the application was soft-launched to county assessors and treasurers. Input during this phase focused primarily on identifying data inconsistencies and accuracy issues, improving the user experience and exploring opportunities for future process enhancements. Following a series of updates and continued stakeholder discussions, the project advanced to final launch readiness.

Public Launch and Communications

The final phase of the project included coordinated launch planning across all three agencies. Activities included a joint press release, coordinated cross-agency communications efforts and strategically timed the launch to coincide with the anniversary of a significant tax bill passed the previous year. The application officially launched as a statewide resource, improving public access to taxing district information and increasing transparency for Colorado residents.

The Map, conceived in 2022, required years of collaboration and refinement to ensure accurate, reliable, and easily understandable property tax data and calculations, despite challenges with incomplete county-level information. Key priorities included accessibility and inclusivity; the application underwent testing and was made available in Spanish. The map-based format was chosen for its clear and intuitive approach to helping residents understand tax districts and connect with local government resources.

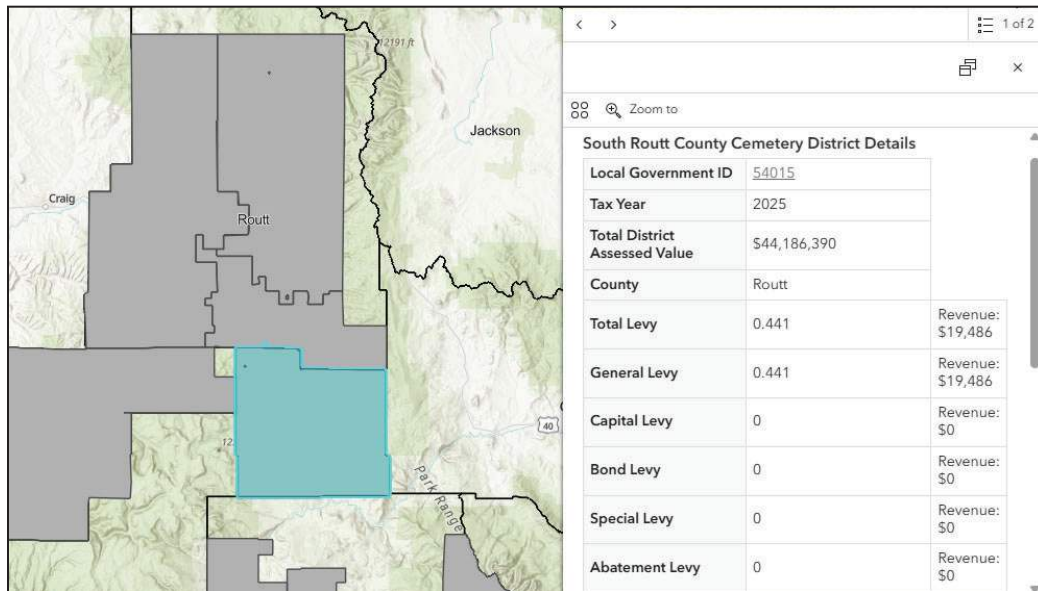
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Assessment and Success

The Colorado Property Tax Map bridges a long-standing gap between how government information is structured and how residents actually use it.

The Map simplifies a once-chaotic, confusing experience by centralizing access into a single, intuitive tool. It transforms fragmented local data into a cohesive statewide service, reduces confusion, improves transparency, strengthens public trust and modernizes how government services are delivered to Coloradans.

The experience is now significantly more streamlined and accessible. Coloradans can now search for any address or district within the state, instantly view the tax districts they live in and directly connect to their county's relevant websites. This shift transforms a fragmented and confusing process into a centralized, easy-to-use experience that improves transparency, reduces friction and helps Coloradans better understand their property taxes.



Strong usage data and qualitative feedback demonstrate the Map's impact. On launch day, we saw an immediate demand for a more accessible way to understand property tax information and since then, sustained engagement and expanded accessibility for Spanish-speaking Coloradans.

LAUNCH DAY IMPACT



16,800
EVENTS RECORDED



25,000+
USERS REACHED

SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT



11,000+
ONGOING EVENTS



1,000+
MONTHLY USERS

EXPANDING ACCESSIBILITY (SPANISH VERSION)



100+
EVENTS RECORDED



~10
MONTHLY USERS

Media coverage highlighting its value as a trusted and impactful digital government service for Coloradans:

- [Colorado Releases Its Digital Map of State Property Taxes](#)
- [Colorado launches property tax map for jurisdictions, property tax rates](#)
- [Colorado launches online map to help homeowners understand their property taxes](#)
- [State launches Colorado Property Tax Map as source to understand taxing jurisdictions, property tax rates](#)
- [Colorado launches online map to help homeowners understand their property taxes](#)

The Map has increased awareness of property tax data quality and encouraged some communities to improve their own data practices. Feedback from local partners further reinforces its value, with one county representative noting, “It’s nice that I was able to see the entire state and not have to navigate between individual counties.”

Ongoing relevance will be maintained through annual data updates and continued adaptation to Colorado’s evolving property tax landscape. Continued investment aims to achieve full statewide coverage by collaborating with local governments that currently lack geospatial capabilities, ensuring the Map remains a comprehensive, centralized and user-friendly resource for Coloradans.