

## Municipal Property Tax as a Percentage of Total Revenues

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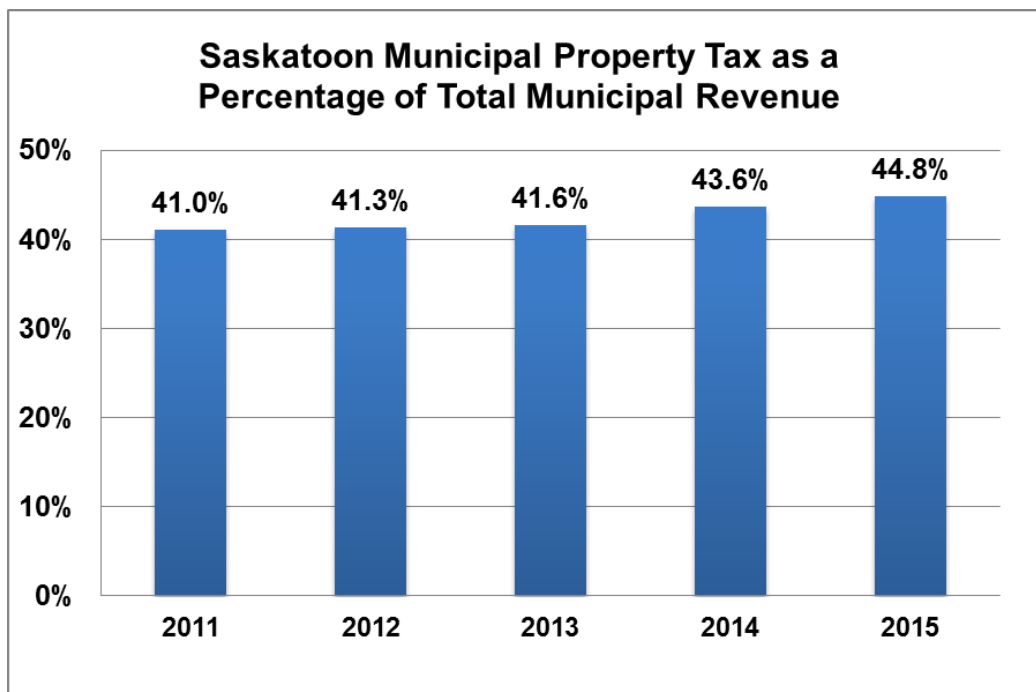
**Description:** The indicator monitors the percentage of municipal property taxes paid relative to all revenue collected by the City of Saskatoon:

$$\frac{\text{Total Municipal Property Taxes}}{\text{Total Municipal Revenues}}$$

“Total Municipal Property Taxes” includes the budgeted “property levy”. Some examples of revenue sources included in total municipal revenues are water and power utilities, user fees for recreation and transit, permits and licenses, land development, and interest.

### How are we doing?

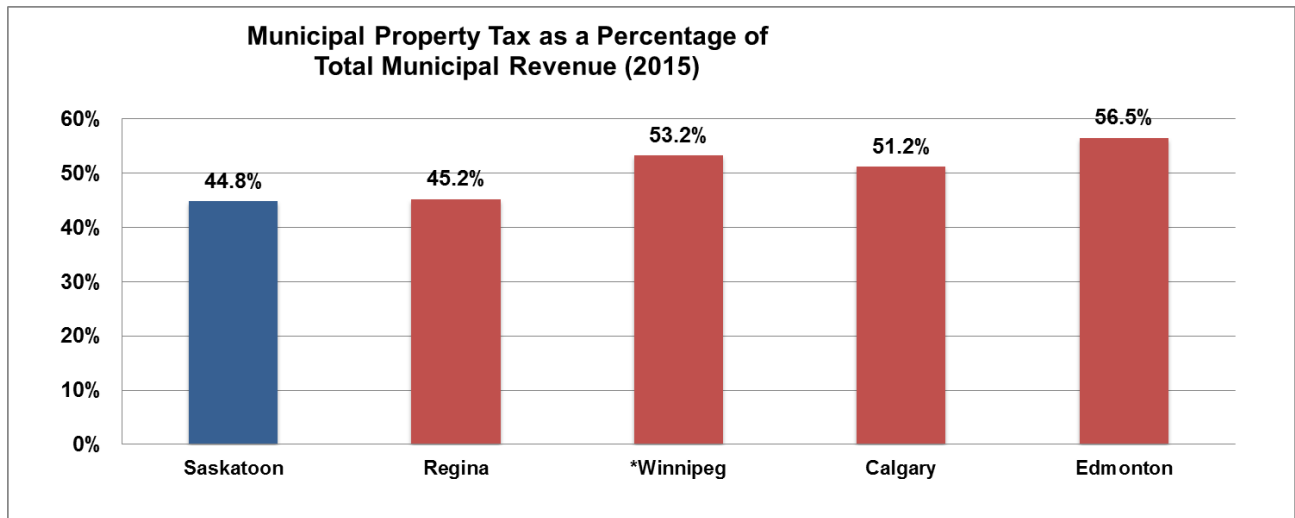
Currently, the percentage of municipal property tax to total municipal revenues is 44.80%. The percentage of municipal property tax could increase to more than 45% as the City moves towards fully funding approved service levels for core civic services like roads and bridges unless other funding sources are identified.



Source: City of Saskatoon

## How are other cities doing?

Comparing other cities is challenging because of differences in how revenues are calculated. While not directly comparable, measures from these municipalities are helpful as representations of municipal property tax as a percentage of total municipal revenue. Currently, the City of Saskatoon's percentage is quite favourable. A contributing factor to this favourable indicator is that the City of Saskatoon has a higher level of self-generated revenues that enables less reliance on property taxes to fund its annual budgets. Saskatoon also may not be funding to the same service level as other cities.



Source: City of Saskatoon *Annual Municipal Operations Benchmark Report*

Notes: The *Annual Municipal Operations Benchmark Report* includes Saskatoon property taxes resulting from supplementary assessment (from properties that are assessed throughout the year, therefore not included in the initial property tax roll). Winnipeg operates its transit as a utility and does not include transit revenues in its total.