

Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division
County Treasurer procedures for Car Line and Air Carrier Tax Distribution

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division (Division), is responsible for the assessment, tax collection, and distribution of car line and air carrier tax monies which are certified to the State Treasurer. Each year, the State Treasurer transfers the car line and air carrier tax monies to the Nebraska county treasurers during the months of April and August. Questions regarding electronic transfer of car line and air carrier money should be directed to the State Treasurer's Office.

During the months of April and August each year, the Division will post the car line and air carrier tax distribution information for each county on its website. The Division does not mail paper copy of the tax distributions to the counties.

Questions regarding the distribution for car line and air carrier taxes may be directed to the following staff:

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Car line taxes are distributed to the various political subdivisions based upon the ratio of railroad taxes levied in the county or subdivision compared to the state's total railroad taxes levied, pursuant to [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-684](#). See "Specific Procedures for Car Line Distribution."

Air carrier taxes are distributed to the credit of the county's general fund proportionate to the amount the total property taxes levied in the county bears to the state's total property taxes levied, pursuant to [Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1250](#).

Procedures to view website postings of Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distributions:

- 1) Go to Division website at: revenue.nebraska.gov/PAD.
- 2) From the top select "**Property Assessment**", select "**Property**", and "**State Assessed**".
<https://revenue.nebraska.gov/PAD/state-assessed-property>.
- 3) Under heading "Air Carriers and Car Line Companies", select
[Air Carrier and Car Line Tax Distributions to Counties](#)
- 4) On this page, scroll down, there are 4 choices:
 - **Air Carrier Tax Distribution Summary by County 1st Half**
 - **Car Line Tax Distributions Summary by County 1st Half**
 - **Car Line Tax Distributions for Each County**
 - **Procedures for Car Line & Air Carrier Tax Distribution**

Select **Car Line Distributions for Each County (available in PDF or MS Excel format)** to view the specific county's detail of car line tax distribution by taxing subdivision.

Specific Instructions for Car Line Distribution for Each County Detail:

1. The tax distribution detail indicates the distributed amounts for the **1st half or 2nd half** car line tax monies to the various taxing subdivisions in which railroad taxes were levied. The 2023 Certificate of Taxes Levied Report, as filed by the county assessor, is the source document for calculating railroad taxes levied. For tax year 2023, there are 16 counties that do not receive car line tax because there are no state assessed railroad companies operating in the county.
2. **For taxing subdivisions other than school districts**, look at the "tax rate" listed. If the tax rate represents more than one fund, distribute that particular amount of car line money further into other funds, e.g. general, sinking, etc. For example:

Subdivision	Tax Rate	Car Line \$ Received
County	.4153	\$2,500.00

To distribute the car line monies to the funds within the "county tax rate", determine the percentage each fund's rate is of the total rate. Multiply the percentage by the dollars received. An example is provided below.

County General fund	.1983 divided by .4153 = 47.75%	x \$2500 = \$1,193.75
Road & Bridge fund	.1878 divided by .4153 = 45.22%	x \$2500 = \$1,130.50
Noxious Weed	.0292 divided by .4153 = <u>7.03%</u>	x \$2500 = \$ <u>175.75</u>
	100.00%	\$2,500.00

The same procedure, outlined above, is applicable for all the various taxing subdivisions such as cities, townships, fire districts, Natural Resource District (NRD), Educational Service Unit (ESU), Community Colleges, etc., that may have a general fund, sinking/building fund, bonds, or other funds that make up the tax rate shown.

3. **For school districts**, look at the tax rate listed and determine the appropriate funds that make up the total rate listed (e.g., general, special building fund, high school qualified capital purpose undertaking fund, or elementary qualified capital purpose undertaking fund). Determine the percentage each fund's tax rate is of the total school rate listed and calculate the amount of car line monies to be distributed to the individual funds, using the same procedure outlined for other political subdivisions.

For school district bonds, the amount of car line money is separate from the school districts.

In certain situations, a county may also have a Qualified Capital Purpose Fund Bond listed separately like other school bonds, due to previous school mergers where patrons from the

dissolved district do not assume previous bonded debt of the receiving school district.

Note: The car line tax monies are for tax year 2023 collected during 2024. Therefore, tax distribution for school districts will be based on school districts in place for the 2023 tax year.

Unified School System: If the base school district is in a unified system, the amount calculated for the "general fund" must be further divided among all the schools within the unified school system. The school system's distribution factors, established when the levy is set, must be used to distribute this car line tax money the same as all other property taxes.

Learning Community. A car line amount will be calculated for a Learning Community, separate from the base school districts. The car line amount calculated for a Learning Community must be distributed to the funds applicable to the learning community's tax rate, for example, elementary learning center or elementary capital project.

School Code: A six-digit uniform code has been established by the Nebraska Department of Education; the first 2 digits = the county number of where the school district is based; the last 4 digits = school district's number. For school districts, the base school code is listed, followed by the unified system code or learning community code, if applicable. For example:

School District	Base Code	Unified or Learning Community
Hastings 18	01-0018	
Orchard 49	02-0049	02-2001
Omaha 1	28-0001	00-9000
Learning Comm. Douglas & Sarpy	00-9000	

4. County treasurers do not retain a collection fee for distributing car line and air carrier monies, per the State Auditor's office.