

Property Tax Relief Program

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Background

Maine Property Tax Relief Task Force met Sept–Dec 2025

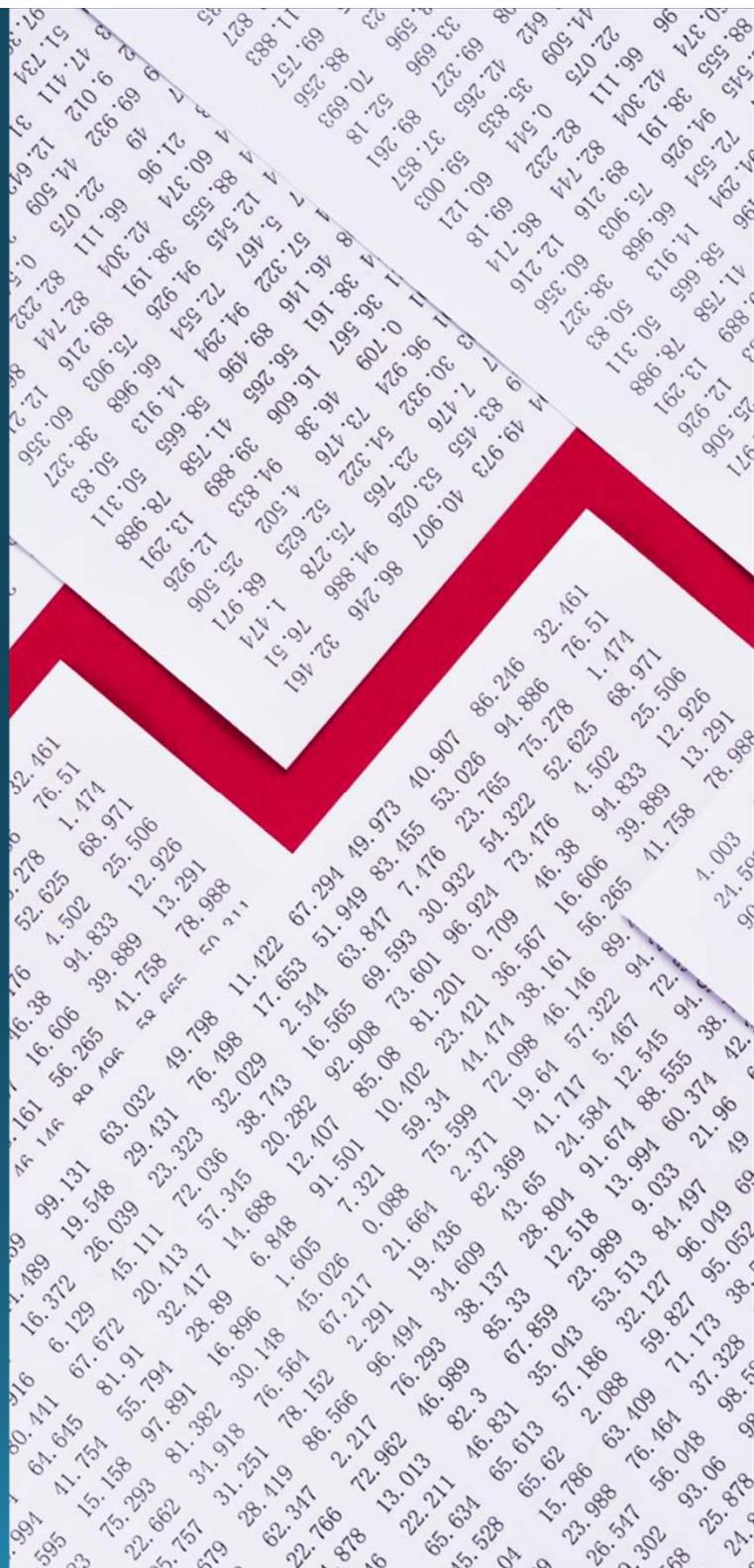
Final report expected late 2026

Highlighted existing relief programs

Key program: Property Tax Fairness Credit (PTFC)

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- State spending (FY25):
 - \$85M on Homestead Exemption
 - \$110M on PTFC
- Targeted relief based on income and property tax burden



How the PTFC Works...



Residents pay property tax up to 4% of income



If tax exceeds 4%, PTFC may reimburse a portion



Refundable credit received with income tax filing

Income Eligibility Caps

\$61,250 – Single

\$80,000–\$97,500 – Head
of household or married
(varies by dependents)

\$100,000 – Seniors age
65+

Maximum PTFC Benefits

Up to \$1,000 for
general residents

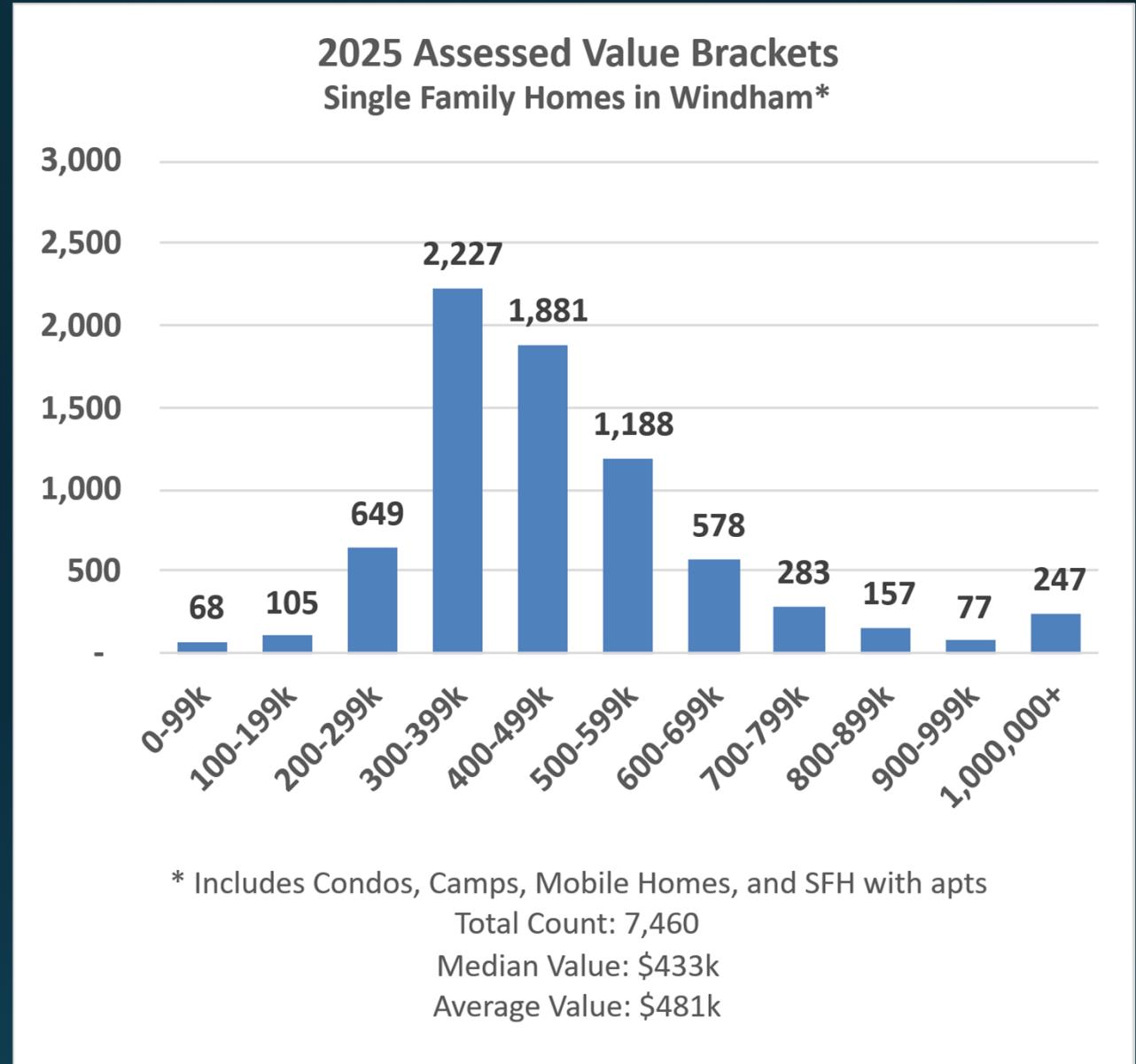
Up to \$2,000 for
seniors (65+)

Impact to Residents

- \$2,000 off a \$5,000 tax bill = 40% reduction!
- Many residents do not associate PTFC with property taxes
- Task Force exploring ways to improve that connection



Sample Calculations



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Assessed values: \$433k, \$315k, \$200k

2025 mill rate: \$12.06 per \$1,000

Percentages show portion of tax bill covered by PTFC

Properties valued higher than \$433k follow benefits of \$433k example

Consult tax professional for specific eligibility and benefits

Sample Calculations

Scenario #1

Assessment: \$433,000 (Windham Median)

Property Tax: \$5,200 (rounded)

HOUSEHOLD	\$30k Income	\$50k Income	\$70k Income	\$90k Income
Seniors (all)	\$2000 (38%)	\$2000 (38%)	\$1200 (23%)	\$400 (8%)
Married w/ Kids	\$1000 (19%)	\$1000 (19%)	\$1000 (19%)	\$300 (6%)
Married no Kids	\$1000 (19%)	\$1000 (19%)	\$400 (8%)	X
Single	\$1000 (19%)	\$450 (9%)	X	X

Sample Calculations

Scenario #2

Assessment: \$315,000

Property Tax: \$3,800

HOUSEHOLD	\$30k Income	\$50k Income	\$70k Income	\$90k Income
Seniors (all)	\$2000 (53%)	\$1800 (47%)	\$1000 (26%)	\$200 (5%)
Married w/ Kids	\$1000 (26%)	\$1000 (26%)	\$1000 (26%)	\$200 (5%)
Married no Kids	\$1000 (26%)	\$1000 (26%)	\$400 (11%)	X
Single	\$1000 (26%)	\$450 (12%)	X	X

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Scenario #3

Assessment: \$200,000

Property Tax: \$2,400

HOUSEHOLD	\$30k Income	\$50k Income	\$70k Income	\$90k Income
Seniors (all)	\$1200 (50%)	\$400 (17%)	X	X
Married w/ Kids	\$1000 (42%)	\$400 (17%)	X	X
Married no Kids	\$1000 (42%)	\$400 (17%)	X	X
Single	\$1000 (42%)	\$400 (17%)	X	X

Local Tax
Relief –
Windham

Senior tax relief under
Title 36 §6232

Income cap and
residency requirement

Up to \$700 in addition
to state relief

Local Program Impact

305 residents
received relief in 2025

\$205,000 total relief
provided

Almost all received
the \$700 maximum

Statewide Context

Only 27 of 482 Maine municipalities offer local relief

2,877 participants statewide

\$1.9M total statewide relief

Windham represents ~11% of statewide relief

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