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# Tax burden shifting to state

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As school districts prepare to open their budgets to the public this week, many of New York's highly burdened taxpayers can expect a bit of relief — though they might have to look carefully for it.

Data compiled from the New York comptroller's office, statewide education organizations and adopted school budgets shows that for 23 of the 27 public school districts in Broome, Tioga, Chemung and Tompkins counties, the proportion of local dollars that will fund school operations next year is expected to decrease. In the other four, that proportion is projected to either hold steady or increase only a fraction of a percentage point.

In other words, most school districts are planning to shift more of the tax burden to state sources, away from local taxpayers. On average in those 27 school

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See a breakdown of school budgets and tax levies with this story at [ithacajournal.com](http://ithacajournal.com).

# Taxable property up about 10 percent in City of Ithaca

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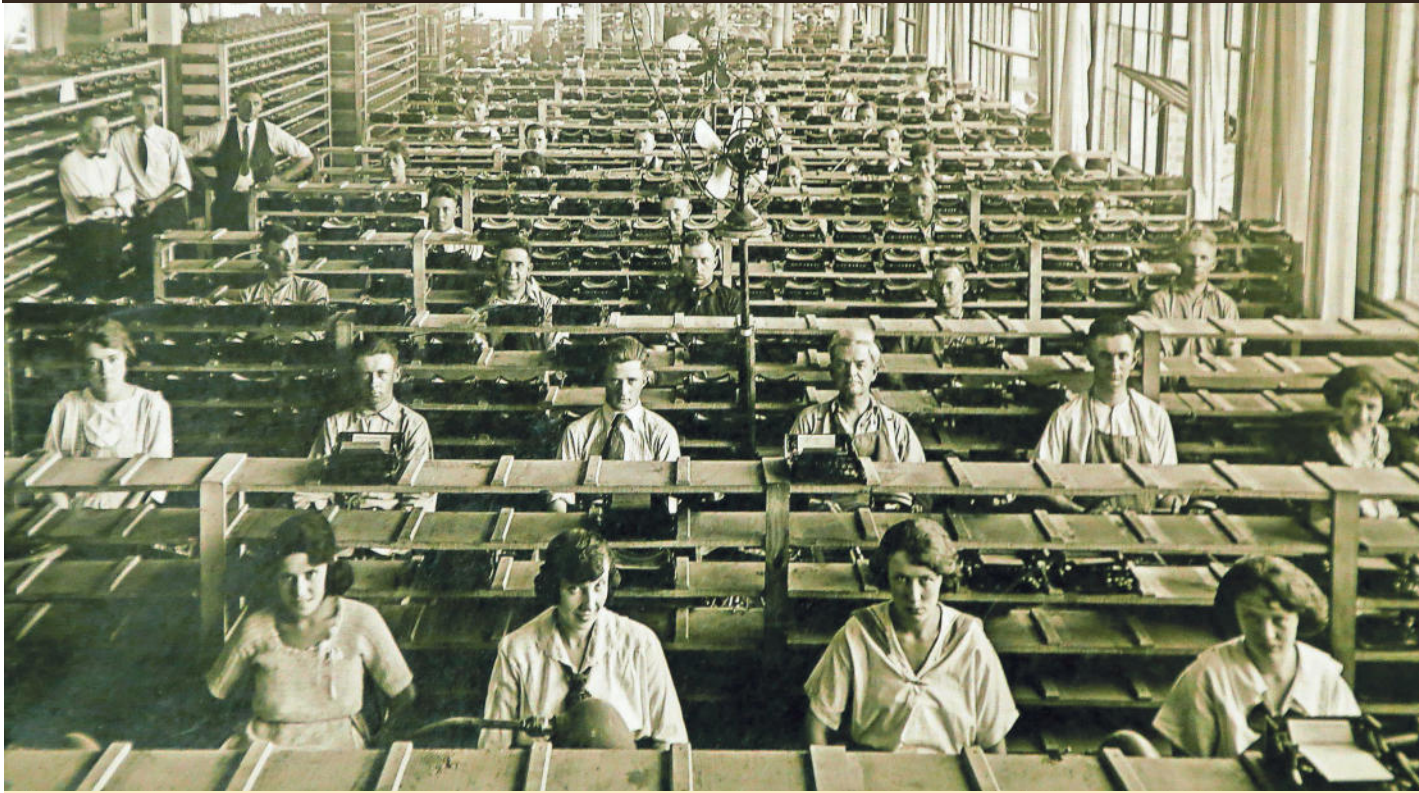
The value of taxable property in the City of Ithaca is increasing faster than non-taxable property values.

Taxable property values in the City of Ithaca increased about 10 percent in the last year, according to the tentative assessment roll released Friday by the Tompkins County Department of Assessment.

In 2015, taxable property in the city was valued at \$1.68 billion and in 2016, it is at \$1.85 billion. The total value of all property in the city was \$4.22 billion in 2015; it rose to \$4.43 billion in 2016, an increase of nearly 5 percent. Taxable property in the City of Ithaca in 2016 was nearly 42 percent of the value of all property, up from nearly 40 percent in 2015.

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# HEMINGWAY, GROTON & THE CORONA TYPEWRITER

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The roots of a great writer can always be traced back to some point. When reflecting on the origins of a literary giant like, say, Ernest Hemingway, the lines can be traced back to numerous starting points. • One could argue the seed was planted in the newsroom of the Kansas City Star, pounding out copy on rickety keys with an editor on his back or even in Toronto, refining his craft in a different setting. Maybe it could have been while at war, serving as an ambulance driver in Italy, where he found the prose that would make him a legend. See **CORONA**, Page 4A



A view overlooking the Corona Typewriter Factory in this undated photo. Beyond the factory on the opposite hill is a row of boarding houses constructed by the company to house workers. Top, workers at the Corona Typewriter Factory in an undated photo.

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