

The General Fund includes the general operating expenditures for nearly all of the public services of Alpine Township. Revenues are derived primarily from state-shared revenues, property taxes, interest and charges for services.

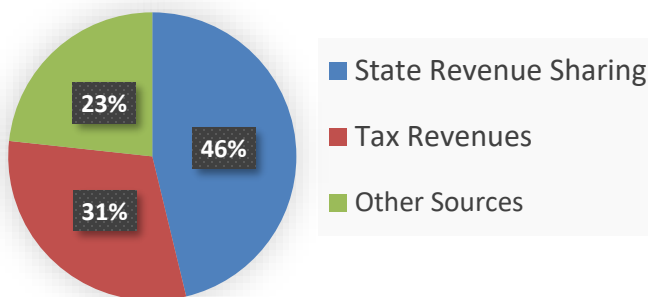
**General Fund Revenues**

1. State Revenue Sharing: The State distributes sales tax collected by the state to local units of government.
2. Tax Revenues: Property taxes, commercial & industrial equipment taxes, and mobile home fees.
3. Other Revenue Sources: Licenses, permits, interest, facility rentals, charges for services and miscellaneous sources.

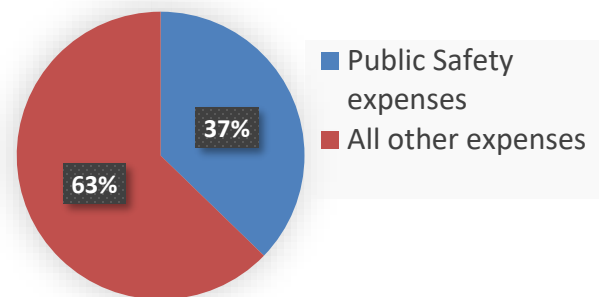
**General Fund Expenses**

- General administration expenses (postage, Twp. newsletter, office supplies, etc.)
- Buildings and Grounds expenses (3 fire stations, museum, Twp. offices & library, community building, future Fire station #1, the Sports Complex, Westgate Park and 3 cemeteries)
- All expenses for police services through the Kent County Sheriff's Department for two 8-hour seven days-a-week shifts of policing and one Community Police officer
- All Fire Department expenses (equipment, vehicles, training, medical supplies and staff wages)  
*The Township Annual Budget for 2019-2020 is \$2,548,600 and of those dollars, \$949,170 is expended for public safety (\$440,000 Kent County Sheriff and \$509,170 Fire Dept.).*
- Employee compensation and elected and appointed officials expenses (training, etc.)
- Legal, auditing and engineering services expenses
- Election expenses
- Township share of road construction and maintenance costs. Sidewalk and infrastructure costs.
- The Rapid public transportation system
- 20% of Street light expenses
- Watershed and storm drain expenses
- Debt service (bond repayments)

**Alpine Township 2019-20 Revenues**



**Alpine Township 2019-20 Expenses**



### Where Do My Tax Dollars Go?

When you write a check to Alpine Township for your property taxes, very little of that money remains with Alpine Township to provide services to the community. How can that be? It is because Alpine Township serves as the tax collecting agent for numerous other entities. The millage figures below for an owner-occupied home in 2019 illustrates were taxes collected by Alpine Township are distributed.

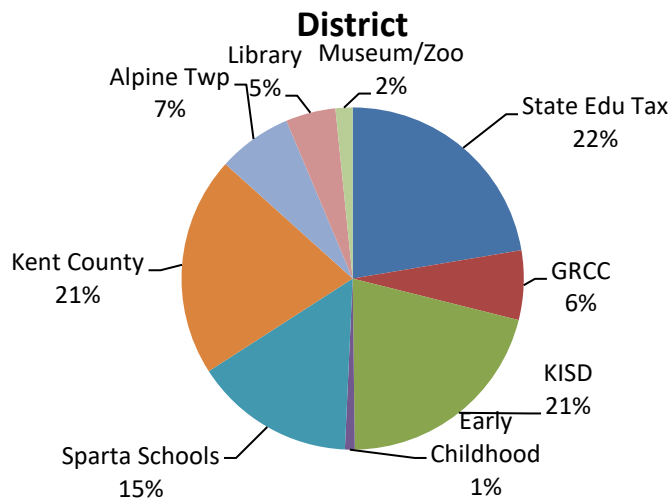
The property tax rates are expressed in mills. A mill is 1/1000 of a dollars and generates \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value. Property taxes are computed by multiplying the taxable value of the property by the number of mills levied.

<b>2019 Homestead Millage</b>	
<b>Taxing Body</b>	<b>Number of Mills</b>
State Education Tax	6.0000
Grand Rapids Community College	1.7606
Kent Intermediate School District	5.6113
Early Childhood	0.2484
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Local School Debt (pick 1 of the 3):	
Comstock Park	10.9410
Kenowa Hills	4.4100
Sparta	4.0750
Kent County	5.5765
Alpine Township	1.8808
Kent District Library	1.2661
Museum and Zoo	0.4335

Therefore, the TOTAL homestead millage in each of the three school districts is:

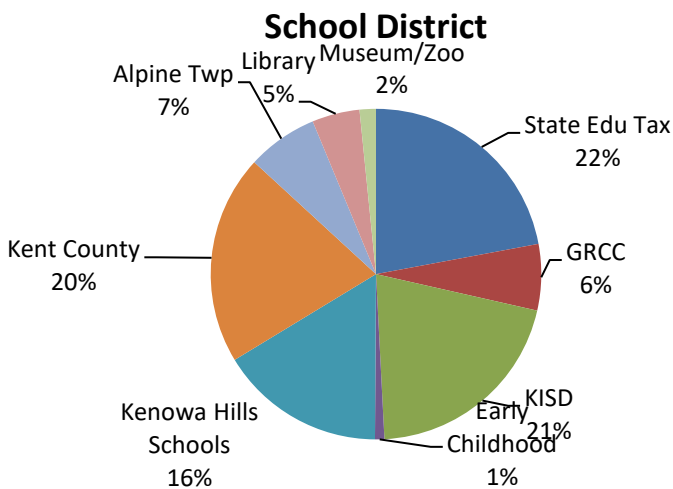
Comstock Park = 33.7182 mills  
Kenowa Hills = 22.7209 mills  
Sparta = 30.9272 mills

### 2019 Homestead Taxes in Sparta School District

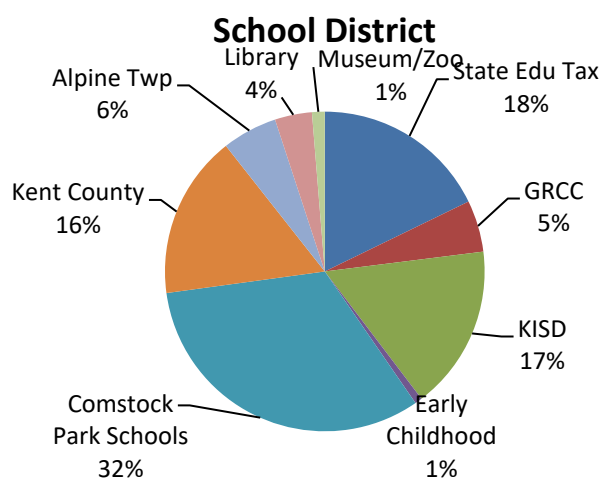


The pie charts below illustrate where taxes collected by Alpine Township for owner-occupied homes are distributed:

### 2019 Homestead Taxes in Kenowa Hills School District



### 2019 Homestead Taxes in Comstock Park School District



Educational institutions receive the bulk of the tax dollars collected (State Education Tax, Grand Rapids Community College, Kent Intermediate School District, Early Childhood Education and local school districts). For example, in the Comstock Park School District in 2019, 73% of taxes received are for educational institutions and 6% of the taxes received remain with Alpine Township.

The following represents a typical home in the Comstock Park school district using 2019 millage figures (33.7182 mills). The figures would be somewhat different in the Kenowa Hills and Sparta school districts and would vary depending upon the taxable value of a home. For a typical home in the Comstock Park School District with a taxable value of \$63,000, the annual total tax bill would be \$2,124. The math is [(33.7182 mills ÷ 1,000) x \$63,000] = \$2,124 total tax bill and is broken down thus:

\$378	State Educational Tax	\$1,548	Educational functions
\$111	Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)		
\$354	Kent Intermediate School District (KISD)		
\$16	Early Childhood Education		
\$689	Comstock Park School District	\$469	Government functions
\$351	Kent County		
\$118	Alpine Township	\$107	Cultural functions
\$80	Library		
\$27	Zoo / Museum		
\$2,124	Total Tax Bill		

For a more detailed explanation of Township finances, please see the *Alpine Township Finance Primer* under the Documents tab at [www.alpinetwp.org](http://www.alpinetwp.org) or at the Township offices.