



DASD PROPERTY TAX & RENTER REBATE (PTRR) PROGRAM

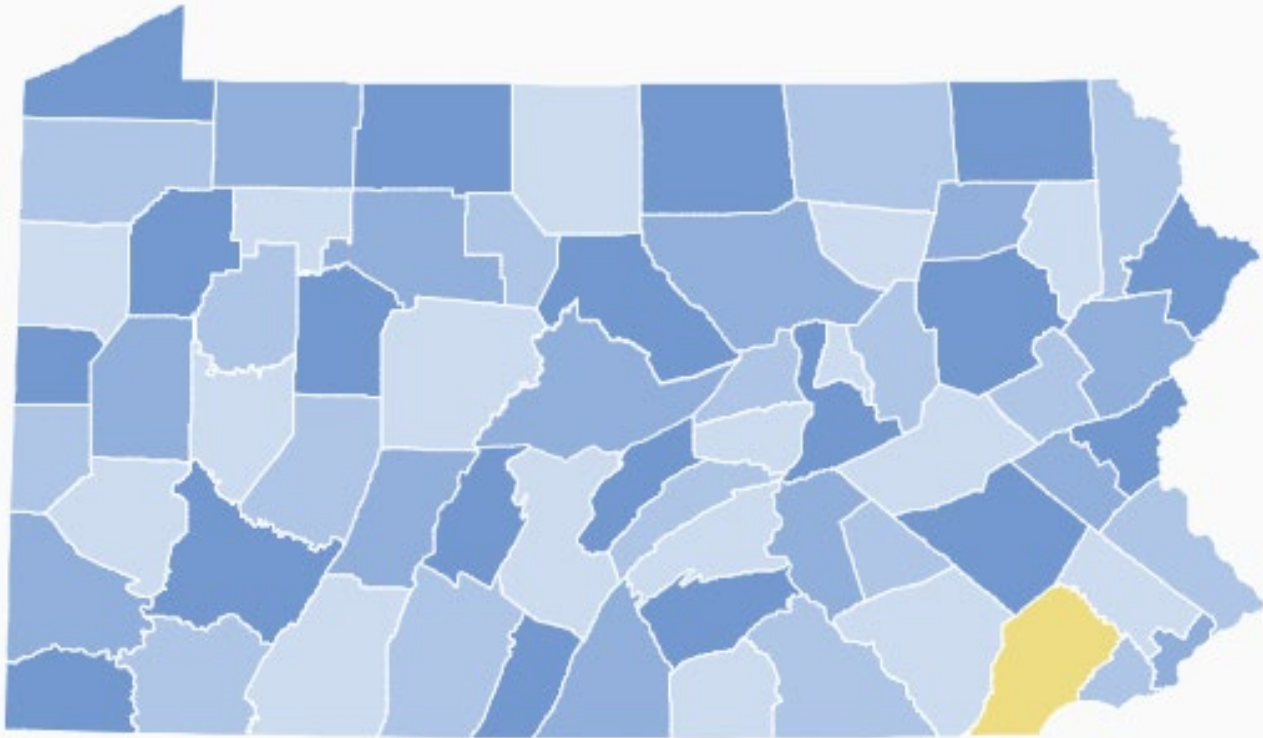


STATE REBATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- The state PTRR program is designed to assist Pennsylvania's elderly, widows, widowers, and permanently disabled citizens in maintaining possession of their homesteads by providing tax relief in the form of rebates.
- Beneficiaries of the PTRR program include citizens age 65 and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and people with disabilities age 18 and older
- Eligible home owner claimants are required to have an annual income of \$35,000 or less.
- Eligibility for renter claimants are required to have an annual income of \$15,000 or less.
- Income is generally defined as the total household income minus 50 percent of Social Security Benefits and excludes federal and state veterans disability benefits.

It's free to apply for a rebate, and the department reminds applicants that free assistance is available at hundreds of locations across the state, including Department of Revenue district offices, local Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers and state legislators' offices. The department encourages applicants to call ahead to their preferred location to confirm whether an appointment is required.

CHESTER COUNTY DATA IN 2020 (latest map data)



Pennsylvania Counties

Chester County

Claim Type: Total Property Tax/Rent Rebates

Total Claimants: 6,068

Base Rebates: \$2,450,687

Number of Supplements: 2,435

Total Supplements: \$458,957

Total Rebates: \$2,909,644

Claim Type: Owner Rebates

Total Claimants: 4,112

Base Rebates: \$1,388,818

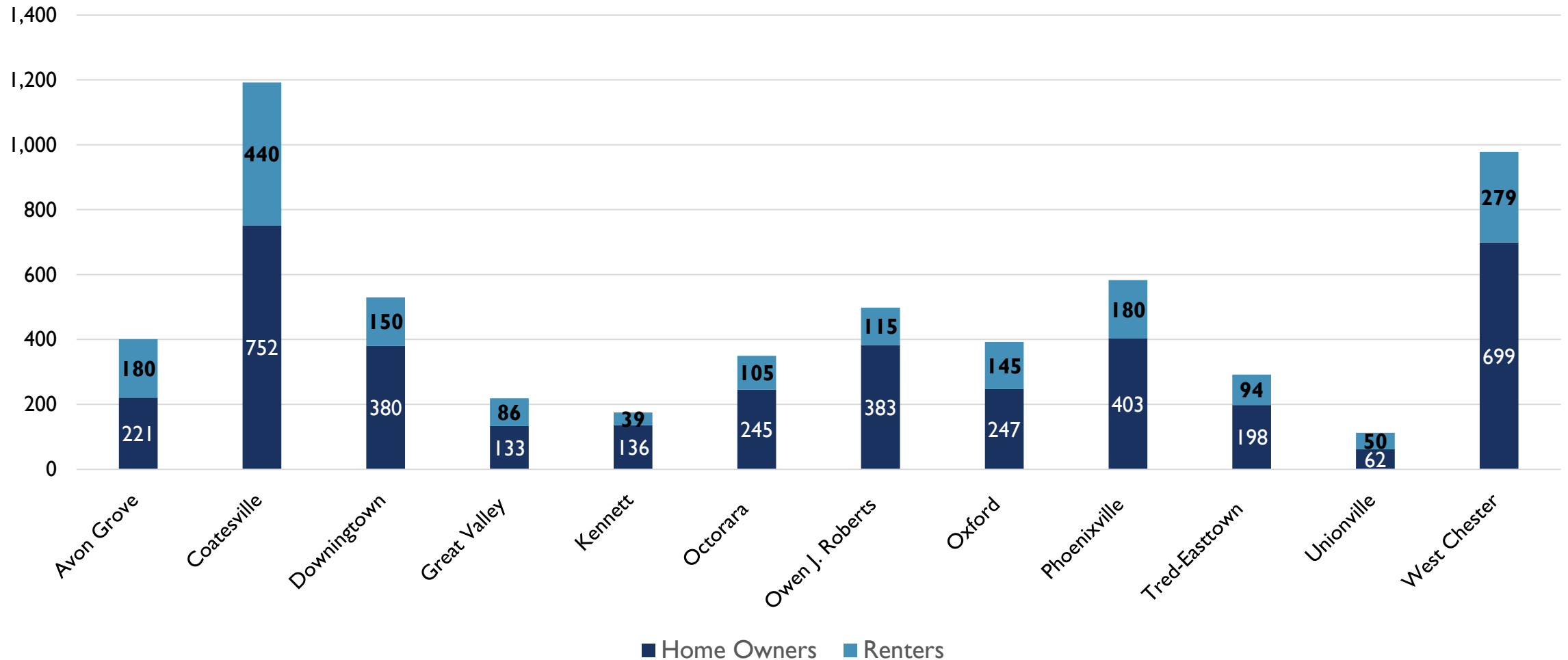
Claim Type: Renter Rebates

Total Claimants: 1,956

Base Rebates: \$1,061,869

2020 CHESTER COUNTY CLAIMANTS (latest data)

by School District



STATE REBATE AMOUNTS



Income	Base Rebate	50% Supplement if RE Tax Greater than 15% of Income	Max. Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650	\$325	\$975
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500	\$250	\$750
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300	\$150	\$450
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250	\$125	\$375



Income	Max. Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

DASD PROFORMA BUDGET FOR HOMEOWNER / RENTER REBATES

a	b	c	e	f	g	h	i	j
Homeowner Income	State Base Rebate	Number of Claimants	Assumed DASD Reimbursement of State Rate	Projected DASD Base Rebate Expense (b x c x e)	50% Supplement if RE Tax Greater than 15% of Income (b x 50%)	Number of Eligible Supplements	Projected DASD Supplement Expense (g x h x e)	Total Projected Homeowner Expense (f + i)
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650	13	40%	\$3,380	\$325	13	\$1,690	\$5,070
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500	92	40%	\$18,400	\$250	76	\$7,600	\$26,000
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300	48	40%	\$5,760	\$150	35	\$2,100	\$7,860
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250	227	40%	\$22,700	\$125	97	\$4,850	\$27,550
		380		\$50,240		221	\$16,240	\$66,480

Renter Income	State Base Rebate	Number of Claimants	Assumed DASD Reimbursement of State Rate	Projected DASD Rent Rebate Expense (b x c x e)
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650	36	40%	\$9,360
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500	114	40%	\$22,800
		150		\$32,160

Total Projected Homeowner and Renter Expense (j + f)
\$98,640

DASD SUMMARY BUDGET AT 40% REIMBURSEMENT

Homeowner	State Base Rate	DASD %	DASD Base Rebate	State Supplement Rebate	DASD %	DASD Supplement Rebate	Maximum Potential Refund
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650	40%	\$260	\$325	40%	\$130	\$390
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500	40%	\$200	\$250	40%	\$100	\$300
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300	40%	\$120	\$150	40%	\$60	\$180
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250	40%	\$100	\$125	40%	\$50	\$150
Renter							
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650	40%	\$260				
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500	40%	\$200				

OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- Other school districts with this rebate plan:
 - O J Roberts, 30% no supplement amount $\$650 \times 30\% = \195 maximum
 - Norristown, 30% no supplement amount $\$650 \times 30\% = \195 maximum
 - Colonial, 75% no supplement amount $\$650 \times 75\% = \487.50 maximum
 - Upper Dublin, 40% with supplement amount $(\$650 + \$325) \times 40\% = \$390$ maximum
 - Perk. Valley, 30% no supplement amount $\$650 \times 30\% = \195 maximum
 - Pennridge, 25% no supplement amount $\$650 \times 25\% = \162.50 maximum
- Don't need to issue an IRS 1099 form since it is a tax rebate and not income

PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PROPERTY TAX AND RENT REBATE PROGRAM

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

AGE

- ✓ You or your spouse must have been at least 65 years old as of Dec. 31 of the claim year; or
- ✓ You were a widow or widower during all or part of the claim year and must have been 50 years or older as of Dec. 31; or
- ✓ You were permanently disabled during all or part of the claim year, 18 years or older during the claim year and were unable to work because of a medically determined physical or mental disability. If you applied for Social Security Disability and were denied benefits, you are not eligible for a rebate as a disabled claimant.

OWN or RENT

You must have owned and occupied a home or rented and occupied a home, apartment, nursing home, boarding home or similar residence in Pennsylvania during the period for which you claim the rebate.

Homeowners must have paid property taxes prior to applying. Renters must verify their landlords were required to pay property taxes or made payments in lieu of property taxes on rental properties.

State applications are for calendar years. State applications must be completed by December 31st.

Applicants must reapply for rebates every year as rebates are based on annual income and property taxes or rent paid each year. Homeowner income is \$35,000 or less. Renter income is \$15,000 or less.

DASD rebate applications received during the 2023-24 fiscal year would be calculated using the 2022 state rebate form

BOARD POLICY 606.1

- The pandemic and PSERS (state retirement system) put a stop to our volunteer program. Several districts have been using an income based approach that uses the state rebate program as the starting point.
- If we move to an income based program, we would still encourage the public to volunteer in our schools, however there would not be a tax rebate associated with the volunteer time.
- **Current Policy 606.1 Purpose**
- The district has established two (2) programs for senior citizens and citizens with disabilities to receive rebates toward the payment of their school property tax. The first program provides an opportunity for these citizens to volunteer their time working in the district in exchange for compensation that can be used towards their property taxes. The second program provides a matching dollar amount on rebates received through Pennsylvania's Property Tax Rebate Program.
- The volunteer program will help reduce the real estate tax burden of senior citizens and citizens with disabilities while providing them an opportunity to contribute to the school community using their life skills and experience. It will also provide an opportunity for community members to reconnect with the local school community and to exchange their wealth of talent, skill, and history with students. Property Tax
- The DASD matching program will supplement the rebate received from Pennsylvania's Rebate Program. The district's program is designed to match up to fifty percent (50%) of the rebate received from the state's program. The current policy and accompanying Administrative Guidelines do not provide rebates for renters.

We will need to edit policy 606.1 as an example: 40% possible reimbursement, include renters, remove volunteer program

STATE REBATE PROGRAM WEBSITE REFERENCE LINKS

- State Rebate Program Overview

- <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PTRR/Documents/rev-573.pdf>

- State Rebate Application Process

- <https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PTRR/Documents/dpo-87.pdf>

- Check Your State Rebate Status

- https://mypath.pa.gov/_/#2

NEXT STEPS

- ❑ Should DASD develop a tax and rent rebate program similar to the state?
 - ❑ What percent of the state rebate program should we use?
 - ❑ Each 10% increment is likely to cost about \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$250,000 at 100%
 - ❑ Revise Policy 606.1 to align with the proposed DASD program

Questions?