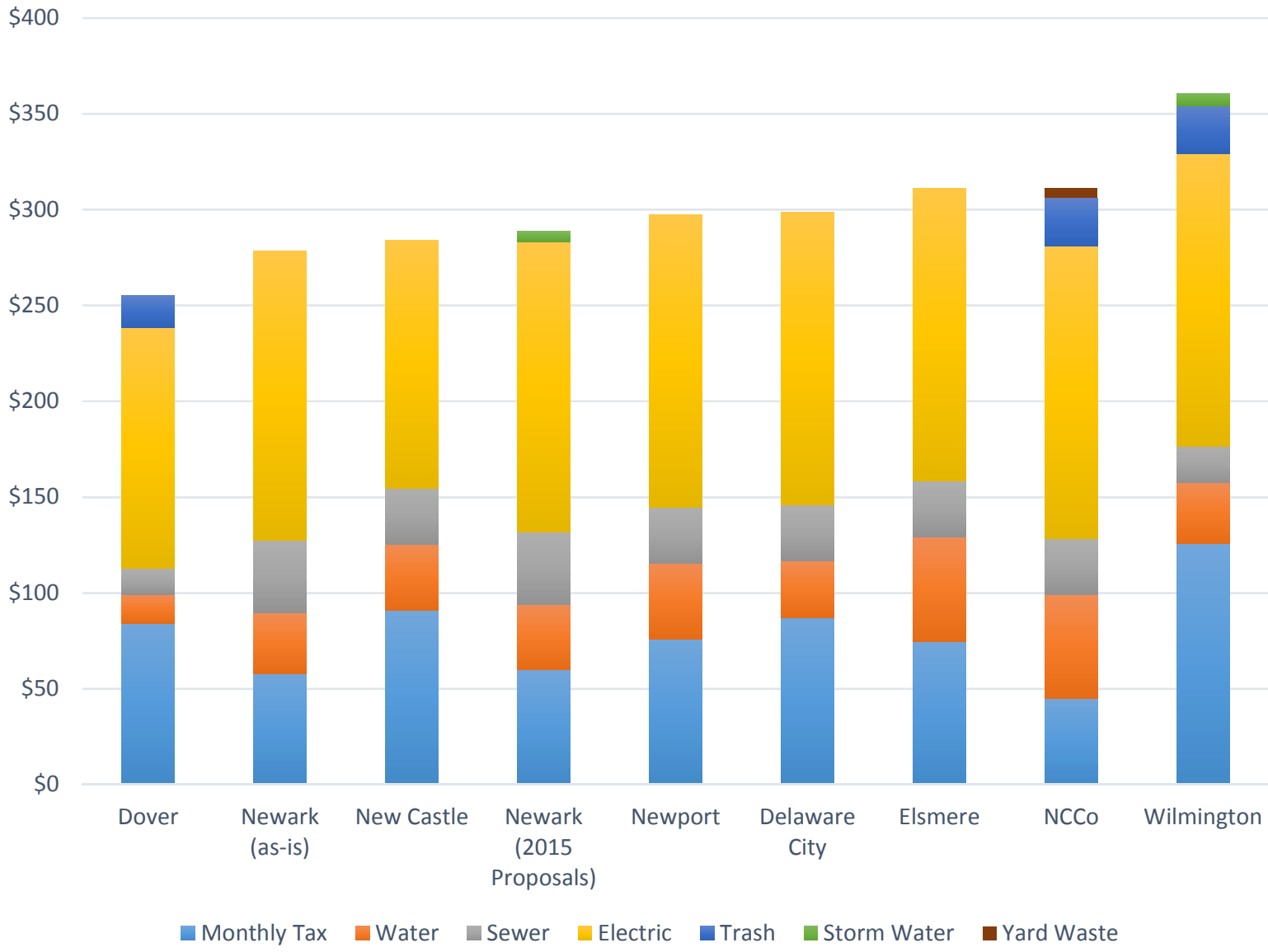


Comprehensive Tax & Utility Comparison

Monthly Estimates, 2014



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Northern New Castle County and Dover, 2014 Estimates

City	Total Monthly	Electric	Monthly Tax	Water, \$/kGal	Water	Sewer	Trash	Yard Waste	Storm Water	Notes
Dover	255.33	125.58	84.05	3.00	15.24	13.46	17.00	-	-	4, 5, 7, 8, 12
Newark (as-is)	280.82	151.23	57.86	6.67	33.88	37.84	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 15
New Castle	284.03	129.32	90.81	6.84	34.74	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16
Newark (2015 Proposals)	291.18	151.23	60.04	7.15	36.32	37.84	-	-	5.75	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 18
Newport	297.30	152.66	75.96	7.78	39.52	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 16
Delaware City	298.59	152.66	87.06	5.85	29.72	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16
Elsmere	311.02	152.66	74.64	10.74	54.55	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16
NCCo	311.18	152.66	44.73	10.74	54.55	29.16	25.08	5.00	-	1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17
Wilmington	360.81	152.66	125.66	6.26	31.80	19.14	24.80	-	6.74	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 18

Notes:

¹NCCo represents unincorporated areas of New Castle County

²All cities and towns in New Castle County adopt the County's 1983 assessment

³Residents in incorporated areas of NCCo must pay a reduced NCCo tax based on the service level provided at the municipal level

⁴Dover reassesses property tax values on a regular basis. It's stated or millage rate of .3378 was adjusted to 1983 values based on a rough calculation of 1983 market values versus recent sales data in Newark

⁵Dover residents also pay Kent County's tax of \$0.30 per \$100 of 60% of the assessed values, which were last assessed in 1987. No adjustment was made to roll the rate back to 1983 levels because the assessment is already reduced by 40%.

⁶All tax amounts assume a \$75,000 assessment (1983 values), spread to a monthly average rate

⁷Water rate analysis conducted by Water Resources Agency, September, 2014 draft, based on residential users consuming 167 gallons per day

⁸For cities with water utilities that service customers outside corporate limits, the "inside city" rates are used

⁹Newark's recommended water and tax rates, not current rates, are used.

¹⁰Water and Electric users in unincorporated NCCo are assumed to be serviced by Artesian Water Company and Delmarva Power, respectively

¹¹Residents in unincorporated NCCo are assumed to utilize a trash company with weekly service having a rate equal to the average of several local providers

¹²Electric rates reflect a seasonal average of monthly rates for residential customers consuming 1,000 kwh per month

¹³Elsmere residents are Artesian Water Company customers

¹⁴Newport residents are United Water Company customers

¹⁵Cities with no trash charge build the cost of service into the property tax rates or another funding mechanism

¹⁶Newport, New Castle, Elsmere, and Delaware City residents are New Castle County sewer customers

¹⁷All cities provide snow removal and yard waste collection at no additional cost. Unincorporated NCCo residents must pay for yard waste. \$5/mo assumes 20 bags at \$3/bag for cheapest, most comparable private service. Some service is more expensive, three of twelve drop-off sites are free.

¹⁸Newark residential stormwater fee is expected to range from \$4 to \$7.50 per month; estimated average of \$5.75 reported here; Wilmington stormwater rates increased 11%.