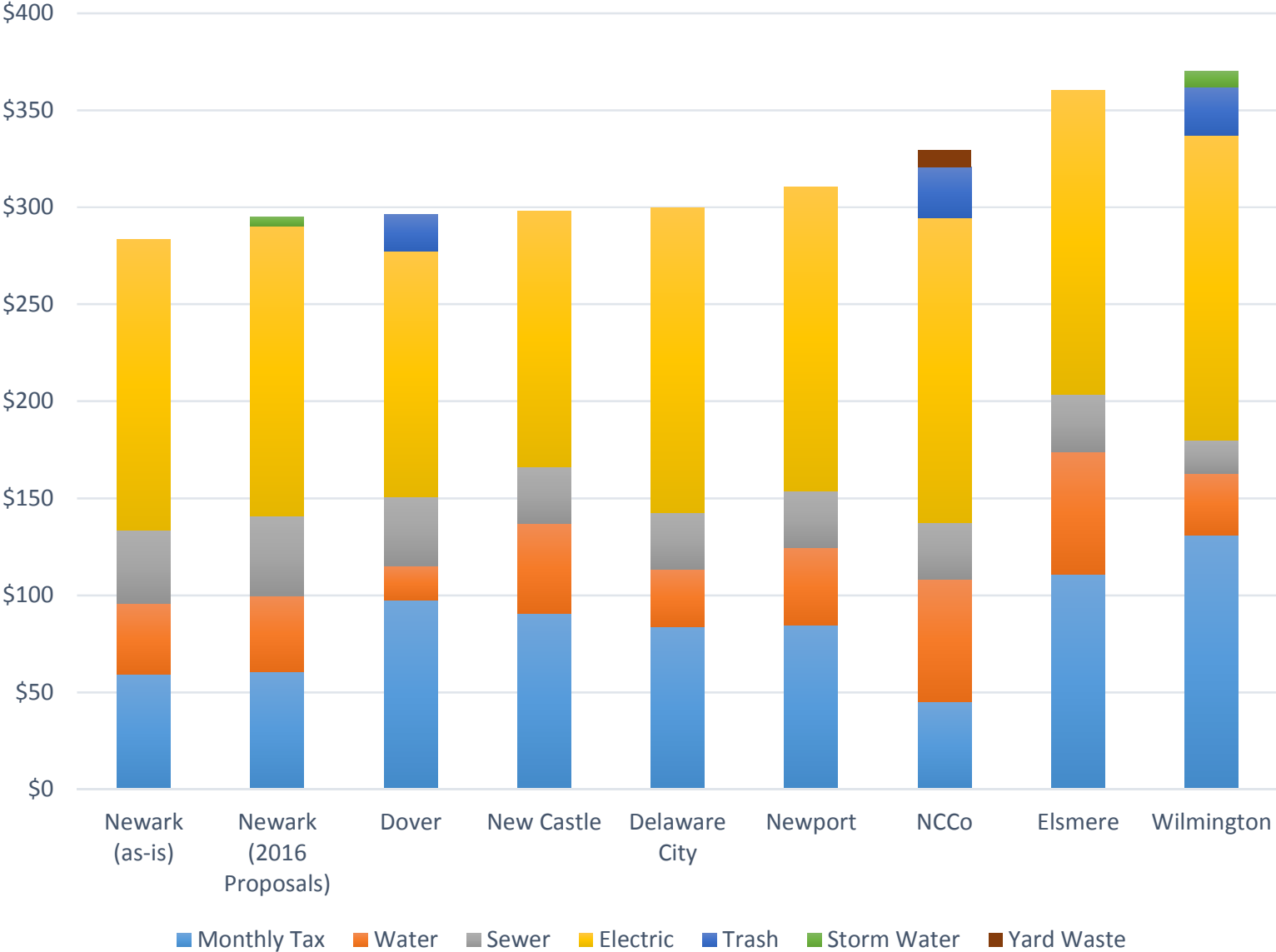


# Comprehensive Tax & Utility Comparison

Monthly Estimates, 2015



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**Northern New Castle County and Dover, 2015 Estimates**

City	Total Monthly	Electric	Monthly Tax	Water	Sewer	Trash	Yard Waste	Storm Water	Notes
Newark (as-is)	283.32	149.73	59.38	36.37	37.84	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 15
Newark (2016 Proposals)	295.20	149.73	60.71	38.99	41.02	-	-	4.75	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 18
Dover	296.24	126.58	97.46	17.74	35.47	19.00	-	-	4, 5, 7, 8, 12
New Castle	298.03	131.79	90.81	46.28	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16
Delaware City	299.59	156.95	83.93	29.55	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 15, 16
Newport	310.57	156.95	84.69	39.77	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 16
NCCo	329.60	156.95	44.98	63.34	29.16	26.42	8.75	-	1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17
Elsmere	360.30	156.95	110.85	63.34	29.16	-	-	-	2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16
Wilmington	370.16	156.95	131.16	31.82	17.09	25.00	-	8.13	2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 18

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>NCCo represents unincorporated areas of New Castle County

<sup>2</sup>All cities and towns in New Castle County adopt the County's 1983 assessment

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

<sup>4</sup>Dover reassesses property tax values on a regular basis. It's stated or millage rate of \$0.40 was adjusted to 1983 values based on a rough calculation of 1983 market values versus recent sales data in Newark

<sup>5</sup>Dover 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%.

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

<sup>7</sup>Water rate analysis conducted by Water Resources Agency, October, 2015 draft, based on residential users consuming 167 gallons per day.

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

<sup>9</sup>Newark's recommended water, sewer and tax rates, not current rates, are used in the "2016 Proposals" row.

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

<sup>11</sup>Residents in unincorporated NCCo are assumed to utilize a trash company with weekly trash service & bi-weekly recycling service. Rate estimated based on average of Waste Management and Republic Services.

<sup>12</sup>Electric rates reflect a seasonal average of monthly rates for residential customers consuming 1,000 kwh per month.

<sup>13</sup>Elsmere residents are Artesian Water Company customers; New Castle County residents are primarily Artesian Water Company customers.

<sup>14</sup>Newport residents are United Water Company customers.

<sup>15</sup>Cities with no trash charge build the cost of service into the property tax rates or another funding mechanism.

<sup>16</sup>Newport, New Castle, Elsmere, and Delaware City residents are New Castle County sewer customers.

<sup>17</sup>All cities provide snow removal and yard waste collection at no additional cost. Unincorporated NCCo residents must pay for yard waste. Rate assumed is average of \$12.50/month based on quote from local hauler and \$5/mo for self-bagging using the most economical service (20 bags at \$3/bag for cheapest, most comparable private service). Some service is more expensive, while three of twelve drop-off sites are free.

<sup>18</sup>Newark residential stormwater fee is expected to range from \$2 to \$7.50 per month; estimated average of \$4.75 reported here; Wilmington stormwater rates based on avg mo fee for first 3 (smallest 3) of 4 residential tiers.