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Vermont Property Tax Sale Data¹

Overall median delinquency amount at tax sale = \$3,304

- Median delinquency in 2019 = \$3,586.09
- Median delinquency in 2020 = \$3,048.10

Overall median property tax sale amount = \$7,393.89

- Median sale price in 2019 = \$7,505.45
- Median sale price in 2020 = \$7,205.37

Statewide median sale price of homes as reported by VHFA:

- Statewide median for single family homes in 2019 = \$226,500
- Statewide median for single family homes in 2020 = \$255,000

Tax sales where property was identified as mobile home = $14.8\%^2$

- Sales of mobile homes in 2019 = 11.85%
- Sales of mobile homes in 2020 = 18.97%

Number of residential tax sales by year³:

- Sales in 2019 = 157
- Sales in 2020 = 151

Additional Information

- Lowest reported delinquency amounts that led to tax sale = \$180, \$329, \$357, \$359, \$435, \$503, \$511, \$517, \$592
- Number of municipalities reporting zero tax sales in 2019 or 2020 = 112
- Number of municipalities that cancelled sales due to COVID-19 = 17

¹ Vermont Legal Aid surveyed municipalities about tax sales pursued in calendar years 2019 and 2020. We received responses from 166 (approximately 65%) of cities and towns. Some respondents shared information about the notices sent to homeowners (Notices of Tax Sale) others sent information about tax sales conducted (Reports of Sale).

² Compared to 7.2% of the total residential housing units in Vermont (Housing Data.org).

³ "Sales" includes actual and noticed sales but excludes situations where we could identify the property as commercial or non-homestead or where we could determine that the noticed sale did not occur.