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Buncombe County organizes its expenditures into several different categories, or functions, based on the intended use of funds.

**General Government**

The General Government function provides administrative support for county government. It includes the Governing Body, County Manager, Human Resources, Finance, Purchasing, Tax, Board of Elections, Register of Deeds, and Information Technology.

**Public Safety**

The Public Safety function is composed of the Sheriff's Department, Detention Center, Emergency Medical Services, Court Support, Pre-Trial Services, Identification Bureau, Centralized Data Entry, Permits & Inspections, Physical Facilities, and County Garage.

**Human Services**

The Human Services function is composed of the Health Center, Social Services, Child Care Services, Aging Services.

**Economic & Physical Development**

The Economic and Physical Development function includes Planning, Economic Development, Cooperative Extension and Soil & Water Conservation. Economic Development includes Technology Commercialization and provides Economic Incentives.

**Library & Recreation**

This function is comprised of the Library; Parks & Recreation; and contributions to arts organizations.

**Education**

The Education Function is made up of Buncombe County Schools, Asheville City Schools, and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College.

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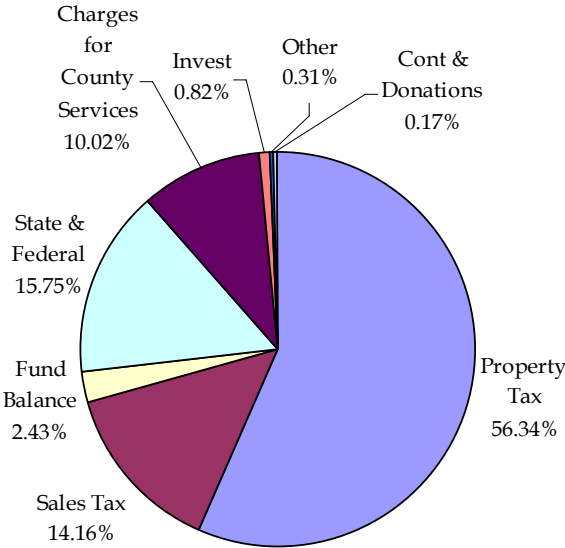


Budget in Brief

Approved Budget  
Fiscal Year  
2008 - 2009

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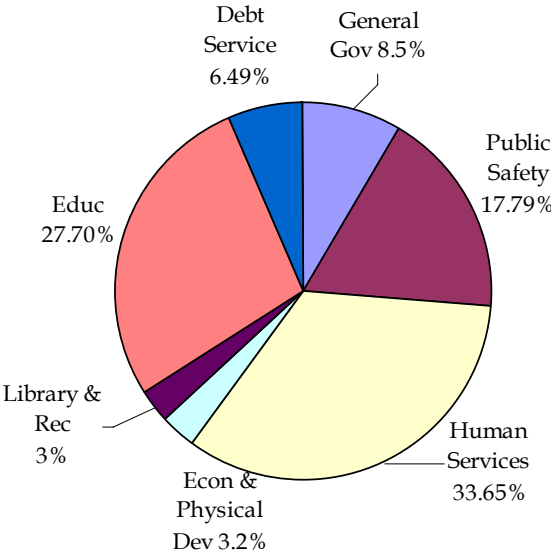
REVENUES



Where Does the Money Come From?

Property Tax	\$143,983,613
State & Federal	40,257,637
Sales Tax	36,189,817
Charges for County Services	25,615,197
Fund Balance	6,201,456
Investments	2,100,000
Other	804,686
Contributions & Donations	431,605

EXPENDITURES



Where Does the Money Go?

Human Services	\$85,995,211
Education	70,792,600
Public Safety	45,464,195
General Government	21,757,246
Payments on Debt	16,576,124
Econ & Physical Dev	8,213,075
Library & Recreation	6,785,560

# Budget Highlights

Like all North Carolina counties, our core businesses are education, human services and public safety. Core businesses include: Buncombe County Schools; Asheville City Schools; and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College; social services, health, child care services, youth services, aging programs, mental health, workforce development and Medicaid; detention center; sheriff operations; homeland security; emergency management; emergency medical services; court support; and juvenile detention.

Core business budgets consume 83.8 percent (\$214,322,924) of our FY2009 General Fund Budget Estimate. We generate \$62,529,742 in revenues to cover a portion of these costs; however, it takes all the budgeted property tax to cover the balance of the core service costs.

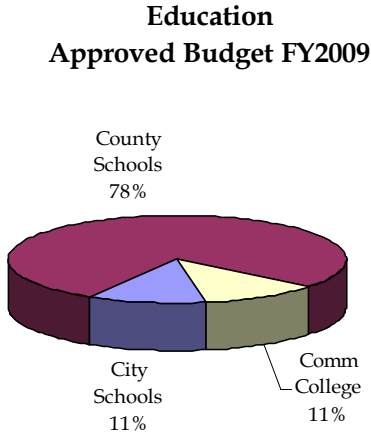
The balance of the General Fund budget includes services such as administration, information technology, finance, personnel, facilities, tax, election services, register of deeds, economic development, planning, permitting, recreation, and libraries.

The following table reflects the expenditure breakdown for the General Fund:

Category	Expenditures		
	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009
Salary & Wages	86,863,080	94,996,764	99,389,685
Operating	31,267,876	34,991,895	30,308,692
Capital	1,834,631	1,110,042	1,156,064
Pymt on Debt	15,545,758	15,085,796	16,576,124
Human Srv Subsidies	31,864,740	33,285,738	37,360,846
Education	61,556,450	65,894,652	70,792,600

EDUCATION

Buncombe County provides funding for Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical College. For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the general fund appropriation for the County Schools is \$46,653,643 for current expenses (facility operations costs), \$7,685,568 for capital outlay and \$276,116 for the community school. The City of Asheville School System has been appropriated \$7,014,415 for current expenses and \$1,125,126 for capital outlay. Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College has been appropriated \$8,037,732 for fiscal year 2008-2009.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Buncombe County is governed by a five-member board of commissioners, elected at-large in partisan countywide elections. Commissioners serve four-year terms and elections are held in November of even-numbered years. New board members take office at the first meeting in December following the November election.

The primary duties of the Board include adopting an annual budget, establishing the annual property tax rate, appointing various officials, planning for county needs and enacting local ordinances. The Board also has the authority to call bond referenda, enter into contracts and establish new programs and departments.

The Board of Commissioners meets regularly at 4:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. They meet in room 204 on the second floor of the County Courthouse at 60 Court Plaza in downtown Asheville.

Your Commissioners

Nathan Ramsey- Chair

Carol Peterson

David Gantt- Vice Chair

Bill Stanley

David Young

County Manager

Wanda S. Greene, PhD, CPA