

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, Other Youth Services, Aging Services, Other Human Services, and Transportation.

Economic & Physical Development

The Economic and Physical Development function includes Planning, Economic Development, Cooperative Extension and Soil & Water Conservation. Economic Development includes the following activities: Technology Commercialization, Economic Incentive, and Economic Commission.

Culture & Recreation

This function is comprised of the Library; Parks, Greenways & Recreation; and Arts, Museum, and History.

Education

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

Buncombe County,
North Carolina

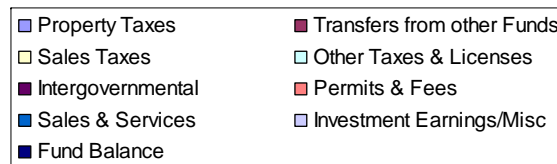
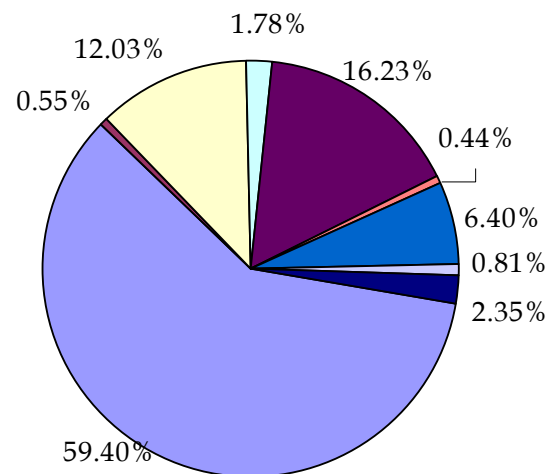
Budget in Brief



Approved Budget
Fiscal Year
2009 - 2010

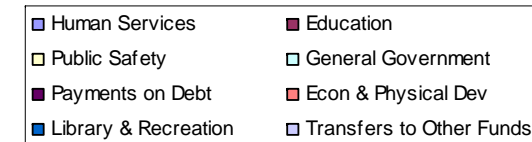
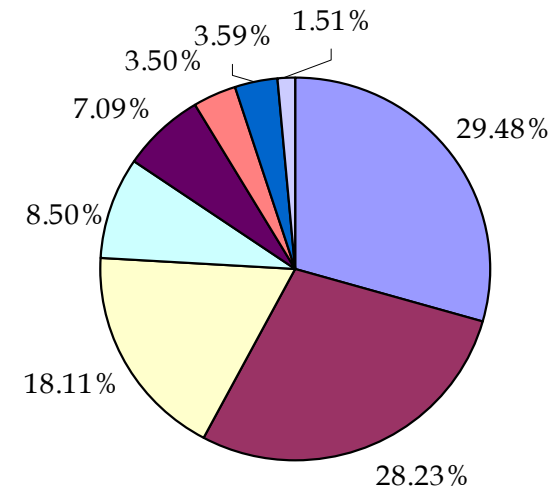
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REVENUES



Property Tax	\$148,551,148
Transfers from other Funds	1,376,169
Sales Tax	30,073,605
Other Taxes & Licenses	4,446,000
State & Federal	40,587,132
Permits & Fees	1,109,930
Sales & Services	16,006,479
Investment Earnings/Misc	2,035,642
Fund Balance	\$5,882,045

EXPENDITURES



Human Services	\$73,268,151
Education	70,165,016
Public Safety	45,004,318
General Government	21,123,875
Payments on Debt	17,610,864
Econ & Physical Dev	8,686,550
Library & Recreation	8,917,083
Transfers to Other Funds	3,753,398

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, transportation, 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 81% percent (\$202,521,396) of our FY2010 General Fund Budget Estimate. We generate \$60,320,225 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, human resources, facilities, tax, election services, register of deeds, economic development, planning, permitting, recreation, and libraries.

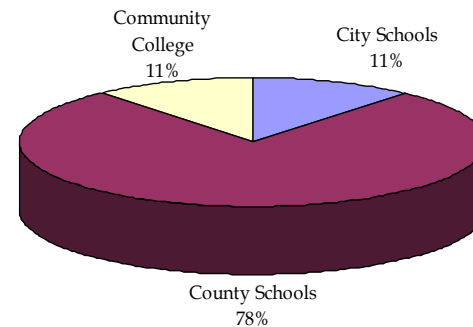
The following table reflects the adopted expenditure breakdown for the General Fund:

Category	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Salary & Wages	\$93,718,292	\$99,389,685	\$97,498,407
Operating	34,935,547	30,308,692	30,041,184
Capital	-	110,000	-
Debt Service	15,085,796	16,576,124	17,610,864
Contributions	33,285,738	37,360,846	29,460,386
Contributions-Education	65,894,652	70,792,600	70,165,016
Transfers to Other Funds	1,110,042	1,046,064	3,753,398

EDUCATION

Buncombe County provides funding for Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical College. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the general fund appropriation for the County Schools is \$46,043,706 for current expenses (facility operations costs), \$8,012,644 for capital outlay and \$276,116 for the community school. The City of Asheville School System has been appropriated \$6,819,332 for current expenses and \$1,151,995 for capital outlay. Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College has been appropriated \$7,861,223 for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Education
Approved Budget FY 2010



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 at 30 Valley Street in downtown Asheville.

Your Commissioners

David Gantt- Chair Carol Peterson
Bill Stanley- Vice Chair K. Ray Bailey
Holly Jones

County Manager

Wanda S. Greene, PhD, CPA