

2010-2011 BUDGET IN BRIEF
BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NC

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, Records Management, 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, Recycling 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.

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Budget in Brief

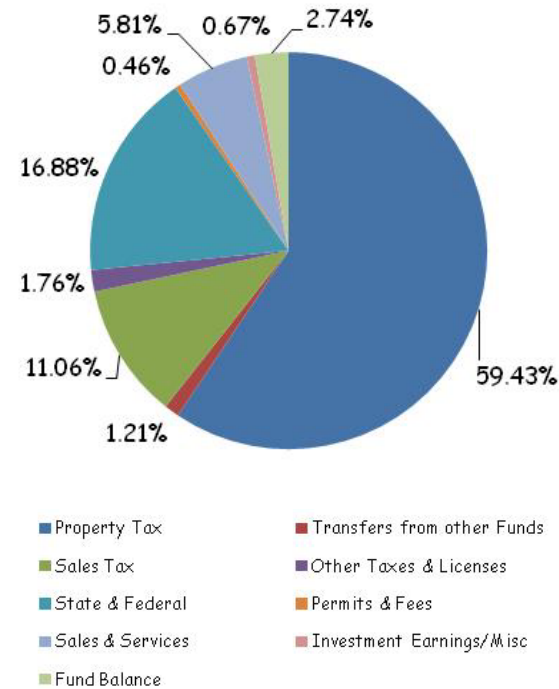


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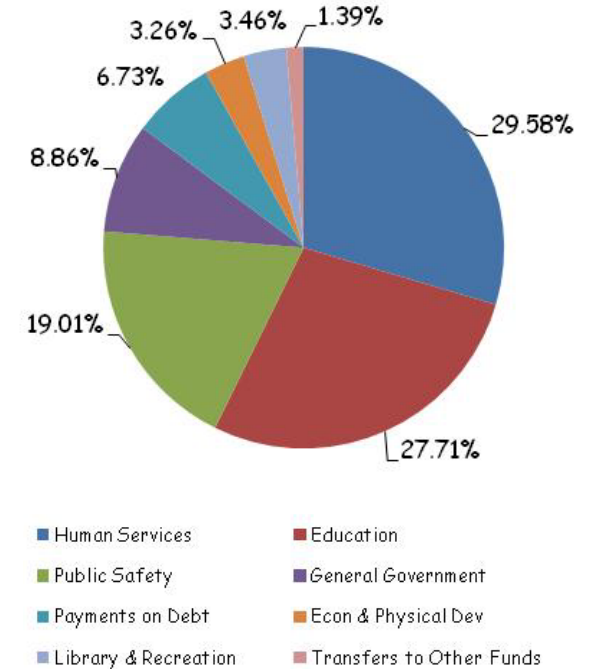
REVENUES



Property Tax	\$150,278,615
Transfers from other Funds	3,057,382
Sales Tax	27,957,326
Other Taxes & Licenses	4,446,000
State & Federal	42,684,716
Permits & Fees	1,164,950
Sales & Services	14,680,219
Investment Earnings/Misc	1,685,841
Fund Balance	6,927,386

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EXPENDITURES



Human Services	\$74,796,453
Education	70,082,614
Public Safety	48,077,220
General Government	22,403,115
Payments on Debt	17,007,332
Econ & Physical Dev	8,242,852
Library & Recreation	8,754,123
Transfers to Other Funds	3,518,726

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; detention center; sheriff operations; homeland security; emergency management; emergency medical services; court support; and juvenile detention.

Core business budgets consume 81% percent (\$205,641,319) of our FY2011 General Fund Budget Estimate. We generate \$60,856,911 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.

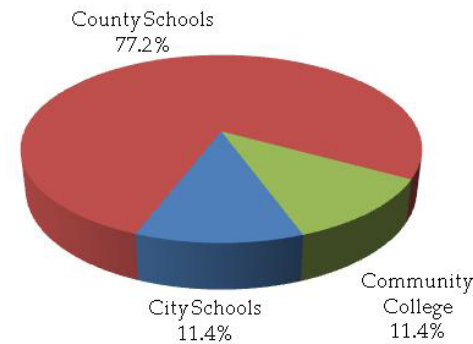
The following table reflects the adopted expenditure breakdown for the General Fund:

Category	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Salary & Wages	\$99,389,685	\$97,498,407	\$97,504,028
Operating	30,308,692	30,041,184	32,717,550
Capital	110,000	-	-
Debt Service	16,576,124	17,610,864	17,007,332
Contributions	37,360,846	29,460,386	32,052,185
Contributions-Education	70,792,600	70,165,016	70,082,614
Transfers to Other Funds	1,046,064	3,753,398	3,518,726

EDUCATION

Buncombe County provides funding for Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools and Asheville-Buncombe Technical College. For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the general fund appropriation for the County Schools is \$46,175,702 for current expenses (facility operations costs), \$7,628,516 for capital outlay and \$276,116 for the community school. The City of Asheville School System has been appropriated \$6,881,522 for current expenses and \$1,106,759 for capital outlay. Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College has been appropriated \$8,013,999 for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Education
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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