



Blount County Legislative Briefing

August 9, 2019



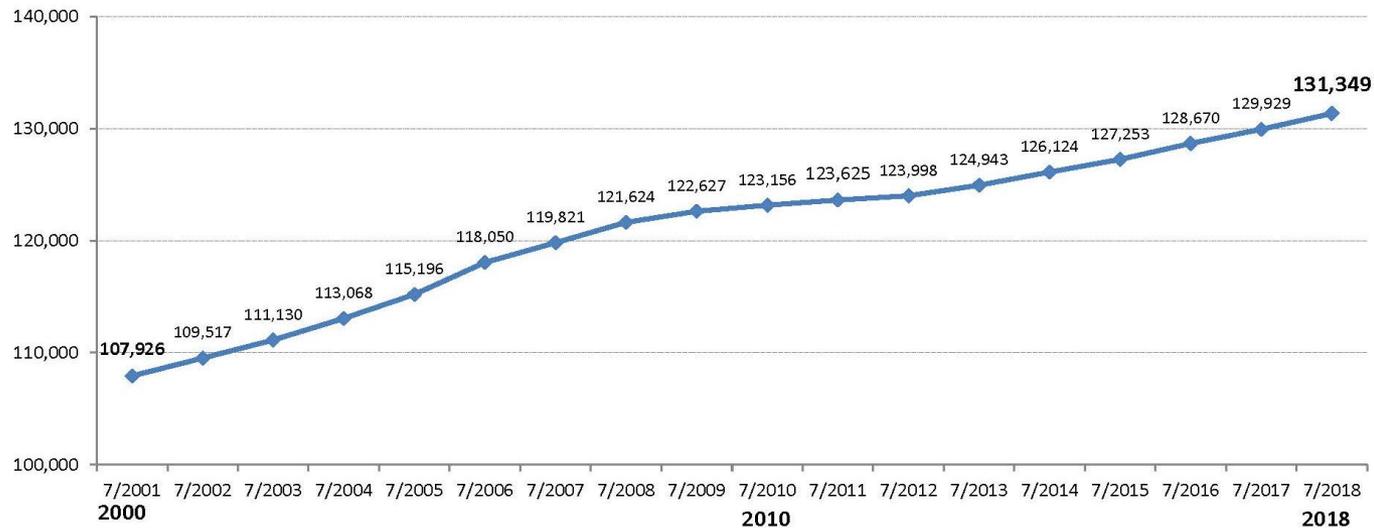
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Our Population

Blount County Population Estimates 2000 to 2018

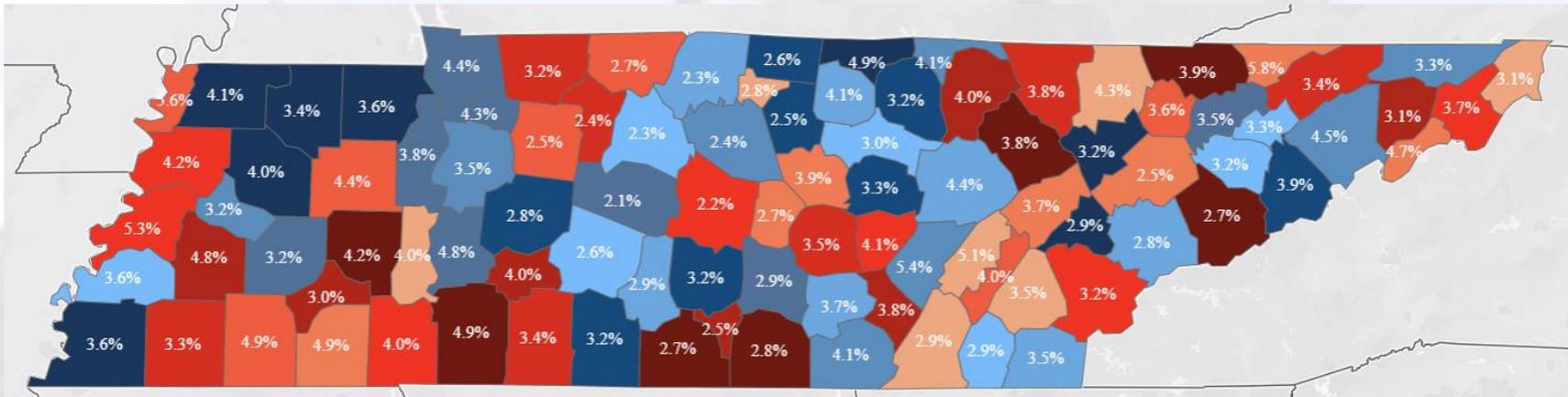


US Census Bureau: All figures are estimates July of each year. Graphic by Blount County Planning Department.

Our Unemployment Rate

TN County Rates

December 2018



Blount County
June 2019 – 3.8%

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Financial Responsibility

2019-20 Budget

Adopted Budget	
2019-20	\$202,924,681

❖ AA Credit Rating

Property Tax Penny Breakdown

❖ Same for the 4th year in a row



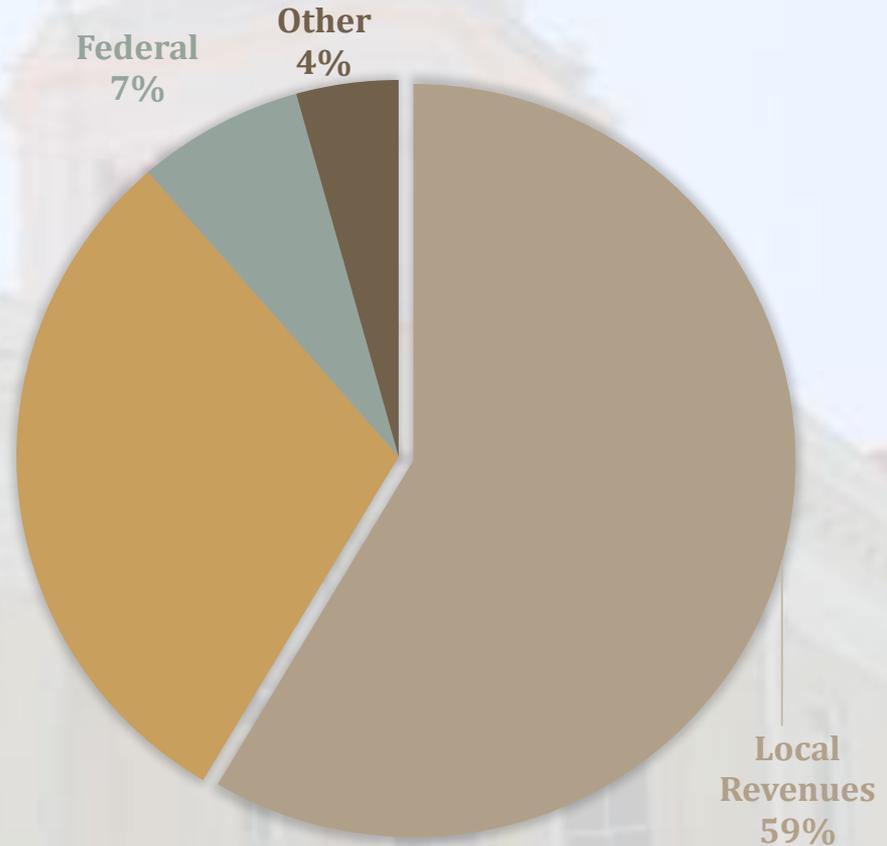
FY 19-20

• General County	\$0.88
• Debt Service	\$0.44
• General Admin. Capital Projects	\$0.03
• General Purpose Schools	\$0.98
• Education Capital Projects	<u>\$0.14</u>
	\$2.47

*Property tax revenue makes up approx. 35% of all revenue received by the County

All Revenue Sources

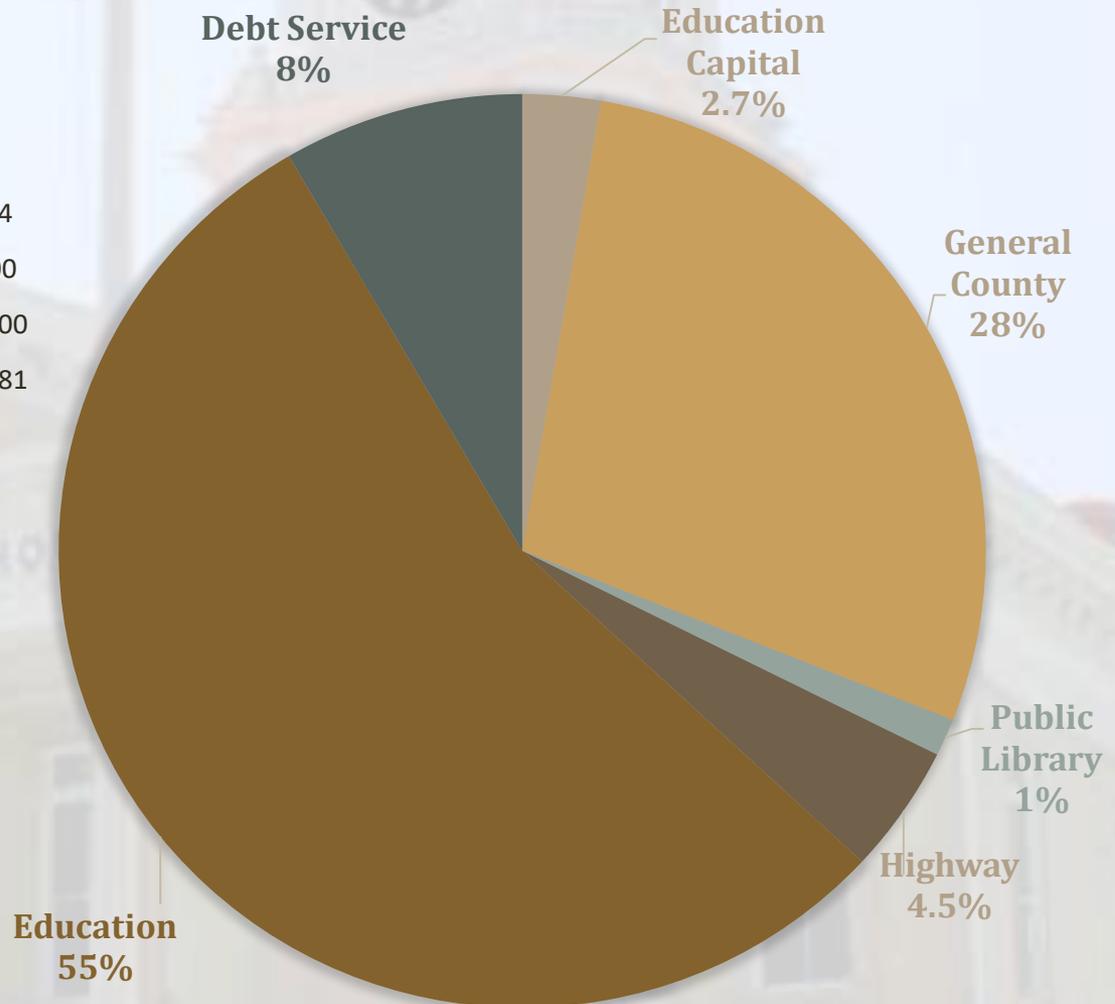
- **Local Revenues** 58.55%
- **State Revenues** 30.07%
- **Federal Revenues** 7.06%
- **Other** 4.32%



FY 19-20 Budgeted Appropriations/Expenses

- Total Budget of **\$202,924,681**

- General County - \$57,226,752
- Public Library - \$2,696,733
- Highway - \$8,338,044
 - Highway Capital \$ 750,000
- Schools - \$95,078,800
- Add'l School - \$14,674,081
 - Fed. Proj. - \$6,834,081
 - Cafeteria - \$6,080,000
 - Ext. Care - \$1,760,000
- Debt Service - \$16,904,000
- Educ. Capital - \$5,465,740
- Gen. Capital - \$1,270,719
- Special Funds - \$ 453,311
 - Bldg. Mtce. - \$255,572
 - Law Library - \$9,240
 - Drug Control - \$285,000



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Debt Summary

Year-Ending	Total Debt
June 30, 2011	\$227M
June 30, 2018	\$168.3M

- ❖ All Variable Rate Debt Eliminated
- ❖ **100% Fixed Rate Debt in 2017**

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Fund Balances

	2018
General Fund	\$ 25.2M
Debt Service	\$ 12.2M
General Purpose School Fund	\$ 9.5M

County Government



Constitutional Form of Government

❖ Elected Officials

- Mayor
- Register of Deeds
- Property Assessor
- Circuit Court Clerk
- Sheriff
- Trustee
- Highway Superintendent
- County Clerk

State Revenue



Examples in these 3 offices:

State Revenue Collected

\$ 10.4M – County Clerk

\$ 4.4M – Register of Deeds

\$ 769K – Circuit & General Sessions Court Clerks

Totaling around \$15.5M we collect on behalf of the State

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Mayor Departments



- Animal Center
- Adult Probation
- General Services
 - Records, Custodial, Maintenance & Risk Management
- Finance & Accounting
- Human Resources
- Emergency Management
- Purchasing
- Information Technology
- Recovery Court

What's Been Happening?



- ✓ Received the TCSA 2018 Success Story Award
 - ✓ For the Operations Center

- ✓ IT Modernization
 - ✓ 4th Year
 - ✓ Fiber Optic Investments
 - ✓ Tyler Munis implemented as new financial system

- ✓ Warming Center Initiative
 - ✓ Great partnerships providing shelter and food for citizens

- ✓ Ambulance Services
 - ✓ More than \$300K in medical equipment
 - ✓ Provides the EMR training for our BCSO deputies

Did You Know?



Blount County Government Leads:

- Only County in the State with 4 years - Clean Audit
- Only County with 7 Firewise Certified Communities
- Only County with deputies who are also EMR certified
 - Currently 32 officers

Did You Know?



Blount County Government Leads:

- First to adopt an ADA Transition Plan
 - Required by TDOT by December 2019

- First to opt-in the State's Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund

- Classification & Compensation Plan for County Employees
 - Continue to be updated & funded

What's Next?



❖ Transition Facility Progress

- Site Purchase
- Modular Buildings & Jail Maintenance
 - More Space for Beds & Programming
- Budget Committee – August 15 @ 6:00 pm
- Commission – August 20 @ 5:30 pm

What's Next?



❖ 2020 CENSUS

- BLOUNT COUNTS – Complete Count Committee
- \$1,091/year for 10 years per person
- Hiring Census Workers now
- Promote the Census where you can

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What Makes Blount County Great?

Partnerships!

- ✓ Throughout the Community
 - ✓ Schools
 - ✓ Non-Profits
 - ✓ Businesses
 - ✓ Faith Community
- ✓ Between Governments

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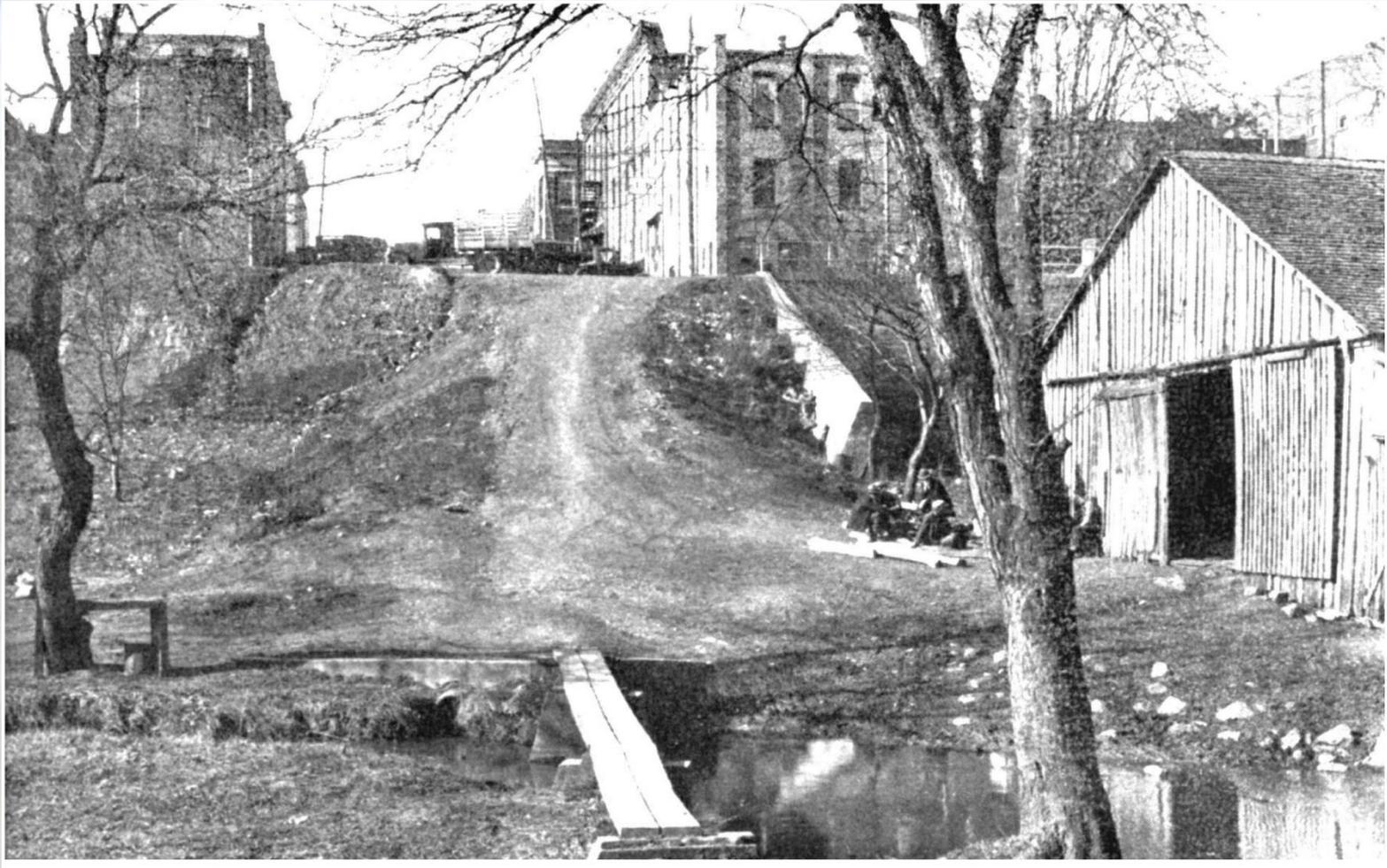


How Can You Help?

- Get involved in Government
- Participate in the US Census
- Vote
- Know your Commissioners

It's YOUR Government!

Look How Far We've Come...



**Snapshots of Blount County, Volume III



Questions?