



2008 REPORT TO THE CITIZENS



Henderson County Government
1 Historic Courthouse Square #3
Hendersonville, NC 28792

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER



County Manager
Steve Wyatt

Fiscal year 2007-2008 will be remembered for both challenge and celebration for Henderson County Government.

Our team completed the renovation of the county's Historic Courthouse, bringing it back to its original splendor and making it once again more accessible and useful for you, the citizens of this great county.

We also worked to make school construction more cost-effective this fiscal year. We were able to save nearly \$4 million in school construction costs while increasing capacity at two elementary schools currently under construction.

Henderson County maintained the lowest property tax rate among all the surrounding counties at 46.2 cents per \$100 of valuation and, at the same time, implemented a revenue-neutral budget for county operations.

In the end, public service demands that our resources be managed wisely, often requiring tough decisions in a landscape of quickly changing variables. Doing so in a compassionate, yet effective way, is our mission. Each of you as citizens-stakeholders share in this effort to improve our community, one step at a time.

COUNTY PROFILE

Total Population: **102,142**
2020 Projected Population: **126,430**
Area: **375.1 square miles**
Median Household Income: **\$41,595**
Average Home Sale Price: **\$268,320**
Median Age: **43.6 years**
Henderson County Public Schools Enrollment: **13,115**
Registered Voters: **75,000**
Construction Value of Permitted Construction (2007):
\$278,205,887
Acres in County Parks: **320**
Highest Point: **5,240 feet**
(Little Pisgah Mountain)
Average Temperature:
High - 70.6F Low - 43.7F
Average Annual Precipitation: **56.62 in.**

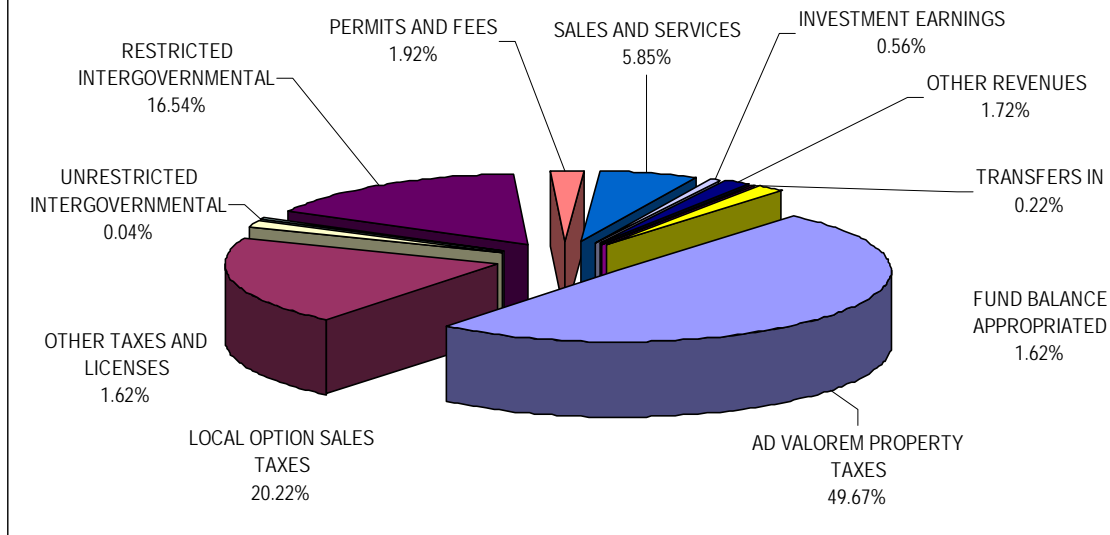
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BUDGET IN BRIEF

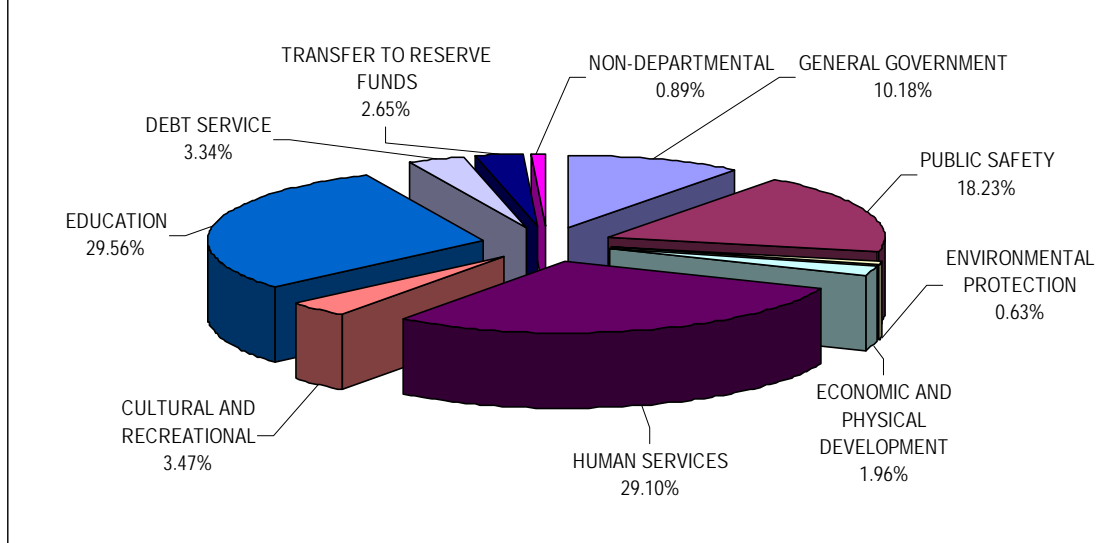
FY07-08 HIGHLIGHTS

FY 07 – 08 GENERAL FUND \$113,351,538

REVENUES: WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...



EXPENDITURES: WHERE THE MONEY GOES...



- ◆ Reduced the tax rate to be overall revenue-neutral.
- ◆ Opened the newly renovated Henderson County Historic Courthouse. The building serves as an administrative building for the Board of Commissioners and home to the new Heritage Museum.
- ◆ Opened the newly built Etowah Branch Public Library.
- ◆ Began the operation of a newly built Mud Creek wastewater pump station which will serve the Riverstone Subdivision and future flow from the Mud Creek Basin up to the Mountain Home Industrial Park.
- ◆ Took Jackson Park off of failing septic system and built connections to city sewer. Also completed infield renovations at Jackson Park including grading for drainage and installing irrigation so fields can be watered by hose.
- ◆ Started a new inmate work crew program.
- ◆ Established the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) program allowing deputies to aid in processing illegal aliens for deportation.
- ◆ Set up installment contract financing of \$32 million for elementary school construction at Hillandale, Mills River and Dana elementary schools at a very favorable interest rate for the county.
- ◆ Secured a Homeland Security grant for \$1.5 million to upgrade our emergency communications system infrastructure and to allow communications with state and federal agencies.
- ◆ Established the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Division to reduce pollution of waterways and properties and to protect the ecological integrity of the county.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Emergency Services	
Annual EMS Dispatches	9,330
Sheriff	
Average Daily Jail Population	162
Phone Calls to/from E911	286,527
Arrests Processed	3,285
Solid Waste	
Tons of Waste Received	86,645
Tons of Recycling Processed	4,171
Elections	
Registered Voters	75,000
Polling Places Operated	35
Library	
Annual Circulation	875,000
Animal Services	
Animals Adopted	1,327
Vaccinations	16,528
Parks and Recreation	
Program Participants	18,000
Social Services	
Responses to Abuse, Neglect	2,068
Provided Healthcare Insurance to Children, Elderly and Disabled Citizens	16,333
Register of Deeds	
Real Estate Records Recorded	27,611
Birth Certificates Issued	1,003
Death Certificates Issued	1,324
Marriage Licenses Issued	710
Veterans Services	
Veterans Contacts	3,586
Environmental Health	
Wells Permitted	367
Wells Drilled	386
Wells Put Into Service	287