Local Government Functions in NC

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Government Structure in NC

State (General Assembly)

May enact any laws, except as limited by federal law and the NC Constitution

Counties

May only take actions specifically authorized by the General Assembly

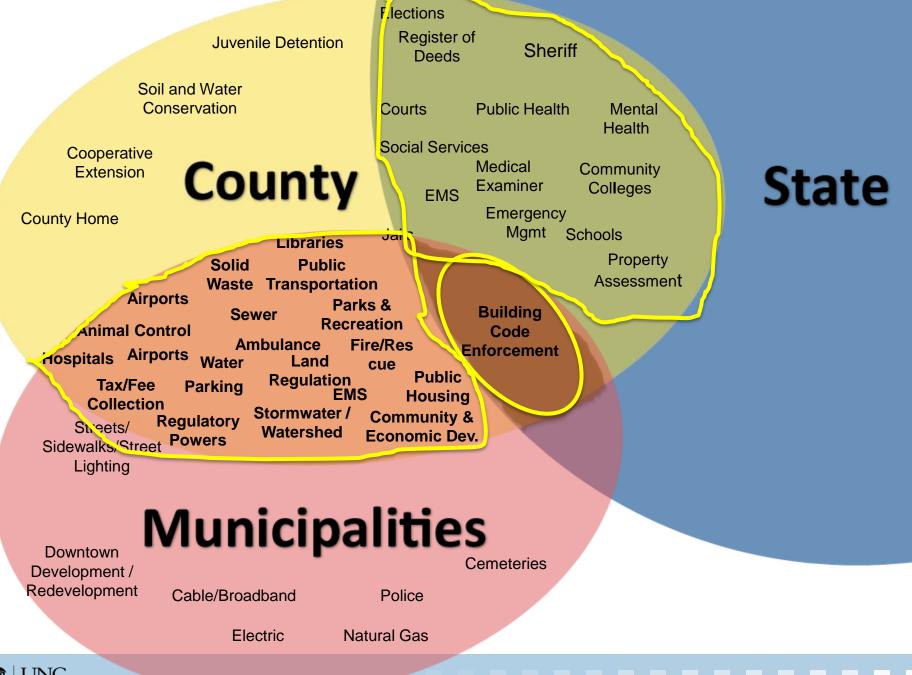
Municipalities

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Special Purpose Local Units

May only take actions specifically authorized by the General Assembly







| LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Both Municipalities and | Municipalities Only | Counties Only | |
| Counties | | | |
| Property Tax / Service Districts | Motor Vehicle License Taxes | Local Sales and Use Taxes | |
| Privilege License Taxes* | | Transportation Sales and Use | |
| | | Tax | |
| Rental Car Gross Receipts Tax | | County Vehicle Registration | |
| | | Tax | |
| Animal Taxes | | | |
| General User Fees | | | |
| Public Enterprise Fees | | | |
| Regulatory Fees | | | |
| Statutory Fees | | | |
| Franchise Fees | | | |
| Special Assessments | | | |
| Heavy Equipment Rental Tax | | | |
| Occupancy Taxes (local act) | | | |
| Prepared Food Taxes (local act) | | | |
| Local Real Estate Transfer Tax | | | |
| (local act) | | | |
| Impact Fees (local act) | | | |

| STATE / COUNTY-SHARED REVENUE SOURCES | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Both Municipalities and | Municipalities Only | Counties Only | |
| Counties | | | |
| Beer & Wine Taxes | Local Sales and Use Taxes | State Real Estate Transfer Tax | |
| Video Programming Services | Electric Tax | Disposal Taxes | |
| Taxes | | | |
| Solid Waste Tipping Tax | Telecommunications Tax | | |
| 911 Charge | Piped Natural Gas Tax | | |
| Court Fees | Motor Fuels Tax (Powell Bill) | | |
| | Transportation Sales and Use | | |
| | Tax | | |

| OTHER REVENUE SOURCES | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Both Municipalities and | Municipalities Only | Counties Only | |
| Counties | | | |
| ABC Store Revenue | | | |
| Investment Earnings | | | |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes | | | |
| Rental Payments | | | |

2012-13 County Revenues

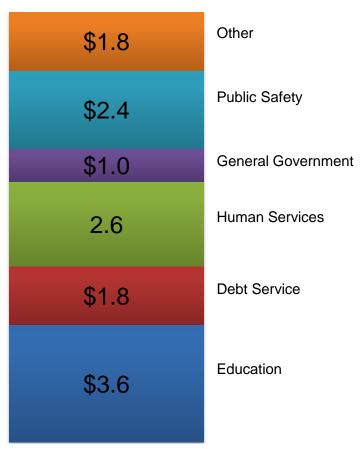
\$11.9 billion total



2012-13 County Expenditures

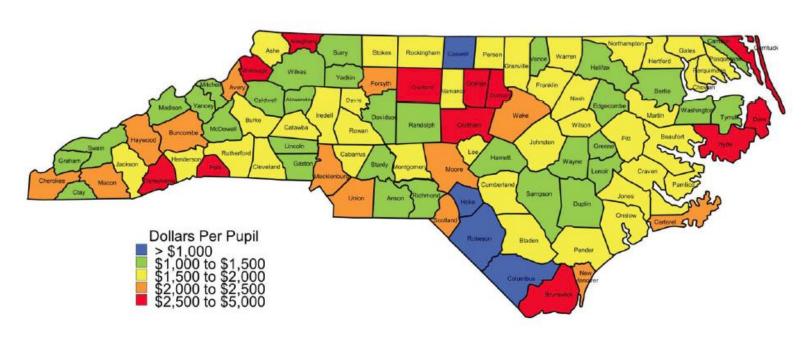
\$13.2 billion total

in billions



Variations in County Funding

County Per Pupil Expenditures Current Expense (2013)

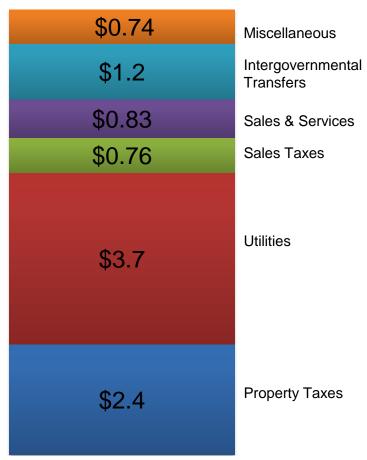


Source: North Carolina Association of County Commissioners 2014 MapBook

2012-13 Municipal Revenues

\$6.7 billion total

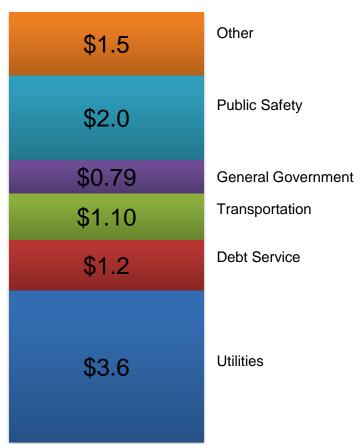
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2012-23 Municipal Expenditures

\$9.2 billion total

in billions



NC vs Other States

- State has primary responsibility for funding education and highways
- Counties have primary responsibility for human services at the local level
- Cities have primary responsibility for water, sewer, and fire services within city boundaries
- Counties have authority to provide most urban-type services
- Counties and cities have extensive authority to regulate and direct urban development
- Counties and cities have broad authority to enter into interlocal agreements and form regional partnerships
- City and State's Department of Transportation jointly develop and adopt a major thoroughfare plan for the city and its surrounding areas
- Heavy reliance on general-purpose local governments (counties and cities) to perform most local functions (e.g. schools do not have taxing authority)

