

Catawba County Audit/ Financial Review

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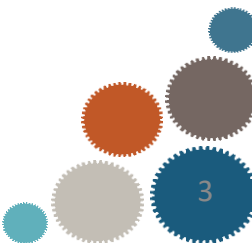
AUDIT RESULTS

- **Audit Opinion**
- **Compliance – Single Audit
(State/Federal Grants)**
- **Financial Condition**



Fiscal Year 2022-23 Financial Report

Mary Morrison
Chief Financial Officer





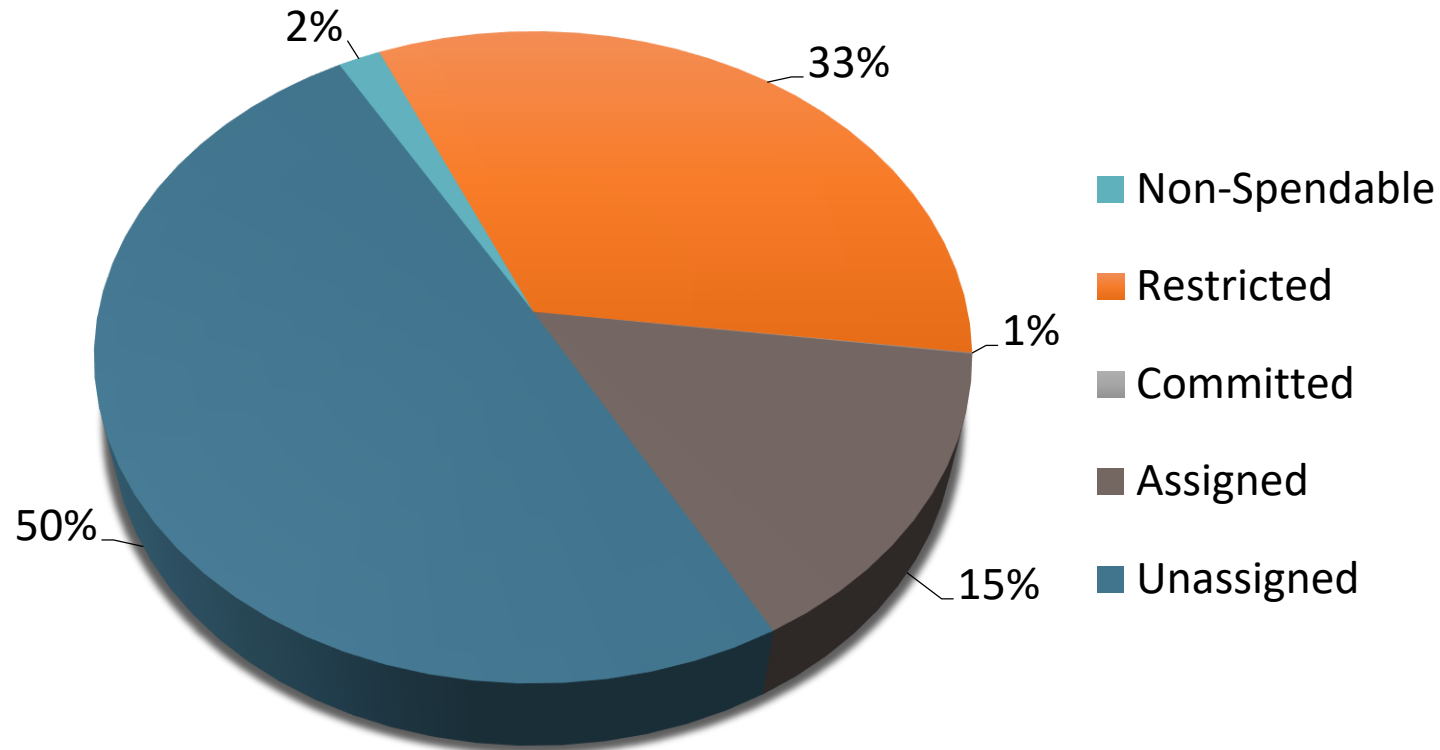
HIGHLIGHTS

- Governmental Funds:
+\$25.8M net position
- Business-Type Activities:
+\$4.7M net position
- General Fund Fund Balance:
+\$11.1M
- Change in Outstanding Debt:
+\$28.3M

Recognition of Prior Period Adjustment of
+\$10.2M for Opioid Settlement Revenue
(Revision in Guidance)



Catawba County General Fund Balance Classifications



Total General Fund Balance
\$142.3M

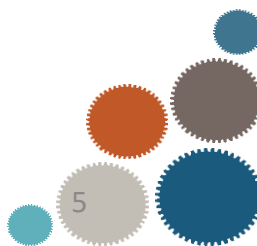
Unassigned: Available for spending at the Commission's discretion

Non-spendable: Inventories, Prepaid Taxes/Bills, Notes Receivable

Restricted: State Statute, Register of Deeds-Technology, Debt Service

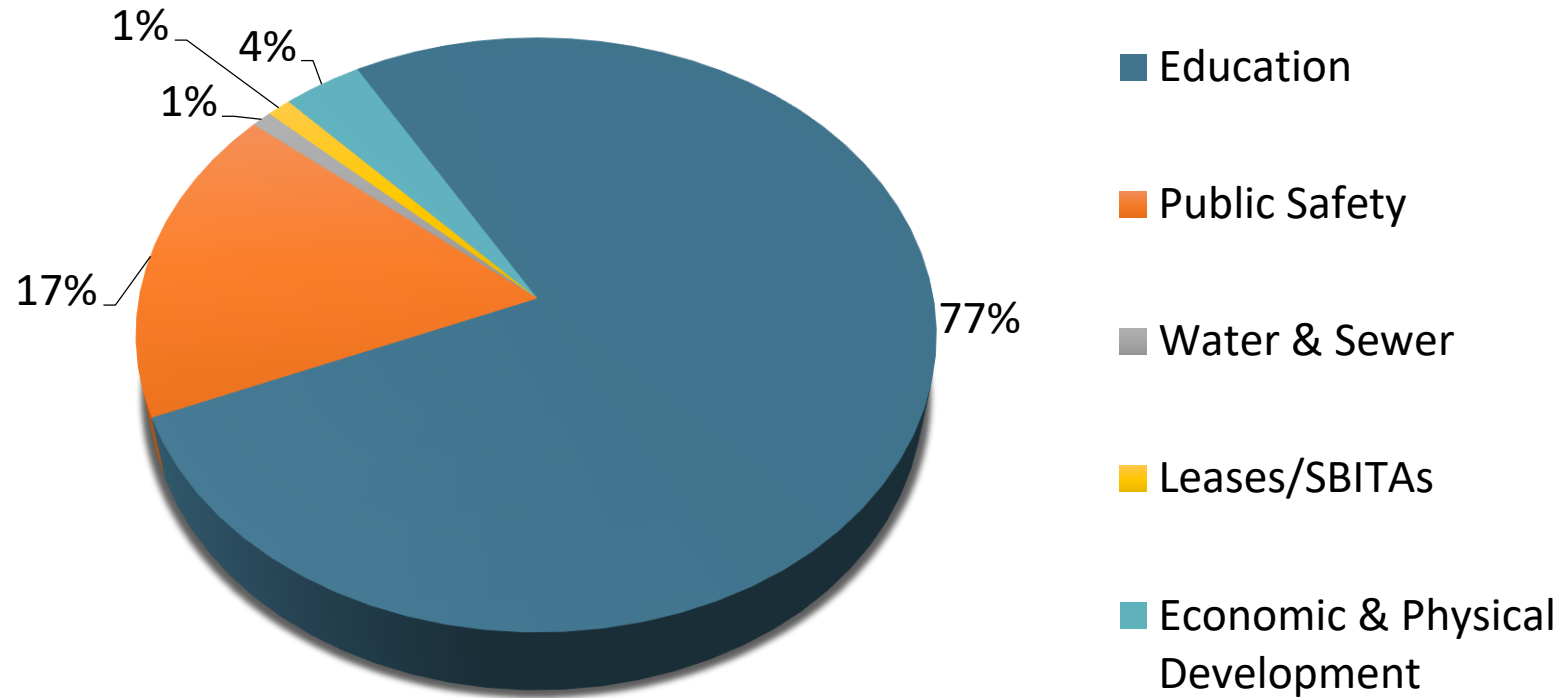
Committed: Tax Revaluation

Assigned: Reinventing Funds, Subsequent Year's Expenditures (2024 budget)

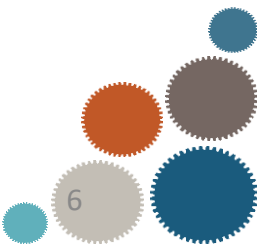




Uses of Outstanding Debt



Credit Rating: Moody's Aa1/Standard & Poor's AA
\$1.478b in debt capacity available (current debt = 9% of limit)





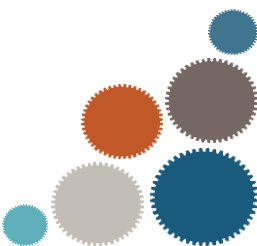
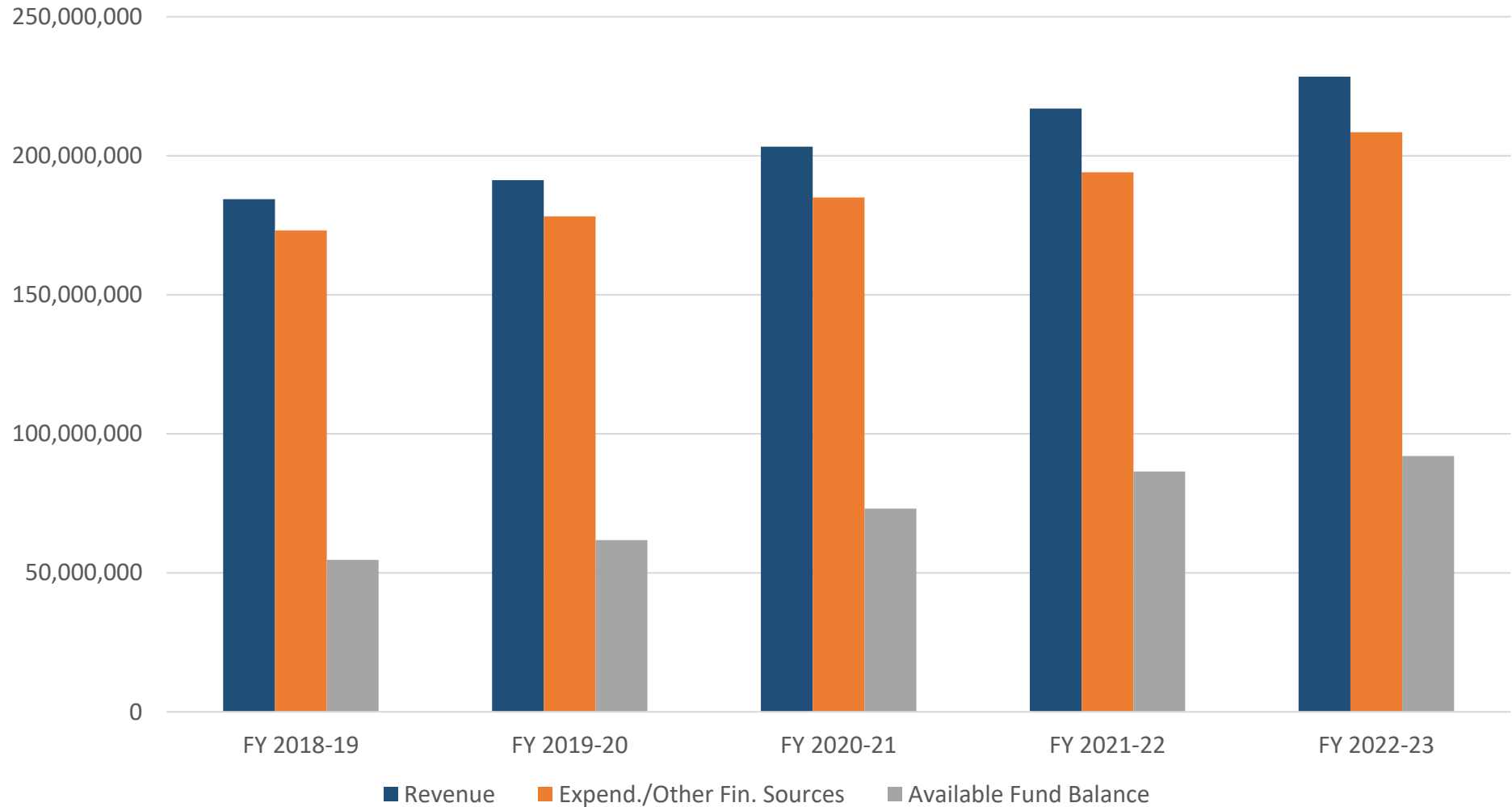
Investment Portfolio Performance

- \$214,978,717 in total investments
 - US Treasuries
 - US Government Agencies (FHLB, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac)
 - NC Capital Management Trust
- Average rate of return = 2.65%
(more than double from prior year)





Historical General Fund Performance

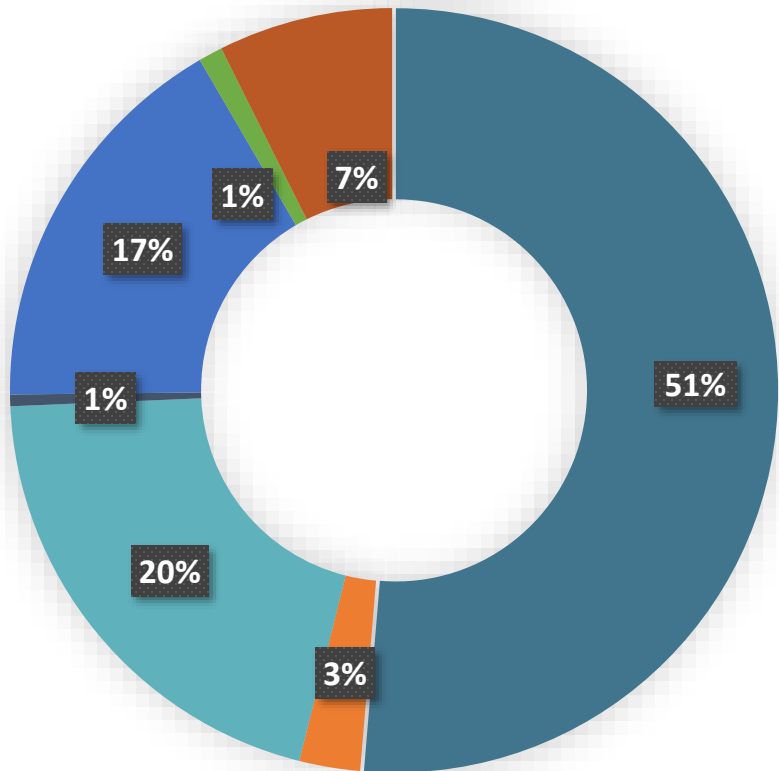




Revenue Composition Remains Stable

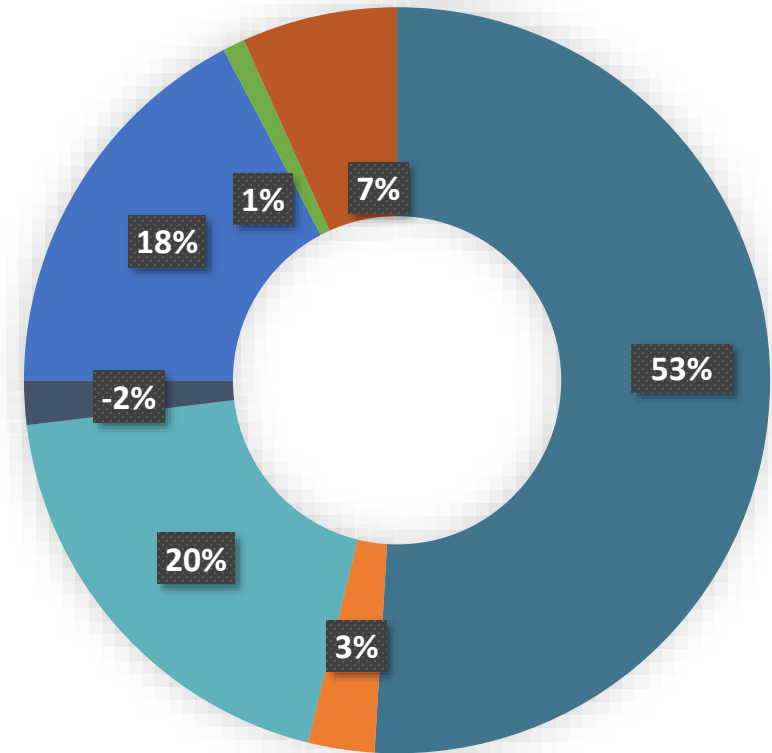
Actual 2023 vs Prior Year

General Fund Revenues FY2023



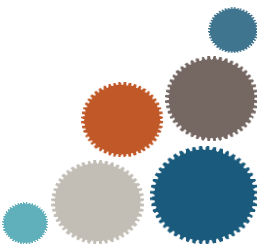
Total Revenues \$228.4M

General Fund Revenues FY2022



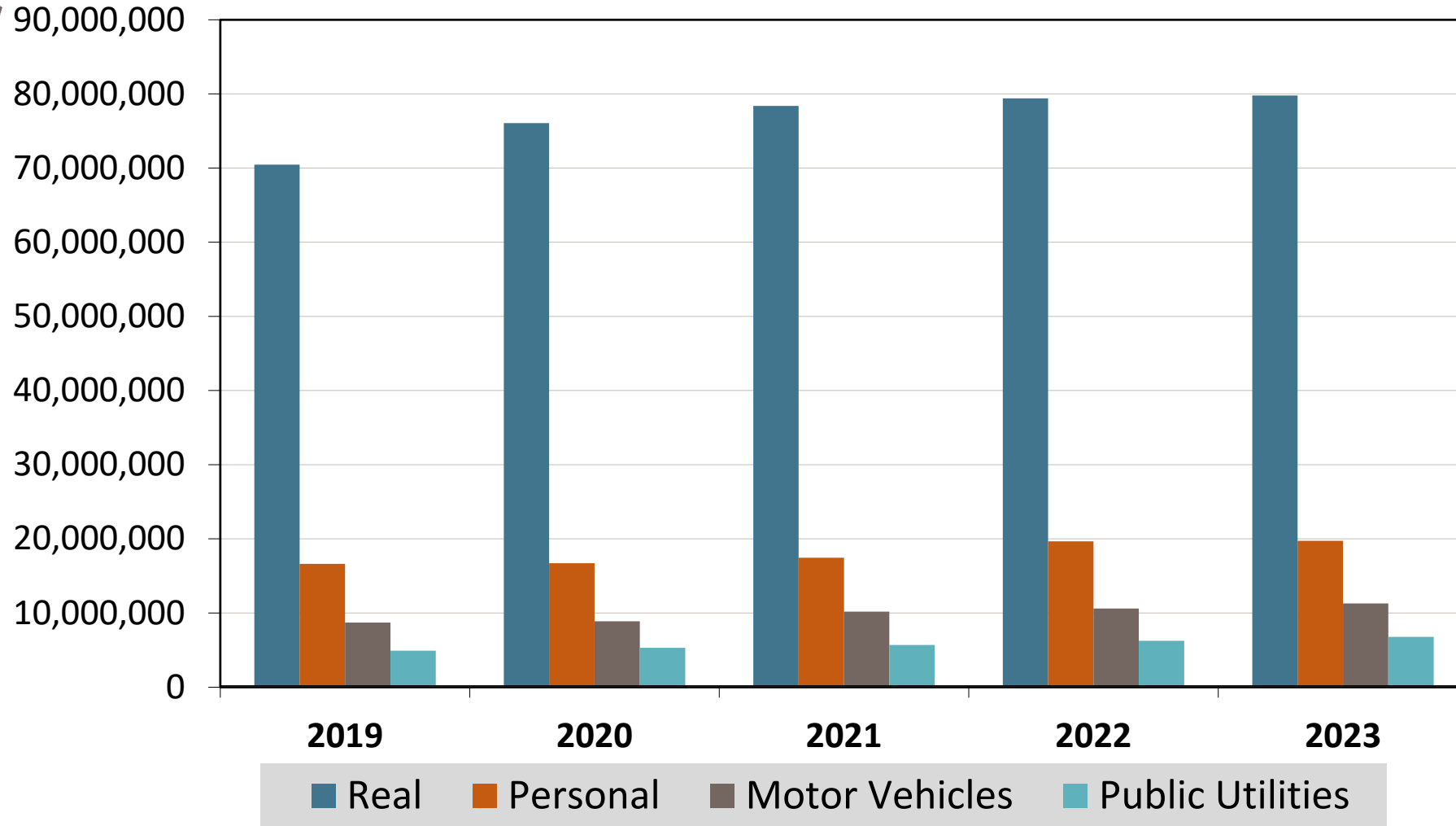
Total Revenues \$217M

- Ad Valorem Taxes
- Permits, Fees, Services
- Sales Taxes
- Investment Earnings
- Restricted Revenues
- Unrestricted Revenues
- Other

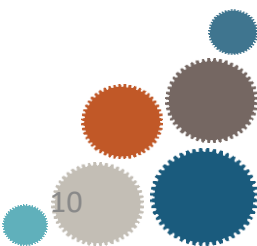




Property Tax Revenues



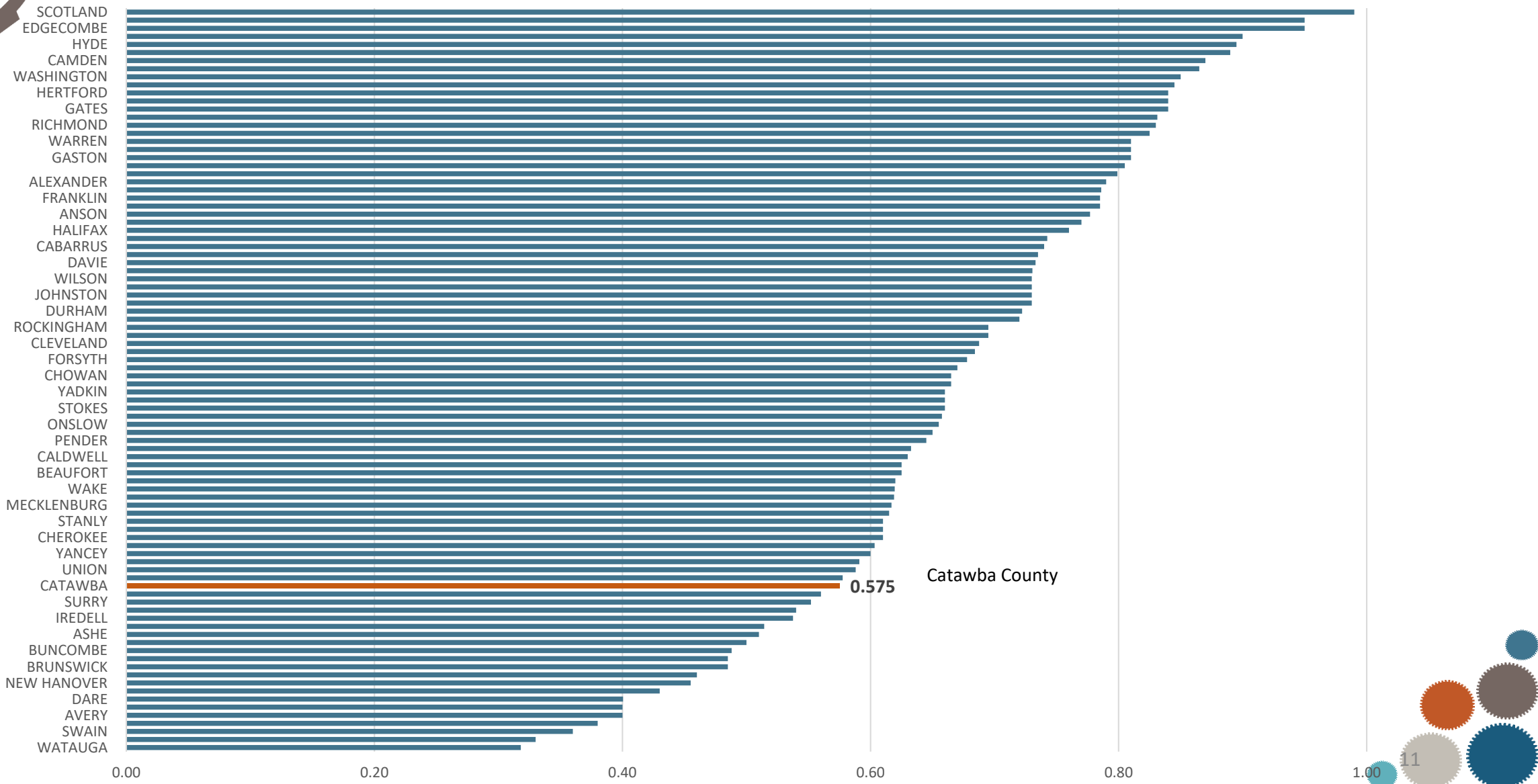
Collection rates - 2019: 98.63%; 2020: 98.51%, 2021: 98.96%; 2022: 99.05%; 2023: 98.96%





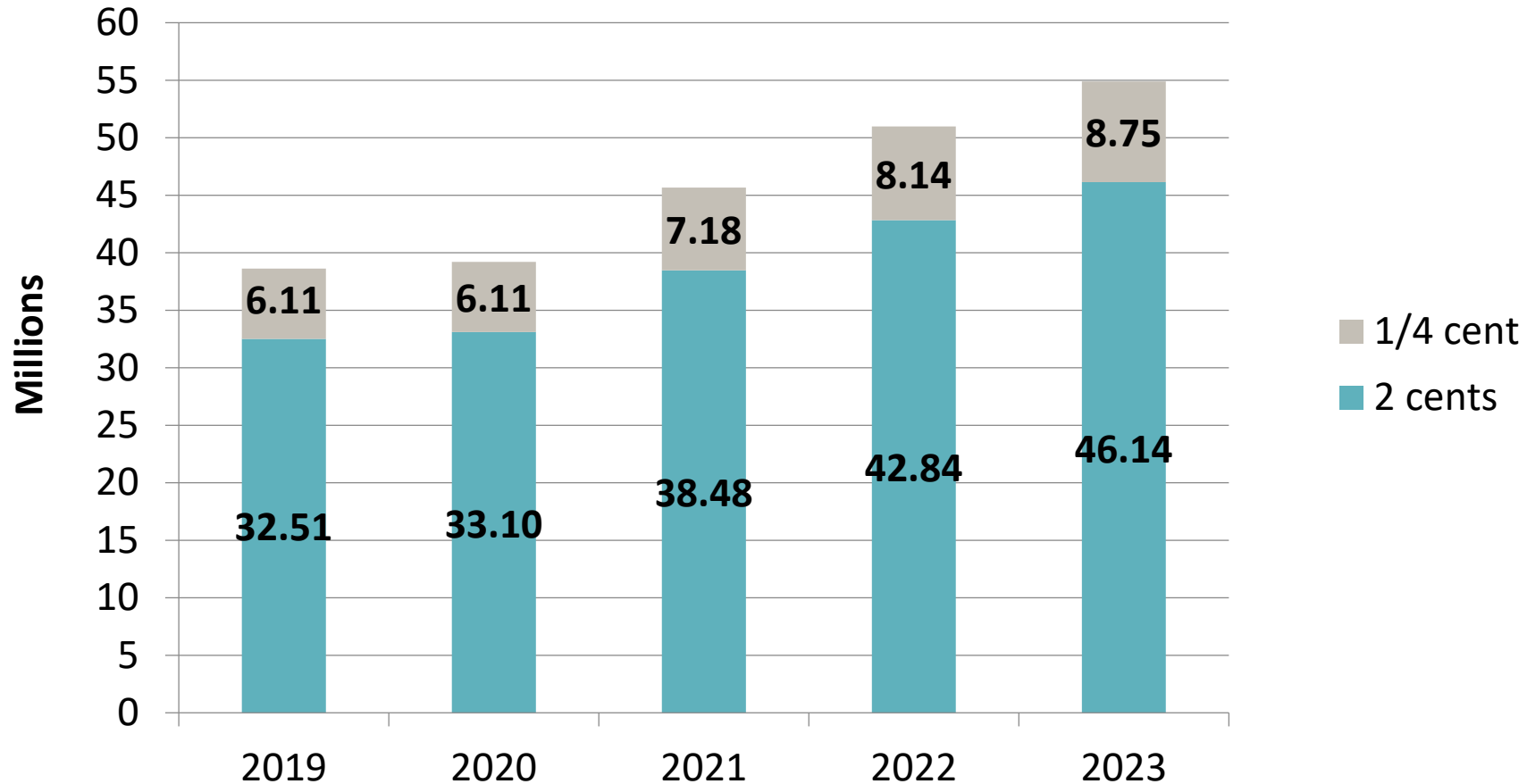
Competitive Tax Rate Position

FY22-23 Tax Rates





Sales Tax Sustains Strong Performance



- **Two-cent collections increased by 3.3M in FY23; a 7.7% increase**
- **¼ cent collections increased by approximately \$610K in FY23; a 7.5% increase**

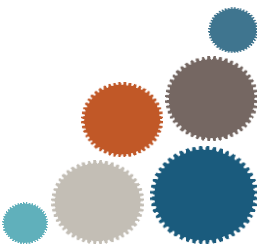




Catawba County maintains position as retail hub

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Mecklenburg	34,108,420,190	31,011,893,464	9.98%
Wake	29,468,896,469	26,567,203,523	10.92%
Guilford	10,914,577,031	10,091,509,685	8.16%
Durham	10,618,192,758	10,073,809,347	5.40%
Forsyth	8,328,159,601	7,862,160,614	5.93%
Buncombe	7,703,980,426	7,310,486,077	5.38%
New Hanover	7,179,532,403	6,680,019,869	7.48%
Cumberland	6,118,176,646	5,743,623,701	6.52%
Cabarrus	5,435,301,203	4,938,277,630	10.06%
Iredell	4,042,889,754	3,687,326,529	9.64%
Gaston	3,985,427,207	3,627,750,177	9.86%
Union	3,652,424,217	3,381,460,607	8.01%
Alamance	3,568,867,246	3,433,450,050	3.94%
Catawba	3,508,242,241	3,268,344,174	7.34%
Pitt	3,447,179,236	3,225,920,776	6.86%
Onslow	3,438,628,210	3,238,292,518	6.19%

- Catawba County – 18th in population in NC; 14th in retail sales
- 59% of retail sales in the Unifour; 44% population





SUMMARY

Financially–A Good Year

- Added to Fund Balance
- Steady Revenues
- Underspent Planned Expenditures

Questions?



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