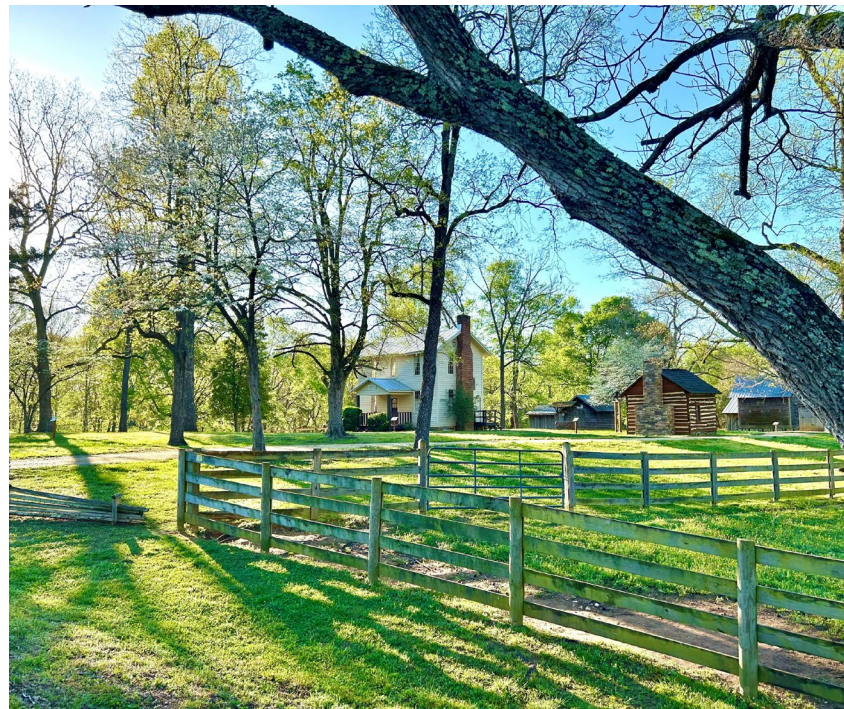


# Manager's Recommended Budget

**Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

*Presented: May 20, 2024*





# Strategic Plan

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## Alamance County Strategic Plan

2023-2028

### Mission

Alamance County effectively provides its citizens with high-quality public services, the tools for successful economic development, and a responsive, transparent government that supports the community as the preferred place to live, work, and play.

### Vision

Alamance County is a cohesive community with a thriving economy that balances respect for our rural history with thoughtful growth and development.

### Public Safety

Protect the Public Health and Safety of Our Residents



### Education

Collaborate With Our Local Education Providers to Support Lifelong Learning



### Quality of Life

Maintain the Quality of Life in our Community by Supporting our Unique Assets



### Smart Development

Preserve Our Rural Heritage, Develop Our Urban Core



### Accountability

Provide Accountable and Efficient Government Services



# Board Priorities

- Conservative Revenue & Expenditure Management
- Supporting the Workforce
- Addressing Community Needs
- Prioritizing Capital and Facility Needs



# Tax Rate

**\$0.432**

**FY23-24 Adopted  
Tax Rate**

**\$0.452**

**FY24-25 Proposed  
Tax Rate**

Additional 2 cents needed to cover  
inflation-related increases and revenue losses



# Tax Rate

## Impact of a 2 cent Tax Increase on a \$263,997\* Home:

Tax Rate of 0.452 = \$52.80 per year increase

Collection Rate projected to be 99.11%

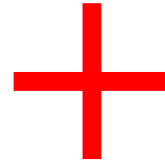


= \$2,575,793 in  
Tax Revenue

\* 2024 Median Home Value in  
Alamance County

# Additional Revenue Needed

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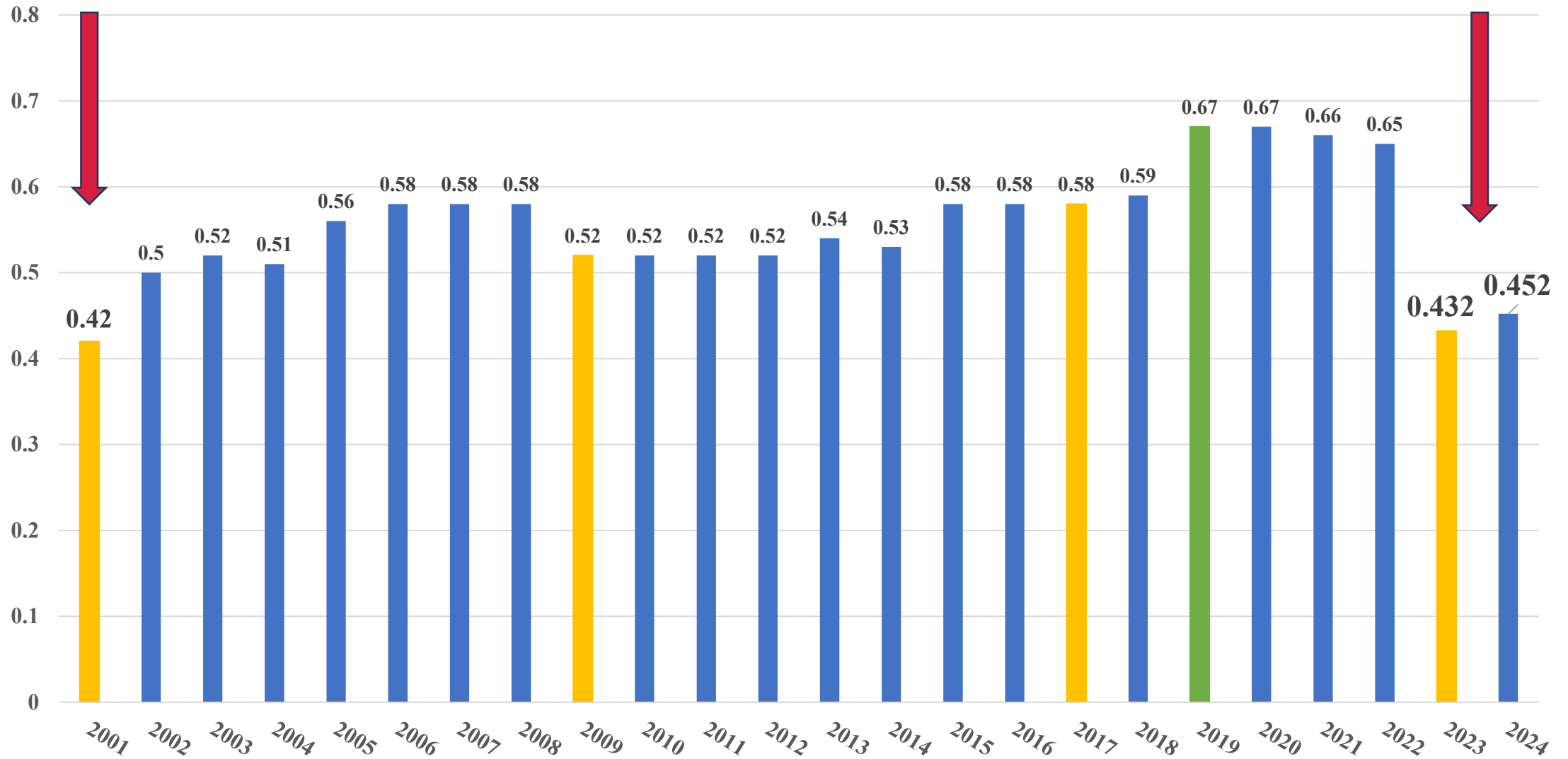


**State-wide mandated increase in Retirement along with impacts to fringe benefits**  
**\$2,833,372**

**Inflationary Increases Contracts, Utilities, Supplies**  
**\$2,340,495**

# Historical View of Tax Rates

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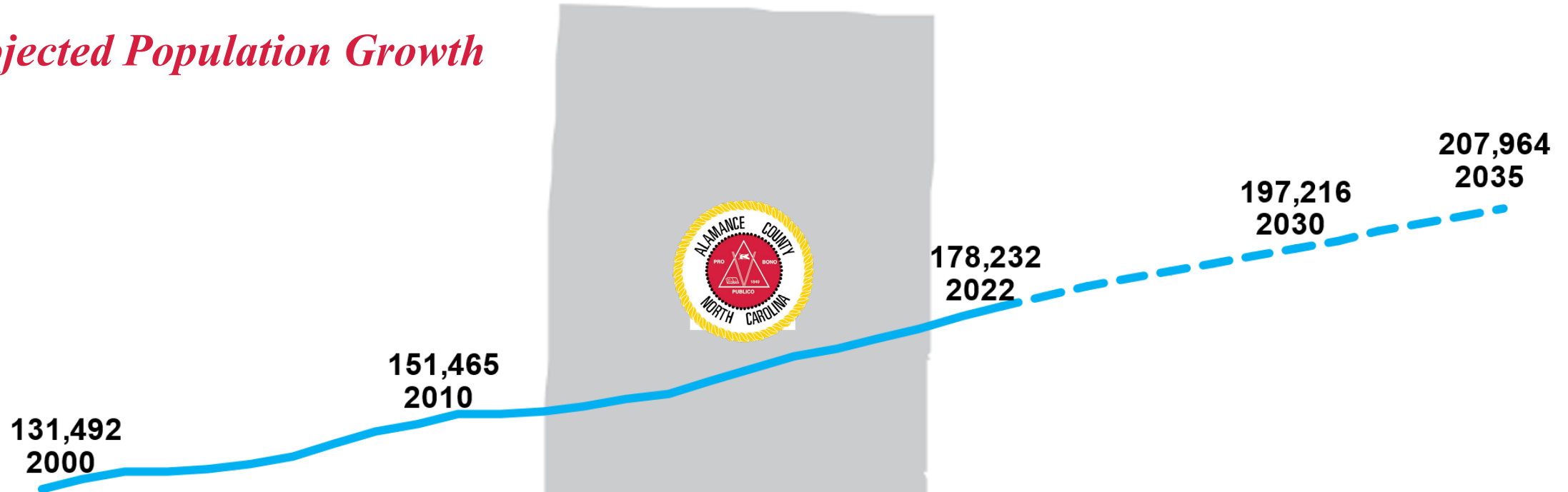
# Addressing Community Needs

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## Population set to reach 207K by 2035

*Projected Population Growth*



Source:



Source: NC OSBM, Population Estimates and Projection, Vintage 2022

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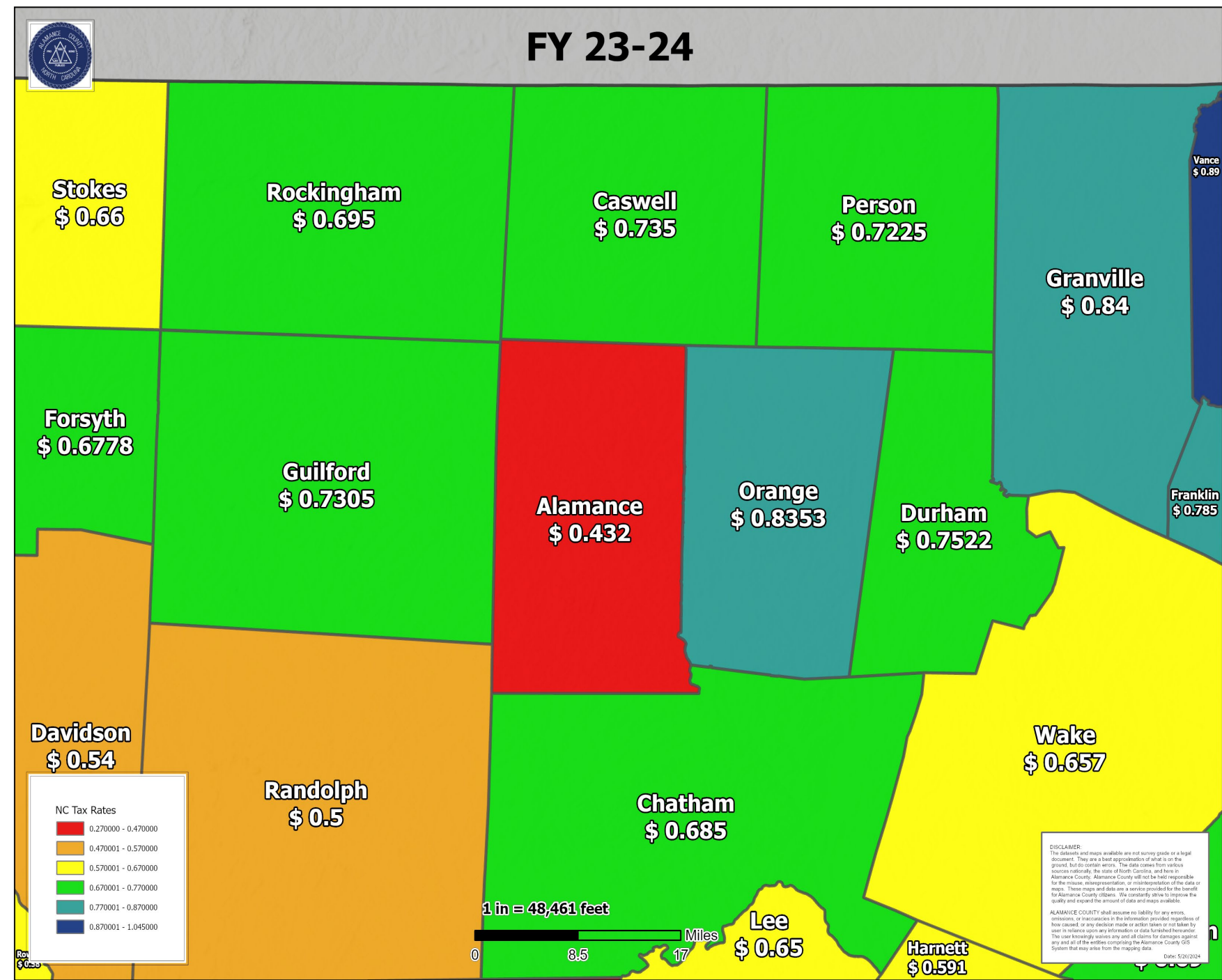


# Tax Rates

## Alamance County:

Current: \$0.432

Proposed: \$0.452





# FY 24-25 Overview

General Fund: \$220.5M  
+\$6.0M or 2.8% increase  
All Funds: \$260.3M  
+\$6.3M or 2.5% increase

*Consumer Price  
Index Southeast  
Region for the  
past 12 months  
(April): 3.3%*



# Revenues

General Fund Revenues come from the following categories of sources:





# Revenues

- Property Tax Revenue: \$107.8M (+\$6.7M)
- DMV Tax Revenues: \$9.6M (+\$1.1M)
- Sales Tax: \$46.0M (-\$3.3M)
- Other Taxes (Real Estate Transfer Tax): \$3.2M (-\$621K)
- Sales and Services: \$11.6M (+\$1.2M)
- Investment Earnings: \$3M (+\$1.0M)
- Restricted Intergovernmental: \$27.4M (+\$862K)





# Revenues

## Fund Balance (\$8.4M)

- Relying on “rainy day” funds to balance the budget
  - Appropriated Fund Balance: \$7.4M (+1.2M)
  - Designated Fund Balance: \$1.0M (-2.0M)
    - Mostly depleted when balancing FY23-24 budget
  - Estimate Unassigned Fund Balance will be below internal policy of 20% at 17.9% as a result

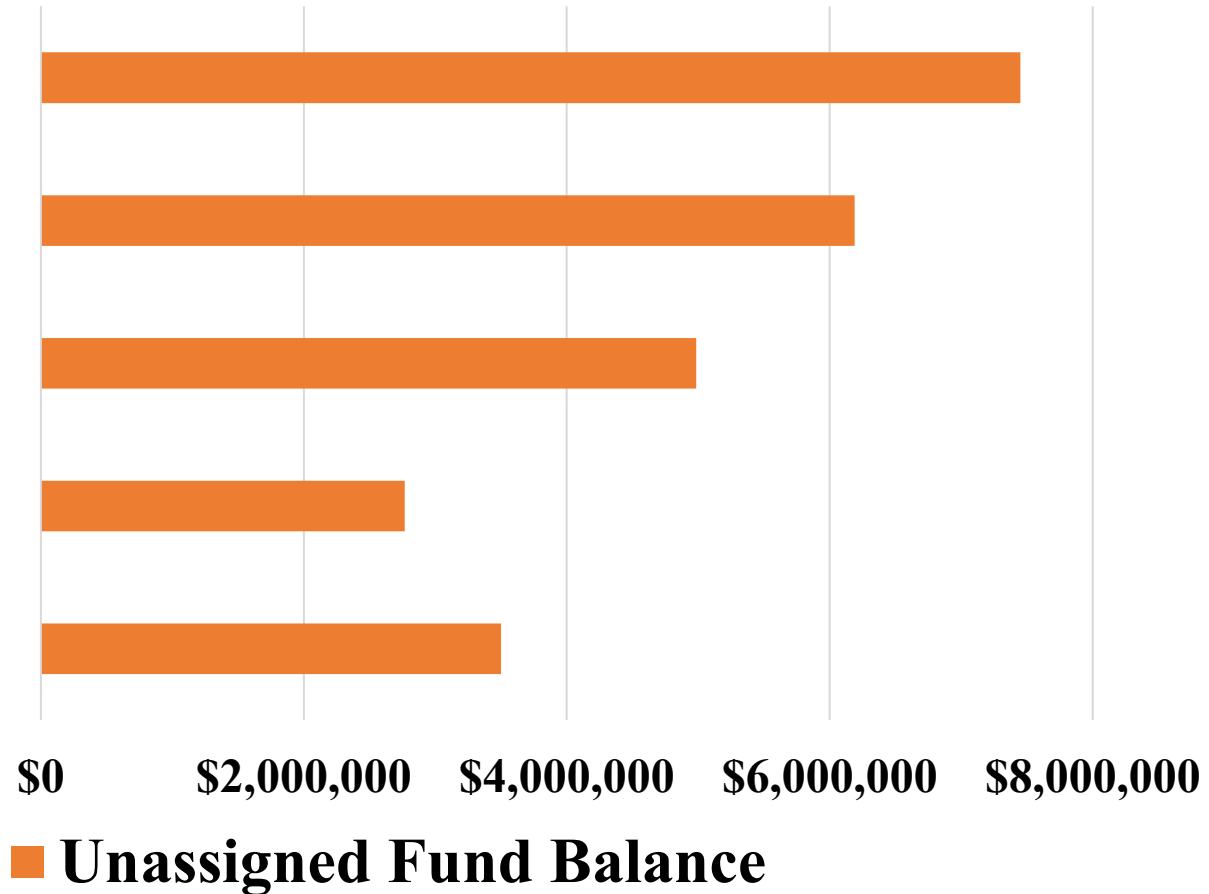


# Budgeting Fund Balance

## Amount Budgeted:

- \$8.4M
  - Unassigned FB: \$7.4M (+\$1.2M)
  - Designated FB: \$1.0M (-\$2.0M)

**FY24-25 MRB**  
**FY23-24 Adopted**  
**FY22-23 Adopted**  
**FY21-22 Adopted**  
**FY20-21 Adopted**





# Expenditures

General Fund Expenses are made in the following categories:



# Supporting the County Workforce

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## Impacts on FY24-25 Budget:

- Continue Merit Pay (+\$55K)
- Continue Market Compensation Study Phase II: (-\$489K)
- Investigator Stipends (+\$140K)
- Continue annual Cost of Living Adjustment (-\$719K)

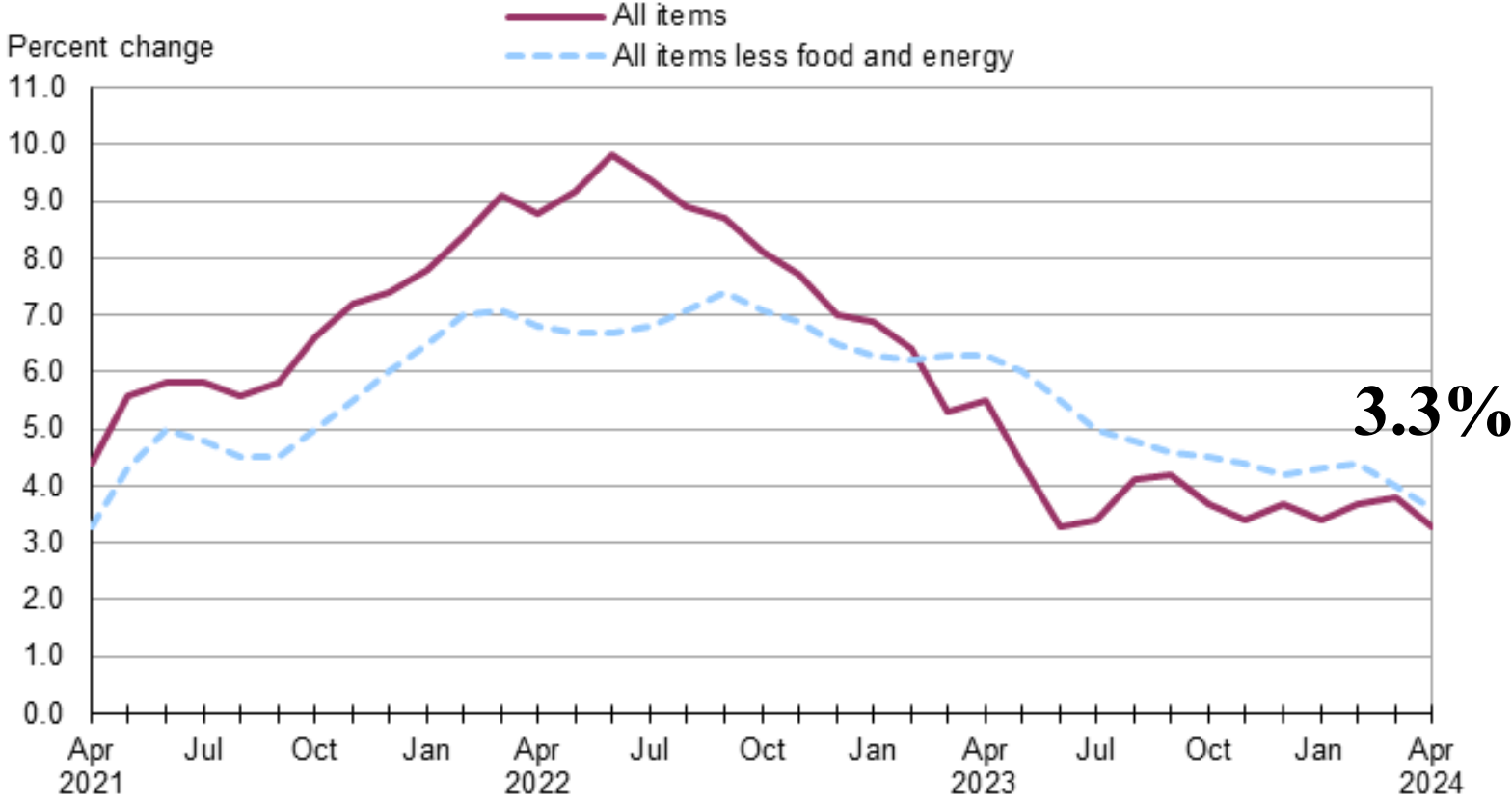




# Supporting the County Workforce

*Recommended:  
3% Cost of Living  
Adjustment*

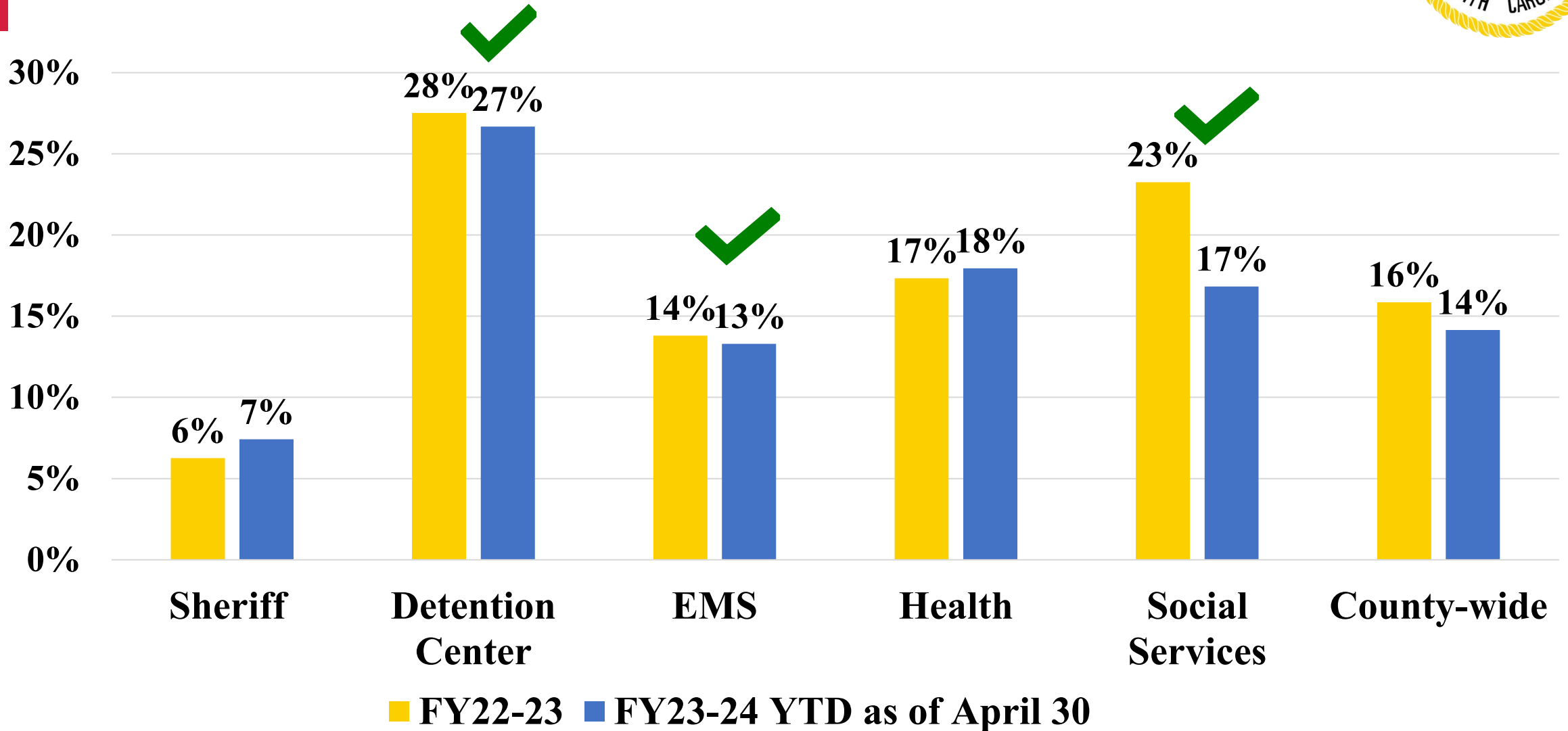
Chart 1. Over-the-year percent change in CPI-U, South region, April 2021–April 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# County Vacancy Rates

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# Inflation Impacts

- State-Mandated Retirement Increases (+\$1.8M)
- Youth Detention Costs (+\$219K)
- Animal Shelter Contract (+\$210K)
- Detention Center Food & Medical Care Contracts (+\$206K)
- Utility Increases (+\$201K)
- Microsoft Enterprise Contract (+\$172K)
- Automotive Supplies and Repairs (+\$159K)



# Cost Reductions

\$19.8M has been cut from requests

35.5 new full-time positions requested

- No new General Fund positions included
- Only new positions with funding outside of General Fund considered:
  - Dental Clinic Foreign Language Interpreter II (Charges for Services)
  - Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist (Opioid Settlement Funds)
  - Recovery Court Coordinator (Opioid Settlement Funds)

26 new vehicles requested

- 1 Ambulance replacement and 1 Ambulance remount (General Fund) \$500K
- Bulldozer, Dirt Truck, Forklift (Landfill Fund)
- 16 Sheriff Vehicles (CIP to be included in financing)



# Alamance

## Burlington School System

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**NC G.S.115C-429. Approval of budget; submission to county commissioners; commissioners' action on budget. [Effective June 30, 2023]**

(a) Upon receiving the budget from the superintendent and following the public hearing authorized by G.S. 115C-428(b), if one is held, the board of education shall consider the budget, make such changes therein as it deems advisable, and submit the entire budget as approved by the board of education to the board of county commissioners not later than May 15, or such later date as may be fixed by the board of county commissioners. At the time of submission of the budget, the board of education shall also submit to the board of county commissioners in writing the academic performance of the schools in the local school administrative unit, including the school performance grades of each school, any schools identified as low-performing or continually low-performing, and efforts by the local board of education to improve those identified schools' performance.



# Alamance Burlington School System

*Total recommended current expense and capital is \$52,727,151*

- **Current Expense:** requested \$59,170,941 (+\$10.3M or +21.2% )  
Recommended level funding with FY23-24.
- **Capital:** requested \$4.03M. Recommending \$3.9 (+600K)

Current Expense	Capital	Fines & Forfeitures	Debt Service	Transfer to Capital Reserve	Total
\$48,827,151	\$3,900,000	\$800,000	\$14,551,520	\$1,563,350	\$69,642,021



# Alamance Community College

***Total recommended current expense and capital: \$5,413,822***

- **Current Expense:** Requested \$5,725,962 (42% increase or +\$1.6M) Recommended budget is increased by \$848,140 or 21%
- **Capital:** Requested \$536,000. Recommending full funding

Current Expense	Capital	Debt Service	Transfer to Capital Reserve	Total
\$4,877,822	\$536,000	\$4,703,801	\$23,076	\$10,140,699



# Next Steps

## *Budget Public Hearing*

- June 3, 6:30pm Historic Courthouse

## *Work Sessions*

- May 30, 10:00am Commissioner's Meeting Room
- June 10, 3:00pm Commissioner's Meeting Room
- June 12, 2:00pm Commissioner's Meeting Room