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#### PREFACE

North Carolina municipalities are continually looking for ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery. As part of this effort, a group of municipalities joined together with the School of Government and the North Carolina Local Government Budget Association to create an ongoing project to compare performance and cost data for selected governmental services. This joint undertaking is known as the North Carolina Local Government Performance Measurement Project or, more commonly, as the North Carolina Benchmarking Project. This report presents performance and cost data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, for the fourteen North Carolina municipalities participating in the benchmarking project — Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem. Sixteen previous reports have been published regarding municipal services. All of these reports are available through the Publications Sales Office of the School of Government (919.966.5381). The previous four reports may be purchased online by using the following URL: http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl?c=433425&sc=7&category=107&search=final%20report

The benchmarking project is a collaborative effort. Officials from the participating local governments have made vital contributions to the success of the project, including budget and finance staff, program and service staff, and city and town managers. Special thanks are owed to the members of the steering committee, who provide the necessary leadership demanded by such a project: Suzanne Parmentier, Accounting and Budget Manager of Apex; Tony McDowell, Budget Manager, and John Sanchez, Budget Analyst of Asheville; Aaron Noble, Human Resources Director of Burlington; Scott Fogleman, Budget Director, Kathy Lleras, Budget Analyst, and Josh Edwards, Budget Analyst of Cary; Melia Gordon, Budget and Evaluation Analyst of Charlotte; Robin Barham, Budget and Performance Manager, and Lesley Reder, Management Analyst of Concord; Jon Decker, Budget Analyst of Greensboro; Kim Branch, Financial Services Manager, and Rupal Patel, Financial Analyst of Greenville; Karen Hurley, Budget Analyst of Hickory; Laura Altizer, Budget Analyst, and Glenda Barnes, Budget Analyst of High Point; Evans C. Ballard, Budget and Benchmarking Analyst of Salisbury; Kathy Mann, Senior Budget Analyst of Wilmington; Susan Rhodes, Senior Budget Analyst of Wilson; and Ben Rowe, Budget and Evaluation Director of Winston-Salem.

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Dale J. Roenigk February 2013



## Performance and Cost Data

INTRODUCTION



#### INTRODUCTION

Can local governments measure their performance and cost in a meaningful way? Can performance measures in one local government be legitimately compared to the performance of another? In the fall of 1995, fourteen large municipalities and counties in North Carolina agreed to participate in a collaborative project to answer these and other questions relating to benchmarking. Seven of the jurisdictions were municipalities, forming Phase I of what is now known as the North Carolina Local Government Performance Measurement Project or, more commonly, the North Carolina Benchmarking Project. The other seven jurisdictions were counties, constituting Phase II of the benchmarking project. A third phase of the benchmarking project began in January 1997, consisting of fourteen municipal and county, small and medium size North Carolina jurisdictions. These phases represented the pilot stage of the benchmarking project.

Since that beginning, the benchmarking project has proceeded with an ongoing agreement to collect, clean, and report comparative performance and cost data from the participating municipalities. Listed below are the fourteen municipalities that are included in this report:

- Apex
- Asheville
- Burlington
- Cary
- Charlotte
- Concord
- Greensboro
- Greenville
- Hickory
- High Point
- Salisbury
- Wilmington
- Wilson
- Winston-Salem

This report is the result of a joint undertaking of the participating municipalities, the School of Government, and the North Carolina Local Government Budget Association. The North Carolina League of Municipalities and the Local Government Commission also have contributed to the development of this report. The goals of the benchmarking project are as follows:

- 1. To develop/expand the use of performance measurement in local government.
- 2. To produce reliable performance and cost data for comparison.
- 3. To facilitate the use of performance and cost data for service improvement.

#### SERVICES

This report presents performance and cost data and accompanying explanatory information for the following service areas:

- Residential Refuse Collection
- Household Recycling
- Yard Waste/Leaf Collection
- Police Services
- Emergency Communications
- Asphalt Maintenance and Repair
- Fire Services
- Building Inspections
- Fleet Maintenance
- Central Human Resources
- Water Services
- Wastewater Services

The participating units did not agree to continue the benchmarking project to endure the challenges of data collection and "data cleaning" simply to produce a report. They continue with the belief that performance measurement and benchmarking are catalysts to service improvement. No jurisdiction can be the best in every service that it provides, highlighting the notion that even outstanding performers can learn from the practices of others. Performance measurement and benchmarking are about tracking performance and cost data and making changes based on both internal and external comparisons over time.

This report is the seventeenth publication representing municipal services. The previous fifteen reports are listed below along with their publication dates:

- Performance and Cost Data: Phase I City Services (October 1997)
- Performance and Cost Data: Phase III City Services (March 1999)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 1997–98 (March 1999)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 1998–99 (February 2000)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 1999–2000 (February 2001)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2000–2001 (February 2002)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2001–2002 (February 2003)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2002–2003 (February 2004)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2003–2004 (February 2005)
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- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2005–2006 (February 2007)
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- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2007–2008 (February 2009)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2008–2009 (February 2010)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2009–2010 (February 2011)
- Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2010–2011 (February 2012)

#### **REPORTING FORMAT**

This is primarily a data report. It incorporates graphs, summary tables, and explanatory information to present the performance and cost results for each service area under study. The results of each service area by municipality are displayed with a standard, two-page format. The following information is contained in this report:

- **1. Explanatory Information.** This segment of the report describes how the service is provided and identifies conditions or dimensions that affect performance and cost data of service delivery.
- 2. Municipal Profile. This includes a limited number of characteristics of each municipality, such as population density and median family income, which may affect service performance and cost. Some of the general characteristics, such as population, appear in the municipal profiles for all of the service areas. Others, such as weather and tax base served, appear only in selected profiles.
- **3.** Service Profile. This area provides input and output data and identifies important dimensions of service delivery.
- 4. Full Cost Profile. A cost accounting model is used to calculate full or total cost of providing each service area under study. Although the cost data were collected in detail, using a collection instrument with more than seventy specific line items, the reporting format aggregates the detailed cost data into three general categories for the purpose of presentation: personal services for the direct expenses of salaries, wages, and related fringe benefits; operating costs that include direct operating expenses and indirect cost allocations; and capital costs that represent depreciation for equipment and facilities.
- 5. **Resource Measures.** These measures gauge the amount of resources or inputs municipalities allocate for the provision of a given service.
- 6. Performance Measures. Three types of performance measures are used and reported—workload, efficiency, and effectiveness. A municipality's performance is compared to the performance average, noting that the average is based on services with numerous variations and should be viewed with caution. The measures used in this report do not assess total service performance. They gauge certain service dimensions and should be approached with an understanding of the service being provided.

#### SUMMARY OF OVERALL RESULTS

#### What the project has achieved

1. The project's methodology, consisting of service profiles, performance measures, cost accounting, and explanation of results, works extremely well for data consistency and comparability. The project's accounting model is especially effective in producing reliable and materially accurate cost data.

- 2. The performance data have been used in numerous jurisdictions for service improvement, especially in the areas of residential refuse collection, household recycling, police services, and fleet services.
- 3. The project's success is directly correlated with consensus about service definitions and measurement formulas, involving numerous local government officials from the participating units.

#### What we have learned

- 1. Local governments can produce accurate, reliable, and comparable performance and cost data, which can then be used for service improvement.
- 2. Specific service definitions are vital to performance measurement, including explanatory information.
- 3. Data availability and quality are very important to performance measurement.
- 4. Performance measurement and cost accounting are time consuming. However, performance measures provide valuable feedback when the goal is quality services at reasonable cost.

#### **READING THE REPORT**

This report presents the performance and cost data for the fourteen North Carolina municipalities participating in the benchmarking project for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. It also presents multiyear data for participants based on the number of fiscal years that each municipality has participated in the benchmarking project. The following table provides the five fiscal years of performance measures (by final report) contained within the present report and the corresponding municipalities by fiscal year of participation.

Final Report	Jurisdictions
Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2007–2008	Asheville, Burlington, Carrboro, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Matthews, Raleigh, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Final Report on City Services for Fiscal Year 2008–2009	Asheville, Burlington, Carrboro, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Raleigh, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston- Salem
Final Report on City	Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Durham,
Services for Fiscal Year	Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury,
2009–2010	Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Final Report on City	Apex, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro,
Services for Fiscal Year	Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson,
2010–2011	and Winston-Salem
Final Report on City	Apex, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro,
Services for Fiscal Year	Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson,
2011–2012	and Winston-Salem

The municipal profile, full cost profile, service profile, and explanatory information for each municipality are based solely on performance and cost data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Readers should be extremely careful when

interpreting the performance and cost data for municipalities with multiyear data. Municipal profiles, full cost profiles, service profiles, and explanatory information that support performance measures for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, through June 30, 2011, are located in prior year performance and cost data reports and can be obtained from the School of Government.

The benchmarking project considers new service areas and service changes on an annual basis under the guidance of the steering committee. Asphalt Maintenance and Repair represented a new service area for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000. This service was previously reported as Street Pavement Maintenance. Police Services represented a new service area for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. This service was presented as Police Patrol and Police Investigations in prior reports. Fleet Maintenance represented a new service area for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. Central Human Resources represented a new service area for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004. Water Services represented a new service area added in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Finally, Wastewater Services was added for this report using data starting with the fiscal year ending June, 30, 2012.

Municipalities do not participate in every service area for a variety of reasons. Certain ones do not participate in Emergency Communications and Building Inspections because those services are often county functions. In some cases, a municipality may not participate due to organizational structures or other issues. The following table provides the jurisdictions participating in each service area contained in this report.

Service Area	Jurisdictions
Residential Refuse Collection	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Household Recycling	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Yard Waste/Leaf Collection	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Police Services	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Emergency Communications	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, and Winston-Salem
Asphalt Maintenance and Repair	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Fire Services	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Building Inspections	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Greensboro, Greenville, High Point, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Fleet Maintenance	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem

Service Area	Jurisdictions
Central Human Resources	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord,
	Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury,
	Wilmington, Wilson, and Winston-Salem
Water Services	Apex, Asheville, Burlington, Cary, Charlotte, Concord,
	Greensboro, Hickory, High Point, Salisbury, Wilson, and
	Winston-Salem
Wastewater Services	Apex, Cary, Charlotte, Concord, Greensboro, Hickory,
	High Point, Salisbury, Wilson, and Winston-Salem

It also should be noted that not all municipalities submit performance and cost data for each performance measure contained within the respective service area. Therefore, data are missing for selected performance measures regardless of service participation.

## Performance and Cost Data

**RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION** 



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

This is regularly scheduled collection of household refuse or "garbage" from residential premises and other locations, including small businesses, using containers small enough that residents and/or workers can move or lift them manually. The service excludes collection of waste from dumpsters; regular or special collection of yard waste and leaves; collection of recyclable materials, white goods, or other bulky items; and any special or non-routine service provided to residences. Transportation of refuse to a landfill or a transfer station is included, but the disposal of refuse and tipping costs are excluded.

#### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

1. Tons of (Residential) Refuse Collected per 1,000 Population and per 1,000 (Residential) Collection Points

"Tons of refuse collected" is widely used as a measure of workload for this service. A collection point or pickup point is a single locale (active address) from which residential refuse is collected; it can be a single-family residence, a condominium, an apartment, or a small business that uses containers that residents or sanitation workers can move or lift. Pickup points directly generate collection work, so this measure provides a good assessment of workload. "Tons of refuse collected per 1,000 population" and "per 1,000 collection points" also serve as measures of need for this service. Because of citizen expectations and public health requirements, sanitation crews or contractors must pick up all or virtually all household refuse that residents put out for collection.

## 2. Cost per Ton of Residential Refuse Collected and per Residential Collection Point

These are the project's principal measures of efficiency for this service. Because of differences in the number of people per household and the percentage of the municipal population served by curbside collection, the comparisons for these two efficiency measures can vary.

#### 3. Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for residential refuse collection is the number of employees directly involved in providing the service as approved in the annual operating budget during the fiscal year. This number includes both full-time and part-time workers and both permanent and temporary workers. One FTE equates to 2,080 hours of work per year. Any combination of employees providing 2,080 hours of work annually equals one FTE. Cost data reflect all such workers. The measure "tons collected per collection FTE," however, includes only those workers who actually collect refuse and not supervisory or support personnel.

#### 4. Number of Complaints and Number of Valid Complaints

All of the participating units take calls about residential refuse collection, and nearly all maintain records of one kind or another about such calls. However, the municipalities follow very different procedures in processing and recording these calls and in determining which ones are complaints and which are not. For these reasons, the project is able to present limited comparative data about complaints or valid complaints for residential refuse collection or other solid waste services. Nonetheless, the project recommends that the participating municipalities devise common criteria for identifying complaints and procedures for processing and recording calls.

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

#### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

	Normal		_		Percentage Crew Size City FTE Main Equipment		ew Size City FTE		quipment	Landfill/Transfer	
City or Town	Collection Location	Collection Points	Tons Collected	Weekly Routes	Contracted Service	(most commonly used)	(most commonly Bositions	Packers	Automated	Trips per Day	Distance
Apex	Curbside	11,717	10,478	13	100%	Contracted	NA	NA	NA	1	5 miles
Asheville	Curbside	30,169	22,446	33	0%	1 & 3 person	14	1	7	2	6 miles
Burlington	Curbside	16,633	15,002	21	0%	1 & 2 person	9	2	4	2	17 miles
Cary	Curbside	44,493	28,580	48	0%	1 & 4 person	25	2	10	1	20 miles
Charlotte	Curbside	212,973	173,203	320	0%	1 & 2 person	80	7	57	1.5	13 miles
Concord	Curbside	28,131	23,221	25	100%	Contracted	0.59	0	Contractor 5	1	8 miles
Greensboro	Curbside	80,640	55,865	72	0%	1 & 2 person	27	3	23	1.8	8 miles
Greenville	Curbside and backyard	38,357	23,771	32	0%	3 person	27	8	0	2	6 miles
Hickory	Curbside	12,100	8,489	15	0%	1 & 2 person	3.75	0.25	3.25	2	5 miles
High Point	Curbside	35,544	27,854	40	0%	1 & 3 person	22	0	9	2	8 miles
Salisbury	Curbside	11,956	9,355	15	0%	1 & 2 person	10	7	0	1	10 miles
Wilmington	Curbside	31,247	23,808	36	0%	2 & 3 person	32	15	0	2	10 miles
Wilson	Curbside	17,950	18,725	17	0%	1 & 3 person	11	2	5	2	10 miles
Winston- Salem	Curbside	76,240	52,035	100	0%	1 & 3 person	94.15	16	9	1	10 miles

#### NOTES

All of the municipalities currently collect residential refuse once per week.

All of the municipalities have special provisions for collecting from the back or side yards of individuals with disabilities or mobility restrictions.

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected residential refuse collection performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Backyard or curbside collection Routing Climate Topographic conditions Population density Size of crews Type of equipment used (automated) Privatization Participation in recycling program Economies of scale Distance to landfill/transfer station Fee policies (volume-based or other)

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Apex contracts with Waste Industries for refuse collection, disposal, and recycling. Only the refuse collection is reflected on this page.

Residents pay \$9.64 per month for collection. Refuse is collected once a week curbside, although backyard collection is provided for disabled customers at no additional charge.Residents receiving service are provided with one ninety-six-gallon container.

The contractor collects five days a week from different routes. Trash is trucked to the landfill.

The contractor collected 10,478 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12, at a cost of \$132 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost per ton of \$47.35 at the landfill.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	38,696
Land Area (Square Miles)	15.63
Persons per Square Mile	2,477
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor Contractor
Type of Equipment	Contractor
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	Contractor
Weekly Routes	13
Average Distance to Disposal Site	5 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	11,717
Tons Collected	10,478.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$9.64

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	0.0%
Operating Costs	100.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$0
Operating Costs	\$1,385,591
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,385,591

### Apex

210 140

70

0

Apex

Average

2008

74.1

2009

33.1

2010

28.6

2011

68

28.4

2012

86

30.3

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

Key: Apex 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



60

0

Apex

Average

2008

19.4

2009

19.0

2010

16.2

2012

81

18.3

2011

65

15.5

### Asheville

### **Residential Refuse**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Asheville collects residential refuse once a week at curbside, although backyard collection is provided for disabled customers at no charge and for other customers for a fee.

The city uses seven automated trucks, each with one driver, from Monday to Thursday working ten-hour days. Two rear packers with two- and three-person crews are used from Monday to Friday for the collection of bulky items, clean-ups, and streets not accessible by automated trucks.

There are thirty-three main collection routes served by the automated trucks, with seven done each day. The average number of trips to the transfer station is two per day per route. Nearly all trash goes to the transfer station before going to the landfill. The average distance to the transfer station is six miles.

The city collected 22,446 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011– 12, at a cost of \$105 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost per ton of \$43 at the landfill or \$47 at the transfer station. The transfer station is the primary disposal point for Asheville's trucks.

Residents receiving automated service are provided with one container. The majority of the containers are ninety-five-gallon capacity. Some residents use containers of sixty-five-gallon or thirtyfive-gallon capacity. Residents may rent more containers if desired. Residents receiving rear-loading service provide their own containers. They are able to use up to six containers or bags.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Asheville is highly automated in the area of residential refuse collection.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,646
Land Area (Square Miles)	45.40
Persons per Square Mile	1,886
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$53,350

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	14.0 3.0
Type of Equipment	7 automated packers 1 packer
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 3 person
Weekly Routes	33
Average Distance to Disposal Site	6 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	30,169
Tons Collected	22,446.0
Monthly Service Fee	No

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	37.3%
Operating Costs	48.7%
Capital Costs	13.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$879,159
Operating Costs	\$1,146,814
Capital Costs	\$328,301
TOTAL	\$2,354,274

### Asheville

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

#### Key: Asheville

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



### **Burlington**

### **Residential Refuse**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Burlington collects residential refuse once a week at curbside, although backyard collection is provided if it is medically necessary.

The city uses four automated trucks, each with one driver, four days a week. One rear packer with a two-person crew works downtown five days per week. The average number of trips to the transfer station is two per day per route. The average distance to the landfill is seventeen miles.

The city collected 15,002 tons of residential refuse during FY 2012–13, at a cost of \$82 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost per ton of \$38 at the landfill.

Residents receiving automated service are provided with one container. Residents pay a monthly fee of \$6.00 for refuse collection.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Complaints for Burlington include calls for service, inquiries, and regular complaints. Complaints are considered valid if verified by a supervisor in the field.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	51,263
Land Area (Square Miles)	25.21
Persons per Square Mile	2,034
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$46,461

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	9.0 1.0
Type of Equipment	4 automated packers 2 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 3 person
Weekly Routes	21
Average Distance to Disposal Site	17 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	16,633
Tons Collected	15,002.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$6.00

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	29.0%
Operating Costs	48.7%
Capital Costs	22.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$350,589
Operating Costs	\$588,836
Capital Costs	\$270,291
TOTAL	\$1,209,716

### **Burlington**

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

#### Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures



**Residential Refuse Tons** 



#### Efficiency Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Collection Cost** per Collection Point \$180 \$120 \$60 \$0 2010 2011 2012 2008 2009 Burlington \$64 \$72 \$63 \$66 \$73 Average \$79 \$90 \$81 \$84 \$81



#### Effectiveness Measures





#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Cary residential refuse collection began making major changes during FY 2005–06, moving from backyard collection to curbside and transitioning to automation by the start of FY 2006–07. The town charges a fee of \$14.00 per month, covering both solid waste and recycling services.

Cary used ten automated trucks, each with one driver, and two rear loaders, each with one driver and three collectors. A total of fortyeight collection routes were used during FY 2010–11. The average distance to the landfill was twenty miles, with each route averaging one trip per day.

The town collected 28,580 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12, at a cost of \$159 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$32, representing the transfer station cost and the county landfill tipping fee. Residents use one ninety-five-gallon receptacle.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	139,172
Land Area (Square Miles)	54.56
Persons per Square Mile	2,551
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	25.0 1.7
Type of Equipment	10 automated packers 2 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 4 person
Weekly Routes	48
Average Distance to Disposal Site	20 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	)
Tons Collected	28,580.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$14.00

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	46.4%
Operating Costs	37.4%
Capital Costs	16.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,111,073
Operating Costs	\$1,699,559
Capital Costs	\$739,009
TOTAL	\$4,549,641

### Cary

#### Key: Cary

Benchmarking Average —

2012

1.92

2.16

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Residential Refuse Collection** 



#### Workload Measures



### **Residential Refuse Tons**



#### Efficiency Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Collection Cost** per Collection Point \$180 \$120 \$60 \$0 2012 2009 2010 2011 2008 Cary \$91 \$100 \$92 \$98 \$102 Average \$79 \$90 \$81 \$84 \$81

#### **Refuse Tons Collected** per Municipal Collection FTE 3,500 2,800 2,100 1,400 700 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Carv 1,203 1,223 1,168 1,054 1,143

#### Effectiveness Measures



#### **Collection Points** 180 120 60 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary 15.0 16.3 10.0 13.4 19.6 Average 19.4 19.0 16.2 15.5 18.3

Valid Complaints per 1,000

1.403

1.368

1,392

1,372

1,414

Average

### Charlotte

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Charlotte collects residential refuse once a week at curbside. Backyard service is available only to those persons with valid medical reasons and physician certification. The city did not charge a fee for residential refuse collection.

The city's residential refuse collection program was reorganized from its previous system of managed competition, which had some contracted collection and some city collection. Starting in FY 2010– 11, all of Charlotte's residential refuse is collected by city workers. The city's collection routes were changed so that in FY 2010–11 approximately 80 percent of the collection points had service day changes at the start of the year.

City crews are composed primarily of one driver each, operating an automated packer. There were fifty-seven of these crews for FY 2011–12. In addition, three crews, each composed of one driver and one laborer, collected refuse using semi-automated packers. These crews are used primarily for backyard service for those citizens with disabilities and some multi-family complexes with less than thirty units. Small business garbage is collected by four crews, each composed of one driver and one laborer, using rear loaders. Costs include reserve crews that were used as needed throughout the year.

The city serviced 320 daily collection routes once each week during FY 2011–12, with an average of 1.5 trips to the landfill per day per route at an average one-way distance of thirteen miles. Each single-family residence is provided one ninety-six-gallon rollout container. An additional receptacle may be purchased for a nominal one-time fee. Charlotte collected 173,203 tons of residential refuse during the fiscal year, at a cost of \$81 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$27.50, representing the landfill tipping fee.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Charlotte is highly automated in the area of residential refuse collection. It considers all complaints to be valid complaints.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	751,999
Land Area (Square Miles)	301.48
Persons per Square Mile	2,494
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$61,405

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	80.0 4.5
Type of Equipment	57 automated packers 7 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 2 person
Weekly Routes	320
Average Distance to Disposal Site	13 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1.5
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	212,973
Tons Collected	173,203.0
Monthly Service Fee	No

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	22.22
Personal Services	32.6%
Operating Costs	51.1%
Capital Costs	16.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$4,557,048
Operating Costs	\$7,150,464
Capital Costs	\$2,277,599
TOTAL	\$13,985,111

### Charlotte

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Effectiveness Measures





#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Residential refuse collection service is provided once a week at curbside to Concord residents. Backyard service is available for the elderly and disabled. The city has provided residential refuse collection service under contract for many years, but it changed the contractor used in FY 2010–11. The cost of the contract for the year was approximately \$1.64 million.

The contractor primarily used five automated packers, each with one person. Residents used one ninety-five-gallon cart, with extra carts available for larger families or unusual circumstances.

The city serviced twenty-five collection routes each week during FY 2011–12, with an average distance per residential refuse collection route per day to the landfill of eight miles. The packers made an average of one trip to the landfill per day per route.

The contractor collected 23,221 tons of residential refuse during the fiscal year, at a cost of \$87 per ton.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

During Fiscal Year 2011–2012, Concord switched contractors. This change in Concord's refuse collection process produced serveral challenges during the startup and transistion periods. Complaints were up in the first three months due to errors by the contractor and because of customer actions. Valid complaints in the startup period were also notably up, as the contractor was not able to close complaints with proper notation. These problems were largely fixed after the initial three months.

Concord is one of only two jurisdiction participating in the benchmarking project that contracts 100 percent of its residential refuse collection service. Therefore, "tons collected per collection FTE" is not used for Concord as a performance measure, as this reflects only municipal workers.

Concord's "total tons collected" includes bulk trash, which is collected along with residential refuse and cannot be separated for reporting purposes.

Concord defines valid complaints to mean any missed collection or request for service as determined by the city to result from contractor negligence or omission.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	80,386
Land Area (Square Miles)	60.28
Persons per Square Mile	1,333
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor 1.6
Type of Equipment	5 automated packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 2 person
Weekly Routes	25
Average Distance to Disposal Site	8 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	28,131
Tons Collected	23,221.0
Monthly Service Fee	No

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	5.4%
Operating Costs	94.4%
Capital Costs	0.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$108,014
Operating Costs	\$1,899,654
Capital Costs	\$3,810
TOTAL	\$2,011,478

### Concord

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

#### Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Tons** per 1,000 Collection Points



2012

0.20

2.16

Efficiency Measures







#### Effectiveness Measures



#### **Collection Points** 180 120 60 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Concord 0.8 2.5 42.2 19.4 15.5 18.3 Average 19.0 16.2

Valid Complaints per 1,000



25

**Residential Refuse Collection** 

### Greensboro

### **Residential Refuse**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greensboro provides once-a-week collection of residential refuse at curbside. Each resident is provided up to two ninety-gallon carts.

There were twenty-one city crews for FY 2011–12. Eighteen crews each have one driver operating an automated packer. Three crews use rear loaders.

The city used seventy-two collection routes during the fiscal year, with each packer making an average of 1.8 trips per day to a municipal solid waste transfer station and the travel distance averaging eight miles.

The city collected 55,865 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12, at a cost of \$73 per ton.

Greensboro defines automated packers as one-armed automatedloading packers that are operated by one person. Rear loaders are rear-loading packer trucks.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greensboro is highly automated in the area of residential refuse collection.

Prior to FY 2008–09, Greensboro's total tons collected included bulk trash, which was collected along with residential refuse and could not be separated for reporting purposes. However, these bulk collections have not been included in more recent years.

In FY 2008–09, Greensboro had a notable annexation that created some special one-time costs.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	272,196
Land Area (Square Miles)	127.14
Persons per Square Mile	2,141
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$52,752

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	27.0 4.0
Type of Equipment	23 automated packers 3 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 2 person
Weekly Routes	72
Average Distance to Disposal Site	8 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1.8
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	80,640
Tons Collected	55,865.0
Monthly Service Fee	No

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	31.6%
Operating Costs	68.4%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,283,353
Operating Costs	\$2,778,497
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$4,061,850

### Greensboro

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

Key: Greensboro  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures





761

915

728

911

694

862

693

773

Greensboro

Average

936

893

#### Efficiency Measures



### **Residential Refuse Collection Cost** per Collection Point \$180 \$120 \$60 \$0

2009

\$66

\$90

2008

\$91

\$79

Greensboro

Average

2010

\$54

\$81

2011

\$52

\$84

2012

\$50

\$81



#### Effectiveness Measures





### Greenville

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greenville collects refuse from residential premises once a week at both curbside and backyard. Residents can choose which level of service to receive at different costs. Backyard collection is priced at \$40.80 per month, while curbside is priced at \$11.75 per month. Most residents have chosen curbside. White goods and electronic reclying curbside is included in the residential refuse fee.

The city uses eight crews, each composed of one driver and two collection workers who work four days a week. The crews use rear-loading collection trucks.

Thirty-two collection routes were employed during FY 2011–12, with an average of two trips to the transfer station per day per route. The average distance to the transfer station per route was five-and-a-half miles.

Greenville collected 9,663 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011– 12. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$28.50, representing the tipping fee at the transfer station.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Greenville joined the project with the first year of reporting for FY 2008–09.

The apparent drop in the data in the graphs which look at tons collected is due to reporting improvements. In earlier years, Greenville could not easily separate out refuse collected from multi-family units. Improvements in what the County landfill is able to track and report back to the city mean that the most recent year includes just single family units.

Greenville was the only municipality participating in this benchmarking project that continues to collect residential refuse from the backyard for many customers. This is a relatively labor-intensive process and represents a high level of service.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,059
Land Area (Square Miles)	34.07
Persons per Square Mile	2,496
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$50,395

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	27.0 1.5
Type of Equipment	8 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	3 person
Weekly Routes	32
Average Distance to Disposal Site	6 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside and backyard
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	17,431
Tons Collected	9,663.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$11.75 Curbside \$40.80 Backyard

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	53.2%
Operating Costs	22.4%
Capital Costs	24.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,483,276
Operating Costs	\$625,615
Capital Costs	\$678,116
TOTAL	\$2,787,007

### Greenville

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

#### Key: Greenville

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures



# Residential Refuse Tons per 1,000 Collection Points



#### Efficiency Measures

Residential Refuse Collection Cost per Ton Collected



#### Residential Refuse Collection Cost per Collection Point



#### Refuse Tons Collected per Municipal Collection FTE



#### **Effectiveness Measures**


### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

Hickory collects refuse from residential premises once a week at curbside, although backyard collection is provided for elderly and disabled citizens. A monthly solid waste fee of \$13 per cart was charged for residential refuse collection service during FY 2011–12. Each residence uses a cart provided by the city for residential refuse collection. Each cart has a capacity of ninety-six gallons and is provided at no charge. Upon request, a second cart is provided to the customer for an additional solid waste fee.

The city used four one-person crews operating automated packers, with three of these trucks running full-time and one one-fourth of the time. A regular packer truck with one driver and one crew member works about half-time collecting on one-way streets and dead ends.

Fifteen collection routes were employed during FY 2011–12, with an average of two trips to the transfer station per day per route. The average distance to the transfer station per route was five miles.

Hickory collected 8,489 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011– 12, at a cost of \$72 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$33, representing the tipping fee at the Catawba County landfill.

Hickory defines automated packers as trucks with mechanical arms.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Hickory is highly automated in the area of residential refuse collection.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	40,086
Land Area (Square Miles)	29.72
Persons per Square Mile	1,349
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$54,093

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	3.8 0.5
Type of Equipment	4 automated packers 1 packer
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 2 person
Weekly Routes	15
Average Distance to Disposal Site	5 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	12,100
Tons Collected	8,489.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$13.00 per cart

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	32.0%
Operating Costs	39.5%
Capital Costs	28.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$195,480
Operating Costs	\$241,129
Capital Costs	\$173,357
TOTAL	\$609,966

### **Hickory**

#### Key: Hickory

Benchmarking Average —

2012

1.06

2.16

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Residential Refuse Collection** 



#### Workload Measures



### **Residential Refuse Tons**



Efficiency Measures











### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

High Point collects residential refuse once a week at curbside, although backyard collection is provided for residents with verified medical disabilities. High Point also has a contract for the collection of refuse from dumpsters at multi-family units, but these costs and tons are not included in this reporting.

The city primarily collects residential refuse with nine automated trucks, each with one person. There are forty collection routes. The average number of trips to the landfill is two per day per route. The average distance to the landfill is eight miles.

The city collected 27,854 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12, at a cost of \$70 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$26, representing the landfill tipping fee.

Residents may use up to two roll-out carts constructed so that they can be emptied by the lifting devices mounted on city trucks. The cart size is ninety-six gallons.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

High Point is now fully automated in its pickups, other than those involving special needs.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	105,498
Land Area (Square Miles)	53.83
Persons per Square Mile	1,960
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$49,720

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	22.0 3.0
Type of Equipment	9 automated packers 1 special
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 3 person
Weekly Routes	40
Average Distance to Disposal Site	8 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	35,544
Tons Collected	27,854.0
Monthly Service Fee	No

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	42.1%
Operating Costs	38.3%
Capital Costs	19.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$821,145
Operating Costs	\$748,107
Capital Costs	\$381,794
TOTAL	\$1,951,046

### **High Point**

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

### Key: High Point

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Tons** per 1,000 Collection Points 1,500 1,000 500 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 High Point 952 907 866 717 784 Average 893 915 911 862 773

### Efficiency Measures







#### Effectiveness Measures



# Valid Complaints per 1,000 Collection Points



### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

Salisbury provides residential refuse collection service once per week at curbside. Backyard collection service is provided for disabled customers only. The city charges a monthly fee of \$4.09 for residential collection.

The city employed six crews during FY 2011–12, three with two persons each and the other three with a single person each. Fifteen collection routes were used, with an average of one ten-mile trip per route per day to the transfer station.

Each resident has one ninety-five-gallon roll-out cart provided and paid for by the city. A second cart may be obtained. The city collected 9,355 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12, at a cost per ton of \$91. Not included in the cost per ton was a \$32 landfill tipping fee.

Salisbury defines its semi-automated packers as low-entry compactors that can be driven from either side of the truck, with the refuse being dumped in the rear of the truck from roll-out carts.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Salisbury's total tons collected includes bulk trash, which is collected along with residential refuse and cannot be separated for reporting purposes.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	33,704
Land Area (Square Miles)	22.18
Persons per Square Mile	1,519
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	10.0 1.0
Type of Equipment	6 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 2 person
Weekly Routes	15
Average Distance to Disposal Site	10 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	11,956
Tons Collected	9,355.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$4.09

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	46.2%
Operating Costs	34.7%
Capital Costs	19.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$394,313
Operating Costs	\$296,677
Capital Costs	\$162,921
TOTAL	\$853,911

### Salisbury

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

### Key: Salisbury

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures



### Residential Refuse Tons per 1,000 Collection Points



### Efficiency Measures





#### **Refuse Tons Collected** per Municipal Collection FTE 3,500 2,800 2,100 1,400 700 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 1,011 Salisbury 958 987 932 935

1,403

1,368

Average

1,414

1,372

1,392





# Wilmington

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

Wilmington provides basic refuse collection service for residences once a week at curbside. Customers may elect twice-a-week collection for a premium charge. Wilmington provides all collection containers and carts to its customers. Customers may use either a ninety-gallon or forty-gallon cart.

A volume-based fee system is used to finance residential refuse collection. This is designed to encourage residents to reduce the amount of refuse they generate. The city charged a monthly fee of \$24.80 for ninety-gallon carts and \$20.15 for forty-gallon carts during FY 2011–12.

During FY 2011–12, Wilmington used nine crews of one driver and two collectors each and four crews with one driver and one collector each. All crews use semi-automated packer trucks.

Thirty-six collection routes were used during FY 2011–12, with an average of two trips per route per day to the landfill. The average distance to the landfill was nine-and-one-half miles. The city collected 3,808 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12, at a cost of \$125 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$59.00 for the landfill tipping fee.

Wilmington defines semi-automated packers as packer trucks that have tippers on them to lift the carts.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Wilmington defines a valid complaint as any complaint registered if there is no evidence to dispute it.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	108,337
Land Area (Square Miles)	51.49
Persons per Square Mile	2,104
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$57,892

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	32.0 1.0
Type of Equipment	15 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	2 & 3 person
Weekly Routes	36
Average Distance to Disposal Site	10 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	31,247
Tons Collected	23,808.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$24.80 for Maxi \$20.15 for Mini

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	50.7%
Operating Costs	38.6%
Capital Costs	10.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,504,859
Operating Costs	\$1,145,789
Capital Costs	\$319,081
TOTAL	\$2,969,729

### Wilmington

### **Residential Refuse Collection**

Key: Wilmington

Benchmarking Average —

2012

3.05

2.16

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Tons** per 1,000 Collection Points



### Efficiency Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Collection Cost** per Collection Point \$180 \$120 \$60 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilmington \$94 \$102 \$94 \$95 \$95 \$79 \$90 \$81 \$84 \$81 Average







### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

Residential refuse collection service is provided once a week at curbside to Wilson residents. Senior citizens and disabled persons may apply for and receive backyard pickup. There is currently a monthly \$16.50 fee per household for residential refuse collection service.

During FY 2011–12, the city used five one-person crews working from automated packers. The city also used two three-person crews, each composed of one driver and two collectors working from semiautomated rear loaders. Residents are required to use ninety-sixgallon roll-out containers.

The city serviced seventeen collection routes each week during FY 2011–12. The packers made an average of two trips to the disposal facility per day per route, with the distance to the transfer station being ten miles.

Wilson collected 187,255 tons of residential refuse during the fiscal year, at a cost of \$60 per ton. The cost per ton does not include the disposal cost of \$39.04, representing the tipping fee at the transfer station.

Wilson defines automated packers as fully automated trucks requiring one driver. Packers are rear-loading, semi-automated trucks requiring one driver and two collectors.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The city of Wilson considers all complaints to be valid complaints.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	49,122
Land Area (Square Miles)	28.78
Persons per Square Mile	1,707
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$43,442

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	11.0 1.0
Type of Equipment	5 automated packers 2 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 3 person
Weekly Routes	17
Average Distance to Disposal Site	10 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	2
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	17,950
Tons Collected	18,725.0
Monthly Service Fee	\$16.50

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	44.8%
Operating Costs	34.4%
Capital Costs	20.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$504,231
Operating Costs	\$387,659
Capital Costs	\$233,998
TOTAL	\$1,125,888

### Wilson

#### Key: Wilson

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Residential Refuse Collection** 





#### Workload Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Tons** per 1,000 Collection Points 1,500 1,000 500 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilson 1091 1089 1076 1036 1043 Average 893 915 911 862 773

Efficiency Measures











## Winston-Salem

# **Residential Refuse**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

Winston-Salem collects residential refuse once a week from backyards and at curbside. The city implemented a voluntary curbside collection program in March 2005. In October 2010, the city began the transition to mandatory curbside collection. The transition to a curbside only collection system was complete during Fiscal Year 2010–2012.

The city uses sixteen three-person crews, each composed of a driver and two collectors equipped with rear-loading packers, to collect most of the residential refuse. In addition, there are nine automated trucks with one person each, one special collections truck with one person, and one central business district crew with one driver and one collector.

Residents may use three thirty-two-gallon containers or one ninetysix-gallon roll-out cart. There was no fee for the residential refuse service during FY 2011–12.

The city collected 52,035 tons of residential refuse during FY 2011–12 from 76,240 collection points. The cost per ton was \$124, which does not include the tipping fee of \$36 per ton. The city used 100 collection routes during the fiscal year, with an average of one trip per route per day to the landfill. The average distance to the landfill was ten miles.

Winston-Salem primarily uses rear-loading packers, which are trucks that load from the back. Two lifters are on the back of each truck. The crews hook their carts onto these lifters and dump the refuse into the back of the truck. The compactor blade is also located in the back of the truck.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Population (OSBM 2011)	232,143
Land Area (Square Miles)	132.45
Persons per Square Mile	1,753
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	94.2 3.0
Type of Equipment	9 automated packers 16 packers
Size of Crews (most commonly used)	1 & 3 person
Weekly Routes	100
Average Distance to Disposal Site	10 miles
Average Daily Trips to Disposal Site	1
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Residential Customers (number represents collection points)	76,240
Tons Collected	52,035.0
Monthly Service Fee	No

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	52.2%
Operating Costs	34.3%
Capital Costs	13.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,361,874
Operating Costs	\$2,208,725
Capital Costs	\$864,156
TOTAL	\$6,434,755

### Winston-Salem

### Key: Winston-Salem

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Residential Refuse Collection** 



#### Residential Refuse FTEs per 10,000 Population 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 2009 2010 2011 2012 2008 4.98 4.90 4.60 4.30 4.18 2.49 2.51 2.45 2.25 2.16

#### Workload Measures



#### **Residential Refuse Tons** per 1,000 Collection Points 1,500 1,000 500 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Winston-Salem 699 693 689 661 683 893 915 911 862 773 Average

### **Efficiency Measures**





#### **Refuse Tons Collected** per Municipal Collection FTE 3,500 2,800 2,100 1,400 700 0 2010 2012 2008 2009 2011 477 524 553 Winston-Salem 481 502 Average 1,414 1,403 1,368 1,392 1,372









# Performance and Cost Data

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING

### SERVICE DEFINITION

This includes both curbside collection and processing of household recyclable materials from residences and certain other locations and the drop-off of such materials by citizens at recycling stations or centers. The recyclable materials collected are mainly aluminum and steel cans, plastics, glass bottles, newspapers, magazines, and cardboard. The curbside portion of this service involves regularly scheduled collection that utilizes containers small enough that residents and/or workers can move or lift them. Excluded are collection of yard waste, leaves, and commercial recycling.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### 1. Workload and Efficiency Measures

The same sorts of workload and efficiency measures are used for household recycling as for residential refuse collection. The project's workload measures for household recycling are tons of recyclable materials collected per 1,000 population and per 1,000 collection points, and the efficiency measures for this service are cost per ton of recyclable materials collected, cost per collection point, and tons of household recyclable materials collected per full-time equivalent (FTE) position directly involved in household recycling. FTEs for recycling are calculated in the same way as they are for residential refuse collection. Only those FTE positions that actually collect recyclables are used for the measure "tons collected per FTE."

### 2. Tons Solid Waste Landfilled per 1,000 Population

"Tons solid waste landfilled per 1,000 population" is used as a workload measure. Although not all residential refuse is recyclable, much more of it is likely to be recycled in the future as recycling technology improves and markets for recyclable materials grow. Thus, tons of solid waste landfilled per 1,000 population serves as a useful indicator of the need for household recycling.

### 3. Community Set-Out Rate in Household Recycling

The project uses this as a measure of household recycling effectiveness. Residents in municipalities with curbside recycling choose whether to participate in the program and decide the extent of their participation. As the portion of households participating in household recycling grows, the more effective recycling is likely to be in reducing the volume of residential refuse. This measure combines the set-out rate for those participating and the participation rate to estimate the percentage of potential households that are actually recycling.

### 4. Tons of Household Recyclable Materials Collected as a Percentage of the Sum of Tons of Residential Refuse Collected Plus Tons of Household Recyclable Materials Collected

This measure assesses the magnitude of household recycling in relation to residential refuse collected for disposal. A household recycling program is effective to the extent it diverts residential refuse from the disposal stream.

### **Household Recycling**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

	Drop-O	ff Sites						Percentage of		Municipal
City or Town	City Owned	Other	Collection Frequency	Recyclables Sorted at Curb?	Collection Points	Community Set-Out Rate	Tons Collected	Waste Stream Diverted from Landfill	Percentage Service Contracted	FTE Collection Positions
Арех	0	0	1 x week	No	12,369	70%	2,726	21%	100%	0
Asheville	0	2	1 x 2 weeks	Yes	27,597	80%	6,951	24%	99%	0
Burlington	0	0	1 x 2 weeks	Yes	16,633	66%	1,919	11%	99%	0
Cary	1	0	1 x 2 weeks	Yes	45,738	85%	11,332	28%	0%	13
Charlotte	0	13	1 x 2 weeks	Yes	209,834	50%	43,043	20%	100%	0
Concord	0	1	1 x 2 weeks	No	28,131	76%	5,599	19%	100%	0.5
Greensboro	20	0	1 x 2 weeks	No	80,640	62%	18,123	24%	0%	15
Greenville	3	150	1 x week	No	12,411	NA	5,538	19%	0%	15
Hickory	2	0	1 x week	Yes	12,100	76%	1,491	15%	80%	0.5
High Point	14	52	1 x 2 weeks	No	35,544	75%	8,198	23%	0%	4
Salisbury	0	0	1 x week	Yes	10,500	NA	1,014	10%	100%	0
Wilmington	0	0	1 x week	No	14,700	24%	5,643	19%	0%	10.25
Wilson	0	0	1 x week	No	19,900	40%	1,559	8%	0%	6
Winston- Salem	11	0	1 x week	Yes	76,064	45%	11,686	18%	100%	0

### NOTES

Community Set-out Rate is a combination of the participation rate and the participant's set-out rate.

### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected household recycling collection performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Types of items eligible for recycling Landfill tipping fees for solid waste Commitment of city officials to recycling Number of drop-off centers Community education Market prices for recyclable materials Demographic makeup of community

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

Apex contracts with Waste Industries for refuse collection, disposal, and recycling. Only the recycling collection is reflected on this page. The town offers curbside recycling to al residents. Residents pay a \$2.32 fee per container per month.

The following materials are collected:

- plastics
- paperboard
- chipboard
- paper tubes
- corrugated cardboard
- aluminum
- tin and steel cans
- glass
- newspaper
- magazines and catelogs
- phone books.

Residents living within Apex are encouraged to participate in the curbside recycling program. The program serves 12,369 residences.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	38,696
Land Area (Square Miles)	15.63
Persons per Square Mile	2,477
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor Contractor
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	12,369
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	2,726 0 2,726
Monthly Service Fee	\$2.32
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$0
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	NA

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	0.0%
Operating Costs	100.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$0
Operating Costs	\$338,982
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$338,982



15% 10%

5%

0%

Apex

2008

2009

Average 16.1% 15.9% 16.3% 17.6% 19.8%

2010

2011

23.9%

2012

20.6%



### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The city offers curbside recycling service to all residential customers. The service was provided by contract during FY 2011–12 by Curbside Management Incorporated.

Asheville charged a \$2.95 monthly fee for its recycling service for the first half of the year and increased the monthly fee to \$3.50 in January 2012. Recyclables are collected using a two-bin system, with curbside sorting from the collection vehicle. The following materials are collected:

- mixed paper
- newspaper
- corrugated cardboard
- clear, green, and brown glass bottles
- all platstic bottles
- aluminum and steel cans
- telephone books (seasonal)
- aerosol cans.

Residents living within the city of Asheville are encouraged to participate in the curbside recycling program. The program serves 27,597 residences, with each residence receiving two recycling bins at no charge. One green bin is used for mixed paper (e.g., office paper, cereal boxes, magazines, and junk mail). The other bin is used for newspaper, metal cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles and jars. Cardboard needs to be flattened and placed under the green bin. Recycling is collected every other week on the regular trash day. A curbside recycling truck comes to each neighborhood on a predetermined schedule and separates the recyclables at the curb.

There are two drop-off centers within Asheville. One is serviced by the curbside contractor, and the second is operated by Buncombe County. These centers are set up for people who do not have curbside recycling pickup at their homes or businesses. Anyone can use these centers to drop off their recycling twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,646
Land Area (Square Miles)	45.40
Persons per Square Mile	1,886
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$53,350

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor Contractor
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 2
Percentage of Service Contracted	99%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	27,597
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected Monthly Service Fee	5,593 1,358 6,951 \$2.95 for first half of year,
	then \$3.50 in January 2012
Revenue from Sale of Recyclable	s \$0
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	NA

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	0.0%
Operating Costs	100.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$0
Operating Costs	\$1,018,790
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,018,790

### Asheville

## **Household Recycling**

Key: Asheville

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



## **Burlington**

# **Household Recycling**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

Burlington offers curbside recycling to all city residents. The service was contracted through Tidewater Fibre Corporation in FY 2011–12.

The city charges a monthly fee of \$2.29 for recycling, which is included in the solid waste fee. Collection of recyclables is done every two weeks. Residents are provided with twenty-two-gallon size bins. Items collected include:

- plastic jugs and bottles, No. 1 and No. 2
- aluminum cans
- steel cans
- corrugated cardboard
- chipboard
- newspaper and inserts
- phone books
- mixed paper
- magazines
- clear, green, amber, and brown glass bottles and jars.

Alamance County provides three drop-off recycling sites.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The set-out rate is provided annually by the contractor.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	51,263
Land Area (Square Miles)	25.21
Persons per Square Mile	2,034
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$46,461

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor Contractor
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 3
Percentage of Service Contracted	99%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	16,633
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	1,919 0 1,919
Monthly Service Fee	\$2.29
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$0
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	NA

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	0.0%
Operating Costs	100.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$0
Operating Costs	\$549,912
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$549,912

### Burlington

Average

52.3% 56.5% 58.0% 58.9% 62.4%

### **Household Recycling**

Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Average

### **Explanatory** Information

### Service Level and Delivery

Cary provides biweekly curbside collection of recyclable materials and maintains one drop-off recycling center. The town changed from weekly to biweekly collection in July 2010. There is a monthly \$14 fee which covers recycling but also solid waste pickup.

Materials collected in the curbside program and at the drop-off recycling center include the following:

- newspaper
- chipboard
- phone books
- junk mail
- glossy white paper
- glossy magazines and catalogs
- corrugated cardboard
- milk/juice gable-top cartons
- aluminum cans and foil
- steel and tin food cans
- clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars
- plastic materials, such as No. 1, 2, 5, and 7 bottles
- used motor oil, electronics, and appliances on request.

The town collected 10,811 tons from the curbside collection and gathered 521 tons at its drop-off site. The town changed to comingled recycling at the curb during FY 2006–07, eliminating curbside sorting. Cary received \$331,874 in revenue from the sale of recyclables during FY 2011–12.

Cary defines a valid complaint as a complaint that has been verified in the field by a supervisor.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The set-out rate is calculated annually.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	139,172
Land Area (Square Miles)	54.56
Persons per Square Mile	2,551
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	13.0 1.7
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	1 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	45,738
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	10,811 521 11,332
Monthly Service Fee	\$14
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$331,874
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	17.5%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	44.0%
Operating Costs	40.6%
Capital Costs	15.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$835,285
Operating Costs	\$770,409
Capital Costs	\$292,614
TOTAL	\$1,898,308

### Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

















### Efficiency Measures





### Tons Collected Curbside per Municipal FTE



**Community Set-Out Rate** 



Tons Recycled as Percentage of Tons Refuse and Recyclables Collected



### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

Charlotte provides curbside recycling collection to single-family residential customers once every two weeks. In FY 2010–11, the service went from being provided by both city staff and contractors under a managed competition system to now being completely contracted out. Materials collected in the recycling program include the following:

- glass
- plastic
- aluminum
- newspaper
- magazines
- catalogs
- phone books
- cardboard
- milk cartons
- aerosol cans
- juice boxes

Recycling was changed to a single stream in FY 2010–11. The majority of users were switched to ninety-five or ninety-six-gallon roll-out containers rather than the previous sixteen-gallon bins. The city receives a modest amount from sale of recyclables, which totaled \$209,409 for the year.

The county operates several recycling drop-off centers that are available for use by citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Tonnage from the drop-off centers is not included in this report.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The set-out rate is calculated daily, as the trucks are outfitted with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) readers and the recycling carts have RFID chips installed.

The change to a completely contracted out service in Fiscal Year 2011 was a major change for recylcing collection in Charlotte. Comparisons over time should take this switch into account.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	751,999
Land Area (Square Miles)	301.48
Persons per Square Mile	2,494
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$61,405

### **Service Profile**

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor 4.0
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 13
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	209,834
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	43,043 0 43,043
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$209,409
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	4.7%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	0.0%
Operating Costs	99.5%
Capital Costs	0.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$0
Operating Costs	\$4,432,052
Capital Costs	\$22,310
TOTAL	\$4,454,362

### Charlotte

25%

0%

Charlotte 43.0%

2010

42.0%

2009

42.0%

Average 52.3% 56.5% 58.0% 58.9%

2008

2011

50.0%

2012

50.0%

62.4%

### **Household Recycling**

Key: Charlotte

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



5%

0%

Charlotte 14.2%

2009

13.8%

Average 16.1% 15.9% 16.3% 17.6% 19.8%

2008

2010

14.1%

2011

19.5%

2012

19.9%

Household Recycling 55

### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Concord provides once-a-week curbside collection of recyclable materials from households. The city uses a contractor to provide recycling collection. Residents place materials into bins. The recyclable materials collected include:

- glass
- newspaper
- magazines
- mixed paper and mail
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics
- metal and aluminum food and beverage containers.

Concord uses a contract collector for regular residential curbside recycling. The materials are collected on a commingled basis weekly from each participating resident and delivered to a materials recovery facility (MRF) in Charlotte for separation and marketing.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

During Fiscal Year 2012, Concord switched contractors. This change in Concord's recycling collection produced serveral challenges during the startup and transition periods. Complaints were up in the first three months due to errors by the contractor and because of customer actions. Valid complaints in the startup period were also notably up, as the contractor was not able to close complaints with proper notation. These problems were largely fixed after the intial three months.

In FY 2010–11, Concord purchased new recycling carts. The cost of these carts is a special one-time expense that is not treated as capital because each cart is below a dollar threshold. The large jump in the various cost measures for recycling is therefore a special one-time jump that will not be repeated.

The set-out rate is caculated twice a year.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	80,386
Land Area (Square Miles)	60.28
Persons per Square Mile	1,333
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor 1.5
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 1
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	28,131
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	5,599 0 5,599
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$125,364
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	14.1%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	11.0%
Operating Costs	86.9%
Capital Costs	2.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$97,610
Operating Costs	\$774,019
Capital Costs	\$19,232
TOTAL	\$890,861

### Concord

### **Household Recycling**

Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



### Greensboro

# **Household Recycling**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

Greensboro operates a voluntary commingled collection process for its recycling customers. Recycling services are provided to the community by means of single ninety-gallon automated containers and by green translucent bags. Partnerships also are maintained with fire departments, the county school system, the extension office, and the parks department for providing drop-off sites. There are twenty city-owned drop-off sites, but these collected tons are not reported in Greensboro's data.

Greensboro changed its recycling pickup from once per week to every other week in FY 2007–08. Recycling materials are not sorted curbside. Instead they are set out in one container, picked up by an automated-collection crew, and taken to an off-site contractor that sorts and recycles the materials. Greensboro provides the collection pickup and delivery to the contractor's location, while the contractor provides for recovery of materials and disposal of the residuals it is unable to recycle.

Materials collected by Greensboro's household recycling program include:

- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics
- newspaper
- magazines
- telephone books
- cardboard
- aluminum and steel cans
- chipboard (cereal boxes)
- glass jars and bottles
- plastic soda bottles and milk jugs
- office paper
- empty aerosol cans.

Greensboro contracts with a private firm for separation, packaging, and sale of recyclable materials. City payments to the contractor for FY 2011–12 are included in total cost. The contractor pays the city 50 percent of the net proceeds it receives from the sale of recyclable items. The estimated revenues for sale of recyclables for residential recycling for FY 2011–12 was \$357,031. In addition, Greensboro gets additional revenues from the sale of recyclables from non-residential sources, but these are not counted here.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greensboro is highly automated in gathering materials from its recycling program.

The set-out rate was based on a manual count done on a weekly basis.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	272,196
Land Area (Square Miles)	127.14
Persons per Square Mile	2,141
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$52,752

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	15.0 4.0
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	20 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	80,640
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	18,123 0 18,123
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$357,031
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	12.7%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	29.0%
Operating Costs	71.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$816,281
Operating Costs	\$2,001,768
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,818,049

### Greensboro

### **Household Recycling**

Key: Greensboro 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012









### Efficiency Measures





#### **Tons Collected Curbside** per Municipal FTE 1,800 1,200 600 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 1166 1218 1208 Greensboro 1439 1189 Average 647 541 619 991 854

Community Set-Out Rate



Tons Recycled as Percentage of Tons Refuse and Recyclables Collected





## Greenville

# **Household Recycling**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

Greenville offers once-a-week curbside or backyard collection of recyclable materials to its residents through a city-run program. Residents can choose to have backyard collection for a higher fee. The recycling fee is included in the solid waste fee for residential refuse collection. The recycling materials include:

- newspaper and magazines
- cardboard
- aluminum and steel cans
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics
- glass of all colors
- white goods.

Greenville's household recycling program also uses three city-owned drop-off recycling centers and 150 other sites connected to multifamily complexes. Tonnage and cost for these other drop-off sites are not included in the performance and cost data.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greenville joined the project in July 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

Greenville does not track the number of households which set out recyclables on a weekly basis.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,059
Land Area (Square Miles)	34.70
Persons per Square Mile	2,451
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$50,395

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	15.0 1.0
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	3 150
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	12,411
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	5,538 0 5,538
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$6,242
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	0.5%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	67.5%
Operating Costs	20.5%
Capital Costs	12.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$832,436
Operating Costs	\$253,320
Capital Costs	\$147,411
TOTAL	\$1,233,167

### Greenville

Workload Measures

120.0

100.0

80.0

60.0

40.0

20.0

0.0

Greenville

Average

\$0

Greenville

Average

2008

56.0

### Household Recycling

Key: Greenville  **Benchmarking Average** \_ Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Resource Measures** 



**Tons Recyclables Collected** 

per 1,000 Population

2009

36.2

51.7

2010

42.0

52.3

2011

42.3

56.6

2012

65.1

57.7



**Tons Recyclables Collected** 

per 1,000 Collection Points

2009

178

180

2010

206

182

2011

206

192

2012

446

213

500

400

300

200

100

0

Greenville

Average

2008

185



### Efficiency Measures **Recycling Services Cost** per Ton Collected \$600 \$450 \$300 \$150

2009

\$370

\$254



### **Recycling Services Cost** per Collection Point \$100 2009 2010 2011 2012 \$65.66 \$62.94 \$66.69 \$99.36 \$37.46 \$41.45 \$42.34 \$42.23 \$42.87

#### **Tons Collected Curbside** per Municipal FTE 1,800 1,200 600 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 202 240 240 369

### Effectiveness Measures

2008

\$230

Community Set-Out Rate



Tons Recycled as Percentage of Tons **Refuse and Recyclables Collected** 





### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Hickory offers once-a-week curbside collection of recyclable materials to its residents through a contractual agreement. The recycling materials collected include:

- newspaper and magazines
- aluminum and steel cans
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics
- glass—all colors
- phone books and junk mail.

Hickory's household recycling program also uses two drop-off recycling centers. One is staffed, and the other is not. These centers collect antifreeze and oil in addition to the same household materials that are collected at the curb. Tonnage and costs for this service are included in the performance and cost data.

A separate commercial recycling program that services businesses and multi-family units is operated by the city. The program utilizes city workers and equipment to collect cardboard and paper in addition to the curbside materials. The performance and cost data do not include the commercial program.

The city charges residents a monthly fee for recycling, which is included in the monthly solid waste fee. In FY 2011–12, the city collected \$75,829 in revenue from the sale of recyclables.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The set-out rate is calculated on a monthly basis by the contractor. While not tracked, missed recycling pickups are minimal and average less than one per month. The market for recyclables improved during Fiscal Year 2011–12, producing more revenue.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	40,086
Land Area (Square Miles)	29.72
Persons per Square Mile	1,349
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$54,093

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor and 0.5 City 0.1
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	2 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	80%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	12,100
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	1,195 295 1,490
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$75,829
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	19.8%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	6.1%
Operating Costs	93.9%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$23,306
Operating Costs	\$358,851
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$382,157

### **Hickory**

Average 52.3%

56.5% 58.0% 58.9%

62.4%

### **Household Recycling**

Key:Hickory 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Average 16.1% 15.9% 16.3% 17.6% 19.8%

# **High Point**

# **Household Recycling**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

The city offers curbside collection every other week. Large ninetysix-gallon containers are provided to customers. Additional carts may be purchased. The recycling program is a city function.

Recyclables are collected using four recycling crews that work in the Environmental Services Division. The pickup trucks are automated with one driver. A truck for special circumstances such as downtown uses a crew with a driver and one laborer. There are fourteen drop-off sites throughout the city and a number of multifamily sites at which the city collects. Materials collected include:

- plastic
- glass
- metal and aluminum cans
- magazines
- newspaper
- phone books
- cardboard
- mixed paper.

The city also operates and owns a material recovery facility (MRF). There is a buy-back center at the MRF to service individuals selling recyclables. This report includes the cost and FTE positions for the MRF.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The city used a random sample to determine the set-out rate.

High Point has been working on improving efficiency and processing of recyclables for resale. Combined with better markets for recyclable materials, revenue from sales of recyclable materials were \$909,046 for the year.

High Point made a transition in FY 2009–10 to less frequent automated collection. This changeover brought with it a large amount of one-time costs associated with recycling containers and new collection equipment. High Point is now fully automated in its pickups, other than those involving special needs.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	105,498
Land Area (Square Miles)	53.83
Persons per Square Mile	1,960
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$49,720

### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	4.0 31.0
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	14 52
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	Every 2 weeks
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	35,544
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	7,616 582 8,198
Monthly Service Fee	\$1.00
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$909,046
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	37.0%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	17.2%
Operating Costs	78.6%
Capital Costs	4.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$422,302
Operating Costs	\$1,931,594
Capital Costs	\$102,240
TOTAL	\$2,456,136

### **High Point**

## Household Recycling

Key: High Point

Benchmarking Average \_ Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Resource Measures** 













**Recycling Services Cost** per Collection Point \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 High Point \$48.87 \$53.62 \$97.83 \$61.25 \$69.10 \$37.46 \$41.45 \$42.34 \$42.23 \$42.87 Average

#### **Tons Collected Curbside** per Municipal FTE



**Effectiveness Measures** Community Set-Out Rate

100%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Average

High Point 60.0%

2008

52.3%

2009

2010

60.0% 70.0% 75.0%

56.5% 58.0% 58.9%

2011

2012

75.0%

62.4%

Average

56.0

51.7

52.3

56.6

57.7

Average





**Refuse and Recyclables Collected**
### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Salisbury provides once-a-week curbside collection of recyclable materials from households. The city charged a monthly recycling fee of \$4.03 in FY 2011–12. The city provides and pays for the fourteen-gallon recycling bins that residents use. The city contracts 100 percent of its recycling program. Recyclables are sorted at the curb by the contractor and taken to the county recycling site. The recyclable materials collected include:

- glass (all colors)
- newspaper
- magazines and catalogs
- mixed paper and mail
- telephone books
- cardboard—broken down and cereal boxes
- plastics-No. 1 and No. 2
- aluminum cans
- steel cans.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The set-out rate was reported monthly by the contractor. The city reserves the right to conduct unannounced follow-up inspections of the collection process.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	33,704
Land Area (Square Miles)	22.18
Persons per Square Mile	1,519
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor Contractor
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	10,500
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	1,014 0 1,014
Monthly Service Fee	\$4.03
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$0
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	NA

#### Full Cost Profile

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	0.0%
Operating Costs	100.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$0
Operating Costs	\$469,804
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$469,804

### Salisbury

### **Household Recycling**

Key: Salisbury 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012









**Tons Recyclables Collected** per 1,000 Collection Points 500 400 300 200 100 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Salisbury 139 113 106 89 97 Average 185 180 182 192 213

Tons Solid Waste Landfilled per 1,000 Population 500.0 400.0 300.0 200.0 100.0 0.0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 277.6 Salisbury 298.0 303.7 303.8 276.4 Average 294.1 280.3 275.1 268.7 246.2







Effectiveness Measures Community Set-Out Rate







# Wilmington

# **Household Recycling**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wilmington's household recycling program provides curbside pickup of materials once each week to residences, small businesses, and small apartment complexes that choose to participate. The city performs all the curbside collection.

Materials collected by Wilmington's recycling program include:

- green, brown, and clear glass
- aluminum beverage cans and steel cans
- newspaper
- certain plastics (No. 1 and No. 2)
- all paper products
- cardboard (downtown only).

A separate recycling fee is not charged, but the cost of the program is included in the solid waste fee paid by city residents. Recycling containers are provided to residents at no cost. Recyclables are not separated at curbside but go into a single stream which is handled at the regional recycling facility.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Of the potential eligible households that could join in the voluntary program, 47 percent, or 14,700 households, chose to participate. Of these participating households, 50 percent set out their recycling on average. Thus, approximately 23 percent of the households that could join were actually setting out recyclables during a regular collection week.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	108,337
Land Area (Square Miles)	51.49
Persons per Square Mile	2,104
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$57,892

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	10.3 0.7
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	No
Collection Points	14,700
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	5,643 0 5,643
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$0
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	NA

#### Full Cost Profile

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	F0.00/
Personal Services	50.8%
Operating Costs	34.9%
Capital Costs	14.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$500,802
Operating Costs	\$343,830
Capital Costs	\$141,073
TOTAL	\$985,705

### Wilmington

### Household Recycling

Key: Wilmington  Benchmarking Average \_ Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

**Resource Measures** 



**Tons Recyclables Collected** 

per 1,000 Population

200

9

45.7

51.7

201

0

50.0

52.3

201

1

49.1

56.6 57.7

201

2

52.1



**Tons Recyclables Collected** 

per 1,000 Collection Points

2009

329

180

500

400

300

200

100

0

Wilmington

Average

2008

324

185

Tons Solid Waste Landfilled per 1,000 Population 500.0 400.0 300.0 200.0 100.0 0.0 2012 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 232.3 269.8 219.8 Wilmington 263.7 246.9

294.1

Average



200

8

46.8

56.0

Workload Measures

120.0

100.0

80.0

60.0

40.0

20.0

0.0

Wilmington

Average





2011

309

192

384

213

2010

321

182



Effectiveness Measures **Community Set-Out Rate** 



Tons Recycled as Percentage of Tons **Refuse and Recyclables Collected** 





280.3 275.1 268.7 246.2

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wilson's household recycling program provides curbside pickup of materials once each week to residents on the same day as residential refuse collection but by different crews. The recycling program is part of the Division of Environmental Services.

The following materials are collected:

- aluminum and steel cans
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastic containers
- newsprint
- clear, green, and brown glass
- waste oil on a call-in basis.

Wilson used two three-person crews during the year, consisting of one driver and two collectors each.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The set-out rate was calculated on a monthly basis by drivers on the recycling trucks using counters.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	49,122
Land Area (Square Miles)	28.78
Persons per Square Mile	1,707
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$43,442

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	6.0 0.5
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	0 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	0%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	19,900
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	1,559 <u>0</u> 1,559
Monthly Service Fee	\$16.50
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$0
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	NA

#### Full Cost Profile

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	46.5%
Operating Costs	38.7%
Capital Costs	14.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$243,327
Operating Costs	\$202,258
Capital Costs	\$77,576
TOTAL	\$523,161

### Wilson

120.0 100.0

80.0

60.0

40.0

20.0 0.0

Wilson

Average

2008

26.9

56.0

51.7

52.3

56.6 57.7

### Household Recycling

Key: Wilson

**Benchmarking Average** \_\_\_\_ Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012







185

Average

180

182

192

213









**Community Set-Out Rate** 



Tons Recycled as Percentage of Tons **Refuse and Recyclables Collected** 



### Winston-Salem

# **Household Recycling**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Winston-Salem provides weekly curbside household recycling service to its single-family residences using bins and collects recyclables placed in ninety-six-gallon carts weekly from multifamily dwellings and small businesses. The city provides nine dropoff sites for cardboard at its fire stations plus two full-service dropoff sites. Items collected in the city's curbside household recycling program include:

- aluminum and steel cans
- all plastic bottles
- green, amber, and clear glass
- newspaper
- magazines, telephone books, and junk mail
- chipboard
- corrugated cardboard (no bundling requirement)
- office paper
- aerosol cans.

The city contracts for 100 percent of its curbside household recycling program. The contractor separates recyclables at the curb, placing paper products in one compartment on the truck and nonpaper products in another. The contractor takes the recyclables to a processing facility where commodities are further separated. The city does not charge a recycling fee. Revenue to the city for the sale of recyclables was \$378,941 during the year.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

In FY 2011–12, 60 percent of of the cost of Winston-Salem's recycling program was funded by landfill tipping fees. The remaining 40 percent was funded by the general fund.

In April 2012, the city implemented a single stream recycling program in which residents place all recyclables into a city issued 96-gallon cart that is rolled to the curb for collection. The service was also changed to a bi-weekly collection. The city anticipates significant cost savings and increased participation from a single stream program.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	232,143
Land Area (Square Miles)	132.45
Persons per Square Mile	1,753
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	Contractor 1.0
Number of City Drop-Off Centers Other Drop-Off Centers	11 0
Percentage of Service Contracted	100%
Collection Frequency	1 x week
General Collection Location	Curbside
Recyclables Sorted at Curb	Yes
Collection Points	76,064
Tons of Recyclables Collected Curbside City Drop-Off Centers Total Tons Collected	10,665 1,022 11,686
Monthly Service Fee	No
Revenue from Sale of Recyclables	\$378,941
Revenue as Percentage of Cost	14.1%

#### **Full Cost Profile**

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	2.5%
Operating Costs	97.5%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$67,302
Operating Costs	\$2,619,990
Capital Costs	\$896
TOTAL	\$2,688,188

### Winston-Salem

### **Household Recycling**

Key: Winston-Salem

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012









# Performance and Cost Data

YARD WASTE / LEAF COLLECTION

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR

### YARD WASTE/LEAF COLLECTION

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

Yard waste and leaf collection includes regularly scheduled or special collection of these items. Such collection may occur from the curb, backyard, or another locale. Yard waste and leaves may be bagged, placed in containers, or loose. The service definition excludes the collection of white goods and other bulky items. Although some municipalities collect yard waste and leaves with household refuse or other trash, they do separate the items at some point in the collection process because yard waste and leaves cannot be placed in landfills.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### 1. Tons Collected per 1,000 Population and per 1,000 Collection Points

These are the same performance measures that are used for residential refuse collection, except that tonnage is for yard waste, leaves, and miscellaneous trash rather than residential refuse. "Collection points" refers to the number of residential premises served by regularly scheduled collection of yard waste, leaves, and miscellaneous trash.

### 2. Cost per Ton Collected

Cost is measured using the project's full cost accounting model, calculating direct, indirect, and capital costs. Tons are as defined above.

### 3. Tons Collected per Collection FTE

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions refers to the number of employees or laborers who were directly involved in collection of yard waste, leaves, and miscellaneous trash during the fiscal year. This number includes temporary, permanent, full-time, and part-time workers. Such workers can be sanitation, street, or other municipal employees. One FTE equals 2,080 hours of work per year. Any combination of employees providing 2,080 hours of work per year is one FTE.

### 4. Complaints (and Valid Complaints) per 10,000 Collection Points

Complaints are those tracked by each jurisdiction, using its own criteria and procedures. Collection points are as defined above. The municipalities follow very different procedures in processing and recording these calls and in determining which ones are complaints and which are not. For these reasons, the project is able to present limited comparative data about complaints or valid complaints. Nonetheless, the project recommends that the participating municipalities devise common criteria for identifying complaints and procedures for processing and recording calls.

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

	Yard Waste Collection		Seasonal	Collection	Collection Tons Collected		FTE
City or Town	Location	Frequency	Loose Leaf Collection	Points	Yard Waste	Loose Leaves	Positions
Apex	Curbside	1 x week	NA	11,616	5,533	NA	10.35
Asheville	Curbside	2 x month	NA	30,169	6,366	2,500	14.9
Burlington	Curbside	1 x week	4 sweeps	16,633	2,390	3,354	13.3
Cary	Curbside	1 x week	3 sweeps	42,662	13,148	5,517	23.57
Charlotte	Curbside	1 x week	NA	209,834	51,945	NA	76
Concord	Curbside	1 x week	3 sweeps	28,131	5,850	1,842	24.59
Greensboro	Curbside	1 x week	2 sweeps	80,640	14,851	13,089	45.98
Greenville	Curbside	1 x week	1 x week	20,000	18,	000	22
Hickory	Curbside	1 x week	2 sweeps	12,100	3,195	3,388	9.75
High Point	Curbside	1 x week	2 sweeps	35,544	4,020	2,359	14.5
Salisbury	Curbside	1 x week	1 x 3 weeks	12,000	5,433	2,613	9
Wilmington	Curbside	1 x week	NA	30,310	12,451	NA	21.66
Wilson	Curbside	1 x week	1 x 3 weeks	19,900	8,810	2,038	15.5
Winston- Salem	Curbside	Yard Waste Cart 1 x week Brush every 10 days	2 to 3 sweeps	13,863 for yard waste cart and 76,064 for brush	22,839	15,965	86.1

#### NOTES

Municipalities with no reported seasonal leaf collection collect leaves as part of their yard waste collection programs.

### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected yard waste and leaf collection performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Whether or not a fee is charged for collection Residential/commercial/industrial nature of the community Policies regarding sizes and types of items collected Extent of seasonal leaf collection service Landfill policies and tipping fees

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Apex collects yard waste curbside once per week for all city residents. The town collects vegetative matter from residential landscaping. The town does not operate a seasonal leaf collection, but leaves are collected year round as part of the weekly service. Land clearing debris is not collected. The town charges \$4 per month for collection of yard waste.

There are three grass/vacuum trucks, two two-person limbchipping crews, and one grapple truck operator for larger items. These crews cover the town every week using a five-day-a-week schedule.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles)	38,696 15.63
Persons per Square Mile	2,477
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	10.0 0.4
Collection Frequency Yard Waste	1 x week
Collection Points	11,616
Tons Collected	
Yard Waste	5,533
Seasonal Leaves	with yard waste
Total Tons Collected	5,533
Monthly Service Fee	\$4.00

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	45.8%
Operating Costs	43.0%
Capital Costs	11.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$516,350
Operating Costs	\$484,693
Capital Costs	\$126,344
TOTAL	\$1,127,387

### Apex

#### Key: Apex

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

Yard Waste/Leaf Collection



Apex

Average

Apex

Average





### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE** 1,800







# Asheville

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Asheville collects yard waste curbside twice per month for all city residents. The city collects yard trimmings no longer than four feet and no wider than six inches. Grass clippings and materials cut by contractors are not collected.

There are three one-person crews on knucklebooms, scheduled for approximately four-and-one-half days per week. One twoperson crew on a tractor and sway car and three three-person crews operating rear packers collect yard waste five days per week.

The city does not charge a fee for yard waste collection. A \$5 fee is charged for white goods, and a \$10 fee is charged for dead animals.

Starting in FY 2011–2012, Asheville no longer has a separate leaf collection program. Instead, leaves are collected as part of the normal twice a month yard waste collection.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Asheville had several major winter storms during the year which damaged trees and led to an increase in the tons of yard waste collected.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,646
Land Area (Square Miles)	45.40
Persons per Square Mile	1,886
Median Family Income	\$53,350
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	14.0 0.9
Collection Frequency Yard Waste	2 x month
Collection Points	30,169
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	8,866 with yard waste 8,866
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	37.7%
Operating Costs	52.0%
Capital Costs	10.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$586,105
Operating Costs	\$809,059
Capital Costs	\$160,959
TOTAL	\$1,556,123

### Asheville

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### Key: Asheville

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures** Yard Waste and Leaf Collection





#### Workload Measures





#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Cost per Ton Collected \$300 \$200 \$100 \$0 2009 2010 2008 2011 2012 Asheville \$147 \$181 \$130 \$176 \$176 Average \$135 \$126 \$125 \$142 \$146



2009

458

698

2010

714

670

2011

579

739

2012

682

732

2008

551

559

Asheville

Average





# **Burlington**

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Yard waste is collected by the Burlington Sanitation Division once per week. Residents may put yard waste in cans, bags, or simply stack it curbside. The amount per household cannot exceed fifty pounds each week. There is a \$4.50 charge for each three cubic yards of yard waste removed; the first three cubic yards are free.

The city uses two three-person crews four days per week. Each crew has one driver and two collectors and uses a rear loader.

Burlington's Grounds and Cemetary Division conducts seasonal loose leaf collection from mid-October through January. Leaves are placed curbside and collected by vacuum. Four sweeps are made through each section of the city. Additionally, call-in collections are available in February. When not performing loose leaf collection, permanent employees provide mowing and lawn and grounds care at other times of the year. The ability to separate out costs is somewhat difficult.

Loose leaf collection is done with five crews, each consisting of one driver and two collectors using a box dump and vacuum machine. One of the collectors on each crew is a part-time employee. The city also uses one self-contained one-armed leaf truck with one permanent employee. Leaves are also accepted in the regular weekly yard waste collection if they are bagged or placed in a container.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The city does not track complaints or valid complaints.

### Municipal Profile

Population (OSBM 2011)	51,263
Land Area (Square Miles)	25.21
Persons per Square Mile	2,034
Median Family Income	\$46,461
U.S. Census 2010	

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	12.8 0.5
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 4 sweeps
Collection Points	16,633
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	2,390 <u>3,354</u> 5,744
Monthly Service Fee	\$4.50 for special bulk pickup, 3 cubic yards

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	52.2%
Operating Costs	17.4%
Capital Costs	30.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$381,053
Operating Costs	\$127,218
Capital Costs	\$221,745
TOTAL	\$730,016

### **Burlington**

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures Yard Waste and Leaf Collection





#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection **Cost per Ton Collected** \$300 \$200 \$100 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Burlington \$129 \$122 \$115 \$90 \$127 \$135 \$126 \$125 \$142 Average \$146

# Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per Collection FTE

492

698

527

670

667

739

495

732

Burlington

Average

424

559

#### Effectiveness Measures



Yard Waste / Leaf Collection 83

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory** Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Cary's yard waste is collected curbside weekly on the same day the customer's regular trash is collected. The yard waste program includes the collection of grass clippings, pine straw, fallen leaves, shrubbery, twigs, small tree limbs, and Christmas trees. Branches must be shorter than four feet in length and less than four inches in diameter. The total volume to be picked up at a household cannot exceed 240 cubic feet. There is no separate fee charged for yard waste collection.

Town crews collect all yard waste at the curb. Collections are done Tuesday through Friday using four crews with four people in each crew—a driver and three collectors. Additionally, a special annual Christmas tree collection is made at the curb in January.

Cary has a seasonal leaf collection program that collects two times in the fall and one time in the spring. Leaves are collected curbside by vacuum by nine crews, each consisting of one driver and two collectors. The driver is a regular full-time employee, while the collectors are seasonal temporary workers.

Cary defines valid complaints as those that have been verified in the field by a supervisor.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	139,172
Land Area (Square Miles)	54.56
Persons per Square Mile	2,551
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	21.9 1.7
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 3 sweeps
Collection Points	44,493
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	13,148 <u>5,517</u> 18,665
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	51.8%
Operating Costs	37.5%
Capital Costs	10.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$967,396
Operating Costs	\$700,203
Capital Costs	\$199,110
TOTAL	\$1,866,709

### Cary

#### Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### **Resource Measures**





#### Workload Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary 383 444 477 379 420

531

399

Average

462

453

440

Efficiency Measures





# Collected per Collection FTE

Yard Waste and Leaf Tons



#### Effectiveness Measures





2.5 2.3 2.3

# Charlotte

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Charlotte collects yard waste once per week curbside. The collection process was significantly revised for FY 2010–11. Previously Charlotte had been divided into zones, with private contractors competing and providing some yard waste services. However, the city now performs all yard waste collection.

Yard waste includes leaves, stems, grass, limbs, and other residential organic matter. Limbs should be separated in piles small enough for one individual to handle. Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in untied plastic bags or in uncovered trash cans. Yard waste placed at the curb by a commercial landscaping service will not be collected by the city. The city of Charlotte used thirty-four two-person crews working from rear loaders to service the entire city. Additional trucks and staff are allocated as a yard waste reserve.

Leaves are collected in bags and are debagged at the curb as part of the regular yard waste service. A special seasonal leaf collection is not done by the city of Charlotte.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Starting with FY 2010–11, Charlotte's yard waste function is being wholly performed by the city. In earlier years it was done by a combination of city staff and a zone contract.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	751,999 301.48 2,494
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$61,405
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	73.0 3.0
Collection Frequency Yard Waste	1 x week
Collection Points	209,834
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	51,945 with yard waste 51,945

Monthly Service Fee No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	42.9%
Operating Costs	43.9%
Capital Costs	13.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,893,645
Operating Costs	\$3,986,424
Capital Costs	\$1,200,557
TOTAL	\$9,080,626

### Charlotte

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: Charlotte  Benchmarking Average —

2011

1.0

2.3

2012

1.0

23

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures** Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Costs per Capita FTEs per 10,000 Population \$30 5 \$25 4 \$20 3 \$15 2 \$10 1 \$5 \$0 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2008 2009 2010 Charlotte \$9 40 \$9.73 \$9.81 \$12.02 \$12.08 Charlotte 0.8 0.8 0.9 Average \$16.34 \$17.28 \$17.03 \$18.59 \$19.04 Average 2.6 2.5 2.5

#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection **Cost per Ton Collected** \$300 \$200 \$100 \$0 2010 2008 2009 2011 2012 Charlotte \$159 \$146 \$149 \$172 \$175 Average \$135 \$126 \$125 \$142 \$146

### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE** 1,800 1,200 600

2009

712

698

2010

668

670

2011

696

739

2012

712

732

0

Charlotte

Average

2008

606

559





# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Concord collects all yard waste once per week. Yard waste includes limbs, logs, grass clippings, shrubbery clippings, and leaves.

Concord used three two-person crews with garbage trucks and a one-person crew with a dump truck to collect yard waste during FY 2011–12. Four two-person crews also were used to collect limbs and brush with knuckleboom trucks on a weekly basis.

Concord's seasonal loose leaf collection runs from mid-October through mid-February. Each street is serviced following a publicized schedule a minimum of three times for loose leaf collection during this period. Residents who bag their leaves receive weekly collection along with the normal yard waste collection program.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Concord shifted to more use of city staff for yard waste collection in FY 2007–08 and less use of inmate labor to supplement city crews.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	80,386
Land Area (Square Miles)	60.28
Persons per Square Mile	1,333
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	23.8 0.8
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 3 sweeps
Collection Points	28,131
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	5,850 <u>1,842</u> 7,692
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	57.7%
Operating Costs	29.8%
Capital Costs	12.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,172,613
Operating Costs	\$606,451
Capital Costs	\$254,833
TOTAL	\$2,033,897

### Concord

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —

#### **Resource Measures** Yard Waste and Leaf Collection





#### Workload Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Concord 303 350 292 298 273 440 Average 399 531 462 453

#### Efficiency Measures





#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE**



#### Effectiveness Measures





Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

### Greensboro

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greensboro collects yard waste once per week curbside, either in clear plastic bags, thirty-five-gallon containers, or tied in bundles not to exceed fifty pounds or five feet in length. Yard waste includes grass, weeds, leaves, tree trimmings, plants, shrubbery trimmings, and other materials generated in yard maintenance. Yard waste does include some bagged leaves during the fall, and this waste is not broken out separately into leaf collection.

The city provides yard waste service to all single-family residences inside the city limits. Yard waste crews include nine two-person crews that rotate between driver and collector. The crews work four days per week, ten hours per day.

Seasonal leaf collection (October through January) is provided by Greensboro's Field Operations Division. Leaves are picked up a minimum of two times from November until mid-January by vacuuming the leaves from the curb.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	272,196
Land Area (Square Miles)	127.14
Persons per Square Mile	2,141
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$52,752

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	44.8 1.2
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 2 sweeps
Collection Points	80,640
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	14,851 <u>13,089</u> 27,940
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	33.8%
Operating Costs	66.2%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,006,201
Operating Costs	\$1,968,601
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,974,802

### Greensboro

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: Greensboro

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Costs per Capita





#### Workload Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greensboro 305 345 382 310 346 462 440 Average 399 531 453

### Efficiency Measures





### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per Collection FTE









### Greenville

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greenville collects yard waste once per week curbside. Yard waste includes tree limbs up to six feet in length or four inches in diameter, bushes, grass clippings, and other vegetative matter. The city does not charge a separate fee for yard waste, leaves, or bulky items. It is part of the solid waste fee.

Greenville uses two-person crews to collect yard waste. Crews are made up of a driver and a collection worker. Each crew has an assigned route for each day.

The city's seasonal leaf collection service runs from November to February. Leaves are collected weekly from the backs of curbs. The city uses five crews, each having a driver and two collection workers. The leaf collection crews are all seasonal employees.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Greenville joined the project in July 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

Greenville does not collect data on complaints for yard waste services.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,059
Land Area (Square Miles)	34.70
Persons per Square Mile	2,451
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$50,395

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	22.0 0.0
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 1 x week
Collection Points	20,000
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	na <u>na</u> 18,000
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	62.7%
Operating Costs	26.6%
Capital Costs	10.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,073,385
Operating Costs	\$455,046
Capital Costs	\$182,789
TOTAL	\$1,711,220

### Greenville

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: Greenville  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures** Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Costs per Capita \$30 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10

\$5 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville \$17.94 \$20.15 \$17.13 \$20.12 Average \$16.34 \$17.28 \$17.03 \$18.59 \$19.04

#### FTEs per 10,000 Population 5 4 3

2 1 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 2.8 2.7 2.4 2.6 Average 2.6 2.5 2.5 2.3 2.3

#### Workload Measures





Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points



#### Efficiency Measures





#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE** 1,800





#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Hickory collects yard waste once per week curbside. Yard waste includes tree limbs less than six feet in length and six inches in diameter, shrubs, grass clippings, leaves, and other vegetative matter. The city does not charge a separate fee for yard waste, leaves, or bulky items. It is part of the solid waste fee. Residents use either clear plastic bags or open containers.

Hickory is divided into five sections for the yard waste program. Three routes are serviced each day within each section, using three rear loaders with crews comprised of one driver and one laborer each. Large piles are collected with a knuckleboom loader with one driver on a scheduled basis working about half-time.

All yard waste is collected and stockpiled at the city yard waste facility. Debris is ground into mulch or compost and sold back to citizens or used for city projects.

The city's seasonal leaf collection service runs from November to January. There are two sweeps down each city street during this time. City crews use leaf vacuums to collect leaves in box trucks. Hickory uses temporary contract workers to help with leaf collection. These seasonal employees are counted in the total employee count, but only for the one-fourth of the year they work.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Hickory's yard waste collection is set up to provide regular service but also takes requests for service when collection is needed. These calls for service cannot be separated out from actual complaints. The high rate of "collection complaints per 10,000 collection points" is driven by this reporting structure rather than by true complaints about service. Hickory does not allocate the resources it would take to differentiate between valid and non-valid complaints. Complaints for FY 2009–10 through FY 2011–12 were not available.

#### Municipal Profile

Population (OSBM 2011)	40,086
Land Area (Square Miles)	29.72
Persons per Square Mile	1,349
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$54,093

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	9.3 0.5
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 2 sweeps
Collection Points	12,100
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	3,195 <u>3,388</u> 6,583
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	45.8%
Operating Costs	37.1%
Capital Costs	17.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$393,512
Operating Costs	\$318,350
Capital Costs	\$147,294
TOTAL	\$859,156

### **Hickory**

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### Key: Hickory

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**





#### Workload Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Hickory 541 541 536 531 544 531 440

462

453

Average

399

#### Efficiency Measures





#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE** 1,800







# **High Point**

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Collectible yard waste in High Point's program consists solely of vegetative matter resulting from landscaping and lawn maintenance, including grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree branches, flowers, and other organic materials.

Yard waste is collected once each week curbside using threeperson crews. Each crew is composed of one driver and two collectors. The work schedule is from Monday through Thursday. There is no separate fee charged for yard waste collection.

The city provides two citywide cycles of loose leaf collection beginning mid-November and continuing through mid-January. There are usually three leaf collection crews with one person each on truck-mounted vacuum trucks and four crews with five employees each on pick-up trucks with self-contained vacuums. Bagged leaves are collected once per week with the regular yard waste.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

There was a shift of employees out of yard waste collection in FY 2009–10. The city had been picking up bulk limbs, but this was discontinued as it was not required by ordinance. The employees were shifted over to bulk white good collection. Stopping collection of the bulk limbs led to a small increase in citizen complaints.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	105,498
Land Area (Square Miles)	53.83
Persons per Square Mile	1,960
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$49,720

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	14.5 0.0
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 2 sweeps
Collection Points	35,544
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	4,020 <u>2,359</u> 6,379
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	60.6%
Operating Costs	28.6%
Capital Costs	10.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$667,858
Operating Costs	\$315,102
Capital Costs	\$119,359
TOTAL	\$1,102,319

### **High Point**

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: High Point  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures** Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Costs per Capita





#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures





#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE** 1,800



#### Effectiveness Measures



Valid Complaints per 10,000 Collection Points 250 200



# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Yard waste is picked up weekly at the curb in Salisbury. Yard waste includes limbs, shrubs, bagged grass clippings, and bagged leaves. It is collected the same day as trash and recycling materials for city residents.

The city uses two to three two-person crews, each consisting of a driver and laborer, on packer trucks for yard waste collection. One to two additional two-member crews operating two knuckleboom trucks collect large brush piles and limbs. One supervisor patrols the routes throughout the day, coordinating pick-ups and responding to citizen requests.

Loose leaves are collected curbside during leaf season, which runs from mid-October through March. Loose leaves are collected every third week during leaf season. Bagged leaves are collected as part of the weekly yard waste program.

One to seven crews, each composed of an operator, a street maintenance worker, and a seasonal worker, are used for the annual leaf collection program.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	33,704
Land Area (Square Miles)	22.18
Persons per Square Mile	1,519
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	9.0 0.0
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 1 x 3 weeks
Collection Points	12,000
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	5,433 <u>2,613</u> 8,046
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	45.0%
Operating Costs	36.5%
Capital Costs	18.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$492,428
Operating Costs	\$399,413
Capital Costs	\$202,571
TOTAL	\$1,094,412

### Salisbury

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### Key: Salisbury

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures** Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Costs per Capita \$30 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Salisbury \$19.90 \$29.69 \$28.86 \$28.10 \$32.47 Average \$16.34 \$17.28 \$17.03 \$18.59 \$19.04



#### Workload Measures





#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Salisbury 934 1,619 639 795 671 440 Average 399 531 462 453

Efficiency Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection **Cost per Ton Collected** \$300 \$200 \$100 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Salisbury \$58 \$47 \$119 \$99 \$136

\$125

\$142

\$146

\$126

Average

\$135







# Wilmington

# Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The city collects yard waste curbside once per week. Yard waste is defined as organic material, grass and shrubbery clippings, small branches, twigs, leaves, and pine needles. Tree limbs and branches cannot be longer than six feet in length or more than six inches in diameter.

There is no limit on the type or number of containers that residents can use when placing yard waste at the curb for pick up, but the amount of crew time spent at each household is limited to fifteen minutes. Yard waste is picked up using packer trucks staffed by two-person crews consisting of one driver and one laborer working four ten-hour days each week.

There was no separate fee for yard waste collection including bulky items. However, the cost is included in the fee for solid waste collection.

Leaf collection is not a separate service for the city of Wilmington. Leaves are collected throughout the year with the regular yard waste program.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	108,337
Land Area (Square Miles)	51.49
Persons per Square Mile	2,104
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$57,892
Service Profile	

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	21.3 0.3
Collection Frequency Yard Waste	1 x week
Collection Points	30,310
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	12,451 with yard waste 12,451
Monthly Service Fee	Included in solid waste fee

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	47.8%
Operating Costs	39.6%
Capital Costs	12.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$793,851
Operating Costs	\$658,199
Capital Costs	\$208,872
TOTAL	\$1,660,922

### Wilmington

### Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: Wilmington

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures Yard Waste and Leaf Collection Costs per Capita





#### Workload Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per 1,000 Collection Points 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilmington 363 363 427 420 411 462 453 440 Average 399 531

#### Efficiency Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection **Cost per Ton Collected** \$300 \$200 \$100 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilmington \$147 \$162 \$121 \$138 \$133 \$135 \$126 \$125 \$142 Average \$146

# Yard Waste and Leaf Tons Collected per Collection FTE






## Wilson

## Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Yard waste is containerized in bags, sheets, roll-out containers, or other container types for collection by rear-loader packers. Yard waste is collected once per week by compost crews on the same day as residential refuse collection.

The city uses two three-person crews on Tuesday and Friday and three to four three-person crews on Monday and Thursday to collect yard waste. Each crew is composed of one driver and two workers. These crews rotate collection between residential refuse and yard waste. A one-person crew uses a knuckleboom truck to collect large limbs daily.

The city's leaf season is from mid-October to mid-January. Leaves are collected loose at the curb on a one-to-three-week cycle. The city uses leaf vacuum machines and compacting leaf trucks to collect loose leaves.

Six to eight three-person crews are used to collect loose leaves. The drivers are permanent employees. Collectors are seasonal employees.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

During Fiscal Year 2011–2012, Wilson picked up additional yard waste generated from Hurrican Irene. An estimated extra 3,494 tons were collected after the storm.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	49,122
Land Area (Square Miles)	28.78
Persons per Square Mile	1,707
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$43,442

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	15.5 0.0
Collection Frequency Yard Waste Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x week 1 x 3 weeks
Collection Points	19,900
Tons Collected Yard Waste Seasonal Leaves Total Tons Collected	8,810 <u>2,038</u> 10,848
Monthly Service Fee	Included in solid waste fee

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	44.3%
Operating Costs	36.8%
Capital Costs	18.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$452,273
Operating Costs	\$375,929
Capital Costs	\$193,432
TOTAL	\$1,021,634

## Wilson

#### Key: Wilson

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

#### Resource Measures Yard Waste and Leaf Collection





#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



#### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection **Cost per Ton Collected** \$300 \$200 \$100 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilson \$146 \$142 \$106 \$116 \$94 \$135 \$126 \$125 \$142 Average \$146

#### Yard Waste and Leaf Tons **Collected per Collection FTE** 1,800 1,200 600 0 2011 2008 2009 2010 2012 Wilson 453 453 453 560 723

698

670

739

732

Average

559

#### Effectiveness Measures





## Winston-Salem

## Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The city operates a curbside collection program for brush, leaves, and bulky items. Brush is collected throughout the year, while leaves and bulky items are collected on a seasonal basis. Brush is defined as small tree limbs, branches, and shrubbery clippings. Tree and shrubbery limbs cannot be larger than six inches in diameter or six feet in length. A city ordinance requires that brush be collected once every ten working days except during leaf season. There were no separate fees for the curbside collection program.

The yard waste cart program provides weekly collection of containerized yard waste placed in ninety-six-gallon carts. The city uses six one-person crews using automated packers and one two-person crew using a rear-loading packer to service these carts. Collection is provided Monday through Thursday. Carts are delivered on Friday.

Residents who participate in the yard waste cart program pay an annual \$60 fee. Residents also pay for the ninety-six-gallon carts at a cost of \$60 if the cart is picked up or \$65 if the cart is delivered. A household can have up to three carts.

The city's seasonal leaf collection program picks up leaves that are deposited at the curb between November 1 and January 15. Loose leaves are vacuumed two to three times during this time period. Containerized leaves are collected throughout the year as part of the yard waste program. The city uses thirty-two crews for seasonal leaf collection, with a combination of equipment operators, maintenance workers, and both permanent and seasonal workers. During Fiscal Year 2011–2012 several automated vacuum trucks were added to the fleet.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "cost per collection point" is based on 76,064 collection points.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	232,143
Land Area (Square Miles)	132.45
Persons per Square Mile	1,753
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491

#### Service Profile

FTE Positions—Collection FTE Positions—Other	86.1 0.0
Collection Frequency	
Yard Waste	1 x week
Seasonal Leaf Collection	1 x 3 weeks
Brush	1 x 10 days
Collection Points	
Brush	76,064
Leaves	76,064
Yard Waste Cart	13,863
Tons Collected	
Yard Waste	22,839
Seasonal Leaves	15,965
Total Tons Collected	38,804
Monthly Service Fee	No

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	51.1%
Operating Costs	33.4%
Capital Costs	15.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,692,115
Operating Costs	\$1,757,642
Capital Costs	\$817,505
TOTAL	\$5,267,262

## Winston-Salem

## Yard Waste/Leaf Collection

Key: Winston-Salem

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012







# Performance and Cost Data

POLICE SERVICES

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR POLICE SERVICES

### SERVICE DEFINITION

Police Services consist of all police activities performed by sworn and non-sworn personnel. This includes, but is not limited to, activities performed by patrol, traffic, investigations, special units, support staff, supervisors, and police administration. This definition captures all functions of the police department except for emergency communications.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### 1. Dispatched Calls

These are calls resulting in the dispatch of an officer. Most dispatches result from calls coming into the emergency communications center or the police department, but some are self-initiated by officers on duty. Multiple calls resulting in the dispatch of several officers are counted as one.

### 2. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I Crimes

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I crimes include crimes against persons (criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and crimes against property (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson).

### 3. Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) Part I Crimes

Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) Part I crimes include crimes against persons (criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and crimes against property (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson). The difference between the UCR method and the IBR method for reporting crimes is that IBR counts crime and arrest activities at the incident level, as opposed to counting only the most serious crime with multiple offenses.

### 4. Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions: Sworn Officers

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions is the number of budgeted positions for sworn officers during the fiscal year.

### 5. Response Time to High Priority Calls

Each police department defines high priority calls somewhat differently. The definitions generally refer to crimes in progress or situations where there are risks of injury or threats to life or property. Response time commences with the dispatch of an officer and ends with the arrival of the officer at the scene of the incident. The officer may be dispatched while on patrol or from the police station.

## **Police Services**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

	Police	Number of	Average Length	Number of		Part I Crimes		_		Number of	
City or Town	Department Accredited?	Sworn Officers	of Service for Sworn Officers (Years)	Patrol Format	Against Persons	Against Property	Total	Part II Crimes	Dispatched Calls	Traffic Accidents	
Apex	No	58	11.8	45	IBR	31	684	715	1,811	26,840	970
Asheville	Yes	215	7.8	197	IBR	428	4,784	5,212	5,076	111,230	4,475
Burlington	Yes	125	10.2	151	IBR	420	3,992	4,412	5,043	69,601	2,337
Cary	Yes	178	9.2	125	IBR	120	2,170	2,290	3,067	134,172	4,004
Concord	No	158.25	10.0	174	IBR	126	3,364	3,490	2,024	83,407	3,088
Greensboro	Yes	673	10.0	240	IBR	1,290	13,347	14,637	15,584	298,045	8,201
Greenville	Yes	187	11.4	163	IBR	483	3,729	4,212	5,691	83,571	5,644
Hickory	No	118	9.7	152	IBR	218	2,819	3,037	3,618	66,707	2,053
High Point	No	227	10.6	238	UCR	527	4,914	5,441	3,415	118,549	2,692
Salisbury	Yes	81	10.9	93	IBR	218	2,128	2,346	1,664	31,668	1,711
Wilmington	Yes	256	11.4	270	UCR	654	5,902	6,556	5,538	177,042	3,648
Wilson	Yes	119	9.3	139	UCR	218	2,482	2,700	3,701	92,947	2,043
Winston- Salem	Yes	561	10.9	424	IBR	1,714	14,416	16,130	34,738	253,602	8,514

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected police services performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Demographic makeup of the community Community policing policies Population density and land area Downtown area characteristics Use of incident-based reporting Presence of unique problems in particular areas, such as drugs or gangs Emphasis on quick response to all calls Vehicle take-home policy Beat structure Use of special units

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Apex Police Department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a special response unit, and school resource officers at the high school and middle schools located in the town.

The city had fifty-eight sworn officer positions authorized for the year, with an average length of service of nearly twelve years. Police services occupies a headquarters located in downtown Apex, newly built in 2010, which houses all divisions in the depattment. There is also an unmanned substation attached to one of the town fire stations.

Officers in Apex in the partrol division work twelve-hour modified DuPont schedules. Each patrol squad is also assigned a flex officer. The traffic unit works a modified DuPont schedule based on crash statistics. The investigations division works Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with one investigator working from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. The investigator working the late shift is also the on-call investigator, and this position rotates every week.

Patrol and investigation units are assigned individual vehicles. Command staff also have individually assigned vehicles, which are the only take-home vehicles in the fleet.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 371 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

The definition of a high priority call in Apex is any call when the immediate arrival and presence of the police may prevent death or injury or alleviate the threat of death or injury.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

Population (OSBM 2011)	38,696
Land Area (Square Miles)	15.63
Persons per Square Mile	2,477
Median Family Income	\$97,201
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	58.0
FTE Positions—Other	15.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	45
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	0
	6
Rape	
Robbery	7
Assault	18
Burglary	66
Larceny	605
Auto Theft	9
Arson	4
TOTAL	715
Part II Crimes Reported	1,811
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	30
Property	341
TOTAL	371
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispatched	26,840
Number of Traffic Accidents	970
Property Damage for Accidents	\$4,398,626
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Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	71.4%
Operating Costs	19.9%
Capital Costs	8.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$4,534,715
Operating Costs	\$1,261,715
Capital Costs	\$552,043
TOTAL	\$6,348,473
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## Apex

## **Police Services**

Key: Apex 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$10,000 \$0 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Apex \$14,805 \$17,112 Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873







#### Response Time to High Priority Calls in Minutes



## Asheville

## **Police Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Asheville Police Department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a telephone response unit, a canine unit, a special response unit, animal control, a drug enforcement unit, a hostage negotiation team, a hazardous device team, and several other special programs.

The city had 215 sworn officer positions authorized for the year, with an average length of service of about eight years. Police services occupies five facilities, the main downtown facility shared by the fire department and four substations.

Officers in Asheville work a varied DuPont schedule based on a fourteen-day period, working six twelve-hour days and one eight-hour day. The schedule requires two or three days on followed by two days off in alternating sequences over the two-week period. A power squad is assigned to work the evening shift during the peak time of calls. Detectives work four ten-hour days with half the detectives off Monday and the other half off on Fridays. Detective supervisors work five eight-hour days.

Specialty units such as traffic, SWAT, and detectives have assigned take-home cars. Additionally, sergeants and higher-ranked officers also have assigned vehicles. Patrol cars have multiple users.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 2,037 Part I cases in FY 2011–12. The definition of a high priority call in Asheville is any call dealing with a crime in progress or a situation where there is immediate danger to a person.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Asheville switched over its crime reporting format from UCR to IBR in June 2009.

Significant efforts have been made, starting in FY 2006–07, to reduce drug crime in Asheville. The number of Part I crimes has declined, which is believed to be due in part to the focus on reducing drug crime.

Asheville's costs for police services were up in FY 2007–08 due to the addition of fifteen sworn officers during the year and the final stages of implementation of a market-based pay plan for police officers.

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls are not included in the response time. Due to a better classification of high priority calls at the Asheville communications unit, police have been able to lower their response time to high priority calls.

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Population (OSBM 2011)	85,646
Land Area (Square Miles)	45.40
Persons per Square Mile	1,886
Median Family Income	\$53,350
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	215.0
FTE Positions—Other	50.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	197
Part I Crimes Reported Homicide	10
Rape	32
Robbery	169
Assault	217
Burglary	804
Larceny	3,645
Auto Theft	317
Arson	18
TOTAL	5,212
Part II Crimes Reported	5,076
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	237
Property	<u>1,800</u>
TOTAL	2,037
Poporting Format	IBR
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Number of Calls Dispatched	111,230
Number of Traffic Accidents	4,475
Property Damage for Accidents	\$14,020,341
Full Cost Profile	

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	69.8%
Operating Costs	22.7%
Capital Costs	7.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$15,201,620
Operating Costs	\$4,943,093
Capital Costs	\$1,647,822
TOTAL	\$21,792,535

## Asheville

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Asheville



Benchmarking Average —



#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Asheville \$16,711 \$16,536 \$18,814 \$15,442 \$10,698 Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

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Effectiveness Measures



### Response Time to High Priority Calls in Minutes



## **Burlington**

## **Police Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Burlington Police Department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a telephone response unit, a canine unit, a motorcycle unit, a special response unit, a drug enforcement unit, an animal control officer, and other programs.

The town had 125 sworn officer positions authorized for the year, with an average length of service of ten years. Police services occupies its own separate building. There are also several substations and a separate facility for animal control services and a pet adoption center.

Burlington's uniform patrol officers work a permanent day or night shift with four days on, four days off, for 10.75 hours each day for a total of 2,080 hours per year. The schedule includes eighty-four court hours and forty training hours. Investigators work a forty-hour week of four ten-hour days.

Vehicles are assigned following a take-home policy. All sworn employees with the exception of the Chief, Deputy Chief, and Major have take-home vehicles.

The definition of a high priority call in Burlington is any call requiring immediate police response. This includes crimes in progress where there is a threat to life and officers responding to traffic crashes or other incidents creating a life-threatening situation.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 1,405 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls are not included in the response time.

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Population (OSBM 2011)	51,263
Land Area (Square Miles)	25.21
Persons per Square Mile	2,034
Median Family Income	\$46,461
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Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	125.0
FTE Positions—Other	30.0
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Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	151
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	1
Rape	18
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Robbery	
Assault	292
Burglary	919
Larceny	2,912
Auto Theft	153
Arson	8
TOTAL	4,412
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Part II Crimes Departed	E 042
Part II Crimes Reported	5,043
Part I Crimes Cleared	
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Persons	
Property	<u>1,145</u>
TOTAL	1,405
Reporting Format	IBR
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Number of Calls Dispatched	69,601
Number of Traffic Accidents	2,337
Property Damage for Accidents	\$6,632,068
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Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	80.8%
Operating Costs	19.2%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	· · ·
Personal Services	\$10,710,638
Operating Costs	\$2,539,333
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$13,249,971
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## **Burlington**

## **Police Services**

Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012







Workload Measures





Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$10,000

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Effectiveness Measures Percentage of Part I Cases Cleared



## Response Time



### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Cary Police Department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a motorcycle unit, a special response unit, bicycle patrol, animal control, drug enforcement, a youth services program for public schools, and a canine unit.

The town had 178 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 9.2 years. The primary police headquarters is located in a three-story building shared with the town's technology services department. The department also operates three substations.

In order to provide continuous service to the citizens of Cary, personnel are assigned to permanent shifts. These shifts overlap by design to provide sufficient protection during shift changes and to provide additional coverage during the times of peak activity. Tuesday through Friday the staff consists of three platoons of officers working ten-hour shifts. Saturday through Monday the staff consists of two platoons of officers working twelve-and-a-half-hour shifts. Investigators work on-call schedules and are also scheduled to work some evening hours to ensure coverage during the most active times of the day.

Two uniformed patrol officers are assigned to each marked vehicle. Traffic officers and detectives are assigned individual vehicles. Only the detective on call is allowed to take home a vehicle, and the oncall assignment rotates.

The town defines a high priority call as one which is life-threatening in nature.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 717 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are included in the average response time to high priority calls.

Population (OSBM 2011)	139,172
Land Area (Square Miles)	54.56
Persons per Square Mile	2,551
Median Family Income	\$108,956
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Service Profile	
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FTE Positions—Sworn	178.0
FTE Positions—Other	14.5
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	125
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	2
Rape	11
Robbery	39
Assault	68
Burglary	353
Larceny	1,743
Auto Theft	62
Arson	12
TOTAL	2,290
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Part II Crimes Reported	3,067
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	89
Property	<u>628</u>
TOTAL	717
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispatched	134,172
Number of Traffic Accidents	4,004
Property Damage for Accidents	\$11,530,455
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Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	72.8%
Operating Costs	21.8%
Capital Costs	5.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$17,528,951
Operating Costs	\$5,243,387
Capital Costs	\$1,320,941
TOTAL	\$24,093,279

## **Police Services**

Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer







Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

Effectiveness Measures





## Concord

## **Police Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Concord's police department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a traffic unit, a telephone response unit, a canine unit, a special response unit, a bicycle patrol unit, a drug enforcement unit, and other programs such as school resource officers.

The city had 158.25 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of ten years. The police headquarters is in a new separate building located downtown. Four substations are used, two in fire stations and two in shopping malls.

Uniformed patrol officers work twelve-hour rotating shifts. Investigators work five eight-hour days on first and second shifts. District Commanders have the authority to change individual schedules to meet peak demands.

The city defines high priority emergency calls as those involving an assault in progress, personal injury, breaking and entering, or robbery in progress.

Concord uses a one-on-one car plan. Officers may take their vehicles home if they live in the city or within one mile of the city limits.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 2,049 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls are not included.

Population (OSBM 2011)	80,386
Land Area (Square Miles)	60.28
Persons per Square Mile	1,333
Median Family Income	\$63,643
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
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FTE Positions—Sworn	158.25
FTE Positions—Other	20.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	174
Part I Crimes Reported	-
Homicide	4
Rape	20
Robbery	45
Assault	57
Burglary	515
Larceny	2,669
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Auto Theft	164
Arson	16
TOTAL	3,490
Part II Crimes Reported	2,024
Part I Crimes Cleared	
	78
Persons	
	<u>1,971</u>
Property	
TOTAL	2,049
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## Concord

## **Police Services**

Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012







#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$10,000

\$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Concord \$7,876 \$7,999 \$7,944 \$8,268 \$8,032

Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

Effectiveness Measures



# Response Time to High Priority Calls in Minutes



## Greensboro

## **Police Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greensboro provides comprehensive police services, including patrol, investigations, a traffic unit, a telephone response unit, a forensics laboratory, a canine unit, a motorcycle unit, a special response unit, a bicycle patrol unit, a drug enforcement unit, and a student outreach and recruiting program.

The city had 673 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of ten years. The police department is housed in a downtown facility with other city departments. The city also has three substations that serve as remote line-up facilities.

Patrol officers work a four-days-on and four-days-off fixed schedule. There are four shifts each day, with each patrol officer shift lasting eleven hours. Investigators and administrative personnel work Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Schedules can be adjusted at any time according to call demand, special events, or special incidents.

Line patrol officers do not take vehicles home. Patrol supervisors, division commanders, and some investigators take vehicles home depending on their assignment.

Greensboro defines a high priority emergency call as one where there is a potential for imminent serious injury or death. The police department was successful in clearing a total of 4,122 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are included in the average response time to high priority calls with the exception of traffic stops and report-only calls.

A new dispatch system in Greensboro implemented in FY 2007–08 prevents repeat calls leading to multiple dispatches. If a call comes in from the same area on the same incident, the system will combine the calls rather than generating multiple dispatches. This system change means that the number of dispatched calls for Greensboro declined not because of service changes but due primarily to data reporting differences.

Beginning in FY 2009–10, Greensboro refined its reporting of response time and now only includes patrol calls, which are the majority of calls. Calls to special units are no longer included. A change was also made in the prioritization of calls, which improved response time for the most urgent calls.

Dispatched calls rose noticeably over earlier years due to significant annexations to the city.

Municipal Profile	
Demolation (OODM 0044)	070 400
Population (OSBM 2011)	272,196
Land Area (Square Miles)	127.14
Persons per Square Mile	2,141
Median Family Income	\$52,752
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	673.0
FTE Positions—Other	112.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	240
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	23
Rape	83
Robbery	598
Assault	586
Burglary	3,877
Larceny	8,742
Auto Theft	638
Arson	90
TOTAL	14,637
Part II Crimes Reported	15,584
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	651
Property	<u>3,471</u>
TOTAL	4,122
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispatched	298,045
Number of Traffic Accidents	8,201
Property Damage for Accidents	\$30,999,508
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Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	78.9%
Operating Costs	21.1%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	

Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$53,480,758
Operating Costs	\$14,280,633
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$67,761,391

## Greensboro

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Greensboro



Benchmarking Average —



Workload Measures





Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greensboro \$15,923 \$14,113 \$16,338 \$14,876 \$16,439

Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

Effectiveness Measures





## Greenville

## **Police Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greenville provides a full array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a canine unit, a special response unit, bicycle patrol, and drug enforcement.

The city had 187 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 11.42 years. The police department occupies space in the city government building.

Patrol officers work a rotating schedule of two on/two off/three on/two off/two on/three off. There are four shifts each day for patrol officers, with the shifts lasting eleven hours. Investigators and administrative personnel work Monday through Friday, with eight hour shifts. Schedules are subject to change based on call demand, special events, or unusual events.

Some patrol officers have take-home vehicles. There are seven to eight take-home cars per shift. They are assigned by seniority and whether or not the officer lives in the city limits. Officers on a shift who do not have a take-home car are assigned a pool car to drive each day. All investigators and administation personnel (with one exception) have take-home cars.

Greenville defines high priority emergency calls as those situations that present a potential for imminent serious injury or death. These calls will be dispatched to the first available patrol unit, which may require a citywide dispatch.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 1,135 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greenville joined the project in July 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

Greenville switched to a new records management system near the end of FY 2008–09. Due to complications with the system changeover, the city was not able to provide data on clearances for crimes for FY 2008–09.

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls are not included in the response times.

municipal Profile	
	05 050
Population (OSBM 2011)	85,059
Land Area (Square Miles)	34.70
Persons per Square Mile	2,451
Madian Family Income	¢50.005
Median Family Income	\$50,395
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	187.0
FTE Positions—Other	53.0
Marked and Llowenked Detrol Vehicles	102
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	163
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	9
Rape	15
-	196
Robbery	263
Assault	
Burglary	1,134
Larceny	2,475
Auto Theft	114
Arson	6
TOTAL	4,212
Part II Crimes Reported	5,691
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	228
Property	<u>907</u>
TOTAL	1,135
	1,100
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispatched	83,571
Number of Traffic Accidents	5,644
Property Damage for Accidents	\$13,454,780
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Prookdown by Porcenters	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	70 70/
Personal Services	72.7%

Personal Services	72.7%
Operating Costs	23.6%
Capital Costs	3.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	\$16,521,407 \$5,367,607 <u>\$834,175</u> \$22,723,189

## Greenville

Key: Greenville

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Benchmarking Average —

#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer







Effectiveness Measures





### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Hickory provides a full array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a traffic unit, a laboratory facility, a canine unit, a special response unit, bicycle patrol, a jail/holding facility, animal control, drug enforcement, and a DARE program.

The city had 118 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 9.7 years. The police department occupies its own three-story facility, completed in January 1996. Each of the five community police areas has an office located in its respective community. These offices are not staffed. They are used for interviews, to obtain information, to store supplies, and to make phone calls.

Patrol officers work a fourteen-day, 80.5-hour cycle. During this period, officers work seven 11.5-hour days. Each of the five districts is commanded by a lieutenant who establishes schedules based on need.

Investigators work Monday through Friday, either from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for the second-shift on-call investigators.

Hickory uses the one-officer, one-car plan. Officers take vehicles home if they live in or within one mile of the city. Officers who are members of specialized units needed for emergency response, such as special operations, K-9, or criminial investigations, may also take their vehicles home.

Hickory defines high priority emergency calls as those situations that present an in-progress threat to life or serious property loss. Officers are authorized to utilize blue lights and sirens during responses and may exceed posted speed limits by up to twenty miles per hour.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 940 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are included in the average response time to high priority calls.

Beginning in FY 2007–08, Hickory was no longer including property checks and citizen contacts as part of total service calls for service or dispatches. The decline represents not a drop in service but a change in what was being counted.

Parulation (OSPM 2011)	40.096
Population (OSBM 2011)	40,086
Land Area (Square Miles)	29.72
Persons per Square Mile	1,349
Median Family Income	\$54,093
U.S. Census 2010	<i>vo</i> 1,000
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	118.0
FTE Positions—Other	32.0
	02.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	152
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	3
Rape	16
-	
Robbery	92
Assault	107
Burglary	578
Larceny	2,100
Auto Theft	130
Arson	11
TOTAL	3,037
Part II Crimes Reported	3,618
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	103
Property	<u>837</u>
TOTAL	940
TOTAL	940
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispetabod	66 707
Number of Calls Dispatched	66,707
Number of Traffic Accidents	2,053
Property Damage for Accidents	\$7,251,200
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	74.3%
Operating Costs	19.5%
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Capital Costs	6.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$7,349,211
Operating Costs	\$1,932,055
Capital Costs	\$611,052
TOTAL	\$9,892,318

## **Hickory**

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Hickory



Benchmarking Average —



#### Workload Measures



#### Part I Crimes per 1,000 Population 100 75 50 25 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Hickory 93.6 82.0 79.5 63.5 75.8 Average 65.7 62.2 58.9 53.2 54.7

Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$10,000

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Hickory \$8,851 \$10,659 \$10,732 \$15,903 \$10,524 Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

\$0





## Response Time to High Priority Calls in Minutes



### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

High Point's police department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, traffic, a telephone response unit, a forensics laboratory, a canine unit, a motorcycle unit, a special response unit, a bicycle patrol unit, an animal control function, a drug enforcement unit, and other programs such as school resource officers.

The city had 227 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 10.6 years. The police department is located in a separate building from city hall.

Patrol officers work a 10.5-hour shift on either the first, second, or third shift. Officers are assigned to separate teams and alternate four days on and four days off. In order to provide coverage for peak hours, the second and third shifts overlap by 5.5 hours. This applies to both daytime and night coverage.

Detectives work a twenty-eight-day cycle of five days on and two days off. The first shift is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the second shift is from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Each week, three detectives rotate to cover the second shift.

Each officer is assigned a vehicle. Officers living within the city limits take vehicles home. If the officer lives outside of the city limits, the vehicle must be parked at an approved location within the city.

The city defines high priority emergency calls as those where the threat of physical injury or the level of danger created by a suspect or condition requires such a response.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 2,224 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are not included in the average response time to high priority calls.

### **Municipal Profile**

**Capital Costs** 

TOTAL

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011)	105,498
Land Area (Square Miles)	53.83
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Persons per Square Mile	1,960
Median Family Income	\$49,720
U.S. Census 2010	<i>v</i> 10,120
Service Profile	
	007.0
FTE Positions—Sworn	227.0
FTE Positions—Other	38.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	238
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	2
Rape	25
Robbery	200
Assault	300
Burglary	1,218
Larceny	3,397
Auto Theft	262
Arson	37
TOTAL	5,441
TOTAL	5,441
Part II Crimes Reported	3,415
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	363
Property	<u>1,861</u>
TOTAL	2,224
Reporting Format	UCR
Number of Calls Dispatched	118,549
Number of Traffic Accidents	2,692
Property Damage for Accidents	\$10,983,556
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	72.1%
Operating Costs	22.7%
Capital Costs	5.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	<b>MAD 500 00</b> (
Personal Services	\$18,539,391
Operating Costs	\$5,834,199

## **High Point**

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: High Point



Benchmarking Average —



Workload Measures



#### Part I Crimes per 1,000 Population 100 75 50 25 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 51.6 High Point 68.8 63.6 55.6 51.1 62.2 58.9 53.2 54.7 Average 65.7

Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$10,000

 2008
 2009
 2010
 2011
 2012

 High Point
 \$12,131
 \$11,107
 \$14,289
 \$12,421
 \$11,557

 Average
 \$13,626
 \$13,532
 \$14,953
 \$16,011
 \$16,873

\$0

Effectiveness Measures



# Response Time to High Priority Calls in Minutes



### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Salisbury's police department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, traffic, canine, special response, bicycle patrol, drug enforcement units, animal control, a school program, and other programs.

The city had eighty-one sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 10.9 years. The police department is located in a two-story facility and also has two substations. One substation is located in a neighborhood and one substation is in office space located at Rowan Regional Medical Center.

Uniformed officers work a variety of shift schedules. The most common schedule is one twelve-hour shift, with two days on and two off, three days on and two off, and then two days on and three off. A few officers work 10.5-hour shifts, with four days on and three off. This 10.5-hour shift serves as flex coverage during the day's heaviest call volume period and can be moved according to departmental need.

Officers are assigned a vehicle when hired and are allowed to take it home if they live within Rowan County. If they live within Rowan County but beyond five miles of the city limits, they have to reimburse the city for the cost of mileage in excess of the five miles.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 242 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

The city defines high priority emergency calls as those involving crimes that are in progress or calls that are life-threatening or potentially life-threatening.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are included in the average response time to high priority calls.

Salisbury has increased special initiatives to reduce crime, such as through projects aimed at "hot spots" and aggressive prosecutions through Project Safe.

Municipal Profile	
	00 704
Population (OSBM 2011)	33,704
Land Area (Square Miles)	22.18
Persons per Square Mile	1,519
Median Family Income	\$40,192
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	81.0
FTE Positions—Other	18.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	93
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	4
Rape	11
Robbery	83
Assault	120
Burglary	543
Larceny	1,478
Auto Theft	98
Arson	9
TOTAL	2,346
Part II Crimes Reported	1,664
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	80
Property	<u>162</u>
TOTAL	242
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispatched	31,668
Number of Traffic Accidents	1.711
Property Damage for Accidents	NA
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	57.9%
Operating Costs	33.6%
Capital Costs	8.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	

Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$5,440,316
Operating Costs	\$3,157,116
Capital Costs	\$797,347
TOTAL	\$9,394,779

## Salisbury

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Salisbury



Benchmarking Average —



#### Workload Measures



#### Part I Crimes per 1,000 Population 100 75 50 25 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 85.3 59.7 70.0 69.6 Salisbury 93.7 65.7 62.2 58.9 53.2 54.7 Average

#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000 \$10,000 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Salisbury \$10,586 \$10,603 \$14,177 \$10,523 \$38,821 Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

### Effectiveness Measures





## Wilmington

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wilmington operates a full-service police department, including patrol, investigations, a traffic unit, a telephone response unit, a canine unit, a mounted/equine unit, a special response unit, drug enforcement, a warrants unit, and other crime prevention programs.

The city had 256 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 11.4 years. The police department took occupancy of a new facility early in 2007 located on the northside of the city. The department has one substation housing the special operations division and a second substation for the Southeast Patrol region. There are eight shifts for patrol officers. There are two shifts for investigators, a day shift and an evening one.

Take-home vehicles are assigned at the discretion of the chief or deputy chief. Generally, the chief, deputy chiefs, captains, lieutenants, and sergeants receive take-home cars. Additionally, specialty units such as the emergency response team and traffic are assigned take-home vehicles. Under the Individual Vehicle Assignment Program (IVAP), all sworn personnel with two years of service who live within fifteen miles of the Wilmington city limits are assigned take-home cars.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 1,881 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

Wilmington defines high priority emergency calls as those involving incidents in progress and presenting the potential for injury or property damage or situations where a suspect is at the scene and will elude apprehension or create a potential for personal injury, damage, or loss if officers do not arrive rapidly.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are included in the average response time to high priority calls.

#### **Municipal Profile**

TOTAL

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011)	108,337
Land Area (Square Miles)	51.49
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Persons per Square Mile	2,104
Median Family Income	\$57,892
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	256.0
FTE Positions—Other	50.0
	50.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	270
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	9
Rape	30
Robbery	248
Assault	367
Burglary	1,668
	3,836
Larceny Auto Theft	•
	381
Arson	17
TOTAL	6,556
Part II Crimes Reported	5,538
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	430
Property	<u>1,451</u>
TOTAL	1,881
IOTAL	1,001
Reporting Format	UCR
Number of Calls Dispatched	177,042
Number of Traffic Accidents	3,648
Property Damage for Accidents	\$15,580,433
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	66.8%
Operating Costs	23.9%
Capital Costs	9.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$18,809,321
Operating Costs	\$6,717,875
Capital Costs	\$2,622,741

\$28,149,937

## Wilmington

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Wilmington



Benchmarking Average —



#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000 \$20,000



 Wilmington
 \$18,608
 \$12,925
 \$12,054
 \$15,602
 \$14,965

 Average
 \$13,626
 \$13,532
 \$14,953
 \$16,011
 \$16,873







## Wilson

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wilson's police department provides an array of police services, including patrol, investigations, a telephone response unit, a forensics laboratory, a canine unit, a part-time mounted equine unit, a special response unit, street crimes, drug enforcement, and other services.

The city had 119 sworn officer positions authorized for the fiscal year, with an average length of service of 9.3 years. The main police department headquarters is located in downtown Wilson, housing administration, records, property, major case investigations, police information services, victim services, evidence, and recruitment and training. There are six substations.

Patrol officers work twelve-hour shifts, working fourteen days of a twenty-eight day cycle (168 hours). Shifts are either 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and are rotated every two weeks. Department needs may cause shifts to vary. Investigators generally work eight-hour shifts five days per week. Shifts are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each patrol officer is assigned a vehicle and may take the vehicle home if he or she resides in the city. Officers living outside the city limits park their vehicles at businesses.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 950 Part I cases in FY 2011–12.

Wilson defines high priority emergency calls as calls related to crimes in progress that require immediate response: murder, rape, robbery, burglary, arson/fire, and assaults.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first unit to arrive. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are not included in the average response time to high priority calls.

### **Municipal Profile**

TOTAL

Deputation (OCDM 2011)	40 100
Population (OSBM 2011)	49,122 28.78
Land Area (Square Miles)	
Persons per Square Mile	1,707
Median Family Income	\$43,442
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Sworn	119.0
FTE Positions—Other	15.0
	15.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	139
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	8
Rape	1
Robbery	69
Assault	140
Burglary	714
Larceny	1,620
Auto Theft	132
Arson	16
TOTAL	2,700
Part II Crimes Reported	3,701
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	147
Property	<u>803</u>
TOTAL	<u>950</u>
IOTAL	950
Reporting Format	UCR
Number of Calls Dispatched	92,947
Number of Traffic Accidents	2,043
Property Damage for Accidents	NA
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	64.4%
Operating Costs	28.4%
Capital Costs	7.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$9,630,848
	\$9,030,040 \$4,244,217
Operating Costs	
Capital Costs	\$1,088,679

\$14,963,744

### Wilson

## **Police Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Wilson



Benchmarking Average —



#### Workload Measures



#### Part I Crimes per 1,000 Population 100 75 50 25 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 49.9 47.1 52.2 50.6 55.0 Wilson 65.7 62.2 58.9 53.2 54.7 Average

#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





**Police Services Cost** per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000



Wilson \$11,835 \$14,532 \$13,778 \$17,735 \$15,751 Average \$13,626 \$13,532 \$14,953 \$16,011 \$16,873

### Effectiveness Measures









## Winston-Salem

## **Police Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Winston-Salem provides an array of police services to its citizens, including patrol, investigations, a traffic enforcement unit, a DWI Task Force, a telephone response unit, a canine unit, a special response unit, bicycle patrol, drug enforcement, a gang unit, and other crime prevention programs.

The city had 561 sworn officer positions authorized for FY 2011–12, with an average length of service of 10.9 years. The police department occupies the public safety center. It houses the police department, emergency communications, and the fire department administration. The special investigations division occupies offices in leased space in another facility. A downtown bike patrol office is maintained in the central downtown area.

The department employs a forward-rotating schedule of five shifts. Officers work five days on and four days off. Shifts are ten hours in length. The majority of investigators work Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Patrol vehicles are assigned to individual officers. Officers residing within Forsyth County take their vehicles home. If officers reside outside of the county, they park their vehicles in a residential or business area within the city limits.

The police department was successful in clearing a total of 5,098 Part I crimes in FY 2011–12.

Winston-Salem defines highest priority emergency calls as those dealing with a significant threat of imminent injury to persons or with crimes against persons that are in progress or just occurred and where the suspect is still there.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The average response time to high priority calls reflects the response time of the first arriving unit. Self-initiated calls with a response time of zero are included in the average response time to high priority calls.

The Winston-Salem Police Department does not investigate arsons, so arsons are not included in the crimes reported here. Arson investigations are handled by the Winston-Salem Fire Department.

For FY 2011–12, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System contracted with the Winston-Salem Police Department for the provision of eighteen school resource officers to serve fourteen middle and high schools within Winston-Salem. The school system reimburses the city for eleven months of the cost of the officers.

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Population (OSBM 2011)	232,143
Land Area (Square Miles)	132.45
Persons per Square Mile	1,753
Median Family Income	\$51,491
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
	504.0
FTE Positions—Sworn	561.0
FTE Positions—Other	116.0
Marked and Unmarked Patrol Vehicles	424
Part I Crimes Reported	
Homicide	11
Rape	103
Robbery	454
Assault	1,146
Burglary	4,841
Larceny	8,834
Auto Theft	741
Arson	0
TOTAL	16,130
Part II Crimes Reported	34,738
Part I Crimes Cleared	
Persons	976
Property	<u>4,122</u>
TOTAL	5,098
TOTAL	5,096
Reporting Format	IBR
Number of Calls Dispatched	253,602
Number of Traffic Accidents	8,514
Property Damage for Accidents	\$25,023,050
Full Cost Profile	

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	75.4%
Operating Costs	16.8%
Capital Costs	7.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$47,674,437
Operating Costs	\$10,603,064
Capital Costs	\$4,941,746
TOTAL	\$63,219,247

## Winston-Salem

Key: Winston-Salem

Benchmarking Average —

Police Services







#### Efficiency Measures



Part I Cases Cleared per Sworn Officer





Police Services Cost per Part I Case Cleared \$40,000 \$30,000



 Winston-Salem
 \$11,488\$11,138\$12,055\$12,500\$12,401

 Average
 \$13,626\$13,532\$14,953\$16,011\$16,873









# Performance and Cost Data

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

This service refers to the receipt and handling of 911 and other calls by an emergency communications center. Such a center must answer all calls, including those that come in over 911 lines and others that come over regular phone lines. Some calls result in the dispatch of a police or other emergency response unit. Others do not.

#### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

# 1. Number of Calls Answered and Number of Calls Dispatched per 1,000 Population

These are used as measures of workload. All calls coming into a police emergency communications center must be answered; therefore these measures assess service workload. Calls coming into a center also reflect actual or existing, if not full potential, need for emergency communications services. Many calls coming into a center are dispatched. Others come in over regular telephone lines, and still others may be referred to the center by an external call-taker, such as a county emergency communications center.

#### 2. Telecommunicators

Telecommunicators are the personnel who handle the calls in the communication centers. They may take calls, dispatch calls, or do both. Telecommunicators receive specialized training. They work on a shift schedule that generally allows twenty-four-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week coverage.

# 3. Average Number of Seconds from Initial Ring to Answer and Percentage of Calls Answered within Twenty Seconds

These are effectiveness measures that assess how quickly telecommunicators answer calls.

#### 4. Average Processing Time (Seconds)

This is an effectiveness measure, representing the average time in seconds between when the telecommunicator answers the telephone and when Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) entry begins. This measure is often referred to as "talk time."

#### 5. For Calls Dispatched, Average Number of Seconds from CAD Entry to Dispatch—Highest Priority Calls

Some calls result in the dispatch of a police or other emergency response unit to a threatening or other similar emergency situation. Other calls result in a dispatch to a serious—but not emergency—situation. Other calls do not result in a dispatch. This measure assesses dispatch time for high priority, emergency situations.

# **Emergency Communications**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

City or Town	Population Served	Number of FTEs	Average Length of Service for Call Takers (in Years)	Total Incoming Calls Handled	Total E-911 Calls Handled	Total Dispatches	Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatches
Apex	38,696	11.0	12.5	31,311	1,574	41,393	5,183
Asheville	85,646	24.0	8.3	209,646	31,240	111,230	45,917
Burlington	51,263	14.0	6.0	128,387	22,690	88,022	30,761
Cary	139,172	23.0	5.5	204,796	78,085	135,303	55,330
Concord	80,386	21.5	7.6	109,865	28,263	100,441	35,914
Greensboro	495,231	102.0	7.7	637,190	388,176	417,114	157,065
Greenville	85,059	17.0	11.3	96,342	28,031	83,571	NA
Hickory	40,086	13.0	9.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
High Point	105,498	27.0	12.0	274,649	88,617	137,693	86,103
Salisbury	33,704	10.0	7.3	68,897	12,364	32,174	NA
Winston- Salem	232,143	49.0	8.3	505,745	220,438	280,119	NA

#### NOTES

The population served by the municipal emergency communications center may go beyond municipal boundaries up to the entire county in cases where the service is a consolidated center.

### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected emergency communication performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Types of emergency response units dispatched, such as police, fire, and EMS

Number and proportion of nonemergency calls received by center

Types of assistance or advice, such as medical, that telecommunicators provide over the phone

Technology available to telecommunication centers

City's definition of what constitutes an "emergency" and "highest priority" call

Service to city only or to city and outlying areas

Training of telecommunicators

Demographic makeup of community

Organizational configuration and staffing for service

# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Apex Emergency Communications Center is a division within the Apex Police Department. This center is a secondary public safety answering point within Wake County, using Raleigh computer-aided dispatch as a remote position. The communications center dispatches calls for police, fire, public works, and utilities.

The town owns a 150-foot radio tower which is tied into the Wake County radio system. The system is an 800 MHz system tied into the state VIPER system for radio operations.

Apex's emergency communications center handled a total of 31,311 incoming calls in the fiscal year and dispatched 41,393 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as those with immediate life or property risk or in-progress calls.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

CAD entry for Apex does not begin immediately but is activated by operators.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	38,696 15.63 2,477
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201
County	Wake
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Secondary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes Yes
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	10.0 
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	12.5 years
Total Incoming Calls	31,311
Total 911 Calls	1,574
Total Calls Dispatched	41,393
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	5,183
Revenue from E-911 Fees	None

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	71.1%
Operating Costs	21.7%
Capital Costs	7.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$770,707
Operating Costs	\$235,375
Capital Costs	\$78,053
TOTAL	\$1,084,135

Full Coot Drofile

### Apex

### **Emergency Communications**

Key: Apex Benchmarking Average



# Asheville

# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

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#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Asheville's Communication Unit handles emergency calls for police and other assistance calls coming into its center from the city. The center is organizationally located in the Support Services Division of the police department. The city handles adminstrative calls, requests for police response, and E-911 calls.

The communications center operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, using three rotating shifts. The communications center uses a call-taker for its E-911 emergency calls. Buncombe County takes such calls and directs them by computer to the city's communication center. Non-emergency calls, however, come directly into the city's communications center.

The city owns its communications infrastructure, consisting of three towers. One tower is used for repeated radio communications, while the other two towers are stand-alone sites which require officers/telecommunicators to manually switch channels. The city used the Motorola Simulcast.

Asheville's emergency communications center handled a total of 209,646 incoming calls in the fiscal year and dispatched 111,230 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as crimes in progress and situations that are property- or life- threatening.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

CAD entry is an immediate action beginning when a telecommunicator hits "new call" or "new event." Asheville's community policing initiative encourages citizens to report criminal activity, and this has generated more calls over time. The wider use of cell phones has also made it easier for citizens to respond immediately, which has probably increased calls as well.

Asheville's communication unit has made an effort to better categorize high priority calls, which has helped reduce the time between the start of CAD entry to dispatch.

85,646 45.40 1,886
\$53,350
Buncombe
Secondary
Yes No Yes
21.0 3.0 24.0
8.3 years
209,646
31,240
111,230
45,917

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	59.6%
Operating Costs	39.4%
Capital Costs	1.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,174,068
Operating Costs	\$777,432
Capital Costs	\$19,292
TOTAL	\$1,970,792

### Asheville

### **Emergency Communications**

Key: Asheville

Benchmarking Average



# **Burlington**

# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The emegency communications center is a division within the Burlington Police Department. The unit is responsible for dispatching police and fire personnel for the city.

Burlington uses a mixed-mode analog/digital twenty-eightchannel trunked system with five towers shared with Greensboro and Guilford County. The communications infrastructure is a joint venture with Guilford County and the City of Greensboro. Burlington owns the subscriber units and infrastructure on its end of the system. The system is interfaced with the original Guilford/Greensboro system.

Burlington's communication center handled a total of 128,387 incoming calls in the fiscal year, dispatching 88,022 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as any report that relates to a significant threat of imminent injury to a person or substantial damage to property.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

CAD entry is an immediate action with a new call or command line keystroke initiation.

The drop in the measure "average time in seconds from CAD entry to dispatch " primarily reflects a change in reporting rather than service changes. In the earlier years, some calls which did not require an ermergency response were being included. The lastest data is a more accurate reflection as it only includes calls for service requiring an emergency response.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	51,263 25.21 2,034
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$46,461
County	Alamance
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Secondary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes Yes
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	12.0 2.0 14.0
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	6.0 years
Total Incoming Calls	128,387
Total 911 Calls	22,690
Total Calls Dispatched	88,022
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	30,761
Revenue from E-911 Fees	None

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	65.2%
Operating Costs	32.8%
Capital Costs	2.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$657,825
Operating Costs	\$330,664
Capital Costs	\$20,477
TOTAL	\$1,008,966

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### **Burlington**

### **Emergency Communications**

Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average



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Full Cost Profile

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Cary Police Department handles all emergency and nonemergency communications for the town of Cary, dispatching all police and fire services for the town. The communications center is staffed with full-time telecommunicators, including five shift supervisors, who answer all emergency and non-emergency calls for service.

Cary uses the Motorola SmartNet 800 MHz radio system, with all the radio equipment being owned by the town. The town has two emergency back-up channels, one for police and one for fire. The transmission tower is located ten miles south of the communications center and is linked via microwave.

Cary's center handled a total of 204,796 calls in the fiscal year, dispatching 135,303 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as any report that relates to a significant threat of imminent injury to a person or substantial damage to property.

Cary received \$423,781 in E-911 revenues to support system operations.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

During FY 2011, the Town of Cary switched to a new Computer-Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system. The new CAD system has a manual dispatch, where the old system did this automatically. The process change has resulted in the average seconds for dispatch increasing over the prior year. As the telecommunicators have become familiar with the system, the average dispatch time is expected to come back down.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	139,172 54.56 2,551
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956
County	Wake
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Primary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes Yes
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	21.0 2.0 23.0
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	5.5 years
Total Incoming Calls	204,796
Total 911 Calls	78,085
Total Calls Dispatched	135,303
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	55,330
Revenue from E-911 Fees	\$423,781

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	71.6%
Operating Costs	25.8%
Capital Costs	2.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,221,065
Operating Costs	\$801,798
Capital Costs	\$79,022
TOTAL	\$3,101,885

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# **Emergency Communications**



# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Concord's emergency communications center handles E-911 and non-emergency calls for the city. The emergency communications function of the city is separate from the police and fire functions and does not answer or transfer administrative calls for those departments. The emergency communications center does answer calls for utility and other city departments after hours, which is reflected in the number of incoming calls.

The city uses an 800 MHz system, which is a twelvechannel, five-site system shared with Cabarrus County and the City of Kannapolis.

Concord's center handled a total of 109,865 calls in the fiscal year, dispatching 100,441 calls.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	80,386 60.28 1,333
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643
County	Cabarrus
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Primary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes Yes
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	20.5 1.0 21.5
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	7.6 years
Total Incoming Calls	109,865
Total 911 Calls	28,263
Total Calls Dispatched	100,441
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	35,914
Revenue from E-911 Fees	None

Full Cost Profile	
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Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	84.0%
Operating Costs	14.6%
Capital Costs	1.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,100,667
Operating Costs	\$191,150
Capital Costs	\$18,772
TOTAL	\$1,310,589

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### Concord

### **Emergency Communications**

Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average



#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

Municipal Profile

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Guilford Metro 911 operates under an interlocal agreement between the City of Greensboro and Guilford County. The public safety answering point serves as a separate department providing emergency communications for the City of Greensboro, Guilford County, and Gibsonville (except for the City of High Point Police and Fire). The services include dispatch and call intake for all law agencies, fire agencies, and EMS. The consolidation process enabled the first update of all 911 equipment in ten years and the creation of a back-up E-911 center to improve disaster preparedness. These changes contributed to slightly higher operational costs.

Guilford Metro 911 uses a twenty-eight-channel Motorola SmartNet 800 MHz radio system. The system has five tower sites and is jointly owned with Guilford County.

Greensboro's communication center handled a total of 637,190 incoming calls in the fiscal year, dispatching 417,114 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as call types that require the fastest response, such as shootings, robberies, and domestic violence.

Greensboro received \$1,620,000 in E-911 revenues to support system operations.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	495,231 649.42 763
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$52,752
County	Guilford
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Primary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes Yes
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	92.0 10.0 102.0
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	7.7 years
Total Incoming Calls	637,190
Total 911 Calls	388,176
Total Calls Dispatched	417,114
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	157,065
Revenue from E-911 Fees	\$1,620,000

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	68.9%
Operating Costs	31.1%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$6,032,470
Operating Costs	\$2,726,544
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$8,759,014

### Greensboro

### **Emergency Communications**

Key: Greensboro

Benchmarking Average

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# Greenville

# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greenville's emergency communications center is a secondary public safety answering point, with Pitt County being the primary answering point. Pitt County initially receives all 911 calls and dispatches fire and EMS calls inside the city limits. All 911 calls for police services are transferred to the Greenville Police Department emergency communications center for dispatch. Calls can also be directly made to the police department over a dedicated emergency line.

The city does not own its own communications system and infrastructure. Greenville operates on the VIPER system maintained by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. This system if fully maintained and operated by the state. The system has one tower located within the city limits and fully supports communication interoperability among all law enforcement agencies in Pitt County and with Greenville Fire/Rescue and East Care medical transport.

Greenville's center took in 96,342 incoming calls in the fiscal year and dispatched 83,571 calls.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Greenville joined the project in 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

The system in use during most of the fiscal year required that a unicode for the incident type and a location be entered before the CAD entry could be started. Starting in June 2009, a new system allowed CAD entry to be automatically generated by hitting a "New Call" icon.

Telecommunicators in Greenville are also tasked with overseeing public safety cameras through several large monitors. When needed, they are instructed to log events requiring a response as service calls when required. This video monitoring results in higher staffing needs in the emergency communications center.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	85,059 34.07 2,496
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$50,395
County	Pitt
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Primary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes No No
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	16.0 1.0 17.0
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	11.3 years
Total Incoming Calls	96,342
Total 911 Calls	28,031
Total Calls Dispatched	83,571
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	NA
Revenue from E-911 Fees	\$441,535

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	60.0%
Operating Costs	36.4%
Capital Costs	3.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,236,051
Operating Costs	\$749,969
Capital Costs	\$72,501
TOTAL	\$2,058,521

### Greenville

# **Emergency Communications**

Key: Greenville  Benchmarking Average

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#### Workload Measures







Efficiency Measures

18,000

12,000

6,000

Greenville

Average

0 2008

Calls Answered per Telecommunicator





#### **Emergency Communications Cost** per Call Dispatched

25.0% 23.9% 26.0% 26.0% 28.5%

Average



#### Effectiveness Measures

10,636

Number of Seconds



2009

11,184

9,632 9,119

2010

2011

7,108

8,098

2012

6,021

7,986





Percent of E-911 Calls Answered

within Twenty Seconds





#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

Municipal Profile

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Hickory's emergency communications center is a secondary public safety answering point, with Catawba County being the primary answering point. Catwaba County initially receives all 911 calls and dispatches fire and EMS calls inside the city limits. All 911 calls for police services are transferred to the emergency communications center for dispatch. Any emergency calls for other city services are transferred to the emergency communications center between 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The city owns its communications system and infrastructure. It uses an Ericson 800 MHz radio system. There is one 1,350-foot tower and antennas at two other sites. The system serves approximately 200 users in five city departments.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

During FY 2011–12, the software tracking emergency communication calls crashed, and the data for calls could not be recovered for the enitre year.

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

Incoming calls in Hickory are down because of changes in how calls are routed. Several special units now have their own administrative phones, so calls no longer come through the emergency communications center. Additionally, the animal control unit's operations were moved out of the police department, so their calls are now being fed through code enforcement.

#### Population (OSBM 2011) 40,086 Land Area (Square Miles) 29,717.00 Persons per Square Mile 1 Median Family Income \$54.093 U.S. Census 2010 Catawba County Service Profile Primary or Secondary Answering Point Secondary Calls Dispatched Police Yes Fire No Other No FTE Positions 13.0 Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other 0.0 **Total Positions** 13.0 Average Length of Service for Call-Takers 9.4 years **Total Incoming Calls** NA Total 911 Calls NA **Total Calls Dispatched** NA Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch NA Revenue from E-911 Fees None

# Full Cost Profile Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs

Capital Costs	1.570
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$667,013
Operating Costs	\$108,136
Capital Costs	\$14,881
TOTAL	\$790,030

84.4%

13.7%

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### **Hickory**

# **Emergency Communications**

Key: Hickory

Benchmarking Average



# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

High Point's emergency communications center is a civilianstaffed and city-managed department. The center functions as a primary public safety answering point, dispatching all police and fire calls within the city; medical calls are routed to Guilford County EMS.

The center has ten consoles, seven of which are dispatch positions. Operations are conducted by four teams of five telecommunicators and a supervisor. All telecommunicators are cross-trained in fire and police dispatch and function as call-takers and dispatchers. Personnel assigned to the center work rotating twelve-hour shifts.

The city of High Point owns its communications infrastructure. Communications utilizes an 800 MHz radio system that implements analog and digital talk groups. The city uses a Motorola SmartNet system with three towers.

High Point's center handled a total of 274,649 calls in the fiscal year, dispatching 137,693 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as situations likely to result in loss of life, injury, or property damage and crimes in progress.

High Point received \$443,675 in E-911 revenues to support system operations.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

High Point was unable to provide data on certain measures, given a change in technology.

High Point made a concentrated effort to reduce the time from the start of CAD entry to dispatch in FY 2008, including daily review of center performance at the end of each day. Additionally, there were several new employees in the prior year, so as they have become more experienced, they have become more proficient.

There was a high volume of personnel exits in the police department during FY 2010–11 due to retirements and resignations, and because of a city-wide hiring freeze many positions were left vacant. As a result, there were fewer officers on the street to respond to disptached calls, resulting in a higher dispatch response time.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	105,498 53.83 1,960
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$49,720
County	Guilford
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Primary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes No
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	26.0 1.0 27.0
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	12.0 years
Total Incoming Calls	274,649
Total 911 Calls	88,617
Total Calls Dispatched	137,693
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	86,103
Revenue from E-911 Fees	\$443,675

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	78.8%
Operating Costs	20.9%
Capital Costs	0.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,062,440
Operating Costs	\$546,932
Capital Costs	\$8,263
TOTAL	\$2,617,635

### **High Point**

# **Emergency Communications**

Key: High Point

Benchmarking Average



# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The emergency communications center is located in the police department and processes 911 emergency and nonemergency calls. Fire and EMS calls are handled by Rowan County. Many of the calls come directly to the center. Others from city residents go initially to the Rowan County communications center and are then immediately switched to the city's police communications center. The city's center operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

The city owns its communications equipment, including infrastructure. The system is a Motorola 800 MHz trunked SmartNet system with a single, twenty-channel analog site and two GHz microwave sites.

Salisbury's communication center reported total incoming calls of 68,897 for the fiscal year, dispatching 32,174 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as those involving crimes in progress and calls involving injury or imminent injury to a person.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

Salisbury was unable to provide data for some of the effectiveness measures, given the structure of its database.

The money collected from the E-911 fee in Salisbury all goes to Rowan County.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	33,704 22.18 1,519
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192
County	Rowan
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Secondary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes No No
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	10.0 
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	7.3 years
Total Incoming Calls	68,897
Total 911 Calls	12,364
Total Calls Dispatched	32,174
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	NA
Revenue from E-911 Fees	None

Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	54.8%
Operating Costs	40.2%
Capital Costs	4.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$486,873
Operating Costs	\$357,212
Capital Costs	\$43,609
TOTAL	\$887,694

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### Salisbury

### **Emergency Communications**

Key: Salisbury  Benchmarking Average

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2012

2011

3.26 2 97

2.53 2.51



#### **Efficiency Measures**

2008 2009

2,649

2,612 2,288

1,500

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Salisbury

Average

Calls Answered per Telecommunicator

2,396

2010

2,120

2,138

2011

1,872

1,935 1,785

2012

2,044



#### **Calls Dispatched** per Telecommunicator



#### **Emergency Communications Cost** per Call Dispatched



#### Effectiveness Measures

Number of Seconds from Initial Ring to Answer







Average Time in Seconds from CAD Entry to Dispatch for Priority One Calls



# Winston-Salem

# **Emergency Communications**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Winston-Salem's emergency communications center is part of the police department and handles 911 and nonemergency calls for police and fire. Calls received for EMS, the Sheriff's Office, county fire, and the highway patrol are transferred to the appropriate agency. All telecommunicators are hired and trained as call-takers and dispatchers.

The city owns the infrastructure but contracts with local vendors to provide telecommunications services. The City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County implemented a voice radio system in October 2004. The Motoroloa ASTRO 800 MHz Trunked Simulcast system is made up of eight tower sites utilizing fifteen channels. The Winston-Salem Police Department uses a non-trunked 800 MHz system for the mobile data system, with one transmitter site using three channels.

Winston-Salem's center handled a total of 505,745 calls in the fiscal year, dispatching 280,119 calls. The city defines highest priority emergency calls as calls with a significant threat of imminent injury to persons or calls for crimes against persons that are in progress or just occurred and the suspect is still there.

# Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The measure "percent of E-911 calls answered within twenty seconds" is a new measure added for FY 2009–10.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	232,143 132.45 1,753
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491
County	Forsyth
Service Profile	
Primary or Secondary Answering Point	Primary
Calls Dispatched Police Fire Other	Yes Yes No
FTE Positions Telecommunicators/Call-Takers Other Total Positions	48.0  49.0
Average Length of Service for Call-Takers	8.3 years
Total Incoming Calls	505,745
Total 911 Calls	220,438
Total Calls Dispatched	280,119
Outgoing Calls Other than Dispatch	NA
Revenue from E-911 Fees	\$575,323

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	69.2%
Operating Costs	26.6%
Capital Costs	4.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,724,017
Operating Costs	\$1,048,194
Capital Costs	\$165,315
TOTAL	\$3,937,526

### Winston-Salem

# **Emergency Communications**

Key: Winston-Salem

Benchmarking Average

**Emergency Communications FTEs** 

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#### Efficiency Measures

Calls Answered per Telecommunicator



#### Calls Dispatched per Telecommunicator



#### Emergency Communications Cost per Call Dispatched



#### Effectiveness Measures

Number of Seconds from Initial Ring to Answer













# Performance and Cost Data

ASPHALT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR ASPHALT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

Asphalt Maintenance and Repair includes the activities of pothole repair, repaving, surface treatment, structure adjustments, milling, and utility cuts. It does not include reconstruction, handicap ramps, storm drainage, sidewalks, curb and gutter, right of way maintenance, street cleaning and sweeping, pavement marking, lane widening, unpaved street maintenance, or snow and ice removal.

#### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 1. Lane Miles Maintained

This measure refers to total lane miles that a municipality maintains, including state streets and municipal streets. The standard lane mile is 12 feet in width and 5,280 feet in length. Some jurisdictions do not track lane miles. Therefore, a methodology must be employed to calculate lane miles for participation.

#### 2. Potholes and Utility Cuts per Lane Mile

Breaks in pavement due to potholes or to intentional utility cuts affects asphalt maintenance workload in the short term and long term because of breaks in the pavement integrity.

#### 3. Cost of Road Treatment per Lane Mile

This is the cost of different types of asphalt treatment that a municipality may use to maintain or repair roads. Treatments include preservation work such as crack or slurry sealing, resurfacing, which is typically one to two inches of new asphalt, and rehabilitation, which combines resurfacing with milling work to repair more damaged roads.

#### 4. Cost of Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Total cost of asphalt maintenance and repair represents the total direct, indirect, and capital costs taken from the accounting form. "Cost of maintenance" represents total cost from the accounting form minus cost of any treatment efforts by contract and municipal crews.

#### 5. Percentage of Street Segments Rated 85 or Better and Below 45

Many municipalities use standard rating systems for assessing street pavement condition. These systems apply professionally determined criteria and embody scales that provide relatively objective ratings. These measures indicate the proportion of street segments that are rated 85 or better, which is good condition, and those rated below 45, which is poor condition, on the most recent street pavement assessment.

#### 6. Percentage of Potholes Repaired Within Twenty-Four Hours

Repair of potholes in a timely manner is important for maintaining pavement integrity and minimizing further damage to the street and vehicle traffic.

### Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

#### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

			Total Lane Miles Treated by Type		Percent Treated				
City or Town	Lane Miles Maintained	Number of Registered Motor Vehicles	Preservation	Resurfacing	Rehabilitation	Preservation	Resurfacing	Rehabilitation	FTE Positions for City Staff
Apex	254.2	30,408	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	8.0
Asheville	711.6	65,419	1.0	5.4	1.9	0.1%	0.8%	0.3%	23.1
Burlington	533.4	NA	18.6	8.1	0.0	3.5%	1.5%	0.0%	6.0
Cary	935.8	111,120	0.0	10.8	0.2	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	14.5
Charlotte	5245.8	537,535	26.2	75.9	157.7	0.5%	1.4%	3.0%	121.0
Concord	670.3	60,675	8.6	11.6	5.1	1.3%	1.7%	0.8%	10.0
Greensboro	3630.0	NA	41.5	39.7	1.5	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	51.0
Greenville	611.0	53,289	7.3	0.0	6.3	1.2%	0.0%	1.0%	10.0
Hickory	719.2	31,472	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	7.0
High Point	1476.0	60,084	0.0	6.4	4.7	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	15.3
Salisbury	343.9	21,964	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%	3.3
Wilmington	796.8	120,832	2.0	0.9	1.3	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	14.0
Wilson	687.7	38,023	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	5.5
Winston- Salem	2180.6	169,337	38.2	16.6	23.0	1.8%	0.8%	1.1%	43.3

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected asphalt maintenance and repair performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Costs of materials in different cities Weather conditions and terrain Vehicle burden placed on streets Age of street infrastructure Depth of materials applied in repaving Extent of contracting

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Apex's Streets Department was responsible for maintaining 254 lane miles during FY 2011–12. The Streets Department is part of the Public Works and Utilites Division for the town.

The town treated 7.7 lane miles during the fiscal year, equating to approximately 3.0 percent of total lane miles. All of this work was rehabilitation work, meaning both milling and resurfacing. The work was done by a contractor, with the average depth used at 1.2 inches. The contractor used 8,928 tons of asphalt for the resurfacing.

The city reported that 79 percent of its lane miles were rated 85 or better on the pavement condition rating. The rating was performed by US Infrastructure using windshield survey in 2011. The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was thirty-one.

The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was approximately 85 percent. The town only repairs within one day those potholes which are considered large and dangerous. Smaller potholes are repaired when the streets crews can get to them.

The Streets Department also repaired eighty-five utility cuts and made a large number of maintenance patches requiring 4,723 tons of asphalt.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

### 2011–12

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	38,696 15.63 2,477
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	5.00 3.00
Lane Miles Maintained	254.2
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	0.0 0.0 7.7 7.7
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$757,653
Potholes Repaired	31
Number of Utility Cuts	85
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	NA
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	30,408 1,946
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$72.84

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	19.7%
Operating Costs	71.5%
Capital Costs	8.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$395,701
Operating Costs	\$1,438,568
Capital Costs	\$177,807
TOTAL	\$2,012,076

### Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

#### Key: Apex 🔳

Benchmarking Average —



# Asheville

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Asheville was responsible for maintaining 712 lane miles during FY 2011–12. The city treated 8.3 lane miles during the year, equating to approximately 1.2 percent of total lane miles.

Most of the repair work done was resurfacing. All of the work completed was done by city crews. A total of 10,477 tons of asphalt was used, with an average depth laid of 2.5 inches.

The city reported that 2.7 percent of its lane miles were rated 85 or above on its most recent street pavement condition rating. This rating was done by in-house staff using ITRE in 2009.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 2,732. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was approximately 99 percent.

The city has a permitting system for any utility cuts that must be made either by city or contractor crews. A total of 986 utility cuts were repaired during the year.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Due to the somewhat harsher mountain weather in Asheville compared to the other benchmarking partners, problems with pavement, such as potholes, tend to be more common. there

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

The large number of construction utility cuts reduced the amount of preventive maintenance work that the street crews were able to manage during the year.

### r 2011–12

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	85,646 45.40 1,886
Topography	Hill, Mountains
Climate	Moderate; ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	21.00 2.10
Lane Miles Maintained	711.6
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	1.0 5.4 <u>1.9</u> 8.3
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	NA
Potholes Repaired	2,732
Number of Utility Cuts	966
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	NA
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	65,419 1,441
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$90.50

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	34.1%
Operating Costs	57.0%
Capital Costs	8.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,377,565
Operating Costs	\$2,305,770
Capital Costs	\$361,589
TOTAL	\$4,044,924

### **Asheville**

### Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Asheville  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012









#### Efficiency Measures





#### Cost per Lane Mile for Resurfacing Treatment \$3,000





#### Effectiveness Measures











# **Burlington**

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Burlington was responsible for maintaining 533 lane miles during FY 2011–12. The city treated a total of 26.7 lane miles, equating to approximately 5.0 percent of total lane miles.

Of the street work done, 18.6 miles were given preservation treatment such as crack sealing or thin overlays. Resurfacing work was done on 8.1 miles. All of the work involving resurfacing was done by contractors ,who used 5,663 tons of asphalt and laid an average 1.5 inch thickness on repaired pavement. The preservation work was done by contractors and city crews.

The city reported that 73 percent of its street lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent rating. The most recent study relied on USI-ITRE and was conducted in 2012.

The city reported a total of sixty-three potholes ,with 100 percent of them repaired within twenty-four hours. The city takes a proactive approach and eliminates many potential potholes before they form. The city covers one-sixth of the city each month looking for potential problems. There were 115 utility cuts in roads repaired during the year, with the repairs being done by the city after private utilities got a permit.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

#### **Municipal Profile** Population (OSBM 2011) 51.263 Land Area (Square Miles) 25.21 Persons per Square Mile 2,034 Flat; gently rolling Topography Temperate; little ice Climate and snow Service Profile FTE Positions—Crews 5.00 FTE Positions—Other 1.00 Lane Miles Maintained 533.4 Lane Miles Treated Preservation 18.6 Resurfacing 8.1 Rehabilitation 0.0 TOTAL 26.7 Total Costs for All Treatment Types \$627,470

Potholes Repaired	63
Number of Utility Cuts	115
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	NA
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	NA NA
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt	\$80.10

#### **Full Cost Profile**

during Year

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	9.9%
Operating Costs	71.5%
Capital Costs	18.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$263,449
Operating Costs	\$1,895,606
Capital Costs	\$493,394
TOTAL	\$2,652,449

### **Burlington**

### Asphalt Maintenance and Repair



Cost per Lane Mile for Rehabilitation Treatment \$3.000 \$2,000

\$1,665 \$1,787 \$1,854 \$2,110 \$2,333





Average





Average

25%

20%

15%

10%

5%

0%

Burlington

Average

2008



Percent of Lane Miles

Rated Below 45

2009

2010

2011

3.0%

7.6%



\$87

\$82

2012

2.0%

7.0%

Average





\$1,133 \$726

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#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Cary was responsible for maintaining 936 lane miles during FY 2011–12. A total of 11.0 lane miles received some form of repair work, equating to approximately 1.2 percent of total lane miles.

For repair work done, 10.8 lane miles were resurfaced by contract crews and an additional 0.2 lane miles were rehabilitated by contractors with milling followed by resurfacing. A total of 5,631 tons of asphalt was used during the fiscal year by contractors for these resurfacing projects. The average resurfacing depth used was 1.32 inches by contractor crews.

The town reported that 38 percent of its street segments rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating. The most recent study relied on US Infrastructure of Carolinas using ITRE and was conducted in 2011.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was sixty-seven. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 93 percent.

A total of 204 utility cuts were made and repaired during the year. The town repairs its own cuts within five days. Other planned utility cuts require a permit before breaking pavement.

A total of 117 maintenance patches were also made during the year to fix problems other than utility cuts and potholes.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010-11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	139,172 54.56 2,551
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	12.50 2.00
Lane Miles Maintained	935.8
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	0.0 10.8 0.2 11.0
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$1,002,500
Potholes Repaired	67
Number of Utility Cuts	204
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	117
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	111,120 2,037
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$81.73

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	12.7%
Operating Costs	79.9%
Capital Costs	7.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$244,960
Operating Costs	\$1,537,770
Capital Costs	\$143,085
TOTAL	\$1,925,815

### Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

#### Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —


# Charlotte

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Charlotte Street Maintenance Division provides service in the areas of maintenance and repair of street drainage structures; sidewalks; storm debris clean-up; and speciality repair items such as brick walls, decorative pavers, fences, and guardrails. During FY 2011–12, the city was responsible for maintaining 5,245 lane miles and treated 259.8 lane miles, equating to approximately 5.0 percent of total lane miles.

Of the treatement work done during the year, 26.2 lane miles received preservation work, completed by city crews, such as crack sealing or thin overlays. Resurfacing work covered 75.9 lane miles and done by contractors and city crews. Additionally, 157.7 lane miles were rehabilitated by contractors with milling followed by resurfacing. A total of 134,515 tons of asphalt was used during the fiscal year for resurfacing by contractors and city crews. The average resurfacing depth used was 1.14 inches by contractors and one inch by city crews.

The city reported that 65 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2012. The roads were rated using the Hansen Pavement Management system relying on ITRE degradation curves.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 768. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 90 percent. A total of 3,368 utility cuts were also repaired duirng the year by contractors and the Street Maintenance Division.

### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010-11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	751,999 301.48 2,494
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	103.00 18.00
Lane Miles Maintained	5,245.8
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	26.2 75.9 157.7 259.8
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$13,701,293
Potholes Repaired	768
Number of Utility Cuts	3388
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	NA
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	537,535 1,783
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$64.97

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	25.6%
Operating Costs	61.0%
Capital Costs	13.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$7,201,151
Operating Costs	\$17,177,639
Capital Costs	\$3,786,927
TOTAL	\$28,165,717

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Charlotte  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



per Lane Mile Maintained

0.11

1.43

Cost per Lane Mile

for Preservation Treatment

0.17

1.63

0.15

1.59

12

9

6

3

0

Charlotte

Average

\$400

\$300

\$200

\$100

Charlotte

Average

\$0

2008

2008

0.06

1.22













### Cost per Ton for Contract Resurfacing \$200

2009

2010

2011

\$56

\$87

2012

\$23

\$82







Effectiveness Measures Percent of Lane Miles Rated 85 or Better 100% 75% 50%







### 2009 2010 2011 2012 0.15

1.15

1.0 0.5 0.0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Charlotte 0.65 0.65 0.50 0.55 Average Cost per Lane Mile

per Lane Mile Maintained

2.0

1.5



# Concord

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Concord was responsible for maintaining 670.3 lane miles during FY 2011–12. The city treated a total of 25.3 lane miles during the year, equating to 3.8 percent of total lane miles.

All of the treatment work, 8.6 lane miles, was for preservation work such as crack sealing and thin surface overlays. Resurfacing was completed on 11.6 lane miles. Additionally, another 5.1 lane miles was treated which included milling work done before resurfacing. All of this treatment work was done by contractors. The resurfacing work done by contract crews used 10,996 tons of asphalt and used an average resurfacing depth of 1.50 inches.

The city reported that 58 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2012 using a city system based on North Carolina Department of Transportation ratings.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was seventy-four, including those reported by citizens and the city. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 96 percent. Concord also reported 253 utility cuts that were repaired and 225 maintenance patches for work other than potholes or utility cuts.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs associated with asphalt maintenance and resurfacing are influenced by competition among providers due to the location of three asphalt plants within the city limits.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

# Municipal Profile Population (OSBM 2011)

Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	80,386 60.28 1,333
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	7.00 2.95
Lane Miles Maintained	670.3
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	8.6 11.6 
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$861,057
Potholes Repaired	74
Number of Utility Cuts	253
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	225
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	60,675 1,007
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$62.50

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	30.8%
Operating Costs	62.2%
Capital Costs	7.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$588,423
Operating Costs	\$1,186,725
Capital Costs	\$132,618
TOTAL	\$1,907,766

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —



# Greensboro

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Greensboro was responsible for maintaining 3,630 lane miles during FY 2011–12. This includes 925 lane miles of state roads. Greensboro treated a total of 82.7 lane miles during the year, equating to about 2.3 percent of total lane miles.

Of the treatment work done on Greensboro's streets, 41.5 of the lane miles had preservation work such as crack sealing or thin overlays. Most of this preservation work was done by city crews. Resurfacing work was done on 41.2 lane miles w ith 1.5 of this work also including milling before resurfacing This resurfacing work was all done by contractors, who used a total of 27,300 tons of asphalt and used an average resurfacing depth of 1.25 inches.

The city reported that 33 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2010 by a consultant using the ITRE system.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 1,937. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 70 percent. A total of 494 utility cuts were also repaired, with city crews repairing water and sewer cuts but private contractors repairing others after getting permits from the city. A further 125 maintenance patches were completed beyond potholes and utility cuts.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Changes in tracking software have improved the accuracy of potholes reported and asphalt used.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

# Municipal Profile Population (OSBM 2011) 272,196 Land Area (Square Miles) 127.14 Persons per Square Mile 2,141 Topography Flat; gently rolling Climate Temperate; little ice and snow Service Profile 45.00 FTE Positions—Crews 45.00

FTE Positions—Crews	45.00
FTE Positions—Other	6.00
Lane Miles Maintained	3,630.0
Lane Miles Treated	
Preservation	41.5
Resurfacing	39.7
Rehabilitation	1.5
TOTAL	82.7
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$4,363,000
Potholes Repaired	1,937
Number of Utility Cuts	494
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	125
Registered Vehicles	NA
Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	NA
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$70.00

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	21.8%
Operating Costs	78.2%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,964,984
Operating Costs	\$7,043,303
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$9,008,287

# Greensboro

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Greensboro

Benchmarking Average —



# Greenville

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Greenville was responsible for maintaining 611 lane miles during FY 2011–12, all city streets. During the year, Greenville reported that 13.6 lane miles were given some form of treatment, equating to 2.2 percent of total lane miles.

City crews treated 7.3 lane miles with preservation techniques such as crack sealing and thin layer overlays. Contract crews used rehabilitation on 6.3 lane miles, which includes resurfacing after first milling the treated roads. The contractors used a total of 3,170 tons of asphalt with an average depth of 1.5 inches.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 389, including self-reported and citizen-reported potholes. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was reported as 100 percent. The streets division also repaired 318 utility cuts during the year. Finally, city crews also made sixty-six maintenance patches beyond potholes and utility cuts using a total of 939 tons of asphalt.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs** Greenville joined the project in 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

Greenville was not able to provide pavement condition ratings for FY 2010–11.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

### ar 2011–12

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	85,059 34.70 2,451
Topography	Flat
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	9.00 1.00
Lane Miles Maintained	611.0
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	7.3 0.0 6.3 13.6
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$468,132
Potholes Repaired	389
Number of Utility Cuts	318
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	66
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	53,289 1,536
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$82.00

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	31.7%
Operating Costs	31.9%
Capital Costs	36.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$589,159
Operating Costs	\$592,984
Capital Costs	\$676,495
TOTAL	\$1,858,638

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key:Greenville

Benchmarking Average —



### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Hickory was responsible for maintaining 719.2 lane miles during FY 2011–12, including 238.8 lane miles of state roads. The city treated a total of ten lane miles with resurfacing, equating to 1.4 percent of total lane miles.

The city resurfaced 10.0 lane miles using contractors. A total of 5,506 tons of asphalt was used by the contractors. The average resurfacing depth used by the city was 1.5 inches.

The city reported that 39 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2007. The city used ITRE to conduct its rating system.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 197, including self-reported and citizen-reported potholes. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 94 percent.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

During FY 2011–2012, there were no snow events but a rainy winter led to an above average number of potholes and a smaller amount of crack sealing.

# Municipal Profile

Manoparrione	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles)	40,086 29,72
Persons per Square Miles	1,349
	1,010
Topography	Gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; some ice
olimate	and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews	6.00
FTE Positions—Other	1.00
Lane Miles Maintained	719.2
Lane Miles Treated	
Preservation	0.0
Resurfacing	10.0
Rehabilitation	0.0
TOTAL	10.0
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$457,000
Potholes Repaired	197
Number of Utility Cuts	NA
Number of Maintenance Patches	NA
(exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	
Registered Vehicles	31,472
Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	1,059
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt	\$83.00
during Year	

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	31.2%
Operating Costs	65.9%
Capital Costs	2.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$287,208
Operating Costs	\$605,899
Capital Costs	\$26,467
TOTAL	\$919,574

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Hickory

Benchmarking Average —



# **High Point**

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of High Point was responsible for maintaining 1,476 lane miles during FY 2011–12, which includes 340 lane miles of state roads. The city treated 11.1 lane miles by various methods, equating to 0.8 percent of total lane miles.

The city resurfaced a total of 6.4 lane miles using city crews. Additionally, 4.7 lane miles were given rehabilitation by city crews and contractors ,which includes resurfacing preceded by milling work. A total of 3,530 tons of asphalt was used for resurfacing projects. The average resurfacing depth was 1.5 inches by city crews.

The city reported that 44 percent of its street segments rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2011. The rating was done by a consultant using the ITRE rating system.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 1,411, including self-reported and citizen-reported potholes. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 97 percent.

A total of forty-eight utility cuts were made in the streets during the year. The Water and Sewer Division tracks these cuts. For most of the year outside contractors were paid to repair utility cuts, but in May 2012 the Streets Division took over this responsibility. No permits are required.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

### **Municipal Profile** Population (OSBM 2011) 105,498 Land Area (Square Miles) 53.83 Persons per Square Mile 1,960 Flat; gently rolling Topography Temperate; little ice Climate and snow Service Profile FTE Positions—Crews 14.00 FTE Positions—Other 1.25 Lane Miles Maintained 1,476.0 Lane Miles Treated Preservation 0.0 Resurfacing 6.4 Rehabilitation 4.7 TOTAL 11.1 Total Costs for All Treatment Types \$1,119,755 Potholes Repaired 1.411 Number of Utility Cuts 48 Number of Maintenance Patches 32 (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts) **Registered Vehicles** 60.084 Registered Vehicles/Square Mile 1,116

Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt \$69.00 during Year

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	42.6%
Operating Costs	43.0%
Capital Costs	14.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$707,364
Operating Costs	\$714,098
Capital Costs	\$239,623
TOTAL	\$1,661,085

# **High Point**

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: High Point

Benchmarking Average —



### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Salisbury was responsible for maintaining 343.9 lane miles during FY 2011–12. The city treated a total of 2.3 lane miles, or 0.7 percent of total lane miles.

The city lane miles that were treated were rehabilitated which includes resurfacing following milling. This rehabilitation work was done by contractors. The contractors used a total of 1,363 tons of asphalt, and the average resurfacing depth used by the contractor was 1.5 inches.

The city reported that 67 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2010. The city used a consultant for the rating, who relied on the ITRE rating system.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 768. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 100 percent. A total of 133 utility cuts were also made, with the city repairing all of these. A futher 352 maintenance patches other than potholes or utility cuts were made by city crews.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

### **Municipal Profile** Population (OSBM 2011) 33,704 Land Area (Square Miles) 22.18 Persons per Square Mile 1,519 Flat; gently rolling Topography Climate Temperate; little ice and snow Service Profile FTE Positions—Crews 3.00 FTE Positions—Other 0.25 Lane Miles Maintained 343.9 Lane Miles Treated Preservation 0.0 0.0 Resurfacing Rehabilitation 2.3 TOTAL 2.3 Total Costs for All Treatment Types \$168,535 768 Potholes Repaired Number of Utility Cuts 133 Number of Maintenance Patches 352 (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts) **Registered Vehicles** 21.964 Registered Vehicles/Square Mile 990 Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt \$68.00

### **Full Cost Profile**

during Year

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	16.6%
Operating Costs	56.2%
Capital Costs	27.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$212,766
Operating Costs	\$718,939
Capital Costs	\$346,480
TOTAL	\$1,278,185

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Salisbury

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

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# Wilmington

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Wilmington was responsible for maintaining 796.8 lane miles during FY 2011–12. The city treated 4.2 lane miles during the year, or 0.5 percent of total lane miles.

The treatment work done on streets during the year was all done by city crews. A total of two lane miles involved preservation techniques by city crews, such as crack sealing or thin overlays. Resurfacing was done on 0.9 lane miles, and rehabilitation, involving milling followed by resurfacing was done on a further 1.3 lane miles. City crews used a total of 707 tons of asphalt for resurfacing.

The city reported that 54 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or better on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2011. The street rating was conducted by a consultant using ASTM standards.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2010–11 was 4,497. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 99 percent. City crews repaired a total of 265 utility cuts. Maintenance patches other than potholes and utility cuts were made using 1,120 tons of asphalt.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The high price of oil significantly increased the cost of asphalt used for resurfacing and repair work.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

# Municipal Profile Population (OSBM 2011) 108,337 Land Area (Square Miles) 51.49 Persons per Square Mile 2,104 Topography Flat, coastal plain Climate Temperate; little ice and snow Service Profile 12.00

FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	12.00 2.00
Lane Miles Maintained	796.8
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	2.0 0.9 1.3 4.2
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$239,936
Potholes Repaired	4,497
Number of Utility Cuts	1075
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	NA
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	120,832 2,347
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$84.25

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	34.0%
Operating Costs	40.5%
Capital Costs	25.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$422,400
Operating Costs	\$503,030
Capital Costs	\$316,809
TOTAL	\$1,242,239

## Wilmington

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Wilmington  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012









Efficiency Measures







Cost per Lane Mile for Rehabilitation Treatment \$3.000 \$2.000 \$1 000 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilmington

\$200

\$836

Average

\$501

# Cost per Ton for Contract Resurfacing





### Effectiveness Measures

Average



Rated Below 45 25% 20% 15% 10% 5% 0% 2009 2008 Wilmington

2012

99%

93%

2011

100%

87%

# Wilson

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Wilson was responsible for maintaining 687.7 lane miles of city streets during FY 2011–12. The city treated a total of five lane miles during the year, or 0.7 percent of the total lane miles.

Wilson city crews treated five lane miles with preservation methods such as crack sealing or thin overlays.

The city reported that 58 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2009. The city relied on a consultant for the rating, who used a customized rating based on ITRE.

The number of potholes reported for FY 2011–12 was 561. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was 100 percent.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The cost of asphalt and maintenance materials is directly related to fluctuations in the price of petroleum prices.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment" "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

The winter during FY 2011–12 was milder than normal and generated few potholes. Additionally, crack sealing operations have helped reduce potholes.

### Municipal Profile

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	49,122 28.78 1,707
Topography	Flat
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	5.00 0.50
Lane Miles Maintained	687.7
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	5.0 0.0 0.0 5.0
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	NA
Potholes Repaired	561
Number of Utility Cuts	1075
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	NA

Registered Vehicles	38,023
Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	1,321
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$78.25

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	17.1%
Operating Costs	79.5%
Capital Costs	3.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$343,464
Operating Costs	\$1,593,166
Capital Costs	\$66,531
TOTAL	\$2,003,161

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Wilson

Benchmarking Average —



# Winston-Salem

# **Asphalt Maintenance**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Winston-Salem was responsible for maintaining 2,180.6 lane miles of city streets during FY 2011–12. Additional funding was added during the fiscal year to support additional resurfacing of roads. The city treated 77.8 lane miles, or 3.6 percent of the total lane miles.

The city used a variety of treatment methods for repair of roads. A total of 38.2 lane miles were treated by city and contracted crews with preservation methods such as crack sealing or thin overlays. A total of 16.6 lane miles had basic resurfacing done by contract and city crews. Finally, 23.0 lane miles were rehabilitated by contract crews with milling followed by resurfacing. A total of 28,174 tons of asphalt was used by contracted and city crews for resurfacing.

The city reported that 50 percent of its lane miles rated 85 or above on its most recent pavement condition rating conducted in the year 2012. The city used Pavement Tracking System (PTS) as its rating system.

The city reported 1,282 potholes in FY 2011–12. The percentage of potholes repaired within twenty-four hours was estimated at 81 percent. City policy is to repair potholes within twenty-four hours, but the lower level is a result of weekends and sick or vacation time of repair crews.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The hard winter conditions led to an increase in potholes. Snow, ice, and rain combined with the cold weather created more stress on the street paving and led to more failures. There was also a backlog of work after the winter due to the fact that most of the available asphalt plants were not operating due to inclement weather and colder temperatures.

Beginning with the FY 2010–11 reporting year, new performance measures were added to this service area. These include "cost per lane mile for preservation treatment," "cost per lane mile for resurfacing treatment," "cost per lane mile for rehabilitation treatment," and "percent of lane miles rated below 45." In addition, the measure "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has been altered to back out some treatment costs that were formerly counted as maintenance. This means that for some jurisdictions, the "cost of maintenance per lane mile maintained" has dropped in FY 2010–11 due to changes in the definition rather than actual drops in maintenance.

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	232,143 132.45 1,753
Topography	Gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; some ice and snow
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Crews FTE Positions—Other	39.50 3.80
Lane Miles Maintained	2,180.6
Lane Miles Treated Preservation Resurfacing Rehabilitation TOTAL	38.2 16.6 23.0 77.8
Total Costs for All Treatment Types	\$3,071,612
Potholes Repaired	1,282
Number of Utility Cuts	631
Number of Maintenance Patches (exclusive of potholes and utility cuts)	111
Registered Vehicles Registered Vehicles/Square Mile	169,337 1,279
Average Cost per Ton of Hot Asphalt during Year	\$66.08

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	22.4%
Operating Costs	72.1%
Capital Costs	5.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,168,070
Operating Costs	\$3,763,116
Capital Costs	\$290,168
TOTAL	\$5,221,354

# Winston-Salem

# Asphalt Maintenance and Repair

Key: Winston-Salem

Benchmarking Average —





# Performance and Cost Data

FIRE SERVICES



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR FIRE SERVICES

### SERVICE DEFINITION

Fire Services refers to activities and programs relating to the prevention and suppression of fires, responses to calls for service, rescue service (if provided), fire inspections (if provided), responses to hazardous materials calls (if provided), and fire education services. The services provided by fire departments vary from city to city, but the common goal remains the same: to protect the lives and property of the community served.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### 1. Number of Actual Fires per 1,000 Population

The total number of actual fires includes all types of fires, including structural fires.

### 2. Fire Inspections Completed per 1,000 Population

Fire inspections include Level I, II, and III inspections.

### 3. Number of Fire Department Responses per 1,000 Population

Responses include those to fires, medical emergencies, false alarms, and other types of situations that result in mobilization of fire equipment and personnel.

### 4. Cost per Fire Department Response

The cost represents the total cost of fire services and is calculated using a full cost accounting model that captures direct, indirect, and capital costs. Response is as defined above.

### 5. Number of Inspections Completed per Fire Inspector FTE

One full-time equivalent (FTE) position equals 2,080 hours of work per year. Any combination of employees providing 2,080 hours of work per year is counted as one FTE.

### 6. Average Turnout and Travel Time for First Unit Dispatched under "Priority One" Situations

Fast response is a critical determinant in how successful fire responders will be. Response time is calculated by adding both the turnout time (the time the dispatch is received until the first unit is out the door) and the travel time (the time the first unit is out the door until the unit arrives on the scene).

### 7. Percentage of Full Responses within Eight Minutes

The speed of fire department responses can be judged both by the time for the first unit arriving and also by how long it takes a full complement of trucks and personnel to respond to an emergency. The percentage within eight minutes takes into account travel time.

### 8. Percentage of Fires Confined to Object or Room of Origin

Containment of fires to as small an area as possible limits total damages. The degree of containment depends on how quickly the fire department is called and also is an effectiveness measure that is reported to the state.

### 9. Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Is Determined

Investigation of the causes of fires can be an important part of prevention and suppression efforts. While the cause of all fires cannot always be determined, being able to identify causes is important if lessons are to be learned from the investigations.

### 10. Percentage of Fire Code Violations "Cleared" by Correction or Imposition of Penalty within Ninety Days

Fire code violations are violations of state and local laws and regulations as found through fire inspections. The violators are given time to correct the violation before a penalty is imposed. This is an effectiveness measure that provides an indication of timeliness of follow-up.

# 11. Percentage of Cases with Lost Pulse Where Pulse Is Recovered at Time of Transfer for Transport

Fire departments frequently are the first responders to medical calls, including cases where an individual has no pulse either at the time of arrival or during the response. This effectiveness measure reports the percentage of these cases where the patient has recovered a pulse by the time responsibility for care has been transferred to emergency responders who will transport the patient to a hospital. Many patients cannot be saved, and recovery of pulse does not guarantee survival at the hospital.

# **Fire Services**

# Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

City or Town	Population Served	Land Area Served (in Square Miles)	Value of Property in Service Area (in Billions)	Total Number of Fire Department Responses	Fire Code Violations Found	Number of Community Fire Stations	Number of Fire Services FTEs	ISO* Rating
Apex	90,150	62.3	\$11.1	2,220	1,140	4	66	5—town 9—outlying
Asheville	91,073	60.0	\$11.7	14,129	6,100	12	239	3
Burlington	51,263	25.2	\$4.2	7,478	2,556	5	92	3
Cary	140,641	55.9	\$21.3	7,149	7,496	7	211	3
Charlotte	765,871	309.2	\$91.9	95,441	30,486	41	1,166	3
Concord	83,594	66.7	\$10.7	8,855	3,598	10	191	3
Greensboro	280,920	138.6	\$25.2	30,816	13,769	24	529	1
Greenville	111,344	66.4	\$7.8	15,069	1,501	6	157	3
Hickory	45,093	42.6	\$4.9	6,149	3,709	6	137	3
High Point	115,411	66.8	\$10.2	11,179	2,732	14	223	2
Salisbury	33,704	22.2	\$2.8	4,402	3,189	4	87	2
Wilmington	108,337	51.5	\$14.2	10,574	2,045	11	220	2
Wilson	49,122	28.8	\$4.0	3,832	4,903	5	97	2
Winston- Salem	232,143	132.4	\$21.3	26,483	8,781	18	344	3

### NOTES

\*ISO—Insurance Service Office

### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected fire services performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Population and area served Value of property area protected in service area Number of engine companies Number of fire department responses Fire code violations ISO rating Age of housing stock

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The mission of the Apex Fire Department is to protect life, property, and the environment from fire, medical emergencies, natural disasters, and other emergencies for those who live, work, and travel in and through the town and surrounding area. In addition to the town, the fire department serves an additional sixty-two square miles in surrounding fire districts.

The fire department uses a shift schedule where they work one twentyfour-hour shift on schedule and one off every three days, followed by a four-day break. On average, shift personnel work ten to eleven days per twenty-eight day cycle.

The area within the Town of Apex has an ISO rating of 5, while the surrounding fire districts served have an ISO rating of 9. The rating was last updated in 2004.

The Apex Fire Department conducted 774 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 20111–12. The fire department handles all inspections within town limits and coordinates with the Wake County Fire Marshal for joint inspections in the extra-territorial jurisdiction for new construction, fire alarms, and sprinkler reviews and inspections. Apex has a fire marshal and one inspector.

All fire investigations in Apex are handled by the Wake County Fire Marshal. Apex assists in investigations but does not provide the investigative reports.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

### **Municipal Profile**

Municipal Profile	
Service Population Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	90,150 62.30 1,447
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	51.0 15.0
Fire Stations	4
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers Aerial Trucks Quints Squads Rescue Other	3 1 1 0 1 14
Fire Department Responses Responses for Fires Structural Fires Reported	2,220 85 33
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	774
Fire Code Violations Reported	1,140
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$0.91
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$11,111
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	100
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services	67.3%

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Personal Services	67.3%
Operating Costs	21.4%
Capital Costs	11.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,772,990
Operating Costs	\$1,199,392
Capital Costs	\$636,905
TOTAL	\$5,609,287







Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined





### Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



### Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



# Asheville

# **Fire Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### **Explanatory Information**

### Service Level and Delivery

The mission of the Asheville Fire and Rescue Department is to protect the lives, property, and environment of all people within Asheville and the town of Biltmore Forest by preventing the occurrence and minimizing the adverse effects of fires, accidents, and all other emergencies.

The fire department contains the following divisions: administration, emergency response, fire marshal's office, and professional standards.

The fire department uses a modified shift schedule that includes twenty-four hours on duty and twenty-four hours off duty, averaging fifty-six hours per week. The work schedule is as follows: twentyfour hours on, twenty-four hours off; twenty-four hours on, fortyeight hours off; twenty-four hours on, twenty-four hours off; twentyfour hours on, ninety-six hours off. This works out to an average work week of fifty-six hours.

The city has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2007. The Asheville Fire and Rescue Department has been accredited since 2005.

The fire and rescue department conducted 9,664 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. The fire marshal's office is comprised of two sections. One section is responsible for existing construction and another for new construction. Deputy fire marshals (DFMs) are responsible for conducting periodic fire prevention inspections inside the corporate limits of the City of Asheville, as required by the N.C. Office of The State Fire Marshal. The Asheville city council adopted a fee schedule for periodic fire inspections. These fees are based on a cost recovery basis. Each DFM conducts fire inspections of every commercial premise located within Asheville. Most personnel work a day shift, while several work a twenty-four-hour shift. These DFMs are liaisons to the other divisions on matters regarding code enforcement, fire investigations, and pre-incident planning.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Fire inspections in Asheville were down in FY 2009–10 due to a drop in new construction.

### **Municipal Profile**

Municipal Profile	
Service Population Land Area (Square Miles)	91,073 60.00
Persons per Square Mile	
Persons per Square Mile	1,518
Median Family Income	\$53,350
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters	219.0
FTE Positions—Other	20.0
Fire Stations	12
First Line Fire Apparetus	
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers	9
Aerial Trucks	9
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Quints	1
Squads	1
Rescue	1
Other	7
Fire Department Responses	14,129
Responses for Fires	503
Structural Fires Reported	65
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	9,664
Construction, and Reinspections	
Fire Code Violations Reported	6,100
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$21.66
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$11,665
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	250

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	71.8%
Operating Costs	16.9%
Capital Costs	11.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$16,308,691
Operating Costs	\$3,840,163
Capital Costs	\$2,559,623
TOTAL	\$22,708,477

# Asheville

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



**Actual Fires** 

per 1,000 Population

Key: Asheville



Benchmarking Average

**Fire Services Cost per Thousand Dollars of Property Protected** \$2 \$1 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 \$1.95 Asheville \$1.84 \$1.82 \$1.85 \$1.94 \$1.72 \$1.77 \$1.73 \$1.63 \$1.67 Average



Efficiency Measures

**Effectiveness Measures** 

8

6

4

2

0

Asheville

Average

100%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Asheville

Average

2008

4.9

4.5

2008

93%

86%

7.54 7.27 6.23 5.46 5.52

5.52 4.24 4.15 4.12 3.53

Workload Measures

6

3

0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Asheville

Average



Average Response Time

to Priority One Calls In Minutes

2009

4.4

4.3

Percentage of Fires for Which Cause

Was Determined

2009

96%

90%

2010

4.3

4.5

2010

79%

86%

2011

3.8

4.4

2011

90%

85%

2012

4.6

4.6

2012

80%

80%







**Cleared within 90 Days** 



Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to **Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival** 



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases **Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care** 



2011

106

59

2012

106

64

### 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Asheville 159 155 156 158 155 108 108 113 105 107 Average

**Fire Department Responses** 

per 1,000 Population

150

100

50

# **Burlington**

# **Fire Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The mission of the City of Burlington Fire Department is to protect the lives, property, and environment of all people within Burlington by preventing the occurrence and minimizing the adverse effects of fires, accidents, and all other emergencies. The department is divided into three areas: suppression, fire prevention, and training.

Burlington uses three shifts for staffing fire houses. All shift personnel work on a rotating schedule, twenty-four hours on, followed by forty-eight hours off.

The city has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2005.

The fire department conducted 3,046 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. Fire Prevention Bureau personnel conduct general fire inspections as well as inspections for fireworks, blasting, tank installations/removals, and night inspections for overcrowding/exit obstructions for assembly occupancies. Apartment complexes generate one file.

### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

### **Municipal Profile**

Municipal Profile	
Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles)	51,263 25.21
Persons per Square Mile	2,034
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$46,461
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	81.0 10.5
Fire Stations	5
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers Aerial Trucks	4
Quints	1
Squads	1
Rescue	1
Other	1
Fire Department Responses	7,478
Responses for Fires	246
Structural Fires Reported	36
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	3,046
Construction, and Reinspections	
Fire Code Violations Reported	2,556
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$1.27
Amount of Property Protected	\$4,165
in Service Area (millions)	
Number of Fire Education	313
Programs or Events	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	75.6%
Operating Costs	12.9%
Capital Costs	11.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	

Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$5,347,887
Operating Costs	\$913,606
Capital Costs	\$809,384
TOTAL	\$7,070,877

# **Burlington**

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Burlington



Benchmarking Average

**Fire Services Cost per Thousand Dollars of Property Protected** 



### Workload Measures





Fire Inspections Completed



Efficiency Measures





### Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time



Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



Percentage of Fire Code Violations **Cleared within 90 Days** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2012 2008 2009 2010 2011 Burlington 100% 76% 85% 92% 96%

81%

83%

81%

Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time

91%

Average

97%



Percentage of Fires Confined to **Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival** 100%



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases **Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care** 



### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Cary Fire Department provides fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS), technical rescue (except hazmat technician and specialist level service), fire code enforcement services, and plans review.

All emergency services (shift) personnel are trained and certified as NC FFII, EMT-with defibrillator, and rescue technicians. Emergency services staff members work from seven fire stations on three twenty-four-hour shifts. Each shift is divided into two battalions, each supervised by a battalion chief. Currently each battalion consists of three or four fire stations, each having an engine company and either a ladder truck or light rescue company.

The town has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2010. The Cary Fire Department has been accredited since 1999.

The town conducted 5,761 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. The Cary Fire Department's Risk Management Division utilizes the state mandated one-, two-, and three-year inspection schedule as its goal for providing inspection services. It conducts inspections on all projects for which a permit is issued. For all violations found during routine inspections, follow-up inspections are used until the violation is resolved. For apartment complexes, each separate building that requires an inspection has a file for that particular building, and each building is counted as one separate inspection. The Risk Management Division also conducts follow-up inspections for all alarm malfunctions and false alarms in businesses. It issues the charges for permits outlined in the fire code and does charge a penalty/fine for alarm malfunctions and false alarms.

All risk management personnel are certified as Standard Level 3 inspectors. The fire marshal, who currently manages the division, reviews various site, building, and systems plans and serves as the direct supervisor for the inspection staff. In addition to plans review and code enforcement services, the division provides public education services through a public educator.

### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

### **Municipal Profile**

Service Population Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	140,641 55.88 2,517
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	189.0 22.2
Fire Stations	7
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers Aerial Trucks Quints Squads Rescue Other	7 4 0 0 3 9
Fire Department Responses Responses for Fires Structural Fires Reported	7,149 218 47
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	5,761
Fire Code Violations Reported	7,496
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$1.73
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$21,259
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	264

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	71.8%
Operating Costs	21.4%
Capital Costs	6.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$16,566,224
Operating Costs	\$4,940,408
Capital Costs	\$1,555,535
TOTAL	\$23,062,167

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Average

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



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Cary

Average

Benchmarking Average



Workload Measures

2008

\$165

\$171

\$162

\$175

\$154

\$173

\$161

\$165



Key: Cary

\$164

\$168



**Fire Inspections Completed** 



Efficiency Measures





Effectiveness Measures





Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



Percentage of Fire Code Violations **Cleared within 90 Days** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Carv 99% 99% 95% 95% 95% 97% 91% 81% 81% 83% Average

Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival 100%



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases **Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care** 



# Charlotte

# **Fire Services**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

### Explanatory Information

### Service Level and Delivery

The mission of the Charlotte Fire Department is to minimize the risk of fire and other hazards to the life and property of the citizens of Charlotte. To accomplish this mission, the department provides response to and mitigation of fires, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, aircraft emergencies, technical rescues, and other emergencies as they arise. These services are provided immediately to any person who has a need anywhere within the corporate limits of Charlotte.

The divisions of the Charlotte Fire Department are operations (A, B, C), training, administration, communications, logistics, fire prevention, and fire investigation.

The city uses a modified twenty-four-hour/forty-eight-hour shift schedule, using four twenty-four-hour shifts in a twelve-day cycle. The cycle is on one day, off one day, on one day, off two days, on one day, off one day, on one day, off four days. In addition, firefighters receive a Kelley day (ten hours) off and a Kelley night (fourteen hours) off every seven weeks to maintain the number of hours worked per week at fifty-two.

The city has an ISO rating of 3. The Charlotte Fire Department has been accredited since 2000.

The fire department conducted 27,177 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. All inspections are performed by certified fire inspectors who are employees of the Fire Prevention Bureau. The inspectors handle certificate of occupancy inspections, permit inspections and issuances, regular code enforcement inspections, and reinspections. The Bureau currently uses separate inspections on each building of an apartment complex.

### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Charlotte staffs an additional fire station at the airport.

### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	765,871 309.24 2,477
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$61,405
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	1034.0 132.0
Fire Stations	41
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers Aerial Trucks Quints Squads Rescue Other	41 0 15 0 2 36
Fire Department Responses Responses for Fires Structural Fires Reported	95,441 1,973 461
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	27,177
Fire Code Violations Reported	30,486
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$13.18
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$91,937
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	1,833

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	80.3%
Operating Costs	17.0%
Capital Costs	2.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$87,275,889
Operating Costs	\$18,520,194
Capital Costs	\$2,901,618
TOTAL	\$108,697,701

# Charlotte

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Charlotte





Benchmarking Average



### Workload Measures





Fire Inspections Completed per 1,000 Population



Efficiency Measures





Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time to Priority One Calls In Minutes



### Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



### Percentage of Fire Code Violations Cleared within 90 Days



### Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



### Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



### Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care


# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Concord Fire Department is committed to providing a positive work environment to enable the department and its personnel to strive for and achieve excellence in fire protection services.

The department is committed to the following: providing leadership through a management/employee team organizational concept that is dedicated to modern-day management principles and practices; providing the citizens with the best possible modern-day fire protection and life safety services in a courteous, professional, and cost-effective manner; providing equal opportunity for all employees to excel in their job performance and career development; striving to continually increase the public's awareness through fire prevention activities, public education, and community-based services; maintaining and striving to improve on an open, informative flow of correct information so that all employees and employee teams reach their goals and objectives; subscribing to departmental values of honesty, professionalism, teamwork, loyalty, dedication, and commitment to serving the public; and planning for change to develop and prepare the department to always strive for excellence.

The fire department in Concord contains the following divisions: administration, suppression, operations, training and career development, fire-risk management, and emergency management.

The fire department utilizes a shift schedule that includes twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off.

The city has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2004.

The fire department conducted 6,867 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. Inspections are conducted by the Fire-Risk Management Division. Each inspector has an assigned area of the city and a specific number of inspections to complete. Each occupancy is counted separately in the inspections number. An apartment complex would be considered as one occupancy. Reinspections are conducted within forty-five days to confirm corrections.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Concord staffs an additional fire station at the airport.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Service Population Land Area (Square Miles)	83,594 66.73
Persons per Square Mile	1,253
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters	174.0
FTE Positions—Other	17.0
Fire Stations	10
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers	9
Aerial Trucks	3
Quints	0
Squads	0
Rescue	1
Other	11
Fire Department Responses	8,855
Responses for Fires	315
Structural Fires Reported	92
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	6,867
Fire Code Violations Reported	3,598
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$1.58
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$10,687
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	446

#### **Full Cost Profile**

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	69.5%
Operating Costs	17.7%
Capital Costs	12.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$12,441,257
Operating Costs	\$3,166,994
Capital Costs	\$2,301,482
TOTAL	\$17,909,733

### Concord

## **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures



Key: Concord



Benchmarking Average

### Fire Services Cost per Thousand Dollars of Property Protected



#### Workload Measures





Fire Inspections Completed



Efficiency Measures





#### Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time to Priority One Calls In Minutes



#### Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



#### Percentage of Fire Code Violations Cleared within 90 Days



#### Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



#### Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



#### Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



# Greensboro

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The mission of the Greensboro Fire Department is to provide the public the best possible service in a courteous, professional, and costeffective manner; to provide leadership through a well-defined management team committed to the departmental management philosophy; to provide equal opportunity for all employees in job performance and career development; to enhance public awareness through education, activities, and services; to maintain an open, informative flow of information so that all municipal departments may reach their goals and objectives; and to subscribe to honesty, integrity, and fairness.

The fire department contains the following divisions: administrative services, resource management, and emergency services.

The fire department utilizes a shift schedule that includes twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off. For Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) purposes, the department utilizes a twenty-seven-day cycle.

The city has an ISO rating of 1, the highest rating possible to receive, as rated in 2006. The Greensboro Fire Department has been accredited since 1997.

The fire department in Greensboro conducted 9,932 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. General inspections are performed according to the mandated inspection schedule, which is based on occupancy type established in the International Fire Code. Complaints are addressed within twentyfour hours and are handled twenty-four hours a day as shift personnel are available. Inspectors generally work in districts and work in specialized areas, including educational, institutional, high rise, privilege licenses, and certificates of compliance. Apartment complexes are assigned one file number for the entire complex.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

#### **Municipal Profile**

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Service Population	280,920
Land Area (Square Miles)	138.58
Persons per Square Mile	2,027
Persons per Square Mile	2,027
Median Family Income	\$52,752
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
	470.0
FTE Positions—Firefighters	472.0
FTE Positions—Other	57.0
Fire Stations	24
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers	23
Aerial Trucks	0
Quints	10
Squads	0
Rescue	1
Other	0
Fire Department Responses	30,816
Responses for Fires	1,128
Structural Fires Reported	265
Structural Files Reported	205
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	9,932
Construction, and Reinspections	
Fire Code Violations Reported	13,769
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$4.90
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Amount of Property Protected	\$25,206
in Service Area (millions)	
Number of Fire Education	1,033
Programs or Events	
Full Cost Brofile	

#### **Full Cost Profile**

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	80.9%
Operating Costs	19.1%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$34,289,430
Operating Costs	\$8,093,550
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$42,382,980

### Greensboro

Key: Greensboro

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





#### Workload Measures





Benchmarking Average

**Fire Inspections Completed** per 1,000 Population 150 100 50 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 41 45 43 38 35 Greensboro Average 69 67 58 59 64

#### Efficiency Measures





Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time to Priority One Calls In Minutes



#### Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



Percentage of Fire Code Violations **Cleared within 90 Days** 



Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to **Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival** 



#### Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases **Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care**



# Greenville

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The primary goals of the Greenville Fire and Rescue Department are to prevent fires and save lives and property by providing emergency response services for fires or medical emergencies.

Emergency personnel work a 24.25-hour shift followed by 47.75 hours off.

The city has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2007.

The fire department in Greenville conducted 3,169 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. The Life Safety Services Division handles all inspection-related matters following the International Fire Code.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greenville joined the project in 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Greenville is one of only two cities in the benchmarking project which has emergency medical services (EMS) provided through the city fire department. In the other jurisdictions, EMS is provided by county departments.

Complications with data tracking prevented Greenville from being able to submit numbers on fire incidents and several other measures for earlier fiscal years.

Municipal Profile	
Service Population Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	111,344 66.40 1,677
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$50,395
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	140.0 17.0
Fire Stations	6
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers Aerial Trucks Quints Squads Rescue Other	1 0 6 0 1 6
Fire Department Responses Responses for Fires Structural Fires Reported	15,069 270 79
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	3,169
Fire Code Violations Reported	1,501
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$2.27
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$7,807
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	23
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs	74.1% 21.6%

Operating Costs	21.6%
Capital Costs	4.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$11,610,110
Operating Costs	\$3,382,059
Capital Costs	\$676,495
TOTAL	\$15,668,664

### Greenville

## **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Greenville









Benchmarking Average

**Fire Inspections Completed** per 1,000 Population 150 100 50 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 42 42 31 28

67

58

59

64

Average

69

#### Efficiency Measures Fire Services Cost

per Fire Department Response





### Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time to Priority One Calls In Minutes



#### Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



#### Percentage of Fire Code Violations Cleared within 90 Days



Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



#### Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



#### Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



# Hickory

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The primary goals of the Hickory Fire Department are to prevent fires, save lives and property, and protect the environment by providing vast amounts of training and planning for the formulation of a successful fire service delivery system.

The fire department contains the following divisions: administration, fire prevention, public education, training, maintenance, and fire suppression.

Fire suppression personnel work a twenty-four-hour shift with fortyeight hours off between shifts. The twenty-four-hour shift begins at 8 a.m.

The city has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2005

The fire department in Hickory conducted 5,538 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. Fire prevention inspectors are assigned Level I, Level II, and Level III inspections. They also review construction and fire protection plans and inspect the installation of fire protection systems. The inspectors also accompany building inspectors during certificate of occupancy inspections and are responsible for conducting fire investigations, fire hydrant flow tests, occupancy and site visits, and other activities as assigned.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Hickory has an additional fire station staffed at the regional airport.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Municipal Profile	
Service Population	45,093
Land Area (Square Miles)	42.64
Persons per Square Mile	1,058
	1,000
Median Family Income	\$54,093
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters	117.0
FTE Positions—Other	20.0
FTE Positions—Other	20.0
Fire Stations	6
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers	6
Aerial Trucks	2
Quints	0
Squads	0
Rescue	1
Other	3
Other	3
Fire Department Responses	6,149
Responses for Fires	207
Structural Fires Reported	47
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	5,538
Construction, and Reinspections	-,
Fire Code Violations Reported	3,709
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$0.81
Amount of Property Protected	\$4,859
in Service Area (millions)	
Number of Fire Education	443
Programs or Events	110
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	00 50
Personal Services	80.5%
Operating Costs	14.5%
Capital Costs	5.1%

Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$8,089,300
Operating Costs	\$1,452,887
Capital Costs	\$509,784
TOTAL	\$10,051,971

100.0%

TOTAL

### **Hickory**

## **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures



Key: Hickory



Benchmarking Average

# Fire Services Cost per Thousand





Workload Measures





Fire Inspections Completed per 1,000 Population



Efficiency Measures





#### Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time to Priority One Calls In Minutes



Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



Percentage of Fire Code Violations **Cleared within 90 Days** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Hickory 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 97% 91% 81% 81% 83% Average

Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



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**Fire Services** 

# **High Point**

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The High Point Fire Department provides the following functions: firefighting, emergency medical response, rescue response, hazardous material technician response, inspection, fleet/vehicle maintenance, departmental technical services, and public life safety education and community relations.

The fire department contains the following divisions: administration, operations, and technical services.

Firefighters work twenty-four-hour shifts followed by forty-eight hours off. This cycle is repeated three times and is then followed by a four-day break, resulting in an average work week of fifty-six hours over a twenty-seven-day period.

The city has an ISO rating of 2, as rated in 2005.

The fire department in High Point conducted 6,522 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. All Level I inspections are conducted by fire suppression personnel. They are responsible for making the first inspection on an occupancy as well as conducting the first reinspection for that occupancy within thirty days. If code violations are not corrected, the case is turned over to fire prevention personnel for follow-up. All Level II and Level III inspections are conducted by fire prevention staff. All reinspections are conducted on thirty-day cycles.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Service Population	115,411
Land Area (Square Miles)	66.83
Persons per Square Mile	1,727
Median Family Income	\$49,720
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
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FTE Positions—Firefighters	200.0
FTE Positions—Other	23.0
Fire Stations	14
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers	13
Aerial Trucks	3
Quints	0
Squads	3
Rescue	0
Other	9
Fire Department Responses	11,179
Responses for Fires	418
Structural Fires Reported	114
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	6,522
Construction, and Reinspections	0,011
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Fire Code Violations Reported	2,732
Estimated Fire Lass (millions)	¢1 10
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$4.18
Amount of Property Protected	\$10,172
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in Service Area (millions)	
Number of Fire Education	077
	277
Programs or Events	
Full Cost Profile	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
	70 70/
Personal Services	73.7%
Operating Costs	16.8%
Capital Costs	9.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$15,513,445
Operating Costs	\$3,544,100
Capital Costs	\$1,999,349
TOTAL	\$21,056,894
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### **High Point**

## **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: High Point



Benchmarking Average





#### Workload Measures





Fire Inspections Completed per 1,000 Population



Efficiency Measures





Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



Cleared within 90 Days 100% 75% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Percentage of Fire Code Violations



Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The statement of purpose for the Salisbury Fire Department is to provide capable, well-trained personnel and necessary equipment to suppress fires and effectively manage hazardous chemical accidents that may occur in the community related to transportation or industry; to provide rescue services as needed and basic life support through an updated First Responder Program; and to work toward a more fire-safe community through loss prevention activities, including inspections, code enforcement, minimum housing activities, and public education programs.

The fire department contains the following divisions: fire control, loss prevention, training, and logistics.

The shift schedule for the fire department is twenty-four hours on and forty-eight hours off for three cycles. There are three shifts. Captains and firefighters get a twenty-four-hour Kelley day plus four hours off for any twenty-eight-day cycle exceeding 212 hours worked. The city has some part-time personnel working to fill vacant spots on the shifts due to Kelley days. Salisbury now is a quint system of deployment and duty. The quint trucks combine the duties of an engine and a truck company into a single company.

The city has an ISO rating of 2, as rated in 2007.

The fire department in Salisbury reported 2,402 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections conducted in FY 2011–12. The city follows or exceeds the state guidelines for frequency of inspections for all occupancies. Apartment buildings have one file number. Reinspections are performed at thirty-day intervals. Fees are assessed at the third inspection.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	33,704 22.18 1,519
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	71.0 6.0
Fire Stations	4
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers Aerial Trucks Quints Squads Rescue Other	0 0 4 1 1
Fire Department Responses Responses for Fires Structural Fires Reported	4,402 139 55
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	2,402
Fire Code Violations Reported	3,189
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$1.32
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$2,782
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	28

#### **Full Cost Profile**

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	64.4%
Operating Costs	22.5%
Capital Costs	13.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$4,231,435
Operating Costs	\$1,479,133
Capital Costs	\$864,918
TOTAL	\$6,575,486

### Salisbury

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

# Resource Measures Fire Services Costs per Capita

\$191

\$173

\$181

\$165

\$195

\$168

Key: Salisbury



Benchmarking Average

Fire Services Cost per Thousand





Workload Measures

\$189

\$171

\$194

\$175

Salisbury

Average





Fire Inspections Completed per 1,000 Population



Efficiency Measures





Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined

4.3

4.5

4.4

4.6

4.5

Average



Percentage of Fire Code Violations Cleared within 90 Days 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012



Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



# Wilmington

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Wilmington Fire Department provides the following services in addition to fire suppression and fire prevention for the city of Wilmington: EMS/first response, hazardous materials, high angle and confined rescue, scuba diving, and fire inspection.

The fire department contains the following divisions: fire suppression, fire prevention, and support services.

The city uses a rotating shift consisting of three shifts of twenty-four hours, with a day off between shifts. This is followed by four days off before the cycle repeats itself.

The city has an ISO rating of 2, as rated in 2005.

The fire department in Wilmington conducted 5,973 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. The Wilmington Fire Prevention Bureau follows the required inspection schedule for all occupancies within the corporate limits of the city. Each building in an apartment complex is counted as an inspection. Reinspections also are counted as inspections for tracking purposes.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

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Population (OSBM 2011) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	108,337 51.49 2,104
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$57,892
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters FTE Positions—Other	190.0 30.0
Fire Stations	11
First-Line Fire Apparatus Pumpers Aerial Trucks Quints Squads Rescue Other	11 2 0 0 2 12
Fire Department Responses Responses for Fires Structural Fires Reported	10,574 531 101
Inspections Completed for Maintenance, Construction, and Reinspections	5,973
Fire Code Violations Reported	2,045
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$3.47
Amount of Property Protected in Service Area (millions)	\$14,215
Number of Fire Education Programs or Events	434
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	68.0% 20.4% <u>11.5%</u> 100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	\$12,626,644 \$3,790,606 \$2,141,736 \$18,558,986

### Wilmington

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Key: Wilmington

#### Fire Services Total FTEs per 10,000 Population 35 30 25 20 15 10 5 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 21.8 21.1 20.9 20.6 20.3 Wilmington Average 21.1 20.5 20.1 19.0 189

Benchmarking Average

**Fire Services Cost per Thousand Dollars of Property Protected** \$3 \$2 \$1 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilmington \$1.23 \$1.32 \$1.21 \$1.26 \$1.31 Average \$1.72 \$1.77 \$1.73 \$1.63 \$1.67

#### Workload Measures





**Fire Inspections Completed** per 1,000 Population 150 100 50 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 70 69 60 68 55 Wilmington

67

58

59

Average

69

64

#### Efficiency Measures





### Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined



**Cleared within 90 Days** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilmington 108% 72% 24% 55% 50% 97% 91% 81% 81% 83% Average

Percentage of Fire Code Violations

Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time



Percentage of Fires Confined to Rooms or Objects Involved on Arrival 100%



Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases **Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care** 





# Wilson

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wilson Fire/Rescue Services is a public safety organization whose mission is to assist the public in the protection of life and property by minimizing the impact of fire, medical emergencies, and potential disasters or events that affect the community and the environment.

Wilson Fire/Rescue Services has two major divisions. Operations handles emergency responses and equipment maintenance. Support Services handles fire prevention and education, facility maintenance, IM/GIS, and budget.

Firefighters work twenty-four hours on and twenty-four hours off. Each work cycle consists of three twenty-four shifts with a day off between shifts. A four-day break is then provided before the cycle repeats itself.

The city has an ISO rating of 2, as rated in 2005. The Wilson Fire Department has been accredited since 2002.

The fire department in Wilson conducted 6,433 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. Fire inspections are conducted by the Fire Prevention Bureau on a daily basis. Inspectors are assigned a district to handle all inspections. A charge is made on the third reinspection.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Population (OSBM 2011)	49,122
Land Area (Square Miles)	28.78
Persons per Square Mile	1,707
Median Family Income	\$43,442
U.S. Census 2010	ψ+0,++2
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Service Profile	
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FTE Positions—Firefighters	84.0
FTE Positions—Other	13.0
Fire Stations	5
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers	4
Aerial Trucks	1
	1
Quints	-
Squads	0
Rescue	0
Other	1
Fire Department Responses	3,832
Responses for Fires	146
Structural Fires Reported	56
Structural Tiles Reported	50
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	6,433
	0,400
Construction, and Reinspections	
Fire Code Violations Reported	4,903
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$1.23
Amount of Property Protected	\$3,963
in Service Area (millions)	
Number of Fire Education	389
Programs or Events	
-	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	67.5%
Operating Costs	25.2%
Capital Costs	7.3%
-	
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$6,766,318
Operating Costs	\$2,530,470
Capital Costs	\$729,700
TOTAL	\$10,026,488
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### Wilson

# **Fire Services**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures



Key: Wilson



Benchmarking Average

### Fire Services Cost per Thousand

### Dollars of Property Protected



#### Workload Measures





Fire Inspections Completed per 1,000 Population



Efficiency Measures





# Effectiveness Measures

Average Response Time to Priority One Calls In Minutes

Percentage of Fires for Which Cause Was Determined

3.7

4.3

3.5

4.5

4.1

4.4

4.1

4.6

Wilson

Average

4.5

4.5



Percentage of Fire Code Violations **Cleared within 90 Days** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilson 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 97% 91% 81% 81% 83% Average

Percentage of Full Response Within 8 Minutes Travel Time







Percentage of Lost Pulse Cases Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care



Fire Services 225

# Winston-Salem

# **Fire Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The mission of the Winston-Salem Fire Department is to protect the lives and property of all people within Winston-Salem by reducing the occurrence and minimizing the effects of fires.

The Winston-Salem Fire Department contains the following six divisions: fire suppression, vehicle maintenance, planning, community education, fire prevention, and administration.

Fire suppression personnel work a twenty-one-day cycle with an average of fifty-six hours per week.

The city has an ISO rating of 3, as rated in 2006.

The fire department in Winston-Salem conducted 13,023 fire maintenance, construction, and reinspections during FY 2011–12. The fire department inspection program includes inspections that 1) ensure reasonable life safety conditions within a structure; 2) identify fire hazards; and 3) determine the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of fire protection features, systems, and appliances within buildings. The fire department inspection program involves both the Fire Prevention Bureau and the fire engine companies. Similar to the Fire Prevention Bureau, all fire stations have inspection responsibilities and conduct building inspections within their assigned territories. Each business within the city limits is inspected annually and receives as many return visits as necessary for fire code compliance.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The performance measure "percentage of lost pulse cases recovered pulse at transfer of care" is a new measure as of FY 2007–08.

Winston-Salem has a high number of inspections per inspector FTE when compared to the other jurisdictions due to the fact that many inspections are performed by fire company personnel. The city defines an inspection as a site interior and/or exterior survey of a building, operation, event, condition, and/or activity for the purpose of verifying fire and building code compliance.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	232,143
Land Area (Square Miles)	132.45
Persons per Square Mile	1,753
Median Family Income	\$51,491
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Positions—Firefighters	319.0
FTE Positions—Other	25.0
Fire Otations	10
Fire Stations	18
First-Line Fire Apparatus	
Pumpers	18
Aerial Trucks	5
Quints	0
	0
Squads	0
Rescue	•
Other	13
Fire Department Responses	26,483
Responses for Fires	823
Structural Fires Reported	279
Inspections Completed for Maintenance,	13,023
Construction, and Reinspections	
Fire Code Violations Reported	8,781
Estimated Fire Loss (millions)	\$4.53
	<b>\$</b> 04,000
Amount of Property Protected	\$21,266
in Service Area (millions)	
Number of Fire Education	809
Programs or Events	009
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#### **Full Cost Profile**

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	80.7%
Operating Costs	12.2%
Capital Costs	7.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$22,387,616
Operating Costs	\$3,389,516
Capital Costs	\$1,977,874
TOTAL	\$27,755,006

## Winston-Salem

# **Fire Services**







**Recovered Pulse at Transfer of Care** 





# Performance and Cost Data

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS** 



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR BUILDING INSPECTIONS

### SERVICE DEFINITION

Building inspection services refers to permit issuance and inspections for building, electrical, mechanical (including heating and cooling), and plumbing work on new residential and commercial construction or additions and alterations to enforce the North Carolina State Building Code and related local building regulations. The inspection process includes the receipt of permit applications, review of plans and specifications, issuance of permits, and follow-up field inspections to ensure compliance. Excluded are the enforcement of zoning and subdivision regulations, fire codes, minimum housing codes, erosion and sedimentation control regulations, watershed regulations, historic preservation ordinances, and other development regulations or plans.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 1. Building Inspections per 1,000 Population

Building inspections are those required by the North Carolina State Building Code for general building, electrical, mechanical (including heating and cooling), and plumbing work associated with construction projects. Inspections include reinspections. They do not include non–building code inspections or consultation visits.

#### 2. Value of Total Building Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served

When a building permit is issued, the dollar amount of the work specified in the contract(s) authorizing the work is recorded as the value of the building permit. Tax base refers to the taxable valuation used for levying the fiscal year property tax for the area served.

#### 3. Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served

Commercial building permits are issued for construction of business, manufacturing, institutional, and other nonresidential buildings or improvements. Tax base is defined above.

#### 4. Cost per Building Inspection and Inspections per Day per Inspector

Building inspections are defined above. Cost is determined using the project's full cost accounting model, including direct, indirect, and capital costs. An inspector full-time equivalent (FTE) is calculated using a work year of 235 days. Inspector FTEs include permanent, temporary, part-time, and full-time inspectors.

#### 5. Value of Building Permits per FTE

Value of building permits is defined above. Inspectors must be certified by the state to enforce the state building code and be able to review plans and conduct inspections to enforce that code. Inspector FTEs exclude supervisors, who may be certified but who spend less than 50 percent of their time performing inspections. Inspector FTEs also exclude support personnel who are not certified.

### 6. Number of Plan Reviews per Reviewer FTE

The state building code requires that plans and specifications for most commercial and residential construction be reviewed before permits are issued for such construction. Reviewer FTEs are calculated using a 2,080-hour work year, the actual number of plan reviews conducted during the fiscal year, and the number of plan reviewers.

### 7. Percentage of Inspection Responses within One Working Day of Request

A request for inspection may be by phone, in person, or in writing. A response refers to at least beginning an inspection, regardless of whether approval of the work occurs. The majority of inspections are completed the same day as initiated. A response to a request within one working day means that the inspection is initiated before the end of the workday following the day on which the request is made.

### 8. Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections

A reinspection occurs when a building inspector must inspect work that has previously been inspected. A reinspection can occur due to problems found in the original inspection or for other reasons.

# **Building Inspections**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

0:4	Area Served	Population	Building Inspections by Trade			Number	Building	Tatal Otaff		
City or Town	(in Square Miles)	Growth from 2000 to 2011	Building	Electrical	Mechanical	Plumbing	Total	of Plan Reviews	Inspector FTEs	Total Staff FTEs
Apex	34.7	91.5%	5,573	4,058	3,126	2,667	15,424	1,102	4.0	10.0
Asheville	63.0	24.3%	12,166	7,326	5,268	4,934	29,694	2,989	13.0	34.0
Burlington	41.1	14.1%	1,901	2,682	1,857	1,440	7,880	185	5.50	9.00
Cary	66.2	47.2%	22,901	12,887	13,747	10,200	59,735	3,573	19.0	41.6
Greensboro	131.9	21.6%	25,523	14,289	10,961	10,103	60,876	892	13.5	28.0
Greenville	65.7	39.0%	3,683	3,252	3,059	1,947	11,941	563	5.0	10.0
High Point	59.3	22.9%	8,191	6,224	4,821	3,419	22,655	890	9.0	15.0
Wilson	58.4	10.6%	1,773	1,707	1,818	907	6,205	179	2.6	5.4
Winston- Salem	391.3	25.0%	15,167	13,890	12,918	9,972	51,947	1,342	16.0	28.4

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected building inspection performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Rate of growth and development in city

Size and complexity of construction projects

Geographic area served by county building inspections

Inspectors' enforcement of local development regulations

Emphasis given to plan review in each jurisdiction

Inspector specialization

Organization of the building inspection function

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Apex provides building inspection services though the Building Inspections and Permits Department. The department is organized into two major divisions, building inspections and engineering. The department provides inspections for all of the Town of Apex and nearly nineteen square miles of area in its extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

All building inspectors in Apex serve each of the major trades. The department enforces the North Carolina State Building Code.

The department has a goal of having all inspectors fully qualified for the technical, administrative, and customer service aspects of their job. Training is accomplished primariliy by offsite seminars and conferences offered by state-approved sponsors.

Apex has a standard that all inspection requests recorded by a permit technician or the permit office voice mail by 3 a.m. are to be performed on the next business day.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$658,698 for FY 2011–12.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

The population served is calculated by adding the population of Apex with the population of the ETJ. The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of Apex with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Wake County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

Apex does not track multi-family as a category of reporting for inspections or plan reviews. Instead, townhomes are included with residential and condos and apartments are included with commercial.

Municipal Profile	
Population Served	59,532
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	34.68
Persons per Square Mile	1,717
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area	\$7.13
(billions)	
Median Family Income	\$97,201
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	0.0
Building	0.0
Electrical	0.0
Mechanical	0.0
Plumbing	0.0
All Trades	4.0
Total Inspectors	4.0
	1.0
FTE Plan Reviewers	1.0
Other FTE Positions	5.0
Total of All Positions	10.0
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	5,573
Electrical	4,058
Mechanical	3,126
Plumbing	2,667
TOTAL	15,424
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$51,916,931
Multi-Family	\$21,950,168
Commercial	\$28,571,670
TOTAL	\$102,438,769
Inspection Fee Revenue	\$658,696
Full Cost Profile	
Cast Preskdown by Persontage	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	76.5%
Operating Costs	18.2%
Capital Costs	5.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Coat Brookdown in Dollar-	
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	<u> </u>
Personal Services	\$760,171
Operating Costs	\$180,595
Capital Costs	\$52,655
TOTAL	\$993,421

### Apex

# **Building Inspections**

Key: Apex Bench

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



**Inspections per Square Mile** 

in Service Area

1,600

1,200

800

400

0

Apex

Average

2008

593

#### Workload Measures



Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of



**Building Services Cost** 

per Inspection—All Types

2009

2010

2011

\$63.80

\$80.41 \$80.55

2012

\$64.41

# Value of Building Permits Per

2009

426

2010

378

2011

400

358

2012

445

364

2012

16.4

12.2

19.7

11.9



Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



Inspections per Day per Inspector FTE

13.4

10.9

10.2

Apex

Average



#### Effectiveness Measures

Average \$52.74 \$68.00 \$82.71

2008

Efficiency Measures

\$140

\$120

\$100

\$80 \$60

\$40

\$20

\$0

Apex



# Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections



2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 1,188 1,102 je 521 490 446 546 587

235

Building Inspections

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Asheville Building Safety Department provides building inspection and permitting services to all areas within the Asheville city limits and, beginning in FY 2006–07, its extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Inspectors include those who function in all trades and those who are certified in one of the following four trades: building, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical. The city is divided into two geographic areas for commericial inspections, with an inspector from each trade assigned to each area. The city is divided into six areas for inspection of one- and two-family dwellings, with one inspector assigned for each area performing all trades. The Building Safety Department enforces the North Carolina State Building Code and the Asheville Minimum Housing Code. The costs and the positions associated with enforcing the housing code are excluded from the project's performance and cost data.

The department has a goal of twelve training days per inspector per year. Inspectors are required to obtain certification in their primary trade plus two others. A career ladder encourages inspectors to work toward obtaining Level III certification in their primary trade and Level II certification in two other trades. Training is a high priority for the department, with an emphasis on code consistency. Training for contractors and designers also is a high priority for the department.

Asheville's policy is that all calls received for inspection before 7:30 a.m. receive same-day inspection.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$2.2 million for FY 2011–12. The fee schedule separates fees for each type of permit, with specific fees depending on type of work, cost, square footage, and other factors. One free reinspection is granted per trade per project. Additional inspections are provided for a fee of \$75 that must be paid prior to the inspection.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The population served is calculated by adding the population of Asheville with the population of the ETJ. The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of Asheville with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Buncombe County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

The city has many old and historic buildings that are difficult to renovate and bring into compliance with the state code. The city also has days during which snow and ice impact service delivery for this city function.

Population Served Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	92,058 63.04
Persons per Square Mile	1,460
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area (billions)	\$11.78
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$53,350
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	
Building	0.0
Electrical	0.0
Mechanical	0.0
Plumbing	0.0
All Trades	<u>13.0</u>
Total Inspectors	13.0
FTE Plan Reviewers	5.0
Other FTE Positions	<u>16.0</u>
Total of All Positions	34.0
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	12,166
Electrical	7,326
Mechanical	5,268
Plumbing	4,934
TOTAL	29,694
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$79,934,513
Multi-Family	\$15,444,418
Commercial	\$75,921,914
TOTAL	\$171,300,845
Inspection Fee Revenue	\$2,169,447
Full Cost Profile	

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	69.7%
Operating Costs	22.5%
Capital Costs	7.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,919,545
Operating Costs	\$619,055
Capital Costs	\$215,845
TOTAL	\$2,754,445

### **Asheville**

# **Building Inspections**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**



Key: Asheville



Benchmarking Average

**Building Inspections Services** 





Workload Measures





Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



#### Efficiency Measures



#### **Effectiveness Measures**

Percentage of Inspection Responses within **One Working Day of Request** 







Value of Building Permits Per Inspector FTE In Millions of Dollars





#### Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections

2009

9.7

10.9

9.2

10.2

25

20

15

10

5

0

Asheville

Average

2008

10.0

13.4



Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax



# **Burlington**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Burlington Building Inspections Division is under the Public Works Department. The Division provides commercial and residential inspections within city limits and the extra-territorial zoning district properties covering about fourteen square miles outside city boundaries.

The inspections department uses inspectors certified in individual building trades. Training meets the state requirement of six hours a year for each trade.

Burlington does not currently have any standards for the length of time between a request for an inspection and the actual inspection.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$478,035 for FY 2011–12. The fee schedule separates fees for the type of work. Burlington charges \$50 for a third reinspection, \$75 for a fourth reinspection, and \$100 for any additional reinspections. The number of reinspections for the year was not available.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The population served is calculated by adding the population of Burlington with the population of the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of Burlington with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Alamance County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

The City of Burlington started residential plan reviews on June 1, 2009.

The broad downturn in the economy over the last several years has reduced building activity and the number of requests for inspections.

Municipal Profile	
Population Served	56,123
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	41.10
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Persons per Square Mile	1,366
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area (billions)	\$4.55
Median Family Income	\$46,461
U.S. Census 2010	ψτ0,τ01
Service Profile	
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FTE Inspectors Building	0.5
Electrical	1.0
Mechanical	2.0
Plumbing	0.0
All Trades	2.0
Total Inspectors	5.5
FTE Plan Reviewers	0.5
Other FTE Positions	3.0
Total of All Positions	9.0
Number of lease of a set of the set	
Number of Inspections by Type	4.004
Building	1,901
Electrical	2,682
Mechanical	1,857
Plumbing	1,440
TOTAL	7,880
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$25,608,213
Multi-Family	In commercial
Commercial	\$58,034,653
TOTAL	\$83,642,866
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Inspection Fee Revenue	\$478,035
Full Cost Profile	
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Cost Breakdown by Percentage	05.00/
Personal Services	65.0%
Operating Costs	26.4%
Capital Costs	8.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$583,463
Operating Costs	\$237,075
Capital Costs	\$77,702
TOTAL	\$898,240
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### Burlington

# **Building Inspections**

Key: Burlington  Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures Building Inspections Services Costs per Capita** \$30 \$20 \$10 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 \$22.53 \$15.30 \$17.11 \$16.07 \$16.00 Burlington \$19.77 \$17.27 \$16.95 \$16.33 \$16.43 Average

#### Workload Measures



Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of



#### Efficiency Measures



#### **Effectiveness Measures**







#### **Inspections per Square Mile** in Service Area 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Burlinaton 492 246 187 178 192 378 358 364 593 426 Average

Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax **Base of Area Served** 7%



Value of Building Permits Per Inspector FTE In Millions of Dollars



25

20

15

10

5

0

Burlington

Average

2008

12.6

13.4

2009

6.6

10.9



#### Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 29.6% Burlington 27.0% 22.5% 24.5% 22.7% 24.4% 22.7% Average

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Cary provides building inspection services within its corporate limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) through its inspections and permits department. The department is a full-service function, meeting all requirements mandated by the N.C. General Statutes. The department consists of two main divisions. The permitting division processes all construction-related permits and related fees. Associated functions include plans review, assigning property addresses, and zoning set-back review. The inspections division performs construction-related inspections to ensure compliance with the state building code and the building regulations listed in the Town of Cary Code of Ordinances. The town has both single-trade inspectors and all trade inspectors.

The building permit and inspection process includes the receipt of permit applications, review of plans and specifications, issuance of permits, and follow-up field inspections to ensure compliance. Excluded are the enforcement of zoning and subdivision regulations, fire codes, minimum housing codes, erosion and sedimentation control regulations, watershed regulations, historic preservation ordinances, and other development regulations or plans.

The Town of Cary supports both in-house and state-sponsored training classes for inspectors on a regular basis. While in-house field training revolves around peer mentoring, the town's Human Resources Department offers a wide variety of customer service–related classes. The Town's Technology Services Department also supports code enforcement officials by offering regular computer classes through a state-of-the-art computer lab. Code enforcement officials also attend annual workshops and seminars sponsored by the various state inspections trade groups.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$2.4 million for FY 2011–12. The fee schedule separates fees for each type of permit, with specific fees depending on a minimum amount, square footage, and other factors. Reinspection fees are charged if a violation has been cited and not corrected on the next inspection or if an inspection is scheduled and the work has not been completed.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The population served is calculated by adding the population of Cary with the population of the ETJ. The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of Cary with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Wake County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

The broad downturn in the economy has reduced building activity and the number of requests for inspections.

municipal Prome	
Population Served	150,591
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	66.19
Persons per Square Mile	2,275
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area	\$22.55
(billions)	
Median Family Income	\$108,956
U.S. Census 2010	ψ100,950
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	
Building	7.0
Electrical	4.0
Mechanical	3.0
Plumbing	3.0
All Trades	2.0
Total Inspectors	19.0
FTE Plan Reviewers	4.0
Other FTE Positions	18.6
Total of All Positions	41.6
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	22,901
Electrical	12,887
Mechanical	13,747
Plumbing	10,200
TOTAL	59,735
Duilding Dormit Values	
Building Permit Values Residential	\$175,707,449
Multi-Family	\$60,891,385
Commercial	\$44,135,790
TOTAL	\$280,734,624
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Inspection Fee Revenue	\$2,381,537
Full Cost Profile	

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	74.8%
Operating Costs	21.0%
Capital Costs	4.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,400,239
Operating Costs	\$955,665
Capital Costs	\$187,988
TOTAL	\$4,543,892

# **Building Inspections**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures



Key: Cary

#### **Building Inspections Services** FTEs per 10,000 Population 5 4 3 2 1 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary 3.62 3.39 2.97 2.82 2.76 Average 2.34 1.94 1.88 1.66 1.65

Benchmarking Average

**Building Inspections Services** Cost per Million Dollars of Tax Base \$350 \$300 \$250 \$200 \$150 \$100 \$50 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary \$209 \$205 \$196 \$200 \$201 Average \$201 \$173 \$170 \$158 \$159

#### Workload Measures



Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures





Value of Building Permits Per Inspector FTE In Millions of Dollars



Inspections per Day

per Inspector FTE

2009

11.8

10.9

25

20

15

10

5

0

Cary

Average

2008

17.0

13.4

#### Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served





# Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections

2010

16.0

10.2

2011

14.2

11.9

2012

13.4

12.2



#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Inspections is a division of the Engineering and Inspections Department of the City of Greensboro. The inspections division consists of plans review, building inspections, plumbing inspections, mechanical inspections, electrical inspections, and local code enforcement. The city services the incorporated portion of the city but not the extra-territorial jurisdiction areas.

Trade inspectors are required to attain a Level III certification of their primary building trade within two years. Mechanical and plumbing inspectors are required to attain a secondary certification. Local ordinance inspectors are required to attain a Level I certification. All certified inspectors are required to take and pass a law and administrative course.

All requests for inspections are responded to within forty-eight hours or less. Nearly all requests, 96 percent, are called into the city's automated system or entered via its website.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$2.0 million for FY 2011–12. If a request for inspection is made and the job is not ready or corrections have not been made, a \$45 fee for each reinspection is assessed.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The broad downturn in the economy has reduced building activity and the number of requests for inspections.

Municipal Profile	
Population Served	272,196
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	131.94
Persons per Square Mile	2,063
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area	\$24.41
(billions)	
Median Family Income	\$52,752
U.S. Census 2010	ψ02,102
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	
Building	5.0
Electrical	3.5
Mechanical	2.0
Plumbing	3.0
All Trades	0.0
	13.5
Total Inspectors	15.5
FTE Plan Reviewers	4.5
Other FTE Positions	10.0
Total of All Positions	28.0
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	25,523
Electrical	14,289
Mechanical	10,961
Plumbing	10,103
TOTAL	60,876
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$67,006,191
Multi-Family	\$94,417,193
Commercial	\$273,838,014
TOTAL	\$435,261,398
Inspection Fee Revenue	\$2,037,344
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services	76.6%
Operating Costs	23.4%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,711,563
Operating Costs	\$522,152
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$2,233,715

### Greensboro

# **Building Inspections**

Key: Greensboro 

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures Building Inspections Services Building Inspections Services Costs per Capita** FTEs per 10,000 Population \$30 5 4 \$20 3 2 \$10 1 \$0 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greensboro \$13.24 \$11.63 \$10.72 \$10.00 \$8.21 Greensboro 1.49 1.29 1.21 1.18 1.03 Average \$19.77 \$17.27 \$16.95 \$16.33 \$16.43 Average 2.34 1.94 1.88 1.66 1.65





Workload Measures



**Inspections per Square Mile** in Service Area 1,600 1.200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 743 588 441 451 461 Greensboro 426 378 358 364 Average 593

Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served







Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures







#### Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections 40%



# Greenville

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Greenville provides detailed inspections services within city limits and its extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The city provides building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical code enforcement services.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$866,981 for FY 2011–12. Inspection and permit fees depend on the type of construction or work, value of construction, and other factors.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greenville joined the benchmarking project in 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

The population served is calculated by adding the population of Greenville with the population of the ETJ. The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of Greenville with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Pitt County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

The downturn in the economy over the past several years has decreased the demand for inspections services.

Municipal Profile	
Denviation Conved	110 700
Population Served	110,763
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	65.70
Persons per Square Mile	1,686
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area	\$7.77
(billions)	, ,
Median Family Income	\$50,395
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors Building	0.0
Electrical	0.0
Mechanical	0.0
Plumbing	0.0
All Trades	5.0
Total Inspectors	5.0
FTE Plan Reviewers	1.0
Other FTE Positions	4.0
Total of All Positions	10.0
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	3,683
Electrical	3,003
Mechanical	3,059
Plumbing TOTAL	1,947 11,941
TOTAL	11,941
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$32,647,551
Multi-Family	\$24,045,604
Commercial	\$110,656,954
TOTAL	\$167,350,109
Inspection Fee Revenue	\$866,981
Full Cost Profile	
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Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	75.4%
Operating Costs	18.8%
Capital Costs	5.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$718,623
Operating Costs	\$179,652
Capital Costs	\$55,139
TOTAL	\$953,414
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### Greenville

Key: Greenville

# **Building Inspections**

Benchmarking Average — Fiscal Years

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



**Inspections per Square Mile** in Service Area 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 243 237 234 182 593 426 378 358 364 Average

Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



#### Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



**Building Services Cost** 

per Inspection—All Types \$140 \$120

2009

\$65.61

2011

\$57.62 \$79.84

2010

\$69.41

\$52.74 \$68.00 \$82.71 \$80.41

2012

\$80.55

#### Value of Building Permits Per Inspector FTE In Millions of Dollars



Inspections per Day

per Inspector FTE

25 20

15

10

5

0

Greenville

Average

2008

134

Plan Reviews per Year per Reviewer FTE 1,500 1,000 500 0 2012 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 738 526 550 563 10.2 521 490 446 546 587 Average 122

#### Effectiveness Measures

2008

Efficiency Measures

\$100

\$80

\$60

\$40 \$20

\$0

Greenville

Average

Percentage of Inspection Responses within One Working Day of Request



# Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections

2009

11.5

10.9

2010

11.2

10.2

2011

13.1

119


#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The inspections department of High Point provides building, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical code enforcement services to the incorporated area of the city in addition to a small portion of the rural/suburban extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) within Guilford County.

Fire inspections and permit records are maintained by the inspections department, but fire inspections are performed by fire marshals. The department also has a local codes division, which enforces zoning, housing, public nuisance, and vehicle codes. This staff was not included in this report.

Inspectors are required to complete a level of training prior to receiving individual assignments. Prior to completing the required training, employees must work under the direct supervision of their supervisor or assigned employees. Training includes formal classroom and on-the-job training in code enforcement, technical codes, related state and local code laws, safety, and personnel regulations. All inspection requests received by midnight are inspected the next business day.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$691,775 for FY 2011–12. Inspection and permit fees depend on the type of construction or work, value of construction, and other factors.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The population served is calculated by adding the population of High Point with the population of the ETJ. The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of High Point with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Guilford County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

The broad downturn in the economy has reduced building activity and the number of requests for inspections.

Municipal Profile	
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Population Served	108,457
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	59.29
Persons per Square Mile	1,829
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area	\$9.54
(billions)	
Median Family Income	\$49,720
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	
Building	2.5
Electrical	2.5
Mechanical	2.5
	2.5 1.5
Plumbing All Trades	
	0.0
Total Inspectors	9.0
FTE Plan Reviewers	1.0
Other FTE Positions	5.0
Total of All Positions	15.0
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	8,191
Electrical	6,224
Mechanical	4,821
Plumbing	3,419
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TOTAL	22,655
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$41,118,778
Multi-Family	In commercial
Commercial	\$76,557,000
TOTAL	\$117,675,778
Inspection Fee Revenue	\$691,775
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services	73.3%
Operating Costs	21.3%
Capital Costs	5.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,127,138
Operating Costs	\$328,231
Capital Costs	\$82,121
TOTAL	\$1,537,490

### **High Point**

### **Building Inspections**

Key: High Point

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures Building Inspections Services Costs per Capita** \$30 \$20 \$10 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 High Point \$16.45 \$16.17 \$15.12 \$14.74 \$14.18 \$19.77 \$17.27 \$16.95 \$16.33 \$16.43 Average

#### Workload Measures



Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures





#### **Building Inspections Services** Cost per Million Dollars of Tax Base \$350 \$300 \$250 \$200 \$150 \$100 \$50 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 High Point \$198 \$180 \$171 \$168 \$161 Average \$201 \$170 \$158 \$159

\$173

Inspections per Square Mile in Service Area 1,600 1,200 800 400 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 High Point 463 437 364 357 382

378

358

364

Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax **Base of Area Served** 7%



Value of Building Permits Per Inspector FTE In Millions of Dollars

426

Average

25

20

15

10

5

0

High Point

Average

2008

8.6

13.4

593



Inspections per Day

per Inspector FTE

2009

9.6

10.9



#### Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections 40% 30% 20% 10%

2010

8.0

10.2

2011

95

11.9

2012

10.7

12.2

0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 High Point 11.8% 23.9% Average 22.5% 24.5% 22.7% 24.4% 22.7%

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Wilson's inspection team serves an area consisting of the area within the city's corporate limits and the extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction (ETJ) that is approximately one mile beyond city limits.

Inspection services are currently provided by three inspectors, one field supervisor, and the inspections divisions manager. Two permit technicians provide support to this function. For commercial jobs, each inspector is assigned a primary inspection field. For residential jobs, inspectors hold certificates in all trade areas. Fire inspections are typically handled by certified inspectors in the fire department but are occasionally conducted by building inspectors who have fire inspection.

It is the policy of the inspection work team to respond to an inspection request on the same working day if the request is made prior to 8:30 a.m. and to respond to an inspection request by the following working day if the request is made after 8:30 a.m. Most inspections are completed on the same day the request was made.

Total revenue received from inspection fees was not available for FY 2011–12. Building inspection fees had been increased in FY 2007–08. Inspection and permit fees depend on the type of construction or work, the value of construction, and other factors. A reinspection fee is assessed when making an inspection for the same trade that had been previously rejected.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The population served is calculated by adding the population of Wilson with the population of the ETJ. The tax base served is calculated by adding the tax base of Wilson with the tax base of the ETJ. The population and the tax base of the ETJ are calculated by taking the population and tax base per square mile of Wilson County and multiplying them by the square miles of the ETJ.

The broad downturn in the economy has reduced building activity and the number of requests for inspections.

#### **Municipal Profile**

TOTAL

Municipal Profile	
Population Served	55,953
Land Area Inspected (Square Miles)	58.38
Persons per Square Mile	958
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Estimated Tax Base in Service Area	\$4.50
(billions)	
Median Family Income	\$43,442
U.S. Census 2010	
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	0.0
Building	0.0
Electrical	0.0
Mechanical	0.0
Plumbing	0.0
All Trades	2.6
Total Inspectors	2.6
FTE Plan Reviewers	0.8
Other FTE Positions	2.0
Total of All Positions	5.4
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	1,773
Electrical	1,707
Mechanical	1,818
Plumbing	907
TOTAL	6,205
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$14,494,743
Multi-Family	\$0
Commercial	\$37,595,125
TOTAL	\$52,089,868
Inspection Fee Revenue	NA
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	65.0%
Operating Costs	29.0%
	29.0%
Capital Costs	
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$549,029
Operating Costs	\$245,375
Capital Costs	\$50,888
TOTAL	A0.45.000

\$845,292

#### Key: Wilson 🔳

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**







#### Workload Measures



Value of Commercial Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures





Value of Building Permits Per

Inspector FTE In Millions of Dollars



Inspections per Day

per Inspector FTE

25

20

15

10

5

0

Wilson

Average

2008

15.2

13.4

#### Value of Building Permits as Percentage of Tax Base of Area Served





### Percentage of Inspections that Are Reinspections

2009

10.3

10.9

2010

8.5

10.2

2011

10.3

11.9



### Winston-Salem

### **Building Inspections**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Inspections Division is a combined program for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, providing building inspections services for all areas of the county, with the exception of the Town of Kernersville.

Inspectors are certified in one of the following four trades: building, electrical, mechanical, or plumbing. Inspectors drive to and from inspection sites in city-owned vehicles. Besides the North Carolina State Building Code, the Inspections Division enforces zoning codes and soil and sedimentation control regulations. Full-time equivalent positions and costs for these responsibilities are excluded from the project's figures for building inspections.

It is the policy of the Inspections Division to respond to inspection requests within one working day 90 percent of the time.

Total revenue received from inspection fees amounted to \$2.56 million for FY 2011–12. Inspection and permit fees depend on the type of construction or work, value of the construction, and other factors. An extra trip charge of \$40 is assessed for each reinspection due to a second and subsequent failed inspection on each permit.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The broad downturn in the economy has reduced building activity and the number of requests for inspections.

Municipal Profile	
Population Served Land Area Inspected (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	331,153 391.31 846
Estimated Tax Base in Service Area (billions)	\$31.31
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491
Service Profile	
FTE Inspectors	
Building	4.0
Electrical	4.0
Mechanical	4.0
	4.0
Plumbing	
All Trades	0.0
Total Inspectors	16.0
FTE Plan Reviewers	3.0
Other FTE Positions	9.4
Total of All Positions	28.4
	20.4
Number of Inspections by Type	
Building	15,167
Electrical	13,890
Mechanical	
	12,918
Plumbing	9,972
TOTAL	51,947
Building Permit Values	
Residential	\$188,462,476
Multi-Family	In residential
Commercial	\$224,622,860
TOTAL	\$413,085,336
Inspection Fee Revenue	\$2,558,256
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	60.1%
Operating Costs	33.2%
Capital Costs	6.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cast Brackdown in Dollars	
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	¢4 700 507
Personal Services	\$1,783,537
Operating Costs	\$983,445
Capital Costs	\$198,480
TOTAL	\$2,965,462

### Winston-Salem

### **Building Inspections**





# Performance and Cost Data

FLEET MAINTENANCE



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR FLEET MAINTENANCE

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

Fleet maintenance represents the scheduled and unscheduled maintenance of rolling stock performed by the central garage and contractual work assigned by the central garage. This includes preventive, predictive, corrective, and breakdown maintenance. Excluded from this definition are rolling stock not maintained by the central garage and the broader activities of fleet services, such as rolling stock replacement and disposal, fuel station operation, and pool vehicle management.

#### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 1. Number of Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) per Technician FTE

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance effort. The number of VEUs in a municipality is determined by taking the number of rolling stock units in different classes of vehicles and multiplying them by a class weight for that category of vehicle. Vehicle categories include cars; light, medium, and heavy vehicles; trailed equipment; offroad/ construction/tractor units; and buses. The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for technicians is the number of employees directly involved in providing the maintenance services for the municipality's rolling stock as approved in the annual operating budget for the fiscal year.

## 2. Number of Preventive Maintenances Completed In-House per Technician FTE

The number of preventive maintenance jobs (PMs) completed in-house is the total number completed for the fiscal year ending June 30 that are done by the municipality's staff. The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for technicians is the same as defined above.

#### 3. Cost per Work Order

This measure represents the total cost of fleet maintenance and is calculated using the full cost accounting model that captures direct, indirect, and capital costs. Work orders include the total number of work orders produced, including those related to contractual work, for the fiscal year ending June 30.

#### 4. Cost per Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU)

This measure represents the total cost of fleet maintenance and is calculated using the full cost accounting model that captures direct, indirect, and capital costs. Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are calculated as defined above for the fiscal year ending June 30.

#### 5. Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours

The total number of billable hours includes all hours for technicians available for work during the fiscal year. Billable hours are calculated by multiplying 2,080 (hours in a normal working year) by the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for technicians as defined above. However, this number of FTEs is adjusted for vacancies. Hours billed represents actual hours billed during the fiscal year by the central garage to departments, divisions, and programs.

### 6. Preventive Maintenances (PMs) as a Percentage of All Work Orders

This measure is based on the total number of preventive maintenance jobs (PMs) (done in-house or by outside contractors) completed during the fiscal year divided by the total number of work orders (including contractual work) completed during the fiscal year for that jurisdiction.

#### 7. Percentage of PMs Completed on Schedule

Based on the total number of PMs as defined above, this measure represents the percentage of PMs completed as scheduled as defined by the respective jurisdiction's standards.

#### 8. Percentage of Work Orders Completed within Twenty-Four Hours

Based on the total number of work orders as defined above, this measure represents the percentage of work orders completed during the fiscal year within twenty-four hours of being received.

#### 9. Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day

Based on the total number of rolling stock units as defined above, this measure represents the average percentage of rolling stock available for use per working day of the jurisdiction.

#### 10. Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within Thirty Days

Based on the total number of work orders as defined above, this measure represents the percentage of works orders (completed work on a unit of rolling stock) requiring repeat repair for the same problem within thirty days.

### **Fleet Maintenance**

#### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

City or Town	Number of Rolling Stock Maintained	Average Age of Rolling Stock (in Years)	Number of Work Orders	Number of Preventive Maintenances	Number of Work Bays	Authorized Technician FTEs	Labor Rate (per Hour)	Parts Inventory Turnover per Year	Fund Type
Apex	290	7.1	1,839	895	4	3.5	NA	4.0	General Fund
Asheville	807	7.5	4,252	1,432	16	9.0	\$50—Cars and Small Trucks \$60—Large Truck and Off- Road	2.3	General Fund
Burlington	486	10.7	3,871	2,473	19	8.0	\$55—Heavy Equipment \$45—Auto/Light Truck \$35—Small Engine/Mowers	0.9	General Fund
Cary	808	5.6	4,887	2,110	7	8.0	\$60.00	NA	Internal Service
Charlotte	4,840	6.4	38,050	12,187	86	73.8	\$50.55	5.0	General Fund
Concord	798	7.7	3,690	1,889	8	7.3	\$60.00	5.6	General Fund
Greensboro	1,921	5.5	11,124	4,895	33	32.0	\$52.00	2.1	Internal Service
Greenville	515	6.9	6,761	1,969	12	12.0	\$60.00	na	Internal Service
Hickory	543	10.1	5,549	1,382	14	6.0	\$44.50	4.0	Internal Service
High Point	935	8.8	4,874	2,293	18	12.0	\$60.00	4.0	Internal Service
Salisbury	498	9.8	4,569	1,586	14	10.0	NA	1.6	General Fund
Wilmington	553	7.3	4,083	1,584	20	9.0	\$68.00	4.0	Internal Service
Wilson	766	9.2	6,285	1,426	15	11.0	\$44.00	2.3	General Fund
Winston- Salem	1,754	8.5	10,416	5,344	31	16.0	\$50.00	3.6	Internal Service

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected fleet maintenance performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Number of vehicles maintained Types of vehicles maintained Fleet replacement plan Average age of vehicles by type Average miles driven for each type of vehicle Preventive maintenance classification system

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Fleet Services is a division of the Facility and Fleet Services Department in the Town of Apex. The activities for this operation are accounted for in the general fund.

The town does not charge departments for labor but does track time technicians spend on work orders. There is no charge to departments for parts or sublet work. Parts inventory turned over approximately four times during the fiscal year.

The following services were contracted out:

- transmission repairs
- extended repair order work
- major engine repairs
- body work
- EMS ambulance body service work
- electric line truck repairs
- major hydraulic cylinder repairs
- fire truck pump repairs.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Apex the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty days of the scheduled date or within mileage parameters.

In addition to rolling stock, Apex's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for other pieces of equipment, including asphalt rollers, whacker and roller tamps, portable generators, ballfield conditions, various types of ATVs, weedeaters, lawnmowers, chainsaws, sump pumps, water pumps, snow plows, flail mowers, boat motors, light towers, and stump grinders.

The Apex Fleet Services Supervisor provides technician support on an as needed basis.

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		38,696 15.63 2,477
Service Profile		
		25
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		3.5 1.0
Work Bays		4
Rolling Stock Maintained	<u>No.</u>	Average Age
Cars—Normal Usage	3	7.5 Years
Cars—Severe Usage	46	6.2 Years
Light Vehicles	97	5.2 Years
Medium Vehicles	23	8.5 Years
Heavy—Sanitation	0	NA
Heavy—Sewer	1	3.0 Years
Heavy—Fire Apparatus	10	10.5 Years
Heavy—Other	17	7.5 Years
Trailed Equipment	63	8.5 Years
Off-Road/Construction/Tractors	30	9.2 Years
Buses	0	NA
TOTAL	290	NA
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		844
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		274
Hours Billed		6,842
Work Orders		1,839
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days		10
Work Orders Completed within 24 h	nours	1,500
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs	;)	895
PMs Completed as Scheduled		895
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	28.7%
Operating Costs	60.9%
Capital Costs	10.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$195,797
Operating Costs	\$415,663
Capital Costs	\$70,943
TOTAL	\$682,403

Key: Apex

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures





**Hours Billed** as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 93% 94% Apex Average 70% 70% 77% 76% 75%

#### Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) Completed as Scheduled



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



#### Percentage of Work Orders Completed



### Asheville

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Fleet management is a division of the Asheville Public Works Department, consisting of the fleet maintenance garage and a fueling station. The activities for this operation are accounted for in the general fund.

Charges for maintenance services included a \$50-an-hour labor rate for passenger cars and light trucks up to one ton in weight and a \$60an-hour labor rate for vehicles over one ton in weight and off-road vehicles, a 30 percent markup on parts, and a 5 percent markup on sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- major automatic and manual transmission repairs
- front-end alignments
- major emergency generator repairs
- aerial inspections
- major engine repairs
- paint and body repairs
- tire repairs on trucks over one ton
- major hydraulic cylinder repairs
- refuse truck body packer repairs.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Asheville, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within the same calendar month as the scheduled date.

In addition to rolling stock, Asheville's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for other pieces of equipment, including snow plows, sand spreaders, emergency generators, water pumps, chain saws, a pressure washer, a curb builder, and other city equipment.

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		85,646 45.40 1,886
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		9.0 7.0
Work Bays		16
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	<u>No.</u> 28 164 289 8 14 2 30 64 117 87 4 807	Average Age 8.5 Years 6.0 Years 6.6 Years 3.0 Years 6.3 Years 4.8 Years 12.2 Years 9.1 Years 8.8 Years 8.7 Years 11.4 Years
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		2,612
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		782
Hours Billed		14,397
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 h	iours	4,252 42 2,976
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs PMs Completed as Scheduled	)	1,432 1,360
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		20.0%

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	29.0%
Operating Costs	68.9%
Capital Costs	2.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$873,170
Operating Costs	\$2,075,447
Capital Costs	\$62,819
TOTAL	\$3,011,436

### Asheville

### **Fleet Maintenance**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**



Key: Asheville



Benchmarking Average -

**Fleet Maintenance FTEs** per 100 Municipal Employees 3.00 2 50 2.00 1.50 1 0 0 0.50 0.00 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Asheville 1.20 1.20 1.36 1.40 1.40 Average 1.57 1.66 1.61 1.55 1.59

#### Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures





Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2010 2012 2009 2011 Asheville 49% 44% 88% 92% 85% Average 70% 70% 77% 76% 75%

#### Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours



261

Fleet Maintenance

### **Burlington**

### **Fleet Maintenance**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Burlington's fleet maintenance is performed by the Equipment Services Division of the Public Works Department. The activities for this operation were accounted for in the general fund.

There are no charges for hourly labor, but a tracking fee is used for internal purposes. There is a 5 percent markup on parts but no markup on sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- bodywork
- alignments
- major transmission repairs
- machine work
- windshield replacement
- upholstery work
- aerial inspections
- wrecker service
- two-way radio work.

In addition to rolling stock, Burlington's Equipment Services Division has maintenance responsibility for bush hogs, edgers, pavers, pressure washers, riding mowers, generators, chain saws, push mowers, grinders, paint machines, spreaders, aerators, directional signs, and other city equipment.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

In Burlington, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is based on mileage parameters. While most PMs are done within twenty-four hours of arrival at the fleet shop, not all vehicles are brought in by departments on time to allow completion on schedule.

#### **Municipal Profile**

**Capital Costs** 

TOTAL

Municipal Profile		
Denulation (OODM 0000)		F4 000
Population (OSBM 2009)		51,263
Land Area (Square Miles)		25.21
Persons per Square Mile		2,034
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician		8.0
FTE Positions—Other		6.0
Work Bays		19
Rolling Stock Maintained	No.	Average Age
Cars—Normal Usage	40	5.8 Years
Cars—Severe Usage	97	5.0 Years
Light Vehicles	132	10.3 Years
Medium Vehicles	35	13.9 Years
Heavy—Sanitation	19	7.5 Years
Heavy—Sewer	4	18.0 Years
Heavy—Fire Apparatus	10	12.1 Years
Heavy-Other	8	13.9 Years
Trailed Equipment	91	15.8 Years
Off-Road/Construction/Tractors	47	15.6 Years
Buses	3	7.9 Years
TOTAL	486	
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		1,502
Average Delling Check Unite		407
Average Rolling Stock Units		407
Available per Day		
Hours Billed		9,752
Work Orders		3,871
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days		1
Work Orders Completed within 24 h	ours	2,421
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Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs	)	2,473
PMs Completed as Scheduled		873
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		
Personal Services		42.5%
Operating Costs		42.3 <i>%</i> 54.7%
Capital Costs		2.8%
TOTAL		100.0%
/ 12		100.070
Cost Breakdown in Dollars		
Personal Services		\$644,775
Operating Costs		\$828,938

\$42,266

\$1,515,979

### **Burlington**

### Fleet Maintenance

Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures







#### Workload Measures

Efficiency Measures

\$800

\$600

\$400

\$200

Burlinaton

Average

\$0



**Fleet Maintenance Cost** 

per Work Order

2009

\$314

\$460

2010

\$314

\$440

2011

\$370

\$475

2012

\$392

\$514



#### Fleet Maintenance Cost per Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU) \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Burlington \$1,110 \$908 \$853 \$977 \$1,010 Average \$1,002 \$994 \$972 \$1,009 \$1.095

**Hours Billed** as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Burlington 60% Average 70% 70% 77% 76% 75%

#### Effectiveness Measures

2008

\$358

\$428



#### Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) Completed as Scheduled



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



### Percentage of Work Orders Completed



#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Cary's Fleet Division is located in the Public Works and Utilities Department. It operates as an internal service fund where departments are charged according to actual usage and all expenses and revenues are tracked separately from the general fund.

The division charges \$60 an hour for labor on all vehicle types and a 19 percent markup on parts sold. A flat fee of \$19 is charged on sublet work.

Cary has a contract with the retail store NAPA where space is provided for a parts warehouse, but parts are only sold to Cary when used. Parts are stocked based on an annual review of parts used and maintenance requirements. NAPA does not charge a stocking/restocking fee.

The following services were contracted out:

- body work
- tire replacement (tires over 16 inches)
- some major transmission work
- some engine overhaul
- striping/decal work for law enforcement and fire vehicles only.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Cary, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within the same calendar month as the scheduled date or within mileage parameters.

In addition to rolling stock, Cary's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for riding mowers, weedwackers, rotor tillers, tamps, saws, chippers, rollers, excavators, loaders, salt spreaders, concrete mixers, seeders, aerators, generators, an asphalt heater and trench master, and other town equipment.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Municipal Profile		
		400.470
Population (OSBM 2009)		139,172
Land Area (Square Miles)		54.56
Persons per Square Mile		2,551
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician		8.0
FTE Positions—Other		3.0
Work Bays		7
Rolling Stock Maintained	No.	Average Age
Cars—Normal Usage	33	5.3 Years
Cars—Severe Usage	119	4.0 Years
Light Vehicles	259	5.3 Years
Medium Vehicles	61	7.3 Years
Heavy—Sanitation	32	3.7 Years
Heavy—Sewer	4	3.8 Years
Heavy—Fire Apparatus	20	6.8 Years
Heavy—Other	19	7.5 Years
Trailed Equipment	67	7.3 Years
Off-Road/Construction/Tractors	194	5.9 Years
Buses		S.9 Teals
TOTAL	0 808	INA
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		2,849
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		792
Hours Billed		10,188
Work Orders		4,887
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days		10
Work Orders Completed within 24 h	ours	4,199
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs	)	2,110
PMs Completed as Scheduled	/	1,689
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		
Personal Services		24.3%
Operating Costs		71.2%
Capital Costs		4.5%
TOTAL		100.0%

# Cost Breakdown in DollarsPersonal Services\$748,903Operating Costs\$2,192,731Capital Costs\$138,447TOTAL\$3,080,081

Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures







#### Workload Measures



#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) Completed In-House per Tech FTE



**Hours Billed** as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary 57% 65% 60% 58% 61% 70% 70% 77% 76% 75% Average

#### Efficiency Measures



#### Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU) \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary \$850 \$857 \$933 \$993 \$1.081 Average \$1,002 \$994 \$972 \$1,009 \$1,095

Fleet Maintenance Cost per

Percentage of Work Orders Completed



#### Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Cary 92% 95% 93% 90% 80% Average 85% 86% 87% 85% 84%

#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



### Charlotte

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Charlotte and the County of Mecklenburg merged fleet maintenance services under a city-operated program beginning July 1, 2009. The data reported here are inclusive of both fleets. The services are provided by Charlotte's Equipment Management Division, which is part of Business Support Services. All activities for this operation are accounted for in the general fund. The Equipment Management Division currently charges an administrative fee per unit to compensate for the overhead of administrative staff, including tags and title work, specification writing, and fleet analysis. This fee is currently \$26 per city vehicle and \$28.51 for county vehicles.

Charges for maintenance services included a \$50.55-per-hour labor rate, a 22.27 percent markup charge on parts sold, and a 13.68 percent markup charge on sublet work. Part caps are negotiated individually, based on very special and specific needs. All sublet transactions are subject to a \$500 cap.

The following services were contracted out during the year: accident repair, body work, spring repairs, front-end alignment, glass replacement, fuel system repair, engine overhauls, transmission overhauls, towing, some tire service, police car preparation, heavy tire replacement and repair, some light-vehicle preventive maintenance, painting/graphic installation, and radio/computer installation or removal.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent. Charlotte indicated that 67.25 technician FTEs were actually available for work during FY 2011–12 for this calculation.

In Charlotte the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty days of the scheduled date and within mileage parameters.

In addition to rolling stock, Charlotte's fleet services had maintenance responsibilities for generators, mowers, weedwackers, compressors, saws, blowers, fans, asphalt-tar/kettles, edgers, snow plows, spreaders, tamps, mixers, chippers, posthole diggers, grinders, pressure washers, and other city equipment.

Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		751,999 301.48 2,494
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		73.8 48.3
Work Bays		86
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	No. 861 926 1,515 177 155 25 94 141 483 439 24 4,840	Average Age 6.7 Years 4.3 Years 6.1 Years 8.8 Years 4.7 Years 5.7 Years 9.5 Years 9.5 Years 6.3 Years 4.1 Years
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		14,174
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		4,332
Hours Billed		117,675
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 h Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs		38,050 9 31,910 12,187
PMs Completed as Scheduled Full Cost Profile		9,750

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	42.9%
Operating Costs	55.9%
Capital Costs	1.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$8,638,593
Operating Costs	\$11,259,158
Capital Costs	\$246,551
TOTAL	\$20,144,302

### Charlotte

### Fleet Maintenance

Key: Charlotte  Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**







#### Workload Measures



#### **Completed In-House per Tech FTE** 450 300 150 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Preventive Maintenances (PMs)



**Hours Billed** as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Charlotte 86% 84% 86% 88% 84%

#### **Efficiency Measures**



#### Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU) \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Charlotte \$1,353 \$1.421 \$1.240 \$1.337 \$1.277 Average \$1,002 \$994 \$972 \$1,009 \$1,095

Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs)

**Completed as Scheduled** 

100%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Charlotte

Average

2008

100%

85%

Percentage of Work Orders Completed

within 24 Hours



#### **Effectiveness Measures**



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days

2009

99%

86%

2010

99%

87%

2011

81%

85%

2012

80%

84%





#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Concord's Fleet Department operates as a separate city department through an internal service fund, charging other departments for services rendered.

A labor rate of \$60 per hour is charged for all maintenance services. There is a 25 percent markup charge for parts and a 10 percent markup on sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- body repairs
- aerial device repairs
- front-end alignments.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent. Concord indicated that 6.58 technician FTEs were actually working during FY 2011–12 for this calculation.

In Concord, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty days of the scheduled date.

In addition to rolling stock, Concord's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for generators, mowers, weedeaters, chainsaws, chop saws, leaf blowers, tamps, pumps, power washers, and other city equipment.

#### **Municipal Profile**

**Operating Costs** 

**Capital Costs** 

TOTAL

Municipal Profile		
Deputation (OCDM 2000)		00.200
Population (OSBM 2009)		80,386
Land Area (Square Miles)		60.28
Persons per Square Mile		1,333
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician		7.3
FTE Positions—Other		5.0
FIL FUSICIONS-OLITER		5.0
Work Bays		8
Rolling Stock Maintained	No.	Average Age
Cars—Normal Usage	12	10.2 Years
Cars—Severe Usage	161	4.8 Years
Light Vehicles	222	7.7 Years
Medium Vehicles	49	7.9 Years
Heavy—Sanitation	13	6.2 Years
Heavy—Sewer	3	4.6 Years
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Heavy—Fire Apparatus	25	10.4 Years
Heavy—Other	53	6.6 Years
Trailed Equipment	151	10.3 Years
Off-Road/Construction/Tractors	93	8.3 Years
Buses	16	7.9 Years
TOTAL	798	
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		2,615
Average Rolling Stock Units		790
Available per Day		
Harris Dillad		0.000
Hours Billed		8,830
Work Orders		3,690
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days		12
Work Orders Completed within 24 h	nours	3,655
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs	5)	1,889
PMs Completed as Scheduled	/	1,833
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		
Personal Services		42.0%
Operating Costs		55.4%
Capital Costs		2.6%
TOTAL		100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars		
Personal Services		\$796,599
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\$1,050,381

\$1,895,318

\$48,338

### Concord

### Fleet Maintenance

Key: Concord  Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**







#### Workload Measures

**Efficiency Measures** 

\$800

\$600

\$400

\$200

\$0



**Fleet Maintenance Cost** 

per Work Order

2009

2010

2011

2012

\$514

\$514

#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed In-House per Tech FTE**



Fleet Maintenance Cost per

Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU)

2009

\$717

\$994

2010

\$652

\$972

2011

\$694

\$1,009 \$1,095

2012

\$725

\$1,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$0

Concord

Average \$1,002

2008

\$651

#### **Hours Billed** as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Concord 68% 71% 73% 67% 64% Average 70% 70% 77% 76% 75%

#### 2008 Concord \$306 \$415 \$412 \$430 \$428 \$460 \$440 \$475 Average

#### **Effectiveness Measures**



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 100%



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours



### Greensboro

### **Fleet Maintenance**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greensboro's fleet maintenance operation is housed within the Equipment Services Division of the Finance Department. The Division consists of four sections: administration, services, parts, and tires. All activities for this operation are accounted for in an internal service fund, with other departments and programs charged for its maintenance services on a cost recovery basis.

The labor rate for FY 2011–12 was \$52 an hour. Charges included a 25 percent markup for parts sold and a 5 percent markup for sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- body work
- glass repair
- upholstery repair
- most automotive and light-duty oil changes
- other repairs when workload exceeded in-house capacity.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Greensboro, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" uses mileage parameters and scheduled dates within the calendar month or within thirty days of schedule.

The measure "number of repeat repairs within thirty days" is tracked by city fleet management software. This data reflects an inflated number of repeat repairs within thirty days due to repair type coding on the parts and/or shop maintenance that can incorrectly attribute additional maintenance as a repeat repair. This data will be tracked manually going forward with the current year. The average monthly repeat repairs in FY 2010–11 suggest that past reported data may be inflated by an average of 300 repairs annually.

In addition to rolling stock, Greensboro's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for generators, saws, blowers, various police equipment, asphalt pavers, sprayers, hydraulic hammers, a motor mixer, pumps, snow plows, spreaders, and other equipment.

Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		272,196 127.14 2,141
Service Profile		
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FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		32.0 16.0
Work Bays		33
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	No. 191 349 395 51 91 7 0 182 203 452 0 1,921	Average Age 5.5 Years 3.0 Years 6.5 Years 6.0 Years 4.0 Years 6.0 Years 6.0 Years 6.5 Years 6.0 Years 6.0 Years NA
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		6,565
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		1,787
Hours Billed		47,097
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 hours		11,124 52 10,345
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs) PMs Completed as Scheduled		4,895 4,895
Full Cost Profile		

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	44.0%
Operating Costs	56.0%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,118,690
Operating Costs	\$3,971,075
Capital Costs	\$0
TOTAL	\$7,089,765

### Greensboro

### Fleet Maintenance

Key: Greensboro  Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**







#### Workload Measures

Efficiency Measures

\$800

\$600

\$400

\$200

Greensboro

\$0



Fleet Maintenance Cost

per Work Order

2009

\$578

2010 2011

\$496

\$574

2012

\$637

\$514

#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed In-House per Tech FTE** 450



Fleet Maintenance Cost per

Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU)

2009

\$927

\$994

2010

\$976

\$972

2011

\$1,000

\$1,009 \$1,095

2012

\$1,080

\$1,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$0 2008

\$1,200

\$1,002

Greensboro

Average

#### Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greensboro 73% 80% 82% 83% 75% 70% 70% 77% 76% 75% Average

#### \$546 \$428 \$460 \$440 \$475 Average

2008

#### **Effectiveness Measures**



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 100%



Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours



#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Fleet Division is a part of Greenville's Public Works Department. All activities for this operation are accounted for as part of the city's general fund.

The division charges the Transit and Sanitation departments a \$60per-hour-labor rate for maintenance services and has a 15 percent markup on parts or sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- alignments
- major body and paint repair
- two-way radio installs
- emergency light installs
- exhaust repair
- glass repair or replacement
- transmission overhaul
- major engine repair
- warranty repairs
- towing.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greenville joined the project in 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

In Greenville, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty days of the scheduled date or mileage parameters.

In addition to rolling stock, Greenville's fleet division has maintenance responsibilities for generators, lawnmowers, blowers, weedeaters, light towers, tampers, chainsaws, golf carts, utility carts, bush hogs, sprayers, fog machines, tractors, salt spreaders, leaf vacuums, concrete saws, an asphalt melter, rollers, a stump grinder, trail mowers, and other equipment.

Municipal Prome		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		85,059 34.70 2,451
Service Profile		
FTF Desitions - Technisis		10.0
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		12.0 5.0
Work Bays		12
Rolling Stock Maintained	<u>No.</u>	Average Age
Cars—Normal Usage	40	7.0 Years
Cars—Severe Usage	139	6.5 Years
Light Vehicles	120	8.0 Years
Medium Vehicles	23	7.0 Years
Heavy—Sanitation	42	5.0 Years
Heavy—Sewer	1	6.5 Years
Heavy—Fire Apparatus	13	8.0 Years
Heavy—Other	25	NA
Trailed Equipment	44	NA
Off-Road/Construction/Tractors	57	NA
Buses	11	12.0 Years
TOTAL	515	
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		2,085
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		NA
Hours Billed		14,175
Work Orders		6,761
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days		NA
Work Orders Completed within 24 hours		NA
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs)		1,969
PMs Completed as Scheduled		890
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	36.9%
Operating Costs	39.9%
Capital Costs	23.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,186,763
Operating Costs	\$1,285,895
Capital Costs	\$747,105
TOTAL	\$3,219,763

### Greenville

### **Fleet Maintenance**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**



Key: Greenville



Benchmarking Average -

**Fleet Maintenance FTEs** per 100 Municipal Employees 3.00 2 50 2.00 1.50 1 00 0.50 0.00 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 2.32 2.24 2.25 2.25 Average 1.57 1.66 1.61 1.55 1.59

Workload Measures





#### Efficiency Measures





Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Greenville 44% 76% 76% 75% Average 70% 70% 77%

**Effectiveness Measures** 



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



**Completed as Scheduled** 100% 75% 50%

Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs)



Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



Percentage of Work Orders Completed





#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Fleet Maintenance is a division of Hickory's Public Services Department and consists of a garage office, a parts warehouse, a welding shop, a maintenance shop, a fleet wash station, a fuel station, and a compressed natural gas station. All activities for this operation are accounted for in an internal service fund.

The division charges a \$44.50-per-hour labor rate for maintenance services and a 25 percent markup charge on parts sold. There is no markup charge for sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- alignments
- body work
- large wrecker service
- special machine work
- starter/alternator repair
- glass repair or replacement
- transmission repairs.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Hickory, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty days of the scheduled date.

In addition to rolling stock, Hickory's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for electronic signs, saws, weedeaters, sewer machines, hole piercing tools, boring machines, pumps, mowers, edgers, a sand blaster, pressure washers, blowers, mules, spreaders, generators, tamps, vacuums, airport equipment, grinders, a fleet wash station, a CNG fuel station, a gasoline and diesel fuel station, and other equipment.

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		40,086 29.72 1,349
reisons per square mile		1,349
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		6.0 4.0
Work Bays		14
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	No. 21 144 100 35 29 6 0 22 54 132 0 543	Average Age 8.9 Years 6.3 Years 8.2 Years 11.6 Years 7.6 Years 10.7 Years NA 13.4 Years 12.5 Years 14.4 Years NA
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		1,910
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		521
Hours Billed		11,175
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 hours		5,549 NA NA
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs) PMs Completed as Scheduled		1,382 1,382
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	38.7%
Operating Costs	59.5%
Capital Costs	1.9%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$571,832
Operating Costs	\$879,134
Capital Costs	\$27,375
TOTAL	\$1,478,341

### **Hickory**

### Fleet Maintenance

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**



Key: Hickory



Benchmarking Average -



#### Workload Measures



#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed In-House per Tech FTE**



#### **Hours Billed** as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Hickory 85% 82% 88% 95% 90% 70% 77% 76% 75% Average 70%

#### per Work Order

**Effectiveness Measures** 

75%

Efficiency Measures



Preventive Maintenances (PMs) as a

Percentage of All Work Orders

**Fleet Maintenance Cost** 



### Percentage of Work Orders Completed



75%

100%

50%



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Hickory 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 84% Average 85% 86% 87% 85%

Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs)

**Completed as Scheduled** 

#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



275

Fleet Maintenance

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

High Point's Fleet Maintenance Department is a separate entity, consisting of a director, administrative staff, support, and technicians. All activities in this operation are accounted for in an internal service fund, where costs are recovered through maintenance and service charges to other city departments.

Labor is billed at \$60 per hour. There is no markup charge on parts sold or sublet work. Parts inventory turned over four times during the fiscal year.

The following services were contracted out:

- body work
- windshield/glass replacements
- front-end alignment
- mufflers/exhaust systems
- after-hours towing
- car washes
- refurbishing special equipment
- upholstery repairs
- hydraulic cylinder and pump rebuilds
- 50 percent of engine and transmission overhauls
- tire repairs for heavy equipment
- maintenance and repairs covered under manufacturer warranty.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

In High Point, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within certain mileage parameters or every three months, whichever comes first.

#### **Municipal Profile**

**Capital Costs** 

TOTAL

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		105,498 53.83 1,960
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		12.0 9.0
Work Bays		18
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses	No. 35 219 264 28 24 3 0 59 125 178 0	Average Age 8.0 Years 8.0 Years 10.0 Years 8.0 Years 8.0 Years NA 10.0 Years 10.0 Years 10.0 Years NA
TOTAL Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)	935	2,787
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		903
Hours Billed		17,472
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 hours Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs) PMs Completed as Scheduled		4,874 48 NA 2,293 2,063
Full Cost Profile		_,
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL		36.3% 60.1% <u>3.6%</u> 100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs		\$1,388,677 \$2,302,496

\$138,455

\$3,829,628

### **High Point**

### Fleet Maintenance

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### Resource Measures



Key: High Point



Benchmarking Average -



#### Workload Measures

Efficiency Measures

\$800

\$600

\$400

\$200 \$0

High Point

Average



**Fleet Maintenance Cost** 

per Work Order

2009

\$702

\$460

2010

\$686

\$440

2011

\$767

\$475

2012

\$786

\$514

#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) Completed In-House per Tech FTE



Fleet Maintenance Cost per

Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU)

2009

\$1,306

\$994

2010

\$1.292

\$972

2011

\$1.272

\$1,009 \$1,095

2012

\$1.374

\$1.500

\$1,000

\$500

\$0

Average

High Point \$1,077

2008

\$1,002

# Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours



#### Effectiveness Measures

2008

\$599

\$428



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) Completed as Scheduled



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



#### Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours



# Hours Billed s a Percentage of Total Hours

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Fleet Maintenance is a division of the Public Services Department and operates the fleet and transit shops. All activities in this operation are accounted for in Salisbury's general fund.

There is no markup on any parts sold or sublet work performed on city vehicles. However, for work done on vehicles owned by other local governments, such as the county, the city charges for labor and includes a markup on parts and sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- body work
- exhaust system repairs
- towing.

In addition to maintenance responsibilities for the city's rolling stock, the fleet maintenance division also maintains vehicles for Rowan County and two trolleys for downtown Salisbury. The division also has responsibility for equipment, including generators, water pumps, hydraulic power units, mowers, tamps, weedwackers, jack hammers, rescue equipment, air compressors, sidewalk sweepers, thermo plastic equipment, hydraulic hammers, pavement saws, chain saws, and other city equipment.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

In Salisbury, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty days of scheduled maintenance or within defined mileage parameters.

Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		33,704 22.18 1,519
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		10.0 3.0
Work Bays		14
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	No. 8 91 138 25 11 3 13 27 92 80 10 498	Average Age 7.1 Years 5.5 Years 8.2 Years 8.6 Years 8.3 Years 13.6 Years 11.9 Years 14.5 Years 14.8 Years 14.0 Years
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		1,638
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		477
Hours Billed		NA
Work Orders		4,569
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 h	ours	8 NA
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs) PMs Completed as Scheduled	)	1,586 1,484
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL		42.1% 53.1% <u>4.7%</u> 100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	_	\$630,514 \$794,974 \$71,078 \$1,496,566

### Salisbury

### Fleet Maintenance

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**



Key: Salisbury



Benchmarking Average —

#### Fleet Maintenance FTEs per 100 Municipal Employees 3.50 3.00 2 50 2 00 1.50 1.00 0.50 0.00 2012 2009 2010 2011 2008 Salisbury 2.57 3.13 2.71 2.02 2.81 1.59 Average 1.57 1.66 1.61 1.55

Workload Measures

Efficiency Measures

\$800

\$600

\$400

\$200

Salisbury

\$0



**Fleet Maintenance Cost** 

per Work Order

2009

\$351

2010

\$347

2011

\$343

\$475

2012

\$328

\$514

#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed In-House per Tech FTE**



Fleet Maintenance Cost per

Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU)

2009

\$858

\$994

2010

\$894

\$972

2011

\$880

\$1,009 \$1,095

2012

\$913

\$1,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$0

Average \$1,002

Salisbury

2008

\$932

#### Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Salisbury 76% 75% Average 70% 70% 77%

#### 2008 \$375 \$428 \$460 \$440 Average

#### **Effectiveness Measures**



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



#### Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours



### Wilmington

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Fleet Management Division is a part of the Finance Department. All activities in this operation are accounted for in an internal service fund, where costs are recovered through maintenance and service charges to other city departments. Fleet Management leases cityowned vehicles to the other city departments for an annual fee that covers all preventive maintenance, insurance, and replacement fund contributions. Repairs that are required because of misuse and abuse are not covered and are billed back to departments. The city also contracts with Cape Fear Public Utility Authority to provide maintenance on over 200 pieces of rolling stock under a service contract with the utililty starting in FY2011–12.

The division charged a \$68-per-hour labor rate for all services. There was a 10 percent markup for special order parts sold but no markup for other parts or sublet work. There is a markup on fuel, which is used to support fleet maintenance.

The following services were contracted out: wrecker service, body repairs, transmission repairs, engine overhauls, exhaust repairs, frontend alignments on medium and heavy trucks, some tire repairs, some hydraulic repairs, vehicle washes, and other miscellaneous work when workload is too heavy.

In addition to maintenance responsibilities for rolling stock, the Fleet Management Division in Wilmington maintains some non-rolling pieces of equipment and does some fabrication and welding as needed. Equipment maintained includes small portable generators, pumps, saws, mowers, and other city equipment.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Wilmington, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" is within thirty calendar days of scheduled date or within mileage parameters.

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		108,337 51.49 2,104
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		9.0 4.0
Work Bays		20
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	No. 101 184 124 39 33 3 3 0 18 9 40 2 553	Average Age 6.8 Years 5.0 Years 8.7 Years 11.5 Years 7.8 Years 2.8 Years NA 6.8 Years 16.0 Years 9.5 Years 5.3 Years
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		1,809
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		522
Hours Billed		12,373
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 hours		4,083 87 2,388
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs PMs Completed as Scheduled	)	1,584 1,382
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs		33.7% 61.3%

Personal Services	33.7%
Operating Costs	61.3%
Capital Costs	5.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs	\$780,869 \$1,422,245
Capital Costs	\$116,851
TOTAL	\$2,319,965

### Wilmington

### Fleet Maintenance

Key: Wilmington  Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**







#### Workload Measures

Efficiency Measures

\$800

\$600

\$400

\$200

Wilmington

Average

\$0



**Fleet Maintenance Cost** 

per Work Order

2009

\$502

\$460

2010

\$527

\$440

2011

\$520

\$475

2012

\$568

\$514

#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed In-House per Tech FTE**



Fleet Maintenance Cost per

Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU)

2009

\$1,029

\$994

2010

\$984

\$972

2011

\$1.014

\$1,009 \$1,095

2012

\$1.282

\$1,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$0

Average

Wilmington \$1,032

2008

\$1,002

#### Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100%



#### **Effectiveness Measures**

2008

\$524

\$428



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available per Day



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 



#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



#### Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours




#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Fleet maintenance is a division housed within the Department of Public Services. All activities in this operation are accounted for in the general fund.

Charges for maintenance services included a \$44-per-hour labor rate, a 25 percent markup charge on parts sold, and a 5 percent markup charge on sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- body repairs
- paint work
- wrecker service
- radiator repairs
- alignment
- muffler repairs

In addition to rolling stock, Wilson's fleet services has maintenance responsibilities for generators, mowers, tamps, leaf machines, water pumps, and other city equipment.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

In Wilson, the preventive maintenance (PM) completion standard for "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" varies, including both calendar and mileage standards.

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009)		49,122
Land Area (Square Miles)		28.78
Persons per Square Mile		1,707
		1,707
Service Profile		
TTT Desilions Technician		11.0
FTE Positions—Technician		11.0
FTE Positions—Other		5.0
Work Bays		15
Rolling Stock Maintained	No.	Average Age
Cars—Normal Usage	33	10.8 Years
Cars—Severe Usage	110	7.0 Years
Light Vehicles	175	9.0 Years
Medium Vehicles	36	12.0 Years
Heavy—Sanitation	34	7.8 Years
Heavy—Sewer	8	8.5 Years
Heavy—Fire Apparatus	11	11.6 Years
Heavy-Other	68	8.4 Years
Trailed Equipment	137	8.6 Years
Off-Road/Construction/Tractors	148	11.0 Years
Buses	6	6.8 Years
TOTAL	766	0.0 10010
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		2,708
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		728
Hours Billed		17,638
Work Orders		6,285
Repeat Repairs within 30 Days		31
Work Orders Completed within 24 ho	ours	5,342
Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs)		1,426
PMs Completed as Scheduled		1,425
T M3 Completed as Coneduled		1,200
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage		
Personal Services		33.6%
Operating Costs		61.6%
Capital Costs		4.8%
TOTAL		100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars		

Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,101,862
Operating Costs	\$2,023,206
Capital Costs	\$157,532
TOTAL	\$3,282,600

### Wilson

### Fleet Maintenance

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures**



Key: Wilson



Benchmarking Average



#### Workload Measures



#### Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed In-House per Tech FTE**



#### Efficiency Measures Fleet Maintenance Cost

**Effectiveness Measures** 

2008

20%

37%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Wilson

Average



Preventive Maintenances (PMs) as a

Percentage of All Work Orders

#### Fleet Maintenance Cost per Vehicle Equivalent Unit (VEU) \$1,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilson \$1,117 \$1,236 \$1,187 \$1,175 \$1,212 Average \$1,002 \$994 \$972 \$1,009 \$1,095

Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2009 2011 2012 2008 2010 68% 69% 77%

62%

70%



Wilson

62%

Percentage of Work Orders Completed within 24 Hours

77%

76%

75%



Percentage of Rolling Stock Available

2009

20%

37%

2010

20%

39%

2011

24%

39%

2012

23%

40%



Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days

2009

90%

86%

2010

90%

87%

2011

88%

85%

2012

88%

84%

Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs)

**Completed as Scheduled** 

100%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Wilson

Average

2008

90%

85%



Fleet Maintenance 283

# Winston-Salem

### **Fleet Maintenance**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Fleet Services is a division of the Property and Facilities Management Department, consisting of eight units: vehicle maintenance administration, contract monitoring administration, heavy equipment, service station, vehicle leasing, parts, light equipment, and tire shop. All activities in this operation are accounted for in an internal service fund.

Charges for maintenance services included a \$50-per-hour labor rate, a 26 percent markup charge for parts sold, and a 13 percent markup charge for sublet work.

The following services were contracted out:

- body work
- welding
- hydraulic cylinder and pump repair
- glass repair
- towing
- transmission repair

In addition to rolling stock, Winston-Salem's Fleet Services has maintenance responsibilities for mowers, weedeaters, water pumps, chain saws, wacker tamps, pavement stripers, tractor implements, leaf blowers, power trimmers, salt spreaders, snow plows, and other city equipment.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs) are a weighted measure of the maintenance effort associated with different classes of vehicles. A normal-use car is considered equal to one VEU. Vehicles such as fire trucks or police cars have higher VEUs, reflecting greater expected levels of maintenance.

The measure "hours billed as a percentage of total hours" is based on a work year of 2,080 hours and only counts those positions that were filled. It should be noted that technicians have responsibilities that do not result in billable hours and they take normal vacation and sick leave. Therefore this percentage should not be expected to be near 100 percent.

results for the measures "percentage of PMs completed as scheduled" and "percentage of work orders requiring repeat repairs within 30 days" were not available.

Municipal Profile		
Population (OSBM 2009) Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile		232,143 132.45 1,753
Service Profile		
FTE Positions—Technician FTE Positions—Other		16.0 13.0
Work Bays		31
Rolling Stock Maintained Cars—Normal Usage Cars—Severe Usage Light Vehicles Medium Vehicles Heavy—Sanitation Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Sewer Heavy—Fire Apparatus Heavy—Other Trailed Equipment Off-Road/Construction/Tractors Buses TOTAL	No. 253 425 426 129 63 7 0 50 143 258 0 1,754	Average Age 6.5 Years 5.1 Years 7.4 Years 10.2 Years 12.3 Years NA 8.6 Years 15.7 Years 12.7 Years NA
Vehicle Equivalent Units (VEUs)		5,179
Average Rolling Stock Units Available per Day		1,720
Hours Billed		25,961
Work Orders Repeat Repairs within 30 Days Work Orders Completed within 24 h Preventive Maintenance Jobs (PMs PMs Completed as Scheduled	10,416 NA 7,604 5,344 NA	
Full Cost Profile		
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services		29.6%

Personal Services	29.6%
Operating Costs	68.6%
Capital Costs	1.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,450,852
Operating Costs	\$3,362,139
Capital Costs	\$84,801
TOTAL	\$4,897,792

### Winston-Salem

Key: Winston-Salem  Benchmarking Average -

Fleet Maintenance

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



#### **Completed In-House per Tech FTE** 450 300 150 0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Winston-Salem 283 290 280 302 334 Average 182 179 194 200 205

Preventive Maintenances (PMs)

Efficiency Measures





Hours Billed as a Percentage of Total Hours 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2009 2012 2008 2010 2011 Winston-Salem 73% 67% 82% 81% 78% Average 70% 70% 77% 76% 75%

**Effectiveness Measures** 



#### Percentage of Rolling Stock Available



Percentage of Preventive Maintenances (PMs) **Completed as Scheduled** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Winston-Salem Average 85% 86% 87% 85% 84%

#### Percentage of Work Orders Requiring Repeat Repair within 30 Days



within 24 Hours









# Performance and Cost Data

CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCES



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCES

### SERVICE DEFINITION

Central human resources represents an internal support service. It is characterized by various functions related to the daily management of human capital or personnel, including compensation analysis; position classification; benefits administration; management of employee training and development; employee relations; position control; employee performance evaluations; recruitment and selection; occupational health, wellness, and safety programs; administration of a Human Resources Information System (HRIS); and general administration of the central human resources office. Excluded from the counts here are staff who may be assisting with certain human resource functions but who are not in the central human resources department, such as employees who might be assigned to individual departments. Also excluded from this service area is risk financing, including general liability insurance and workers' compensation.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 1. Total Workforce FTEs per 10,000 Population

The number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions includes all permanent full-time and permanent part-time employees budgeted for the municipality. One FTE equates to 2,080 hours of work per year. Any combination of employees providing 2,080 hours of annual work equals one FTE.

#### 2. Number of Applications Received per 100 Employees

Human resources is responsible for the recruitment and selection of applicants to fill new or vacant positions.

#### 3. Number of Position Requisitions per 100 Employees

Position requisitions are submitted to the human resources office by departments seeking to fill vacant positions.

#### 4. Cost per Employee

This measure represents the total cost of human resources for the fiscal year ending June 30 and is calculated using the project's full cost accounting model, which captures direct, indirect, and capital costs. Cost per employee is the primary measure of cost efficiency for this service area.

#### 5. Ratio of Human Resources Staff to Total Workforce

This is a calculation of human resource FTEs divided by the total number of permanent municipal workforce, including full- and part-time staff.

#### 6. Probationary Period Completion Rate (New Hires)

Most organizations require that new employees complete a probationary employment period, typically lasting three to eighteen months from the hire date, depending on the job classification. This effectiveness measure is calculated by dividing the total number of employees that completed the probationary period by the number of employees eligible to complete the probationary period during the fiscal year.

### 7. Employee Total Turnover Rate

The employee turnover rate is calculated by dividing the total number of separated staff during the fiscal year by the total number of authorized positions.

#### 8. Employee Voluntary Turnover Rate

The voluntary employee turnover rate is calculated by dividing the number of voluntarily separated staff during the fiscal year by the total number of authorized positions. Voluntary separations include retirements and resignations.

#### 9. Percentage of Grievances Resolved at Department Level

Most jurisdictions have a process in place for handling formal grievances filed by employees. This effectiveness measure is calculated by dividing the number of formal grievances that were resolved within the respective department (prior to going to a higher level or third party for resolution) by the total number of grievances filed during the fiscal year.

#### 10. Average Number of Days from Position Post Date to Hire Date

This includes the number of working days from the date a job is posted to the hire date (first day of employment). It includes only recruitments for permanent full-time and part-time positions that were completed during the fiscal year. This measure excludes recruitment of temporary workers.

### **Central Human Resources**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

City or Town	Total Number of Authorized Municipal Positions	Average Length of Service (in Years)	Number of Position Requisitions	Number of Employment Applications Processed	Number of Retirees Serviced	Probationary Period	Turnover Rate	Number of HR FTEs
Арех	325	8.4	35	2,073	24	6 & 12 months	8.3%	2.8
Asheville	1,140	9.1	197	5,453	274	6 months	11.7%	15.7
Burlington	1,010	11.0	43	947	18	6 & 12 months	9.0%	4.0
Cary	1,172	10.1	348	7,503	147	6 & 12 months	5.4%	12.3
Charlotte	6,815	11.1	413	83,199	2,370	6 & 12 months	5.9%	32.8
Concord	940	10.0	47	5,315	294	6 & 12 months	6.4%	8.6
Greensboro	3,171	11.7	238	7,502	1,372	6 & 12 months	7.4%	38.0
Greenville	755	10.0	53	6,163	129	6 & 12 months	5.0%	9.0
Hickory	725	9.9	60	3,854	75	12 months	6.1%	5.0
High Point	1,558	10.9	288	2,839	92	12 months	7.1%	12.5
Salisbury	463	10.5	53	2,015	39	6 months	11.4%	6.0
Wilmington	1,042	9.8	122	5,344	137	12 & 18 months	8.7%	7.5
Wilson	722	10.1	63	1,025	220	12 months	9.3%	5.0
Winston- Salem	2,696	11.4	273	22,718	444	None	9.3%	18.8

#### NOTES

For municipalities with varying probationary periods, typically fire and/or police personnel have longer probationary periods.

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected human resources performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Decentralization of HR functions Personnel policies External economic climate Unemployment rate Extent of contracting out for services Departmental discretion regarding vacancies Hiring freezes State and/or federal mandates

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Human Resources Department for Apex provides a comprehensive assortment of services, including occupational health and wellness, benefits, recruitment and selection, compensation, employee relations, and training and development programs.

One employee compensation study was completed during the fiscal year covering thirty-two postions. The Town of Apex tries to study one-third of the job classifications every three years and uses a consultant to assist in this process.

The town's probationary period for new employees was six months for general employees and twelve months for sworn police, fire, and EMS personnel.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

Population (OSBM 2011)	38,696
Land Area (Square Miles)	15.63
Persons per Square Mile	2,477
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Median Family Income	\$97,201
U.S. Census 2010	0.001
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	8.3%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	1.0
Generalist/Specialist	1.0
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Staff Support/Clerical	0.8
Total Authorized Workforce	325.0
Authorized FTEs	323.6
Autionzed FTES	525.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	100.44
Number of Position Requisitions	35
Employment Applications Processed	2,073
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	1
Positions Studied	32
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	20
Involuntary Separations	7
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	27
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	1
Equal Employment Opportunity	1
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	I
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	61.6%
Operating Costs	35.3%
Capital Costs	3.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$191,911
Operating Costs	\$109,836
Capital Costs	\$9,620
TOTAL	\$311,367
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### Apex

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Apex 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



# Asheville

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Human Resources Department provides a comprehensive assortment of services, including occupational health and wellness, benefits, recruitment and selection, compensation, employee relations, and youth development programs.

The city's probationary period for new employees is six months.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The city's data include the following positions (and related costs) as part of the city's Human Resources Department: Health Services Supervisor, registered nurse, and administrative staff.

Employee relations issues are resolved through the city's administration.

All advertising costs for vacant positions are now paid for out of the Human Resources budget, with the exception of industry-specific websites or publications specifically requested by the individual departments. Prior to FY 2007–08, departments in Asheville paid for advertising individually. This has raised costs in HR somewhat.

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,646
Land Area (Square Miles)	45.40
Persons per Square Mile	1,886
Median Family Income	\$53,350
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	8.2%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	3.8
Generalist/Specialist	10.3
Staff Support/Clerical	1.6
Stall Support Clencal	1.0
Total Authorized Workforce	1,140.0
Authorized FTEs	1,140.0
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Average Length of Service (Months)	109
Number of Position Requisitions	197
Employment Applications Processed	5,453
Length of Probationary	6 months
Employment Period	•
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Compensation Studies Completed	NA
Positions Studied	NA
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	109
Involuntary Separations	24
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	133
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	10
Equal Employment Opportunity	2
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	60.1%
Operating Costs	38.6%
Capital Costs	1.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,106,072
Operating Costs	\$709,401
Capital Costs	\$23,934
TOTAL	\$23,934 \$1,839,407
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### Asheville

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Asheville

Benchmarking Average –

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees

**Applications Processed** 

per 100 Municipal Employees

2009

386

447

2010

524

459

2011

255

535

2012

478

524

1.500

1,200

900

600

300 0

Asheville

Average

2008

463

501



### Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at Department Level





#### Average Days from Post Date to Hire Date (First Day of Employment)











# **Burlington**

## **Central Human Resources**

### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Burlington's Human Resources Department is a separate department consisting of four full-time positions: an HR director, two HR specialists, and a staff support person.

The city's probationary period for new employees is twelve months for police and six months for all other employees.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

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Population (OSBM 2011)	51,263
Land Area (Square Miles)	25.21
Persons per Square Mile	2,034
Median Family Income	\$46,461
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	10.7%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	1.0
Generalist/Specialist	2.0
Staff Support/Clerical	1.0
Stan Support Clencal	1.0
Total Authorized Workforce	1,010.0
Authorized FTEs	779.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	132
Number of Position Requisitions	43
Employment Applications Processed	947
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
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Compensation Studies Completed	7
Positions Studied	1,010
Employee Turnover	
	84
Voluntary Separations	-
Involuntary Separations TOTAL SEPARATIONS	91
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Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	2
Equal Employment Opportunity	1
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	82.6%
Operating Costs	17.4%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$230,633
Operating Costs	\$48,572
Capital Costs	\$0 \$279,205
TOTAL	

### **Burlington**

### **Central Human Resources**

Key: Burlington

Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Cary's Human Resources Department includes the following: a director, an employee relations manager, an employee benefits manager, a training and development program administrator, an employee safety coordinator, three human resources consultants who handle all recruitment and day-to-day employee issues, two human resources assistants who support each of the consultants, one safety technician, and two administrative secretaries.

The town conducted one compensation study during FY 2011–12 that involved the study of 246 positions.

The town's probationary period for new employees is six months for non–public safety employees and twelve months for public safety employees.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The employee benefits manager also administers workers' compensation. In many other organizations, this function is performed within a risk-management department. The HR assistants also handle many payroll tasks which in other organizations might be handled within the finance department.

Municipal Prome	
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Population (OSBM 2011)	139,172
Land Area (Square Miles)	54.56
Persons per Square Mile	2,551
Median Family Income	\$108,956
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	8.3%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	3.0
Generalist/Specialist	5.0
Staff Support/Clerical	4.3
Stan Support Grencal	4.5
Total Authorized Workforce	1,172.0
Authorized FTEs	161.9
Average Length of Service (Months)	121
Number of Position Requisitions	348
Employment Applications Processed	7,503
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	1
Positions Studied	246
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	57
Involuntary Separations	6
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	63
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Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	1
Equal Employment Opportunity	1
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
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Cost Breakdown by Percentage	04.00/
Personal Services	61.3%
Personal Services Operating Costs	37.0%
Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs	37.0% 1.7%
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### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Human Resources FTEs per 10,000 Population

2009

0.95

1.09

2010

0.90

1.04

2011

0.90

1.05

2012 0.88

1.06

2.50

2.00

1.50 1.00

0.50

0.00

Cary

Average

2008

0.97

1.18

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

# Resource Measures Human Resources Services Cost per Capita

Cary \$11.83 \$12.47 \$13.19 \$12.71 \$13.13 Average \$14.59 \$13.19 \$13.21 \$12.71 \$13.26

#### Workload Measures





Position Requisitions per 100 Municipal Employees



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees



### Effectiveness Measures Probationary Period Completion Rate (New Hires)



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at Department Level





#### Employee Turnover Rate (Voluntary Separations)







#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Charlotte's Human Resources Business Unit is organized into five core services: benefits, compensations, business unit services, HRMS/payroll, and organizational development and learning. These functional areas perform a variety of strategic, tactical, and transactional services. Some of the transactional services are outsourced.

During FY 2011–12, eight compensation studies were conducted covering 520 positions. Surveys were done on the basis of national, regional, and other larger city comparisons. There were 83,199 applications processed electronically or online. All applicants (except sworn police and fire positions) must use the PeopleSoft online job application software for each position for which they wish to apply.

The city is self-insured for medical and dental insurance, and thirdparty administrators are retained to administer the plans. The wellness program, Wellness Works, includes a number of programs, such as tobacco cessation, annual flu shots, blood pressure screenings, onsite education programs, and weight loss programs. The city partners with Provant to administer health coaching and health risk assessments. New in 2011, the city offered a premium differential to employees who take a health screening, complete a health assessment, and engage with a health coach on an ongoing basis.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Charlotte has a very robust wellness program. Many resources are devoted to the success of this program. There are wellness ambassadors in every department in the city.

One of the HR positions was frozen during the year and was not open to be filled. The payroll function in many cities is located in finance; it resides in Human Resources in Charlotte. The computation of indirect costs for Human Resources was changed in Fiscal Year 2011–2012, resulting in somewhat higher total costs than would have been the case using the method from prior years.

Population (OSBM 2011)	751,999
Land Area (Square Miles)	301.48
Persons per Square Mile	2,494
Median Family Income	\$61,405
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment rate (2011)	10.7%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	2.5
Generalist/Specialist	28.5
Staff Support/Clerical	1.8
Total Authorized Workforce	6,815.0
Authorized FTEs	6,804.3
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Average Length of Service (Months)	133
Average Length of Service (Months)	155
Number of Position Requisitions	413
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Employment Applications Processed	92 100
Employment Applications Processed	83,199
Length of Disketioners	6 or 12 months
Length of Probationary	6 of 12 months
Employment Period	
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Compensation Studies Completed	8
Positions Studied	520
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	328
Involuntary Separations	020
involuntary Separations	76
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	
	76
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### **Central Human Resources**

Key: Charlotte

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





Charlotte

Average

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Human Resources Department for the City of Concord is responsible for the following functions: departmental management, policy design and administration, classification and compensation design and administration, benefits plan design and administration, employee relations, grievance and disciplinary actions, and employee rewards.

The department conducted six compensation studies during FY 2011–12 covering forty-three positions.

The city's probationary period for new employees is six months for non-public safety employees and twelve months for public safety employees.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Population (OSBM 2011)	80,386
Land Area (Square Miles)	60.28
Persons per Square Mile	1,333
Median Family Income	\$63,643
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	10.1%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	2.8
Generalist/Specialist	3.8
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Staff Support/Clerical	2.0
Total Authorized Workforce	940.0
Authorized FTEs	917.5
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Average Length of Service (Months)	120
Number of Position Requisitions	47
Employment Applications Processed	5,315
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
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Compensation Studies Completed	6
Positions Studied	43
Employee Turnover	
	55
Voluntary Separations	
Involuntary Separations	5
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	60
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	11
Equal Employment Opportunity	2
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	_
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	47.3%
Operating Costs	50.5%
Capital Costs	2.2%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$551,616
Operating Costs	\$589,485
Capital Costs	\$25,210
TOTAL	\$1,166,311
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### **Central Human Resources**

Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —

Human Resources FTEs per 10,000 Population

2009

0.93

1.09

2010

0.80

1.04

2011

0.75

1.05

2012

1.07

1.06

2.50

2.00

1.50 1.00

0.50

0.00

Concord

Average

2008

0.81

1.18

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012

#### **Resource Measures** Human Resources Services Cost per Capita \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 \$0 2008 2009 2010 201 2012 Concord \$10.30 \$11.47 \$9.98 \$11.10 \$14 51

Average \$14.59 \$13.19 \$13.21 \$12.71 \$13.26

#### Workload Measures





Position Requisitions per 100 Municipal Employees



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees



#### Effectiveness Measures Probationary Period Completion Rate



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at Department Level



#### Employee Turnover Rate (All Separations) 20% 15% 10% 5% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Concord 9.6% 9.0% 7.1% 7.1% 6.4% Average 8.5% 8.5% 7.5% 7.3% 7.9%

Average Days from Post Date to Hire Date (First Day of Employment)



### Employee Turnover Rate (Voluntary Separations)



### Greensboro

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Human Resources Department for the City of Greensboro provides comprehensive personnel services, including recruitment and selection, compensation, benefits, employee relations, safety, and occupational health and wellness. The total number of FTE positions includes staff from the Training Division, which is housed in a separate department from Human Resources. The HR Department has a staff attorney who is able to provide legal consultation on a variety of issues confronting the HR department.

The department completed one large compensation study during FY 2011–12. Market reviews were done affecting 3,200 positions.

The city's probationary period for new employees is six months for non-public safety employees and twelve months for public safety employees.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Population (OSBM 2011)	272,196
Land Area (Square Miles)	127.14
Persons per Square Mile	2,141
Median Family Income	\$52,752
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	10.8%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	8.0
Generalist/Specialist	22.0
Staff Support/Clerical	8.0
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Total Authorized Workforce	3,171.0
Authorized FTEs	3,163.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	141
Number of Position Requisitions	238
Employment Applications Processed	7,502
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
Employment Fenou	
Compensation Studies Completed	1
Positions Studied	3,200
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	183
Involuntary Separations	52
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	235
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	200
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	48
Equal Employment Opportunity	28
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	20
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	72.1%
Operating Costs	27.9%
Capital Costs	0.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,807,920
Operating Costs	\$1,087,737
Capital Costs	\$1,007,737 \$0
TOTAL	\$3,895,657
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### Greensboro

### **Central Human Resources**

Key: Greensboro

Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures





#### Position Requisitions per 100 Municipal Employees



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees



#### Effectiveness Measures Probationary Period Completion Rate



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at Department Level





Employee Turnover Rate (Voluntary Separations)







# Greenville

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Human Resources Department for the City of Greenville is responsible for recruitment and selection, salary and benefits administration, position classification, employee relations, affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, training and development, risk administration, and safety.

The city's probationary period is twelve months for all law enforcement personnel and employees in a trainee status, such as fire/rescue trainees. All other employees serve a six-month probationary period.

Nearly all employment applications are done online. The Human Resources Department screens applications to ensure that applicants meet the position minimum qualifications. Applications are only accepted for positions that are open for recruitment.

Greenville has a voluntary wellness program focusing on education, fitness, mental health, nutrition, weight management, personal health, and personal safety. A safety specialist provides technical safety and occupational illness and injury prevention training.

A formal grievance in Greenville requires a written notice given to a supervisor appealing a disciplinary action. The grievance process is an internal one, moving up the chain of command with specific timeframes for responses and appeals to the next level.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greenville joined the project in 2009, with the first year of reporting being for FY 2008–09.

Population (OSBM 2011)	85,059
Land Area (Square Miles)	34.70
Persons per Square Mile	2,451
Median Family Income	\$50,395
U.S. Census 2010	<i><b>400</b></i> ,000
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	10.8%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	4.0
Generalist/Specialist	2.0
Staff Support/Clerical	3.0
Total Authorized Workforce	755.0
Authorized FTEs	752.5
Autorized TTES	102.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	120
Number of Position Requisitions	53
Employment Applications Processed	6,163
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
Employment renou	
Compensation Studies Completed	0
Positions Studied	0
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	37
	51
Involuntary Separations	
	1
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	38
TOTAL SEPARATIONS Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	<u>1</u> 386
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	
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### Greenville

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Greenville

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The human resources function for the City of Hickory contains a director, an organizational development coordinator, a city nurse, two human resources analysts (one oversees benefits administration and the other oversees general employment), and one clerical position. Risk management is a division of the human resources function, which includes a risk manager and a clerical support position.

The city's probationary period is twelve months for all new city employees. The city conducted six compensation studies covering six positions during the year.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Frome	
	10.000
Population (OSBM 2011)	40,086
Land Area (Square Miles)	29.72
Persons per Square Mile	1,349
Median Family Income	\$54,093
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment rate (2011)	12.7%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	0.3
Generalist/Specialist	4.0
Staff Support/Clerical	0.8
Stall Support Clencal	0.0
Total Authorized Workforce	725.0
Authorized FTEs	685.5
Average Length of Service (Months)	119
Number of Position Requisitions	60
Employment Applications Processed	3,854
Length of Probationary	12 months
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	6
Positions Studied	6
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	37
Involuntary Separations	7
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	7
Equal Employment Opportunity	0
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	00.00/
Personal Services	69.3%
Operating Costs	29.6%
Capital Costs	1.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
	\$310 576
Personal Services	\$310,576 \$132,517
Personal Services Operating Costs	\$132,517
Personal Services	

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Hickory

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





**Applications Processed** 

per 100 Municipal Employees

2009

301

447

2010

274

459

2011

271

535

2012

532

524

1.500

1,200

900

600

300

Hickory

Average

0

2008

360

501

#### **Position Requisitions** per 100 Municipal Employees 40



#### Efficiency Measures

200

150

100

50

0

Hickory

Average

2008

186

136



**Total Municipal FTEs** 

per 10,000 Population

2009

169

123 122

2010

172

2011

169 171

119

2012

118

#### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees



#### Effectiveness Measures

**Probationary Period Completion Rate** (New Hires)



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at **Department Level** 





### **Employee Turnover Rate** (Voluntary Separations)



#### Average Days from Post Date to Hire Date (First Day of Employment)



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of High Point Human Resources Department is organized into two divisions. The Administrative Division's organizational objectives consist of personnel and fringe benefits budgeting; workforce planning; recruitment, selection, EEO, ADA, FMLA, FLSA, and HIPPA compliance; fringe benefit competitiveness and cost containment; employee benefits education and awareness; maintaining a competitive and equitable salary and classification plan; offering professional training opportunities for employees; development of intervention strategies to address workplace problems; and facilitation services to employee groups. The director of human resources reports directly to the city manager.

The Safety and Health Division's organizational objectives consist of assisting city departments in providing a safe work environment, promoting a healthier workforce through job fitness assessments and wellness programs, coordination of the city's substance abuse program, workers' compensation cost containment and compliance with OSHA, HIPPA, EPA, and DOT; and compliance with North Carolina workers' compensation regulations.

No compensation studies were conducted in FY 2011–12.

The city's probationary period is twelve months for new employees. Department directors may extend probationary periods for up to ninety additional days if approved by the human resources director.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Population (OSBM 2011)	105,498
Land Area (Square Miles)	53.83
Persons per Square Mile	1,960
Median Family Income	\$49,720
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	10.8%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	5.0
Generalist/Specialist	6.5
Staff Support/Clerical	1.0
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Total Authorized Workforce	1,558.0
Authorized FTEs	1,429.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	131
Number of Position Requisitions	288
Employment Applications Processed	2,839
Length of Probationary	12 months
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	0
Positions Studied	0
Employee Turnover	93
Voluntary Separations	
Involuntary Separations	18
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	111
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	7
Equal Employment Opportunity	4
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	74.7%
Operating Costs	23.8%
Capital Costs	1.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,117,418
Operating Costs	\$355,779
Capital Costs	\$23,448
TOTAL	\$1,496,645
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### **High Point**

### **Central Human Resources**

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



(New Hires) 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2009 2010 2011 2012 2008 High Point 92% 84% 86% 90% 89% 83% 85% 88% Average 86% 91%

Percentage of Grievances Resolved at **Department Level** 



Average Days from Post Date to Hire Date (First Day of Employment)

2009

4.7%

8.5%

2011

5.4%

7.3%

2012

7.1%

7.9%

2010

5.9%

7.5%

20%

15%

10%

5%

0%

High Point

Average

2008

9.0%

8.5%



**Employee Turnover Rate** (Voluntary Separations)



**Position Requisitions** per 100 Municipal Employees



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The human resources function in Salisbury is a centralized unit that provides internal support and assistance with six staff members: the director (administration, equal employment opportunity and grievance, and special investigations), an analyst II (benefits administration, HRIS, policy interpretation, and wellness), an analyst II (training and development), an analyst I (recruitment, compensation, classification, and position control), an analyst I (multiculturalism program), and a technician (applicant flow, administrative support, budget preparation, and corporate giving).

The human resources department has been the lead agency in the development of customer service provisions identified by the city council as the top priority goal for the city.

The city's probationary period for new employees is six months.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Population (OSBM 2011)	33,704
Land Area (Square Miles)	22.18
Persons per Square Mile	1,519
Median Family Income	\$40,192
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	11.6%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	2.0
Generalist/Specialist	2.0
Staff Support/Clerical	2.0
Total Authorized Workforce	463.0
Authorized FTEs	460.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	126
Number of Position Requisitions	53
Employment Applications Processed	2,015
Length of Probationary	6 or 12 months
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	NA
Positions Studied	23
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	38
Involuntary Separations	15
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	53
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	4
Equal Employment Opportunity	1
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Proskdown by Porcentage	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services	67.9%
Operating Costs	29.8%
Capital Costs TOTAL	2.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$434,949
Operating Costs	\$190,773
Capital Costs	\$14,682
TOTAL	\$640,404
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### Salisbury

### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Salisbury

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



**Total Municipal FTEs** 

per 10,000 Population

2009

155

123 122

2010

159

2011

139

119

2012

136

118





#### **Applications Processed** per 100 Municipal Employees

2008

529

501

1,500

1,200

900

600

300

Salisbury

Average

20%

15%

10%

5%

0%

Salisbury

Average

2008

6.1%

8.5%

0





#### Efficiency Measures

Workload Measures

200

150

100

50

0

Salisbury

Average

2008

166

136

Effectiveness Measures

2008

89%

86%

100%

75%

50%

25%

0%

Salisbury

Average



**Probationary Period Completion Rate** 

(New Hires)

#### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees

2009

483

447

2010

671

459

2011

747

535

2012

435

524



**Employee Turnover Rate** 

(All Separations)

# **Employee Turnover Rate**

(Voluntary Separations)



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at **Department Level** 

2009

95%

83%

2010

92%

85%

2011

67%

91%

2012

68%

88%



Average Days from Post Date to Hire Date

2009

6.0%

8.5%

2010

6.8%

7.5%

2011

16.8%

7.3%

2012

11.4%

7.9%



# Wilmington

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wilmington had eight employees during FY 2011–12 performing human resource functions. The director had administrative oversight responsibilities and was responsible for policy and compliance matters. In early 2007, Human Resources implemented a Business Partner concept to provide human resource services to city departments. Service delivery is centralized, with business partners serving as content experts on issues like benefits, recruiting, policies, compensation, learning and development, and safety management.

Wilmington is undergoing a change in its management model, moving to more employee engagement and a results-oriented approach. This culture change seeks to empower employees and improve accountability and performance for citizens.

Wilimington conducted no compensation studies during the fiscal year.

The city's probationary period for new employees is twelve months for non–public safety employees and eighteen months for public safety employees.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Population (OSBM 2011)	108,337
Land Area (Square Miles)	51.49
Persons per Square Mile	2,104
Median Family Income	\$57,892
U.S. Census 2010	+ - · )
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	9.9%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
	1.0
Administration	1.0
Generalist/Specialist	3.0
Staff Support/Clerical	3.5
Total Authorized Workforce	1,042.0
Authorized FTEs	1,017.0
Autorized TTES	1,017.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	118
Number of Position Requisitions	122
Employment Applications Processed	5,344
Longth of Drobationany	12 or 18 months
Length of Probationary	
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	0
Positions Studied	0
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Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	73
Involuntary Separations	18
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	91
Formal Origination Filed by Franksuper	1
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	1
Equal Employment Opportunity	3
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	47.2%
Operating Costs	52.2%
Capital Costs	0.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	*=~~ ~~
Personal Services	\$566,609
Operating Costs	\$626,216
Capital Costs	\$6,461
TOTAL	\$1,199,286

### Wilmington

### **Central Human Resources**

Key: Wilmington

Benchmarking Average –

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012









Position Requisitions per 100 Municipal Employees



#### Efficiency Measures



### Ratio of Human Resources Staff to 100 Municipal Employees



#### Effectiveness Measures



Percentage of Grievances Resolved at Department Level





Employee Turnover Rate (Voluntary Separations)







Central Human Resources 315

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Wilson has a centralized Human Resources Department comprised of policy development and implementation, classification and pay administration, recruitment and selection, benefits administration, and employee relations. The safety and health program is a function of the Risk Management Division under another department. Occupational health needs are met through a contract with the Wilson Medical Center.

The city conducted no compensation studies during FY 2011–12.

The city's probationary period is twelve months for new city employees.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Dental insurance was not available during the year. The city offered dental reimbursement, at no charge, for employees with a limit of \$500 per employee if they chose to participate. Employees had the option of signing up for the same \$500 reimbursement for dependents for a cost of \$8.13 per pay period.

Imunicipal Profile	
	40,400
Population (OSBM 2011)	49,122
Land Area (Square Miles)	28.78
Persons per Square Mile	1,707
Median Family Income	\$43,442
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	13.5%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	0.5
Generalist/Specialist	3.5
Staff Support/Clerical	1.0
Total Authorized Workforce	722.0
Authorized FTEs	722.0
Autorized TTES	717.0
Average Length of Service (Months)	121
Number of Position Requisitions	63
Employment Applications Processed	1,025
Length of Probationary	12 months
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	0
Positions Studied	0
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	46
Involuntary Separations	21
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	67
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	0
Equal Employment Opportunity	2
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	2
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	70.00/
Personal Services	76.3%
Operating Costs	21.9%
Capital Costs	1.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$510,106
Operating Costs	\$146,039
Capital Costs	\$12,119
TOTAL	\$668,264
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### **Central Human Resources**

#### Key: Wilson

Benchmarking Average

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012


## Winston-Salem

## **Central Human Resources**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The human resources function is housed under two separate departments: Human Resources and Finance. The finance department is responsible for benefits administration and employee safety. The human resources department has three separate sections: general human resources management, employee health, and employee training.

The city conducted no compensation studies during FY 2011-12.

Winston-Salem did not use a probationary period. As a result, no data are available for the measure "probationary period completion rate (new hires)."

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Winston-Salem has added the alternative of submitting applications online rather than on paper. This process has made it substantially easier to apply for jobs, pushing up the number of applications. Roughly 90 percent of applications to the city were done online. The slump in the economy and layoffs have also generated more applications for city jobs.

The city has two health insurance plans: a basic plan and the Basic Plus Plan, which has richer benefits and more expensive premiums for employees.

The City Attorney's Office handles all Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charges.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Population (OSBM 2011)	232,143
Land Area (Square Miles)	132.45
Persons per Square Mile	1,753
Median Family Income	\$51,491
U.S. Census 2010	
County Unemployment Rate (2011)	10.0%
N.C. Employment Security Commission	
Service Profile	
Central HR FTE Positions	
Administration	3.0
Generalist/Specialist	10.8
Staff Support/Clerical	5.0
Total Authorized Workforce	2,696.0
Authorized FTEs	2,581.5
Average Length of Convice (Marthe)	100
Average Length of Service (Months)	136
Number of Position Requisitions	273
Employment Applications Processed	22,718
Length of Probationary	No probation
Employment Period	
Compensation Studies Completed	0
Positions Studied	0
Employee Turnover	
Voluntary Separations	144
Involuntary Separations	106
TOTAL SEPARATIONS	250
Formal Grievances Filed by Employees	64
Equal Employment Opportunity	4
Commission (EEOC) Complaints Filed	
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services	<b>34 00</b> /
	34.2% 61.4%
Operating Costs	
Capital Costs TOTAI	4.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,238,911
Operating Costs	\$2,220,598
Capital Costs	\$159,125
TOTAL	\$3,618,634
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### Winston-Salem

### **Central Human Resources**

Key: Winston-Salem

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Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





# Performance and Cost Data

WATER SERVICES



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR WATER SERVICES

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

This service area includes the collection, treatment, distribution, and billing related to drinking water services. It includes reservoirs where appropriate, pumping stations, pipes to and from treatment plants, storage tanks, and treatment plants. Activities and costs include the operation, maintenance, and installation of infrastructure. Also included are costs and activities associated with the installation, upkeep, and reading of meters; billing and collection costs for drinking water services; and administrative activities such as planning, engineering, and testing. Excluded are reclaimed water, sewer collection, and wastewater treatment services.

### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 1. Thousands of Gallons Billed Water per Meter

This workload measure captures the amount of water provided per meter in the system. Water that does not make it to customer taps is not included.

#### 2. Miles of Main Line Pipe per Square Mile of Service Area

The amount of pipe per square mile shows the density of the pipe infrastructure to be maintained relative to the geographic size of the area served.

#### 3. Total Cost per 1,000 Gallons of Billed Water

This efficiency measure shows the total system costs per thousand gallons of water that is actually billed to customers.

#### 4. Million Gallons of Billed Water per All Staff FTEs

Large numbers of staff are required to bring drinking water to customer taps, including treatment staff, line maintenance staff, meter readers, billing staff, and others. Based on all staff who help support the delivery of drinking water to customers, this efficiency measure shows how much billable water is produced per full-time equivalent (FTE) staff member.

#### 5. Billed Water as a Percentage of Finished Water

Not all water produced at treatment plants makes it to customer meters. Some water is lost through leaks or breaks in the system. Other water is unbilled but authorized for uses such as fighting fires or flushing lines. This efficiency measure shows the percentage of water produced that makes it to customer taps.

### 6. Percentage of Existing Pipeline Renewed

Replacement or rehabilitation of existing pipeline is needed to ensure that the distribution infrastructure can continue to function. This effectiveness measure shows the percentage of existing water lines that are renewed each year.

### 7. Percentage of Bills Not Collected

Collection of water bills sent to customers is necessary to ensure revenues for system operation. Adjustments to bills reflecting water loss adjustments are not included in the amount of billings.

#### 8. Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of Treatment Capacity

A water system needs sufficient capacity to not only meet average demands, but also peak demands. This measure looks at peak historical demand relative to the water system treatment capacity in a day.

#### 9. Breaks and Leaks per Mile of Main Line Pipe

Breaks or leaks in water distribution lines mean the loss of treated water.

### 10. Customer Complaints about Water Quality per 1,000 Meters

Concerns for the adequacy of water are matched with the quality of the water delivered to customers. This effectiveness measure assesses customers' perceptions about their water quality.

## **Water Services**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

City or Town	Estimated Residential Population in Service Area	Service Area (in Square Miles)	Average Daily Demand for Water (in MGD)	Operating Treatment Plants	Total Treatment Capacity for Finished Water (in MGD)	Miles of Water Main Lines	Number of Water Meters	Water System FTE Positions
Арех	39,412	17.7	3.0	Shared with Cary	NA	176.7	13,587	27.5
Asheville	124,300	183.0	21.1	3	43.5	1,666.0	56,419	147.0
Burlington	58,113	41.9	12.2	2	34.0	417.0	22,291	46.0
Cary	164,300	94.1	14.1	1	40.0	966.0	61,942	58.9
Charlotte	950,000	546.0	100.8	3	242.0	4,206.0	267,397	359.0
Concord	87,750	169.3	9.2	2	24.0	681.0	36,579	74.0
Greensboro	263,000	146.9	33.6	2	54.0	1,479.0	102,643	158.7
Hickory	92,000	326.0	10.9	1	32.0	915.7	28,200	60.5
High Point	106,000	64.0	11.3	1	24.0	709.2	43,290	56.5
Salisbury	51,900	46.9	8.7	1	25.0	440.0	19,049	43.5
Wilson	50,947	99.0	9.0	2	22.0	419.0	22,046	42.0
Winston- Salem	315,000	325.0	36.0	3	91.0	2,227.8	122,919	162.0

#### NOTES

MGD stands for millions of gallons per day.

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected water services performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Topography Water quality of source water Size of service area Population density Age of infrastructure Growth of population and businesses

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Town of Apex Water Distribution Division is housed within the Department of Public Works. It consists of repairs, preventive maintenance, meter installation and replacement, and testing. The town is co-owner of the Cary/Apex water treatment facility, which draws raw water from Jordan Lake. The Town of Cary provides the operational staff for the treatment plant but Apex shares in the costs of operation and capital.

Apex bases replacement of water lines on customer complaints, frequency of repairs, street rehabilitation needs, age and material of pipes, and flow concerns.

Currently, about 71.1 percent of water meters are read by varying automatic means. Replacement of meters is based on a combination of factors as with water line replacement.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Apex began participation in the benchmarking project in July 2011, with FY 2010–11 being the first reporting year.

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	39,412 17.7 2,227
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	0.0 12.5 2.5 1.0 2.0 18.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	NA NA 3.0 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	177 35 years 16
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	13,587 71.1%
Total Revenues Collected	\$6,163,339

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	28.0%
Operating Costs	41.3%
Capital Costs	30.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,142,571
Operating Costs	\$1,684,505
Capital Costs	\$1,250,978
TOTAL	\$4,078,054

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Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



# Asheville

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Asheville Water Resources Department is a publicly owned water utility that produces and supplies water for residential, business, industrial, and wholesale bulk customers. The utility serves the city of Asheville, approximately 27 percent of Buncombe County, and approximately 2 percent of Henderson County. Approximately 124,000 people are served over a 183-square-mile area.

Asheville has three water treatment plants drawing from a city reservoir, the Mills River, and may also take water from the French Broad River as needed. The estimated safe yield for water is 35 million gallons per day. The utilility has three treatment plants.

Asheville has an asset management program in place to assist with identifying replacement and refurbishment needs. The goal is for water main lines to be replaced every eighty years.

Currently about 74.3 percent of water meters are read by varying automatic systems, including radio-read and touch-read meters. The goal is to replace all meters in the next few years years with radio-read installation at 100 percent.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

The topography and climate in Asheville creates a number of problems for water systems operation. The mountainous terrain makes it difficult to install water lines. The utility has thirty-eight pressure zones, ranging from 20 to 643 psi, with an average from 180 to 200 psi. Colder temperatures can also make maintenance harder to complete and lead to breaks due to freezing. Due to the Sullivan Acts, Asheville is not allowed to refuse water line installation in any areas of Buncombe County or charge differential rates.

The number of breaks and leaks in the system has been declining. The Water Resources Department has worked actively to better identify situations with repeated leaks in time and, when identified, to replace pipe for a more permanent solution.

In February 2011, there was a major break on a large transmission line which affected water quality for a period. Additionally, there was a water quality problem near downtown. Complaints about water quality were much higher due to these two problems.

### Municipal Profile

Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	124,300 183.0 679
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Moderate; ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$53,350
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	41.0 49.0 10.0 23.0 24.0 147.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	3 43.5 MG 21.1 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	1,666 52 years 748
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	56,419 74.3%
Total Revenues Collected	\$34,636,301

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	35.2%
Operating Costs	35.5%
Capital Costs	29.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$8,455,294
Operating Costs	\$8,524,537
Capital Costs	\$7,043,009
TOTAL	\$24,022,840

### **Asheville**

## Water Services



**Breaks and Leaks** per Mile of Main Line Pipe





**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



## **Burlington**

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Water services are housed in the Water Resources Department within the City of Burlington. Meter reading, revenue collection, IT, and engineering are housed in other departments receiving fund transfers from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund. Approximately 58,000 people are served by the system over a 42-square-mile area.

The City of Burlington gets its water from two city-owned reservoirs in the upper Cape Fear River basin. The city also owns a third water storage reservoir. The estimated safe yield of the system is 48 million gallons per day.

The city has two treatment plants with a total treatment capacity of 34 million gallons per day. The plants use conventional treatment with alum coagulation, dual media filtration, and chlorine disinfection.

The city sells water to several other systems, including Greensboro, Gibsonville, Elon, the Village of Alamance, and Haw River. Three of Burlington's top five water users are now other cities. The city has emergency connections with Greensboro and Graham.

The city reads meters on a monthly basis, with currently about 10 percent meters being read by automatic means. Meters are replaced approximately every twelve to fifteen years.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

Burlington's water system planning in the 1970s was developed to support a growing industrial base, particularly textiles. As the textile industry declined, Burlington has been left with a large supply infrastructure. Burlington has extended water lines to Greensboro to offset the industrial base decline and to assist Greensboro. Greensboro is now Burlington's largest water customer.

#### **Municipal Profile** Estimated Service Population 58,113 Service Land Area (Square Miles) 41.9 Persons per Square Mile 1,387 Flat; gently rolling Topography Temperate: little Climate ice and snow Median Family Income \$46.461 U.S. Census 2010 Service Profile FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant 17.0 Line Crews 10.0 Meter Readers 4.0 Billing/Collection 7.0 Other 8.0 46.0 Total Number of Treatment Plants 2 34.0 MG **Total Treatment Capacity** Average Daily Demand 12.2 MG Miles of Main Line Pine /17

Miles of Main Line r ipe	T 17
Average Age of Main Line Pipe	47 years
Number of Breaks/Leaks	52
Number of Water Meters	22,291
Percent of Meters Read Automatically	10.0%
Total Revenues Collected	\$10,036,065

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	21.4%
Operating Costs	41.3%
Capital Costs	37.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$1,380,437
Operating Costs	\$2,666,768
Capital Costs	\$2,414,542
TOTAL	\$6,461,747

### **Burlington**

### Water Services

Key: Burlington  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





Efficiency Measures

\$6

\$5

\$4

\$3

\$2

\$1

\$0

Average

200 200 201 201 201

8 9 0 1 2



Total Cost per Thousand Gallons

of Billed Water







Effectiveness Measures Percentage of Existing Pipeline **Replaced or Rehabbed** 0.6% 0.5% 0.4% 0.3%

Burlington \$1.59 \$1.60 \$1.53 \$1.60 \$1.62

\$2.83 \$3.01 \$3.06 \$3.24 \$3.20



Average 0.22% 0.22% 0.21% 0.20% 0.20%

**Breaks and Leaks** per Mile of Main Line Pipe







**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of

**Treatment Capacity** 100% 75% 50% 25% 0%





## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Water services in Cary are provided by the Utilities Division of the Department of Public Works and Utilities. The Utilities Division includes pre-treatment, water treatment, wastewater treatment, and various distribution system operations. Only those operations connected to supplying water are captured in the data. Approximately 164,000 people are served by the system, covering an area of ninetyfour square miles.

Cary gets its water from Jordan Lake in the Haw River subbasin. The estimated fifty-year safe yield is 30.5 million gallons per day.

Cary's single water treatment plant is jointly owned with the Town of Apex. Apex pays 23 percent of the operating and capital costs and Cary staffs the plant. Cary also provides water to residents of the Town of Morrisville (as customers of the Cary water system but with a different operating and capital fee schedule). Cary further provides water to the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority.

The city reads meters on a monthly basis, with approximately 97 percent of meters being read automatically with a Sensus Flexnet system. Meters are replaced approximately every seventeen years.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

Cary began participating in water services benchmarking with the FY 2010–2011 report.

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

Cary's combined water and sewer utility operations make it difficult to separate out some revenues between the two service areas. The Town of Morrisville water and sewer system was merged with the Town of Cary in 2006. As part of the merger agreement, mergerrelated costs were recovered through rate differentials that were in effect through the end of Fiscal Year 2012. In Fiscal Year 2013, Morrisville residents will begin to pay the same rates as Cary customers. Finally, the data show a small decrease in water staff that primarily reflects a shift in the counting of meter readers and accounting staff from water to sewer which is a more accurate assessment from the earlier year.

### Municipal Profile

Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	164,300 94.0 1,748
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	23.0 23.8 4.5 6.6 1.0 58.9
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	1 40.0 MG 14.1 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	966 NA 96
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	61,942 97.0%
Total Revenues Collected	\$26,936,584

29.1%
40.6%
30.2%
100.0%
\$5,515,512
\$7,684,575
\$5,723,421
\$18,923,508

## Water Services

Key: Cary 🔳

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



## Charlotte

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities (CMU) is a combined water and sewer operation. The utility is a consolidated business unit of Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte. The utility is an official City of Charlotte Key Business Unit, Charlotte's term for city department.

The area served is generally considered to be Mecklenburg County but also includes a small number of metered drinking water interconnections with the City of Concord and the counties of Union in North Carolina and Lancaster and York in South Carolina. The service area covers approximately 546 square miles and serves over 950,000 people.

Source water from the system is from two impounded lakes on the Catawba River, Lake Norman and Mountain Island Lake, which are operated by Duke Energy. The combined estimated safe yield is between 376 and 503 million gallons per day. The system operates three treatment plants with a combined treatment capacity of 242 million gallons per day. The treatment plants are conventional facilities using pre-treatment PAC, coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, dual-media filtration, chlorination, fluoridation, and pH adjustment.

The estimated average age of main line pipes in the system is twentytwo years. CMU's replacement policy for pipe is based on flow and quality standards.

All meters are now read automatically. CMU uses a system that allows vans traveling the city to read meters as they drive by. The replacement standard is every fifteen years for water meters.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

The reduction in reported leaks and breaks is in large part due to improvements in tracking and data reporting. CMU staff worked on improving how the work order system is used to determine the number of leaks or breaks in the water system.

#### **Municipal Profile**

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Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles)	950,000 546.0
Persons per Square Mile	1,740
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$61,405
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant	79.0
Line Crews	138.0
Meter Readers	4.0
Billing/Collection	4.0 5.0
Other	133.0
Total	359.0
Number of Treatment Plants	3
Total Treatment Capacity	242.0 MG
Average Daily Demand	100.8 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe	4,206
Average Age of Main Line Pipe	22 years
Number of Breaks/Leaks	4,579
Number of Water Meters	267,397
Percent of Meters Read Automatically	100.0%
Total Revenues Collected	\$117,719,287

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	20.6%
Operating Costs	33.8%
Capital Costs	45.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$15,654,417
Operating Costs	\$25,740,906
Capital Costs	\$34,711,737
TOTAL	\$76,107,060

### Charlotte

### Water Services

Key: Charlotte

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Efficiency Measures

0 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Charlotte



1357 1143 1173 1179

Average 122.0 115.6 114.2 110.6 109.5

118 9

#### per Water Services FTEs 100 75 50 25 0 2010 2011 2012 2008 2009 Charlotte 81.4 73.5 79.1 67.3 88.6

74

Million Gallons of Billed Water

74 75

7.4 7.9

77

8.0

0

Charlotte

Average

Average

58.2 57.1

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

72

7.4 7.4

Billed Water as a Percentage of Finished Water





Breaks and Leaks per Mile of Main Line Pipe





59.1 59.3 65.3



Customer Complaints about Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of



## Concord

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Concord Water Resources Department is a water-only utility. The department has three divisions, one for operations and maintenance, and one for each of two treatment plants. Meter reading, billing, and collections are handled by the city Finance Department.

Concord's system serves approximately 88,000 people and covers the City of Concord, the Town of Midland, and approximately onefourth of Cabarrus County. Water sources for the system are Lake Fisher, owned by the city, and Lakes Howell and Concord, reservoirs owned by the Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County. The combined estimated safe yield is 24 million gallons per day.

The city operates two treatment plants with a combined treatment capacity of 24 million gallons per day. Concord has emergency connections with the City of Charlotte and the City of Kannapolis and sells small amounts of water to the Town of Harrisburg and the Town of Midland.

The estimated average age of main line pipes in the system is thirty years. Water meters are read monthly, and nearly all meters are read using automatic means. The replacement standard for water meters is fifteen years.

#### Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

The difficult weather, including drought conditions in FY 2009–10, produced more breaks in main lines. An improvement in the weather helped to lower the "breaks and leaks per mile of main line pipe" measure.

### Municipal Profile

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	87,750 169.0 519
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	28.0 20.0 4.0 10.0 12.0 74.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	2 24.0 MG 9.2 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	681 30 years 860
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	36,579 98.4%
Total Revenues Collected	\$20,351,681

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	30.6%
Operating Costs	44.5%
Capital Costs	24.8%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$4,015,771
Operating Costs	\$5,835,490
Capital Costs	\$3,256,160
TOTAL	\$13,107,421

### Concord

### Water Services

Key: Concord

Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Miles of Main Line Pipe

per Square Mile of Service Area

12

#### Workload Measures



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures





Breaks and Leaks per Mile of Main Line Pipe







Percentage of Water Bills

Not Collected

2010 2011

9.51% 9.81%

2012

1.50%

10%

8%

6%

4%

2%

0%

Concord

2008 2009

9.00% 9.00%

Billed Water as a Percentage



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of



#### Customer Complaints about Water Quality per 1,000 Meters

Average 2.86% 2.08% 2.94% 3.33% 2.08%



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## Greensboro

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### Explanatory Information

#### Service Level and Delivery

Greensboro's drinking water is provided by the Water Supply Division, which is part of the Water Resources Department, which also includes wastewater and stormwater services. The water system serves approximately 263,000 people in an area covering about 147 square miles. In addition to City of Greensboro residents, the system serves many addresses in Guilford County in areas adjacent to the city limits.

Water sources for the system are three city-owned reservoirs in the Haw River basin, which is part of the Upper Cape Fear River basin. The estimated safe yield of the system is 36 million gallons per day, based on a fifty-year esimate as certified by engineers. The system has emergency connections with High Point, Burlington, Reidsville, and Winston-Salem.

The city runs two treatment plants with a combined capacity of 54 million gallons. Both plants use conventional surface water treatment.

The estimated average age of main line pipes in the system is thirtysix years. Greensboro has begun a spending program on water line rehabilitation and plans to increase funding for this activity for the next several years.

Water meters are read and billed monthly. All meters are read automatically using a radio system. Greensboro started the conversion to radio-read meters in 2006 and completed this conversion in the spring of 2009.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Greensboro has a very high collection rate for water bills. The city has a lien law, so only a small portion of billed amounts goes unpaid. The lien law was changed during FY 2010–11 so that it now only includes owners and not tenants.

Greensboro has a \$300,000-per-year public education program to encourage water conservation.

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

Water complaints in Greensboro rose in part due to a change in the method of disinfection being used which led some customers to call the city. The change in the disinfection method also led to additional flushing of water lines and consequently some water which could not be billed.

#### Municipal Profile

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Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	263,000 147.0 1,789
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$52,752
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant	45.3
Line Crews	43.3 74.9
Meter Readers	16.0
Billing/Collection	12.0
Other	10.5
Total	158.7
Number of Treatment Plants	2
Total Treatment Capacity	54.0 MG
Average Daily Demand	33.6 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe	1,479
Average Age of Main Line Pipe	36 years
Number of Breaks/Leaks	130
Number of Water Meters	102,643
Percent of Meters Read Automatically	100.0%
Total Revenues Collected	\$67,688,553

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	20.8%
Operating Costs	62.8%
Capital Costs	16.3%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$7,003,172
Operating Costs	\$21,133,494
Capital Costs	\$5,490,148
TOTAL	\$33,626,814

### Greensboro

### Water Services

Key: Greensboro  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



12 9

6

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Greensboro

Average

56.7 63.2 59.0 64.7 67.1

58.2 57.1 59.1 59.3 65.3

2008 2009

10.6



#### Efficiency Measures





2010 2011 2012

> 10.2 10 1

107 10.3

**Billed Water as a Percentage** of Finished Water 100%



#### **Effectiveness Measures**



**Breaks and Leaks** per Mile of Main Line Pipe





2.86% 2.08% 2.94% 3.33% 2.08% Average

**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of



#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Water services in Hickory are provided by a combined water distribution division under the Public Services Department. The water system services an area covering roughly 326 square miles and serves approximately 92,000 people. Water is provided for the city of Hickory and also for the towns of Hildenbran, Brookford, and Catawba; the Sherrill's Ford, Mountain View, and Cooksville communities of Catawba County; and the Bethlehem, Sugarloaf, and Highway 16 communities of Alexander County.

Source water is from the Catawba River basin, with an estimated safe yield of 54 million gallons per day. Hickory sells water to the systems in Conover, Claremont, and Icard Township. The system has one treatment plant with a capacity of 32 million gallons per day.

Water meters are read monthly. Hickory's replacement standard for water meters is twenty years. About 6.6 percent of water meters in the system are read by automatic means.

**Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs** The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

The increase in water quality complaints was due to an abnormal increase in iron and manganese in the water source during the first quarter of the year. Approximately 600 "Dirty Water" calls were received during this period but this was not a safety issue for the water.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	92,000 326.0 282
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; some ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$54,093
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	12.0 35.0 6.0 5.0 2.5 60.5
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	1 32.0 MG 10.9 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	916 40 years 178
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	28,200 6.6%
Total Revenues Collected	\$11,427,087

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	30.1%
Operating Costs	57.2%
Capital Costs	12.7%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,607,307
Operating Costs	\$4,956,079
Capital Costs	\$1,100,204
TOTAL	\$8,663,590

### **Hickory**

### Water Services

Key: Hickory 

Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



#### Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures

Percentage of Existing Pipeline



**Breaks and Leaks** per Mile of Main Line Pipe











2010

2011 2012

per Water Services FTEs

100

75

50

25

0

Hickory

Average

2008 2009

67.5 63.3 62.0 69.0 68.0

58.2

57.1 59.1 59.3 65.3

#### **Billed Water as a Percentage** of Finished Water 100%





2.86% 2.08% 2.94% 3.33% 2.08% Average

**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of



# **High Point**

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of High Point's drinking water services are part of a combined Water/Sewer Division under the Public Services Department. The system covers sixty-four square miles and serves approximately 106,000 people.

Water sources for the system are two city-owned reservoirs located in the Deep River basin. The estimated safe yield of the system is 22 million gallons per day. The system has one treatment plant and uses an upflow clarification process and a super "U" pulsator with a treatment capacity of 24 million gallons per day.

Water meters are read monthly. Approximately 16 percent of meters are read by automatic means. The city has a standard to replace water meters every ten years on average.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

High Point has a very high collection rate for water bills. The city participates in the State of North Carolina's debt set-off program. The program is in place to garnish a person's state tax return if he or she does not pay his or her bill. In addition, High Point performs a credit check based on the customer's payment history with Equifax.

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

High Point is a partner in the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority. It received 2.68 millions gallons per day through the partnership. This has changed the High Point system from a single pressure zone system to a two pressure zone system.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	106,000 64.0 1,656
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$49,720
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	12.0 19.0 5.0 6.0 14.5 56.5
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	1 24.0 MG 11.3 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	709 39 years 67
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	43,290 16.4%
Total Revenues Collected	\$17,332,203

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	28.5%
Operating Costs	39.1%
Capital Costs	32.4%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,039,448
Operating Costs	\$4,160,594
Capital Costs	\$3,450,728
TOTAL	\$10,650,770

### **High Point**

## Water Services

Key: High Point

Benchmarking Average -

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012







#### **Efficiency Measures**



#### **Effectiveness Measures**



**Breaks and Leaks** per Mile of Main Line Pipe











#### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of Treatment Capacity





Percentage of Water Bills

Not Collected

10%

**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Salisbury provides water service through an enterprise fund department. This department is known as Salisbury-Rowan Utilities. The system covers 46.9 square miles and covers much of Rowan County. Approximately 52,000 people are served. The system was assembled during the late 1990s and early 2000s as the City of Salisbury assumed ownership of the water and sewer systems of the towns of Spencer, Granite Quarry, and Rockwell. Rowan County turned over its water assets to Salisbury in 2004. Salisbury also sells bulk water to the towns of East Spencer, China Grove, Landis, and the City of Kannapolis.

The water source for the system is the Yadkin River. The estimated safe yield for the system is 108 million gallons per day. The system has one treatment plant with a capacity of 25 million gallons per day. The plant uses an Actiflo pre-treatment process followed by a conventional sedimentation and filtration treatment process.

Water meters are read once per month. The system currently has approximately 4 percent of meters read by automatic means. The standard for meter replacement is fifteen years.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

Due to extreme cold coupled with wet ground causing a freeze/thaw cycle, Salisbury experienced a jump in pipe breaks during FY 2009–10.

### Municipal Profile

Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	51,900 46.9 1,107
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	8.0 12.5 11.0 5.0 7.0 43.5
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	1 25.0 MG 8.7 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	440 45 years 373
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	19,049 4.0%
Total Revenues Collected	\$11,617,234

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	29.3%
Operating Costs	41.5%
Capital Costs	29.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$2,623,120
Operating Costs	\$3,712,651
Capital Costs	\$2,601,909
TOTAL	\$8,937,680

### Salisbury

## Water Services

Key: Salisbury  Benchmarking Average —

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



Miles of Main Line Pipe

per Square Mile of Service Area

2011 2012

86 94

7.9 8.0

12 9

6

3 0

Salisbury

Average

2008 2009 2010

92

7.4

#### Workload Measures



#### Efficiency Measures



### Million Gallons of Billed Water per Water Services FTEs 100 75 50

86 87

7.4

7.4



**Billed Water as a Percentage** of Finished Water



#### Effectiveness Measures Percentage of Existing Pipeline **Replaced or Rehabbed** 0.6% 0.5% 0.4% 0.3% 0.2% 0.1% 0.0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Salisbury 0.05% 0.03% 0.63% 0.03% 0.11% Average 0.22% 0.22% 0.21% 0.20% 0.20%

**Breaks and Leaks** per Mile of Main Line Pipe





2.86% 2.08% 2.94% 3.33% 2.08% Average

**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of



## Wilson

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Water services are handled by a combined water/sewer division under the Department of Public Works. Billing services are handled by the Wilson Finance Department. The water system serves approximately 51,000 people over ninety-nine square miles.

Source water for the system comes from four city-owned reservoirs. Water is also pumped from two different reservoirs in the Neuse River basin. The estimated safe yield for the system is 29 million gallons per day.

The system has two treatment plants with a combined treatment capacity of 22 million gallons per day. The plants use conventional surface water treatment with flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration.

Water meters are read once per month in Wilson. Approximately 15 percent of the water meters in the system are read by automatic remote means using a radio system by Itron.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation. Large capital improvements are being made to the Buckhorn Lake Dam and Wastewater Projects, which have been required to meet advanced nutrient removal.

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Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	50,947 99.0 515
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$43,442
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	18.0 18.0 3.0 2.0 1.0 42.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	2 22.0 MG 9.0 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	419 42 years 97
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	22,046 15.0%
Total Revenues Collected	\$10,483,421

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	34.0%
Operating Costs	43.0%
Capital Costs	23.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,148,505
Operating Costs	\$3,980,270
Capital Costs	\$2,126,785
TOTAL	\$9,255,560

### Wilson

### Water Services

Benchmarking Average — Fisca

Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012



#### Workload Measures



Key: Wilson

#### Efficiency Measures



#### Effectiveness Measures





Breaks and Leaks per Mile of Main Line Pipe









Billed Water as a Percentage of Finished Water





 Wilson
 1.48%
 1.77%
 0.73%
 1.00%
 1.57%

 Average
 2.86%
 2.08%
 2.94%
 3.33%
 2.08%

Customer Complaints about Water Quality per 1,000 Meters



### Peak Daily Demand as a Percentage of

Treatment Capacity 100% 75% 50% 25% 0% 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 Wilson 68% 68% 58% 60% 61% Average 67% 67% 58% 60% 61%



## Winston-Salem

## Water Services

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Utilities Division operates a combined water and sewer system that covers the city and most of the remaining population of Forsyth County. Approximately 315,000 people are served in an area covering roughly 325 square miles.

The system has an eleven-member utility commission that was created by an interlocal agreement between the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The commission sets policy for publicly owned water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities. The commission is also charged with the responsibility for long-range planning, authorizing funding for projects, operation and maintenance of facilities, and setting policies and rate structures. The commission is not authorized to issue bonds to finance capital improvements.

Water sources for the system are at two separate points on the Yadkin River. The city also uses Salem Lake as a water source. The estimated safe yield for the system is 100 million gallons per day.

The city uses three treatment plants. During FY 2010–11, the R.A. Thomas Water Treatment Plant construction was completed, beginning operations in the Spring of 2011 and replacing a previous plant built in the 1930s. With the three plants, daily treatment capacity is 91 million gallons. The plants all use conventional treatment employing coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation followed by rapid sand filtration and then chlorine treatment for disinfection.

The system has 2,228 miles of pipeline with an estimated average age of fifty years. The replacement goal for pipes is seventy-five years.

Water meters are read both monthly and bi-monthly depending on the account type. Currently the system has a small number of meters read by automatic means, totaling approximately 3 percent. The replacement standard for water meters is approximately every ten years. The goal is to have completely switched to automatically read meters within ten years.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

The costs of water services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation.

#### **Municipal Profile**

Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	315,000 325.0 969
Topography	Gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; some ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Meter Readers Billing/Collection Other Total	49.0 70.0 13.0 16.0 14.0 162.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Demand	3 91.0 MG 36.0 MG
Miles of Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Number of Breaks/Leaks	2,228 50 years 465
Number of Water Meters Percent of Meters Read Automatically	122,919 2.9%
Total Revenues Collected	\$42,211,750

Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	25.3%
Operating Costs	41.6%
Capital Costs	33.1%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$6,852,971
Operating Costs	\$11,257,193
Capital Costs	\$8,978,339
TOTAL	\$27,088,503

### Winston-Salem

Key: Winston-Salem  Benchmarking Average —

Water Services Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012





**Total Cost per Thousand Gallons** 

of Billed Water

\$2.24 \$2.07 \$2.10 \$2.32

\$3.01 \$3.06 \$3.24 \$3.20



Million Gallons of Billed Water

per Water Services FTEs

2009 2010 2011 2012

54.2 67.9 67.2 72.2

100

75

50

25

0

Winston-Salem

Average

2008

63.4

58.2 57.1 59.1 59.3 65.3 **Billed Water as a Percentage** 



**Effectiveness Measures** 

2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

\$2.00

\$2.83

Efficiency Measures

\$6

\$5

\$4

\$3

\$2

\$1 \$0

Winston-Salem

Average



**Breaks and Leaks** 







**Customer Complaints about** Water Quality per 1,000 Meters











# Performance and Cost Data

WASTEWATER SERVICES



### PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES

#### SERVICE DEFINITION

Wastewater Services includes the collection, treatment, wastewater discharge, solids disposal, and billing related to sewer services. This service area includes the collection system after leaving the customer's outlet, lift stations, pretreatment, and treatment plants. Activities and costs include the operation, maintenance, and installation of infrastructure. Also included are costs and activities associated with billing and collection for sewer services and administrative activities such as planning, engineering, and testing. This includes wastewater treated for reuse at the plant site and for other purposes. Excluded are potable water systems and stormwater systems.

#### NOTES ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

#### 1. Volume of Sewage per Account

This workload measure captures the amount of wastewater generated and received at the treatment plant relative to the number of customers.

#### 2. Miles of Sewer Main Line Pipe per Square Mile of Service Area

The amount of sewer main line pipe per square mile shows the density of the pipe infrastructure to be maintained relative to the geographic size of the area served.

#### 3. Number of Lift Stations per 1,000 Accounts

This workload measure provides some idea of the amount of reliance on pumping in a system to supplement gravity-fed delivery. Lift Stations also generate additional maintenance workload.

#### 4. Cost per 1,000 Gallons of Collected and Treated Wastewater

This efficiency measure shows total system costs relative to the volume of wastewater reaching treatment plants. Some wastewater does not make it to treatment plants.

#### 5. Wastewater Volume in Millions of Gallons per FTE

This efficiency measure captures the number of workers the system is using relative to the volume of wastewater treated.

### 6. Customer Accounts per FTE

The number of customer accounts relative to the number of workers is another efficiency measure showing how many customers are being served per worker.
### 7. Percentage of Bills Collected

Collection of wastewater bills sent to customers is necessary to ensure revenues for system operation. Bills not collected reflect potential lost revenue to the system, but some loss is unavoidable.

#### 8. Average Daily Treatment as a Percent of Permitted Capacity

A wastewater system needs sufficient capacity to not only meet average demands, but also peak demands. This measure looks at average daily demand relative to the wastewater system treatment capacity in a day. Some excess capacity is needed to allow for daily service variations and also to plan for future expansion needs.

#### 9. Percent of Existing Main Line Pipe Rehabilitated or Replaced

As the wastewater systems ages, pipe needs to be replaced to ensure that service will not be interrupted. This effectiveness measure captures the amount of current stock being replaced or rehabilitated during a given year.

#### 10. Overflows Per 100 Miles of Mainline Pipe

Sanitary system overflows may be due to blockages or breaks in pipe. Keeping these breaks to a low level is an important measure of the effectiveness of preventive maintenance and system upkeep. Overflows, if large enough, may also represent a public health concern.

#### 11. Sewer Backups per 100 Miles of Main Line Pipe

Backups in sewer pipes are another measure of potential maintenance concerns, not to mention being a public health concern. Backups may also be a sign of insufficient maintenance.

#### 12. Billed Sewer Effluents as a Percent of Treated Effluent

The volume of wastewater that is billed for relative to the volume received at the treatment plant is an effectiveness measure that points to potential losses in the collection system. Some loss is inevitable in sewer systems, and not all drinking water billed for is used in such a way that it should make it back to the wastewater treatment plant. But comparisons may reveal excessive infiltration or leakage.

### **Wastewater Services**

### Summary of Key Dimensions of Service

City or Town	Estimated Residential Population in Service Area	Service Area (in Square Miles)	Operating Treatment Plants	Average Daily Flow of Wastewater at Plants (in MGD)	Total Treatment Capacity for Wastewater (in MGD)	Miles of Gravity and Forced Main Lines	Number of Wastewater Customers	Sewer System FTE Positions
Арех	39,645	16.0	1	2.3	3.6	189.0	12,715	24.0
Cary	165,000	75.0	2	11.8	24.8	821.9	53,560	91.0
Charlotte	950,000	546.0	5	77.1	123.0	4,180.0	247,848	387.0
Concord	84,323	109.6	0	NA	NA	543.0	30,989	38.0
Greensboro	263,000	129.5	2	27.4	56.0	1,477.0	99,173	212.4
Hickory	37,478	512.0	3	5.3	15.2	500.0	14,755	48.5
High Point	106,000	64.0	2	16.5	32.2	669.2	38,624	98.5
Salisbury	51,600	45.2	2	7.0	12.5	440.8	16,115	55.5
Wilson	52,826	99.0	1	7.8	14.0	354.0	20,099	65.0
Winston- Salem	336,243	366.0	2	30.9	51.0	1,709.5	93,684	205.0

#### NOTES

MGD stands for millions of gallons per day.

#### **EXPLANATORY FACTORS**

These are factors that the project found affected wastewater services performance and cost in one or more of the municipalities:

Topography Size of service area Population density Age of infrastructure Growth of population and businesses

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wastewater services for the Town of Apex are managed by the Water Reclamation and Wastewater Collections Division under the Department of Public Works. The system covers the area within the municipal limits.

Apex has one treatment plant, which uses bar screens, grit removal, BNR, oxidation ditches, secondary clarifiers, sand filters, ultraviolet disinfection, aerobic sludge digestion, and rotary drum sludge dewatering as part of its treatment process. The Apex wastewater system has nutrient limits in place which restrict what can be discharged from the plant to protect water quality. Apex uses land application for biosolids resulting from treatment and also dries some biosolids as fertilizer pellets.

The town's system had one regulatory violation connected to the treatment process and two regulatory violations connected to the collection system for the fiscal year.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	39,645 16 2,478
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$97,201
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other	9.0 13.0 1.0 1.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow	1 3.6 MGD 2.3 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Neuse
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows	157 32 17 years 6 2 2
Number of Customer Accounts	12,715
Total Revenues Collected	\$7,467,925
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	33.5% 40.6% 25.9% 100.0% \$1,977,733 \$2,396,831 \$1,530,169 \$5,904,733

# Wastewater Services Key: Apex Benchmarking Average Fiscal Years 2010 through 2012 S Cost Waterwater Services FTEs per 10,000 Population Waterwaste Services Cost per Customer Account



0.0 2010 2011 2012 Apex 1.06 Average 2.34

Apex

**Resource Measures** 

Wastewater Services Cost





#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wastewater services for the Town of Cary are provided by the Public Works and Utilities Department. Divisions within the department are divided by functions, including pretreatment, collection system maintenance, and wastewater treatment. Billing and customer service are the responsibility of the Customer Accounting Division located in the Finance Department. The Engineering Department also provides support for the installation and upgrading of utility infrastructure.

The system in Cary covers not only the Town of Cary but also the Town of Morrisville, RDU Airport, and the Wake County portion of the Research Triangle Park. A small portion of this area only receives sewer (but not water) services from the Town of Cary.

The Town of Cary has two treatment plants with a total daily treatment capacity of 24.8 million gallons. The treatment plants rely on biological nutrient removal. The wastewater system in Cary has nutrient limits in place which regulate the nutrient loads which can be discharged from the treatment plants to protect water quality. In addition to wastewater discharged after treatment, the system produces dried class A biosolids of a high quality which are used as fertilizer and sold to a third party company.

During the fiscal year, the system in Cary had no regulatory violations related to treatment but did have eleven violations associated with the collection system. These collection violations were due to sanitary system overflows ranging from an estimated six gallons up to 6,300 gallons.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population	165,000
Service Land Area (Square Miles)	75
Persons per Square Mile	2,200
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$108,956
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions	
Treatment Plant	35.0
Line Crews	43.9
Billing/Collection	11.1
Other	1.0
Number of Treatment Plants	2
Total Treatment Capacity	24.8 MGD
Average Daily Flow	11.8 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Neuse and Cape Fear
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe	776
Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe	46
Average Age of Main Line Pipe	NA
Blocks in Sewer Mains	180
Number of System Breaks	36
Sanitary System Overflows	11
Number of Customer Accounts	53,560
Total Revenues Collected	\$34,940,626
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	27.3%
Operating Costs	44.7%
Capital Costs	28.0%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$7,253,978
Operating Costs	\$11,860,592
Capital Costs	\$7,429,607
TOTAL	\$26,544,177





#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wastewater collection and treatment is handled by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department (CMUD). This is a combined water and sewer utility which is a consolidated business unit for Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte. The department is run as an official City of Charlotte department. The service area corresponds roughly to the boundaries of Mecklenburg County.

The wastewater portion of the utility has five separate treatment plants. Three of the plants are activated sludge facilities. The largest plant is a biological phosphorous removal facility. The fifth plant is a five-stage Bardenflo biological nutrient facility. All five plants include tertiary filtration. The system does have regulatory limits in place on nutrient loads, which can be discharged in order to protect water quality.n In addition to treatment of wastewater, the system handles biosolids, most of which are applied to land unless nonconforming and then are taken to the landfill.

The system had a total of six regulatory violations connected to treatment issues and 117 regulatory violations connected to the collection portion of the system during the year. Treatment violations included failure of some effluent toxicity tests and one violation on the daily maximum fecal coliform limit. Collection violations were related to sanitary sewer overflows.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

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Blocks in Sewer Mains       3         Number of System Breaks       6         Sanitary System Overflows       2         Number of Customer Accounts       247,8         Total Revenues Collected       \$178,653,7         Full Cost Profile       178,653,7         Cost Breakdown by Percentage       15.         Operating Costs       36.         Capital Costs       48.         TOTAL       100.         Cost Breakdown in Dollars       100.	Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe	80
Number of System Breaks       6         Sanitary System Overflows       2         Number of Customer Accounts       247,8         Total Revenues Collected       \$178,653,7         Full Cost Profile       5         Cost Breakdown by Percentage       15         Operating Costs       36         Capital Costs       48         TOTAL       100         Cost Breakdown in Dollars       10	Average Age of Main Line Pipe	24 years
Sanitary System Overflows       2         Number of Customer Accounts       247,8         Total Revenues Collected       \$178,653,7         Full Cost Profile	Blocks in Sewer Mains	398
Number of Customer Accounts     247,8       Total Revenues Collected     \$178,653,7       Full Cost Profile     247,8       Cost Breakdown by Percentage     178,653,7       Personal Services     15.       Operating Costs     36.       Capital Costs     48.       TOTAL     100.       Cost Breakdown in Dollars     100.	Number of System Breaks	630
Total Revenues Collected       \$178,653,7         Full Cost Profile	Sanitary System Overflows	281
Full Cost Profile         Cost Breakdown by Percentage         Personal Services       15.         Operating Costs       36.         Capital Costs       48.         TOTAL       100.         Cost Breakdown in Dollars       100.	Number of Customer Accounts	247,848
Cost Breakdown by PercentagePersonal Services15.Operating Costs36.Capital Costs48.TOTAL100.Cost Breakdown in Dollars	Total Revenues Collected	\$178,653,712
Personal Services15.Operating Costs36.Capital Costs48.TOTAL100.Cost Breakdown in Dollars	Full Cost Profile	
Personal Services15.Operating Costs36.Capital Costs48.TOTAL100.Cost Breakdown in Dollars	Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Operating Costs     36.       Capital Costs     48.       TOTAL     100.       Cost Breakdown in Dollars     48.		15.8%
Capital Costs48.TOTAL100.Cost Breakdown in Dollars		36.3%
TOTAL 100. Cost Breakdown in Dollars		48.0%
	-	100.0%
	Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
		\$17,862,570
		\$41,116,819
		\$54,399,066
	-	\$113,378,455

### Charlotte



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Concord has a Wastewater Department which oversees operations. The department focuses on the inspection, maintenance, and repair of the collection system. Concord does not have its own treatment plant. Instead, treatment is handled by the Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County, a regional system. All treatment and disposal of wastewater and biosolids is handled by the regional authority using two treatment plants.

The Concord wastewater collection system had two regulatory violations during the fiscal year. The violations related to root intrusion and grease in the system.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	84,323 110 767
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$63,643
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other	0.0 27.0 8.0 3.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow	0 NA 6.6 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Yadkin-Pee Dee
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows	530 13 35 years 14 13 3
Number of Customer Accounts	30,989
Total Revenues Collected	\$14,816,911
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs	16.4% 62.6% 21.0% 100.0% \$2,024,074 \$7,704,315
Capital Costs TOTAL	\$2,582,348 \$12,310,737

### Concord



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wastewater treatment in Greensboro is handled by the Water Reclamation Division. This is part of the Water Resources Department, which also includes stormwater and drinking water. The Director of Water Resources reports to the city manager. Services are provided to most of the City of Greensboro and some addresses outside city limits within Guilford County.

Wastewater treatment in Greensboro is handled by two treatment plants. These plants used advanced tertiary treatment. The system has nutrient regulatory limits in place which restrict what can be discharged in order to protect water quality. All biosolids produced by the Greensboro treatment plants are incinerated.

During the fiscal year, the system had one regulatory violation connected to the treatment portion of the system and four violations connected to the collection portion of the system. The collection violations included issues such as grease blockage and pipe breaks.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	263,000 129 2,039
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$52,752
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other	51.0 81.9 69.0 10.5
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow	2 56.0 MGD 27.4 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Cape Fear
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows	1,407 70 44 years 148 3 4
Number of Customer Accounts	99,173
Total Revenues Collected	\$68,617,396
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	20.0% 54.7% 25.3% 100.0% \$6,466,243 \$17,733,953 \$8,195,685 \$32,395,881

### Greensboro



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wastewater is handled by the City of Hickory's Collection Division, which is part of Public Utilities under the Public Services Department. The service area covers the City of Hickory and several adjoining areas in Catawba County.

The system relies on three treatment plants to handle wastewater. One plant uses activated sludge biological nutrient removal (BNR), the second uses oxidation ditch activated sludge BNR, and the third uses conventional activated sludge. The entire system does not have nutrient limits in place at this time. Biolsolids generated are handled as Class A compost.

The system in Hickory had a total of seven regulatory violations connected to the treatment portion of the system and four violations connected to the collection portion of the system during the fiscal year.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	37,478 51.2 732
Topography	Gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; some ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$54,093
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other	29.0 12.0 5.0 2.5
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow	3 15.2 MGD 5.3 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Catawba
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows	480 20 40 years 38 6 4
Number of Customer Accounts	14,755
Total Revenues Collected	\$8,743,912
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	31.0% 42.5% 26.5% 100.0% \$2,135,884 \$2,922,372 \$1,822,876 \$6,881,132

### **Hickory**



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of High Point wastewater system is part of a combined Water/Sewer Division under the Public Services Department. The system covers the City of High Point and several adjoining areas in Guilford and Davidson counties.

Wastewater is treated at two treatment plants. One plant uses biological nutrient removal, while the second plant uses extended aeration with chemical phosphorous removal. The system has regulatory nutrient limits in place which are designed to protect water quality in local waters. Biosolids left over after treatment are primarily handled by incineration, with landfill disposal as a backup.

During the fiscal year, the sytem had eight regulatory violations connected to the treatment portion of the system and nine violations connected to the collection portion of the system.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	106,000 64 1,656
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$49,720
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other	32.0 28.0 6.0 32.5
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow	2 32.2 MGD 16.5 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Yadkin-Pee Dee and Cape Fear
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows	653 16 35 years 96 0 20
Number of Customer Accounts	38,624
Total Revenues Collected	\$27,373,110
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	30.7% 35.6% 33.7% 100.0% \$5,487,384 \$6,359,650 \$6,008,612 \$17,855,646

### **High Point**



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The City of Salisbury provides water and sewer service through a combined enterprise fund department known as the Salisbury-Rowan Utilities. The system covers Salisbury and much of Rowan County as well.

Wastewater is treated at two plants. Both plants use biological activated sludge process for treatment. The treatment process includes mechanical bar screens, grit removal chambers, primary and secondary clarifiers, aeration basins, and liquid chlorine disinfection. The system does not currently have nutrient regulatory limits. Biosolids produced as a result of treatment are handled through application to farmland in Rowan County.

The system had no regulatory violations during the year for issues related to treatment and six violations connected to collections. The collection violations were all sanitary sewer overflows which were primarily due to heavy rainfall.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	51,600 45 1,142
Topography	Flat; gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$40,192
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow River Basin into Which System Discharges	20.0 16.5 5.0 14.0 2 12.5 MGD 7.0 MGD Yadkin
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows Number of Customer Accounts	412 29 40 years 43 2 10 16,115
Total Revenues Collected	\$11,382,901
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	29.8% 43.9% 26.4% 100.0% \$2,939,431 \$4,329,889 \$2,601,909 \$9,871,229

### Salisbury



#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

Wastewater is handled by the Water Reclamation and Wastewater Collection Division, which is part of Water Resources in the Public Services Department. Billing for large customers is handled by Water Resources, but residential customers are handled by Customer Services Division in the Finance Department. The system covers the City of Wilson and several small adjoining areas outside the city in Wilson County.

Waterwater treatment is handled by one plant. The treatment plant uses advanced five-stage biological nutrient removal with deep bed filters with methanol and biological and chemical phosphorous reduction. The system had very stringent nutrient limits in place to protect water quality on the Neuse River basin. The system produced Class A and B biosolids, with most of this solid waste being composted. A small portion is applied on city land or other permitted farmland.

The system had no reported regulatory violations for either the treatment or collection portions of the system during the fiscal year.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Wastewater Services is a new service area for the benchmarking project beginning with FY 2011–12. The costs of wastewater or sewer services as captured here do not include debt service but do capture depreciation of capital.

Large capital improvements are being made to the Buckhorn Lake Dam and Wastewater Projects, which have been required to meet advanced nutrient removal standards.

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population	52,826
Service Land Area (Square Miles)	99
Persons per Square Mile	534
Topography	Flat
Climate	Temperate; little ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$43,442
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions	
Treatment Plant	31.0
Line Crews	31.0
Billing/Collection	2.0
Other	1.0
Number of Treatment Plants	1
Total Treatment Capacity	14.0 MGD
Average Daily Flow	7.8 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Neuse
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe	349
Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe	5
Average Age of Main Line Pipe	40 years
Blocks in Sewer Mains	280
Number of System Breaks	17
Sanitary System Overflows	2
Number of Customer Accounts	20,099
Total Revenues Collected	\$11,041,167
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage	
Personal Services	33.8%
Operating Costs	42.6%
Capital Costs	23.6%
TOTAL	100.0%
Cost Breakdown in Dollars	
Personal Services	\$3,722,163
Operating Costs	\$4,687,897
Capital Costs	\$2,602,812

\$11,012,872

TOTAL

### Wilson



## Winston-Salem

### **Wastewater Services**

#### Fiscal Year 2011–12

#### **Explanatory Information**

#### Service Level and Delivery

The Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Utilities Division operates a com bined water and sewer system that covers the city and most of the remaining population of Forsyth County. The system also serves several adjoining areas in Davie and Davidson counties. Beyond water and wastewater, the Utilities Division also handles solid waste disposal. Operations are divided among several divisions by function.

The system has two separate treatment plants. The plants use conventional activated sludge with anaerobic digestion for treatment. The system currently does not have regulatory nutrient limits in place. Biosolids produced are disposed after first using thermal drying with subsequent reuse as a soil amendment.

During the fiscal year, the system had four regulatory violations connected to the treatment portion of the system.

#### **Conditions Affecting Service, Performance, and Costs**

Municipal Profile	
Estimated Service Population Service Land Area (Square Miles) Persons per Square Mile	336,243 366 919
Topography	Gently rolling
Climate	Temperate; some ice and snow
Median Family Income U.S. Census 2010	\$51,491
Service Profile	
FTE Staff Positions Treatment Plant Line Crews Billing/Collection Other	86.0 89.0 16.0 14.0
Number of Treatment Plants Total Treatment Capacity Average Daily Flow	2 51.0 MGD 30.9 MGD
River Basin into Which System Discharges	Yadkin
Miles of Gravity Main Line Pipe Miles of Forced Main Line Pipe Average Age of Main Line Pipe Blocks in Sewer Mains Number of System Breaks Sanitary System Overflows	1,680 30 40 years 368 47 117
Number of Customer Accounts	93,684
Total Revenues Collected	\$35,306,657
Full Cost Profile	
Cost Breakdown by Percentage Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL Cost Breakdown in Dollars Personal Services Operating Costs Capital Costs TOTAL	28.5% 37.7% <u>33.8%</u> 100.0% \$9,018,277 \$11,924,313 <u>\$10,703,029</u> \$31,645,619

#### Winston Salem **Wastewater Services** Fiscal Years 2010 through 2012 Key: Winston Salem Benchmarking Average ٠ Wastewater Services Cost Waterwater Services FTEs Waterwaste Services Cost per Capita per 10,000 Population per Customer Account 15 \$800 12 \$600 9 \$400 6

2012

3

0

Average

Average

\$200 \$0 2010 2011 2012



Efficiency Measures

Effectiveness Measures

Average

**Resource Measures** 

\$250

\$200

\$150

\$100

\$50

\$0

Workload Measures

200 150

100

50

0

Winston-Salem

Average

2010

Winston-Salem

Average

2010

Thousands of Gallons

of Wastewater per Account

2011

2011

2012

\$94

\$154

2012

120.5

116.6





Customer Accounts per Wastewater



Percentage of Wastewater Bills Not Collected 10% 8% 6% 4% 2% 0% 2010 2011 2012 Winston-Salem 0.67% 2.31%



#### Overflows per 100 Miles of Main Line



Backups per 100 Miles of Main Line Pipe



#### Percent of Main Line Rehabbed or Replaced



#### Billed Wastewater as a Percent of Treated Effluent





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