



COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION



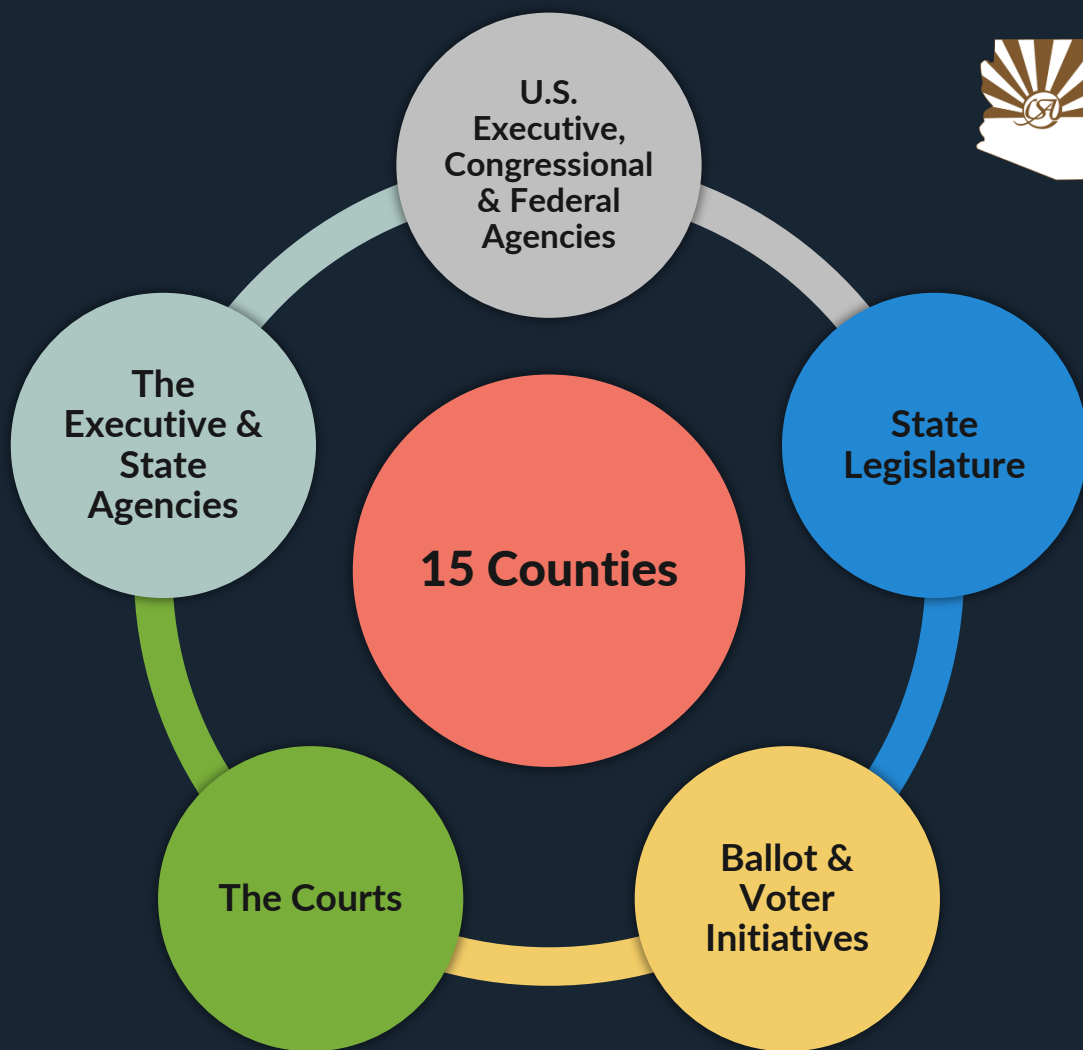
STATE - COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY

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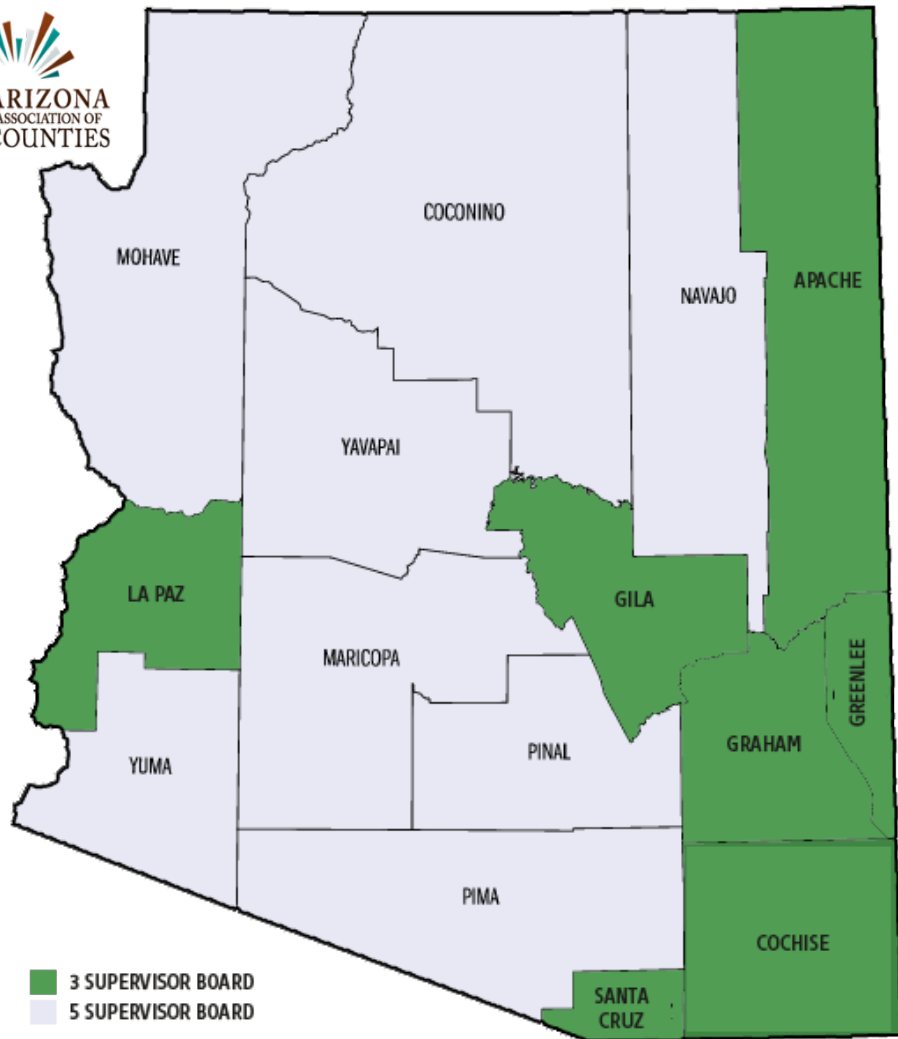
Five Forces Impacting County Operations





- Originally there were just 4 counties in Arizona
- The 4 counties Mohave, Pima, Yavapai and Yuma, were created in 1864 following the organization of the Arizona Territory in 1862.
- The now defunct Pah-Ute County split from Mohave County in 1865, but merged back in 1871.
- All but La Paz County were created by the time Arizona was granted statehood in 1912.
- La Paz County was established in 1983

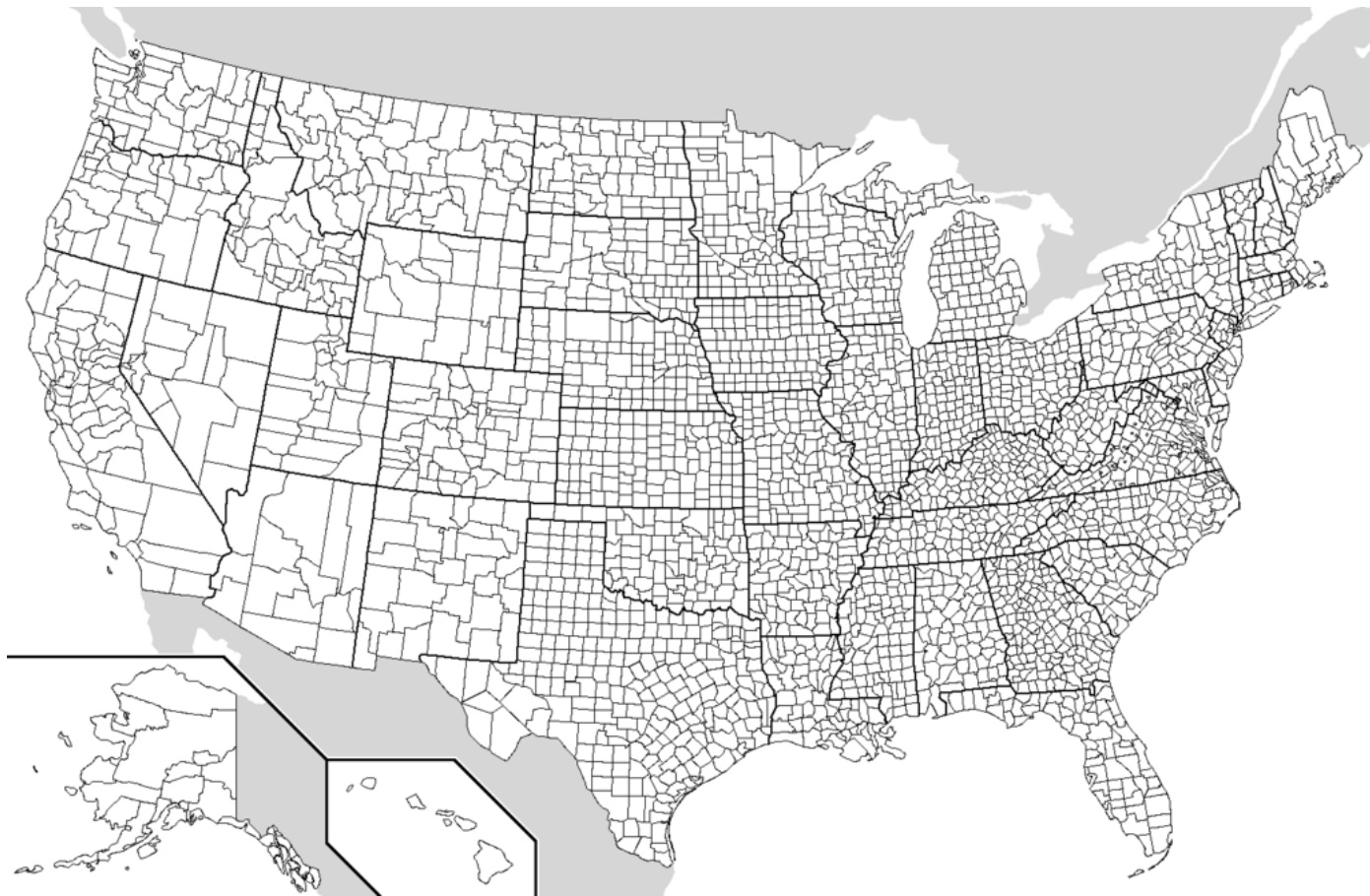




Arizona Counties

- 15 counties in Arizona
- All counties have a 3 or 5 member board
- There are a total of 321 County Elected Officials in Arizona, including 61 County Supervisors

U.S. County Map



What is the role of counties?

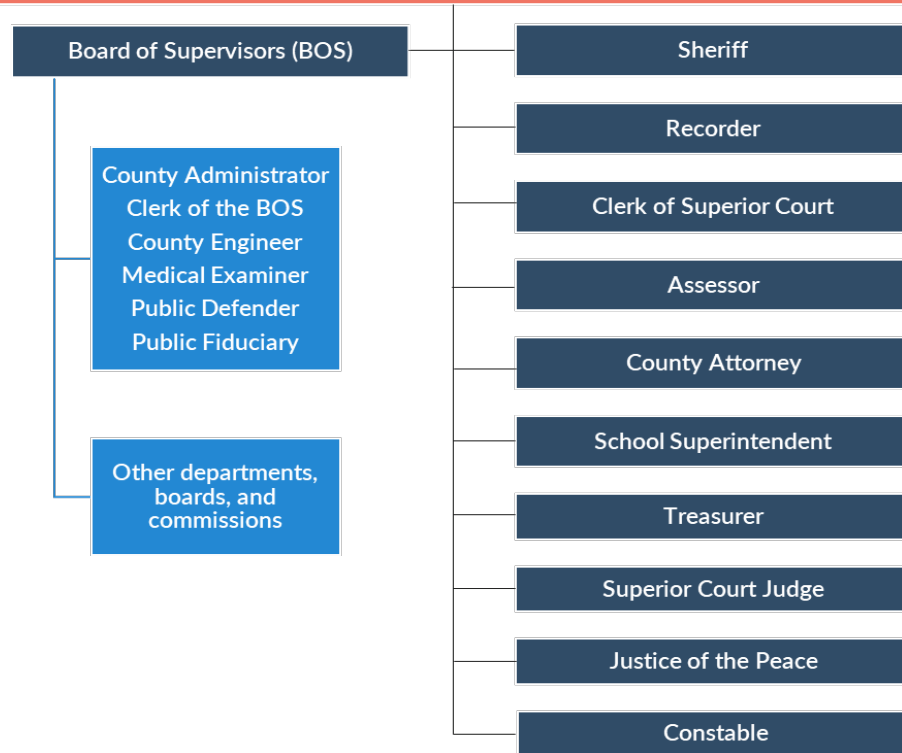
- Counties, cities and towns are *political subdivisions* of the state, charged with implementing state law and policy on a *regional level*
- Unlike cities, counties do not have “home rule” (authority to act independently of the state), therefore, **counties only have powers and authorities delegated to them by the Arizona Legislature and State Constitution**

How are counties governed?

- Power is divided between elected governing body (board of supervisors) and separately elected officials
 - Constitutional Offices
 - Statutory Duties
- State law endows county supervisors with budgetary authority over the county
- The structure of county government requires close collaboration among the elected officials to promote an efficient, responsive organization.

How is a county organized?

VOTERS ELECT (State Law Mandates Activities of Elected Officials)



What services do counties provide?

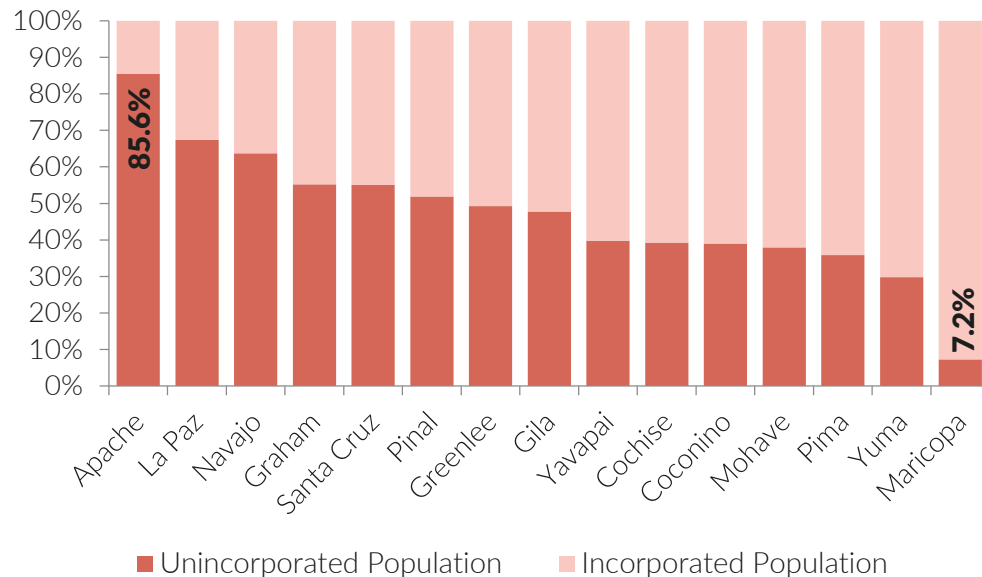


What else do counties do?

Perform city-type functions in unincorporated areas

- Law enforcement (sheriff) and community patrols
- Build and maintain roads, manage transportation system, enforce building safety codes
- Set and implement zoning, subdivision and other land use regulations

Percent of Population in Unincorporated vs. Incorporated Areas



How are counties funded?

Counties are funded through a combination of local and state-shared revenues

(sources in red are statutorily capped)



LOCAL TAX REVENUE

Half-cent sales tax

Primary property tax

Secondary property taxes
(for dedicated purposes)



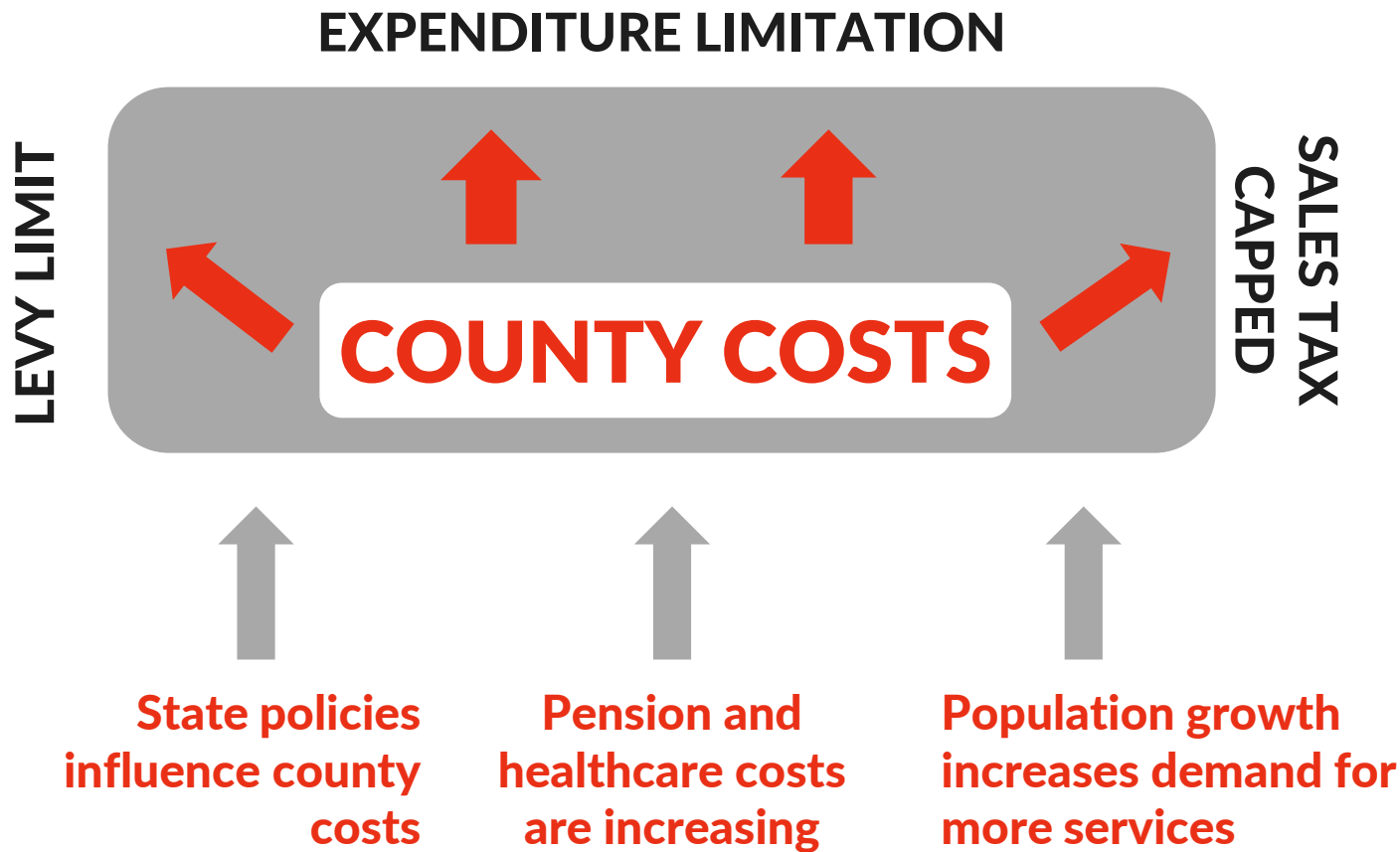
STATE-SHARED REVENUE

Sales tax

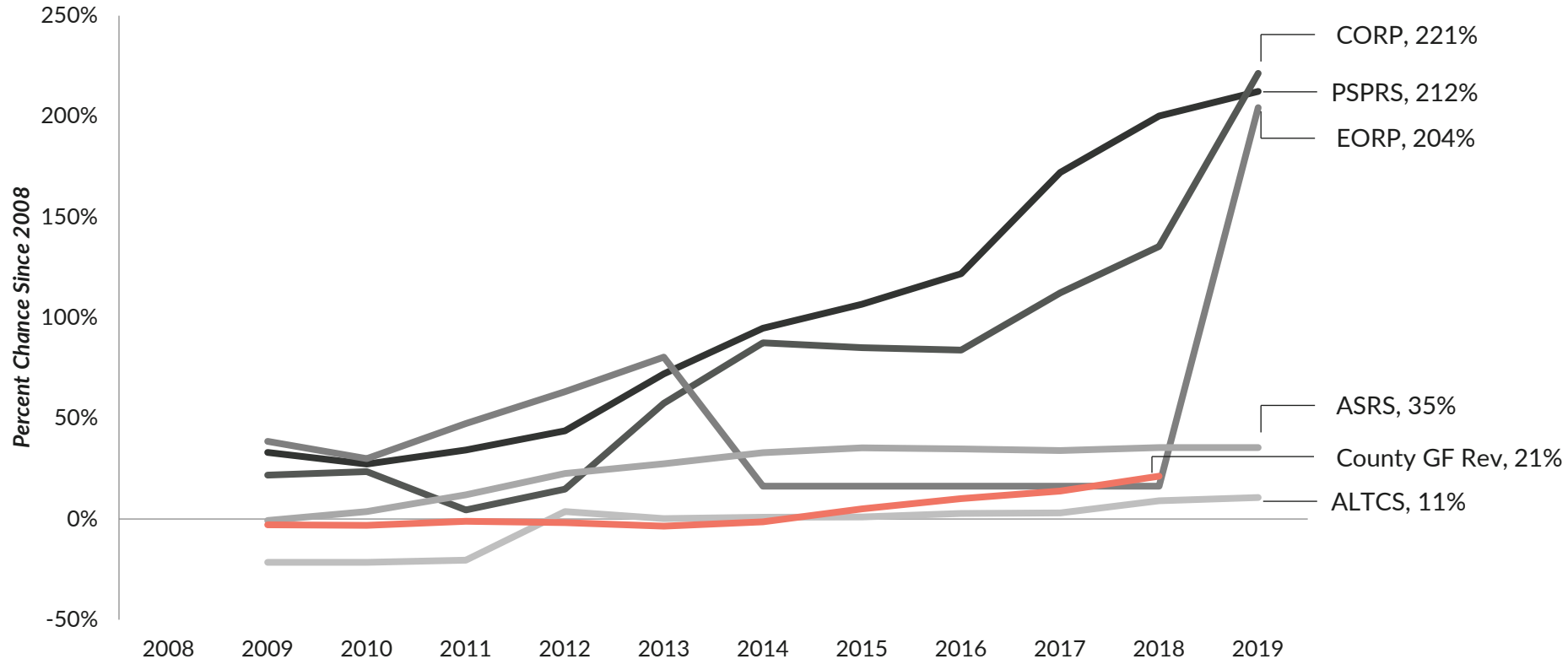
Vehicle license tax

Highway User Revenue Fund
(HURF)

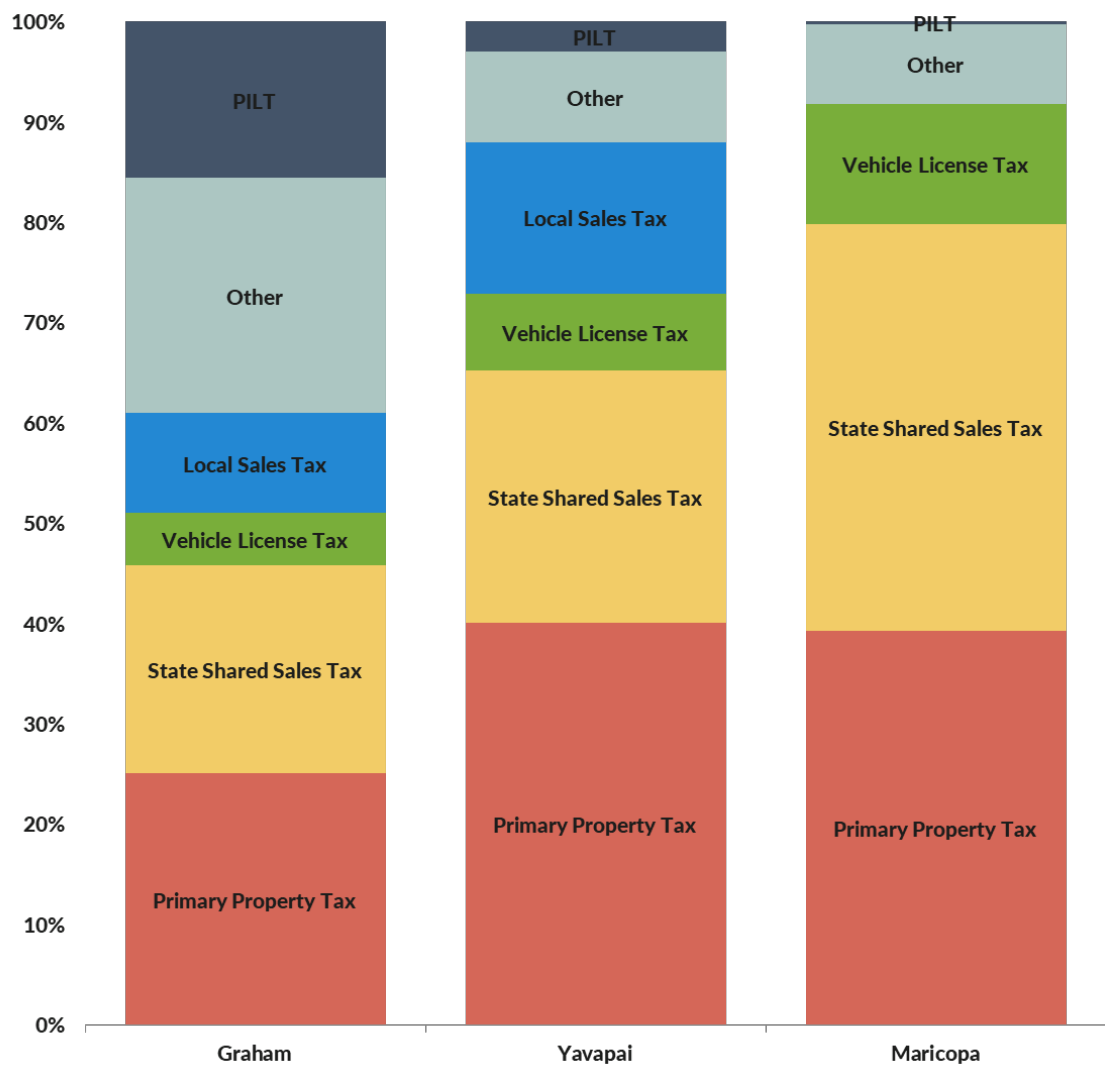
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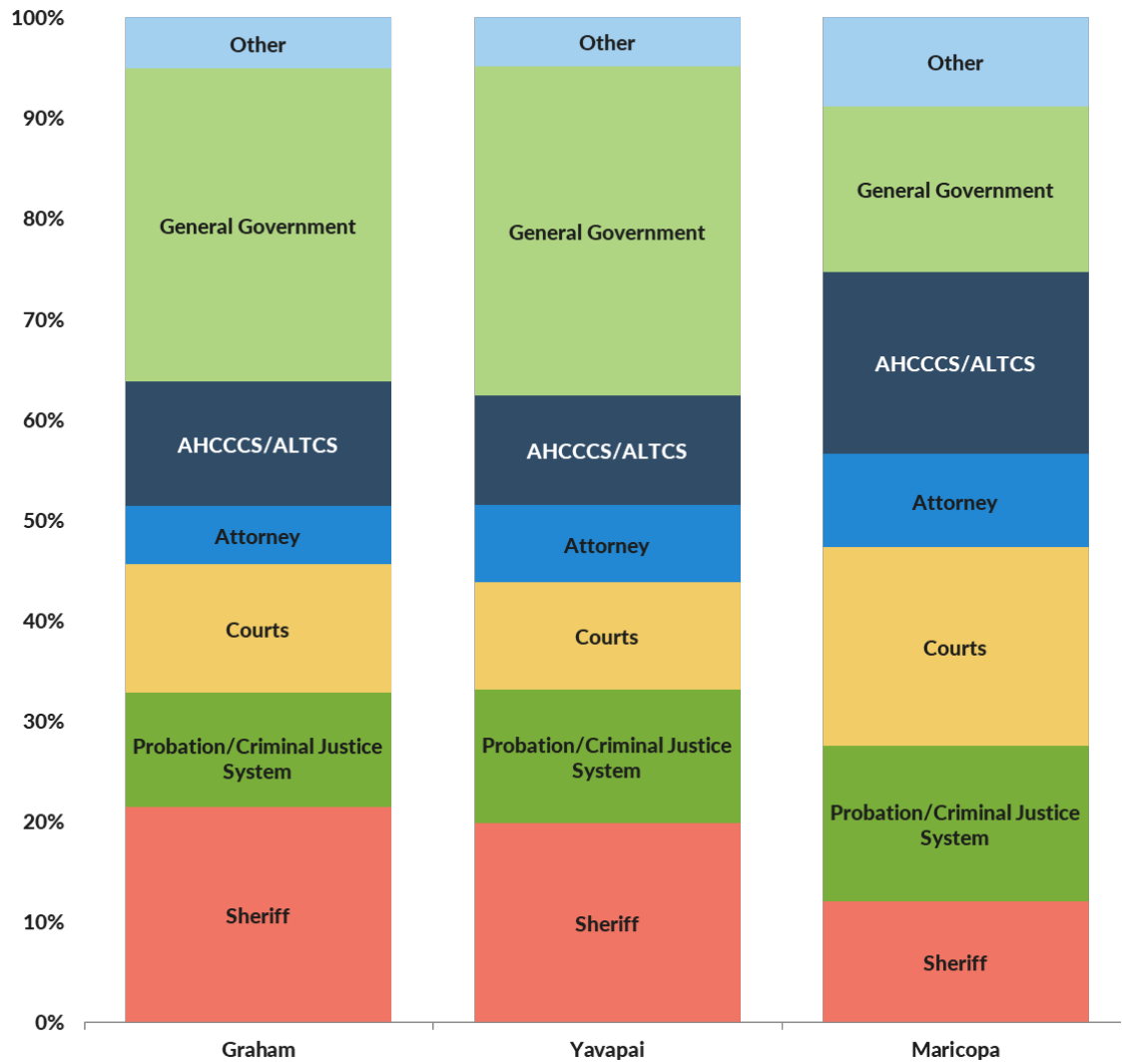
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County General Fund Revenue



County General Fund Expenditures



Key Takeaways

- 01 Since counties provide essential state services (public safety, transportation and criminal justice), your policy choices affect local costs and county responsiveness to constituents.
 - Federal, state and judicial action drive costs in county operations.
- 02 Unlike cities, counties have limited financial flexibility and fixed, limited revenue streams.
- 03 Recession-era policies have significantly impacted counties. Ongoing efforts to provide relief are critical.
 - County impacts since 2009: **\$546 million**
 - County transportation impacts since 2009: **\$111 million**
 - Eliminate the ADJC fee (\$11.3 million) and provide permanent EORP relief (\$3.0 million)
- 04 County officials are your partners in serving your constituents.



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Issues relating to:

- Budget authority
 - Taxation; revenue distributions
- Transportation
- Public/environmental health
 - Air quality
- Land use/planning & zoning
- Animal control
- Special districts
- Indigent services (public defender, fiduciary, burial)
- County funding of:
 - AHCCCS/ALTCS
 - Courts



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Issues relating to the following functions:

- Constable
- Recorder
 - Elections
- Assessor
- Treasurer
- County Attorney
- School Superintendent
- Clerk of the Court
- Sheriff
- Justice of the Peace