

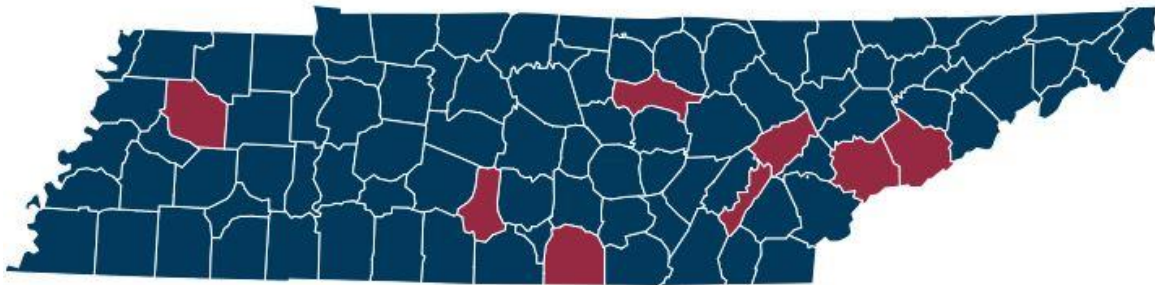


**Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller**

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## **Comptroller Releases First Round of Clean Audit Reports**

Tennessee Comptroller Justin P. Wilson is pleased to announce that eight Tennessee counties have achieved a distinctive honor. Blount, Franklin, Gibson, Marshall, Meigs, Putnam, Roane and Sevier counties have all received a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.



All eight annual audits were completed without any findings. Only a select number of Tennessee counties will receive an audit report without a finding indicating weaknesses or deficiencies in government operations.

These audits each revealed a strong system that allows for accurate financial reporting and clear checks and balances that help protect taxpayer money. The residents of these counties should be encouraged that county leaders and elected officials are taking their responsibilities seriously.

This achievement is especially significant for Blount County which has received a clean audit report for the fourth year in a row. Franklin, Gibson, Marshall, and Putnam counties have each received their second consecutive clean audit.

“A clean audit is a good indication that government business is on track,” said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. “I commend all of the elected officials, leaders, and county staff who have committed to provide accountability and reliability in government. This is quite an accomplishment.”

Only 13 counties audited by the Comptroller’s Office received clean audit reports in fiscal year 2017. The Comptroller’s Office will continue to release fiscal year 2018 audits through March of 2019.

All eight audit reports can be found at <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/la.html>

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