

## Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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## **Comptroller's Office Releases Four Clean Audit Reports**

Tennessee Comptroller Justin P. Wilson is pleased to announce that four more Tennessee counties have achieved a distinctive honor. Coffee, Fayette, Lincoln, and Loudon counties have each received a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

These four annual audits were completed without any findings. Auditors did not report any 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 four counties should be encouraged that county leaders and elected officials are taking their responsibilities seriously.

This achievement is even more significant for Lincoln County which has received a clean audit report for the third year in a row. Loudon County has received is second consecutive clean report.

"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 12 of the 90 Tennessee counties audited by the Comptroller's Office received a clean audit report in fiscal year 2018. The 12 counties are Blount, Coffee, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Lincoln, Loudon, Marshall, Meigs, Putnam, Roane, and Sevier.

The 90 Tennessee counties audited by the Comptroller's Office received a total of 293 findings in fiscal year 2018. This represents an average of 3.26 findings per county. In fiscal year 2017, Tennessee counties received an average of 3.76 findings in their annual audit reports.

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

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