

Unpacking Loudoun's Tax Base Supporting Education

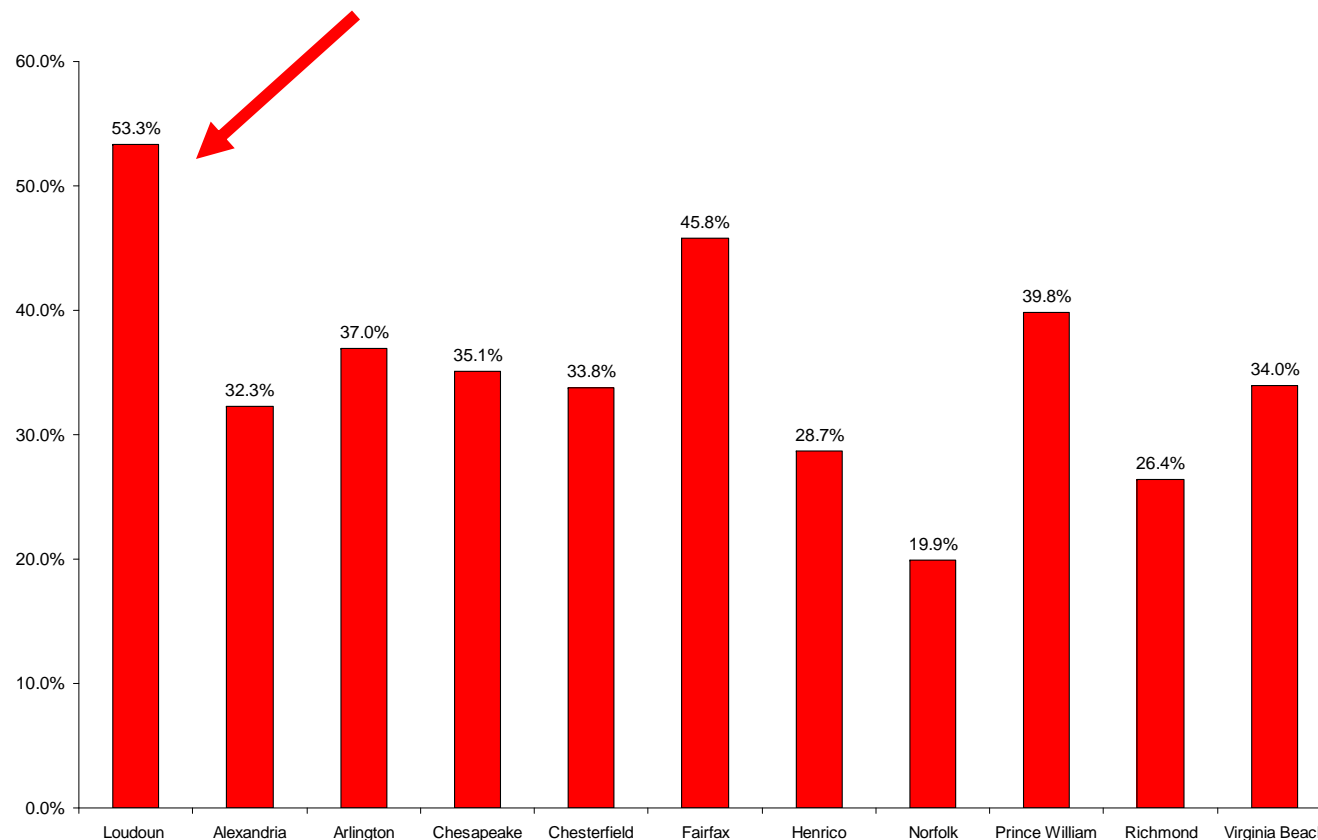


- What are the primary variables affecting the use of local revenue for education?
 - Real estate values
 - Number of students
 - Real estate tax rate
- Investment in students compared



FY 2007 Education as a Percentage of Total Local Funding

This graph shows that Loudoun County spends about 53% of local funding on education. Fairfax County spends about 46%.



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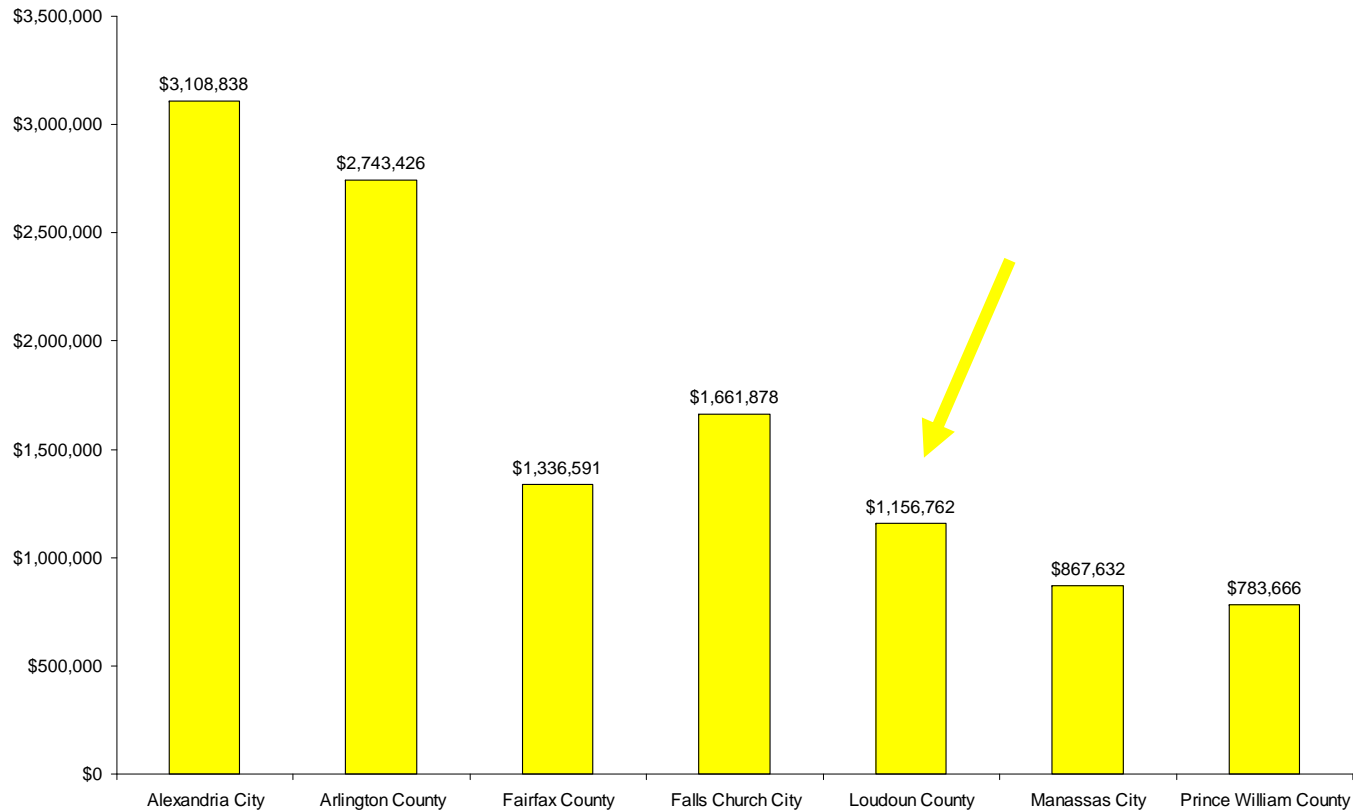
Using the jurisdictions displayed in a previous graph provided by the assessor's office, education as a percentage of total local funding was re-calculated using total education expenditures less state, federal and other revenue sources divided by total local funding as reported to the Commonwealth's Auditor of Public Accounts. The Comparative Report of Local Government Revenue and Expenditures does not include any debt service as a cost of education; rather those costs are displayed as a cost of the local governing body.

Source: FY 2007 Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures

Tax Year 2006 Fair Market Value of Real Estate Per Pupil



This graph shows that the value of real estate in a jurisdiction expressed on a per pupil basis. Loudoun County has about \$1.2 million of real estate value to support an individual student. Alexandria City has about \$3.1 million and Prince William has almost \$800k per student.



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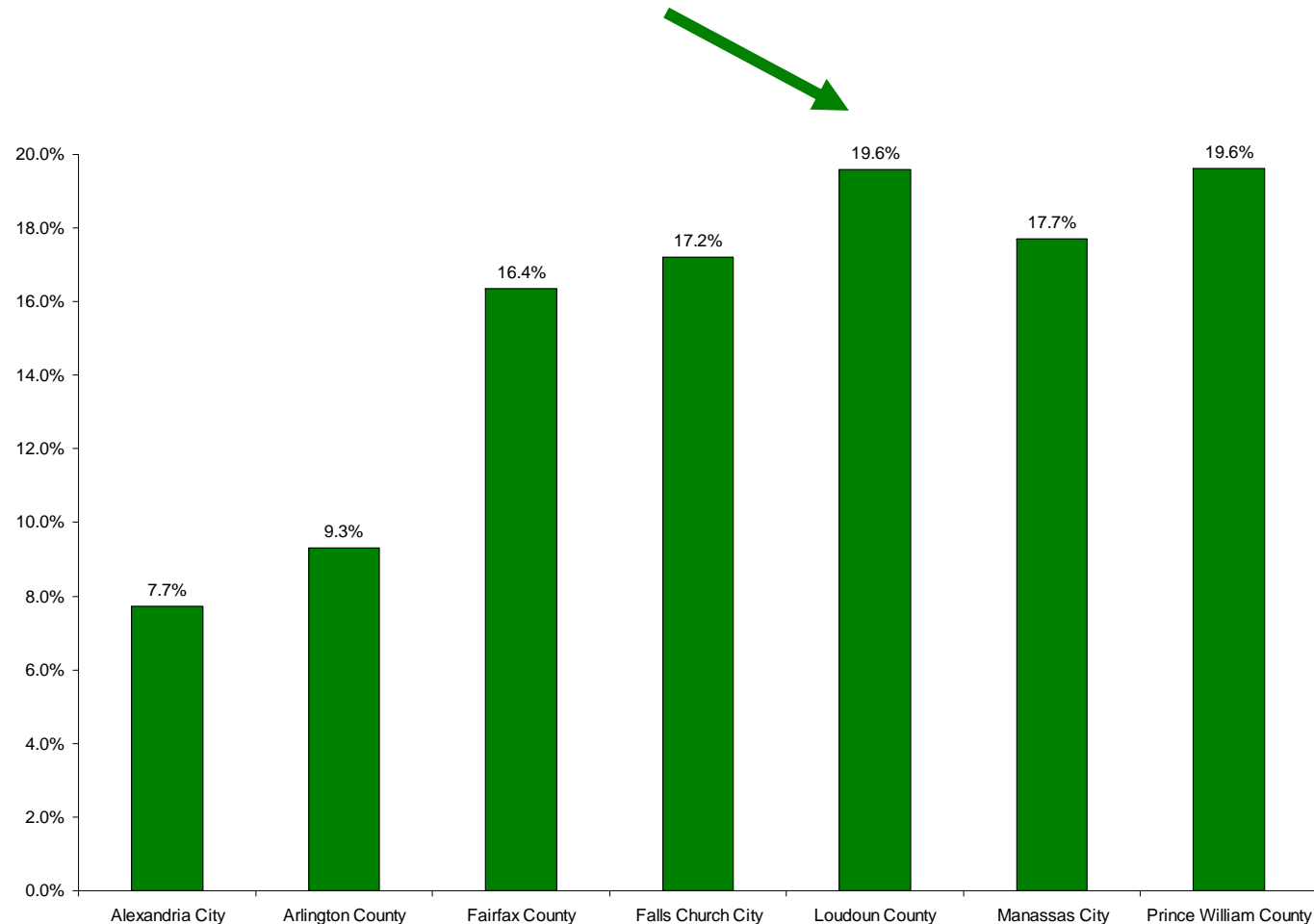
Total Fair Market Value of Real Estate divided by the number of public school students.

Source: Department of Taxation 2007 Annual Report & DOE Sept 30, 06 enrollment

Public School Students as a Percentage of Total Population



This graph shows that Loudoun County and Prince William County have the largest percentage of public school students as a percentage of total population among neighboring Virginia jurisdictions. The national average is about 15%



Source: FY 2007 Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures & DOE Sept 30, 07 enrollment



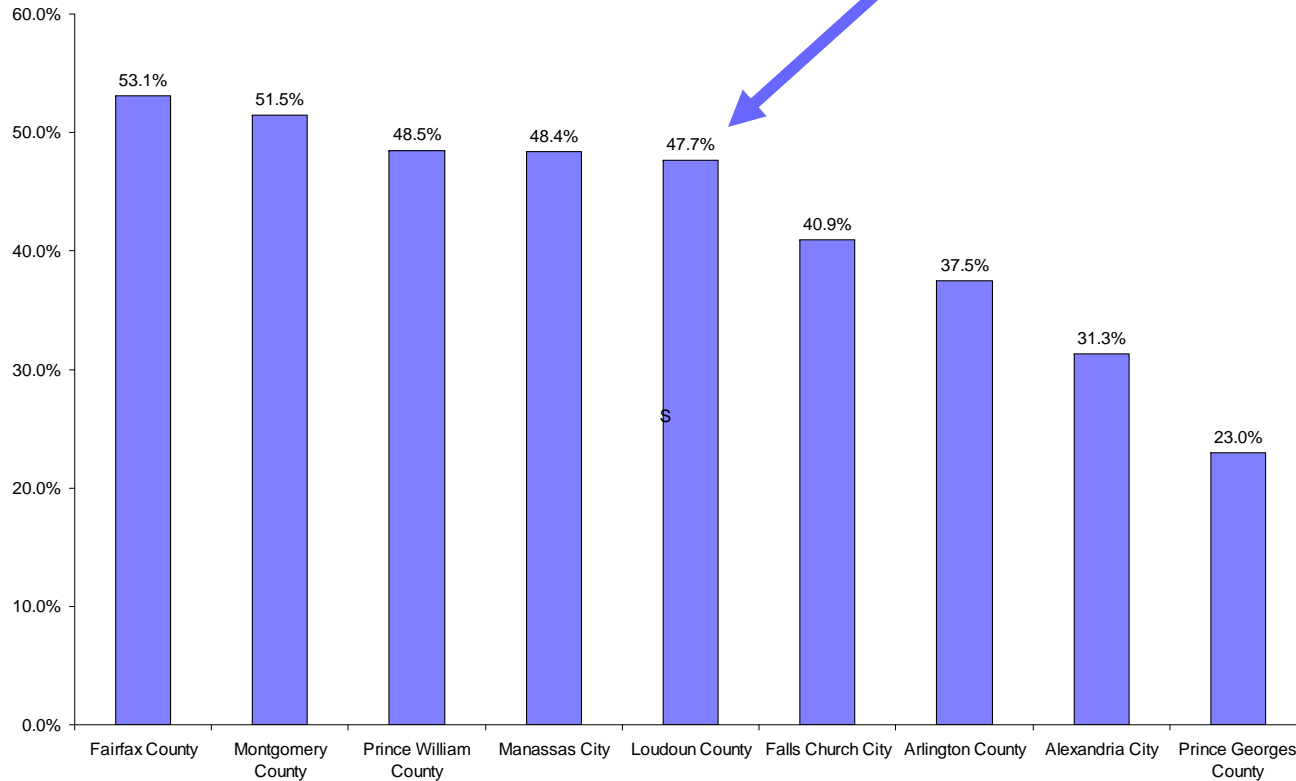
2007 Real Estate Tax Rates

Alexandria City	\$0.83
Arlington County	\$0.82
Fairfax County	\$0.89
Falls Church City	\$1.01
Loudoun County	\$0.92
Manassas City	\$0.86
Prince William County	\$0.79

For FY 2007 real estate tax rates ranged from a high of \$1.01 per \$100 of assessed value in Falls Church City to a low of \$0.79 cents per \$100 of assessed value in Prince William County. The average is \$0.874

Source: Department of Taxation 2007 Annual Report

WABE Divisions Current Information FY 09 Local Funding Effort



This graph shows that Loudoun's local funding effort ranks 5th of 9 jurisdictions with Fairfax County as the highest and Prince Georges County as the lowest.

WABE Local Funding Effort Calculation:

Local Funding Effort is calculated using total City/County public school transfer including debt service divided by total City/County General Fund. All WABE participants agree to use this formula consistently.

It Helps to Know the Facts.....



WABE Guide-Cost Per Pupil

<u>School Division</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Alexandria City	\$19,078	2	\$19,341	1	\$18,232	1	\$15,871	3	\$13,670	3
Arlington County	\$19,538	1	\$18,563	2	\$17,958	2	\$16,464	1	\$15,298	1
Falls Church City	\$18,311	3	\$18,474	3	\$17,700	3	\$16,020	2	\$14,106	2
Montgomery County	\$15,252	4	\$14,705	4	\$13,446	4	\$12,549	4	\$12,108	4
Fairfax County	\$13,340	5	\$13,407	5	\$12,853	5	\$11,915	5	\$11,022	5
Loudoun County	\$12,780	7	\$12,751	6	\$12,023	7	\$11,379	6	\$10,266	6
Prince George's County	\$12,517	8	\$12,107	7	\$10,332	9	\$9,638	8	\$8,612	9
Manassas City	\$13,105	6	\$12,067	8	\$12,036	6	\$10,775	7	\$10,137	7
Prince William County	\$10,776	9	\$10,429	9	\$10,378	8	\$9,374	9	\$8,939	8

WABE Cost per Pupil Calculation:

Per pupil expenditure is calculated using total Operating Budget less adult education, self-funded summer school, and health services plus the portion of the Capital Improvements Program and Capital Asset Preservation budgets funded by cash. The total amount is divided by the student enrollment as of September 30 to determine an average per pupil cost for the current fiscal year. Debt Service and bond funded capital expenditures are excluded from the WABE cost per pupil calculation. All WABE participants agree to use this formula consistently.

For FY 2009, using the WABE formula, the LCPS cost per pupil is \$12,780 compared to \$12,751 in FY 2008—an increase of \$29 or two tenths of one percent (.2%).