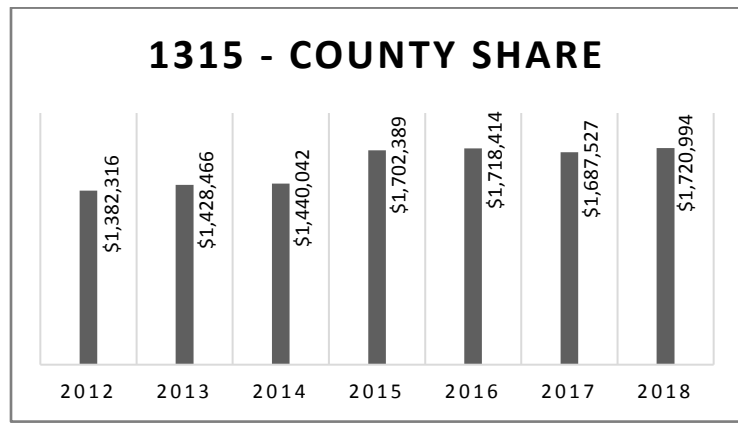


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Albany County Department of Audit and Control (Audit and Control) strives to promote fiscal accountability in Albany County Government. Audit and Control is led by an independently-elected Comptroller who serves as the Chief Fiscal Officer of Albany County.

WHO WE SERVE

The Comptroller is “the people’s watchdog”. The Department of Audit and Control strives to provide fiscal transparency to the taxpayers of Albany County.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

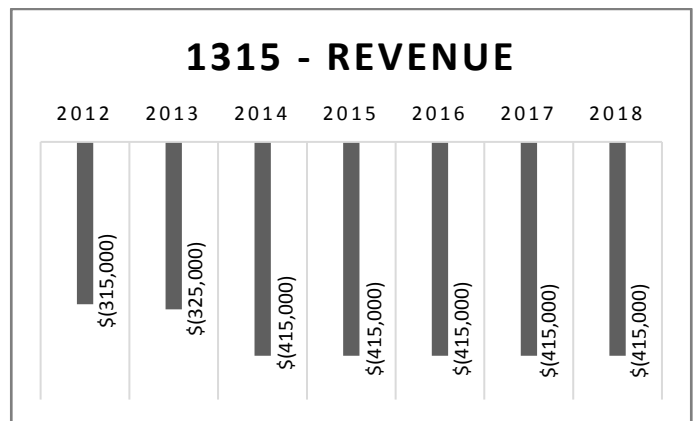
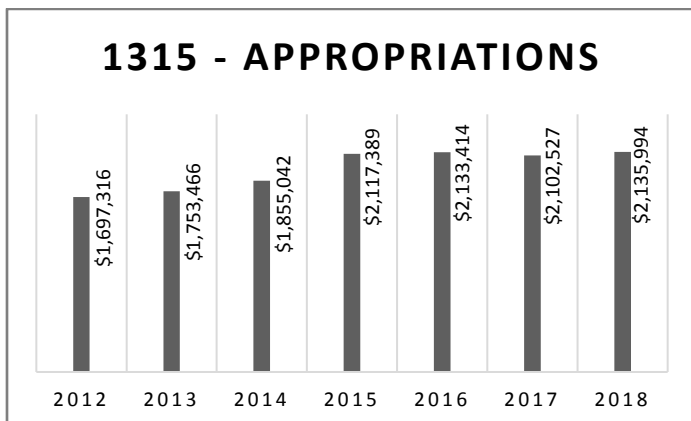
It is the ultimate responsibility of the Comptroller to provide guidance and oversight relating to all Albany County fiscal affairs. To achieve these objectives, Audit and Control:

- Audits, posts and approve all payments made by the County of Albany
- Conducts audits of departments and programs, inclusive of biannual occupancy tax audits of all hotels and motels registered within Albany County
- Administers all aspects of debt issuance on behalf of the County
- Responsible for the oversight of Albany County’s annual independent audit
- Engages in other distinct projects that benefit Albany County taxpayers

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Building on the success of our Countywide Government Efficiency Plan that distributed approximately \$2.5 million in tax relief to real property taxpayers in the county two years ago, our office has continued to meet with the project advisory board to complete phase II of the project. This phase will ultimately help local municipalities within Albany County to better share services and employees in the coming years.

In 2016, Audit and Control audited over 55,000 claims and continued its hotel and motel audit program to ensure that hotels and motels within Albany County are complying with the occupancy tax. Maintaining the integrity of occupancy tax collections is vital as the proceeds of this tax are estimated to total \$8.7 million for this year, up from \$8.6 million in 2016.



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2017 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

As always, Audit and Control appreciates the support it has received from the County Legislature for projects throughout the year. We hope to continue working to improve shared services throughout the county and continuing our efforts to provide transparency to Albany County taxpayers.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

- Adjusted the salaries of the Executive Deputies' and Operations Supervisor to reflect pay equity for comparable positions.
- Added 2 auditor positions.