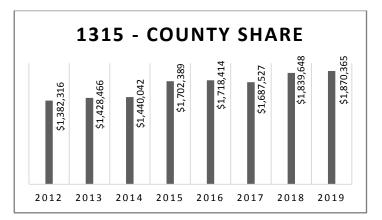
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Albany County Department of 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.

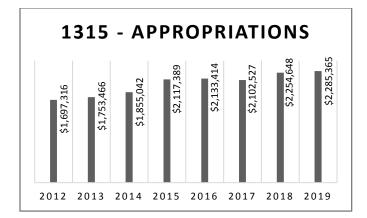
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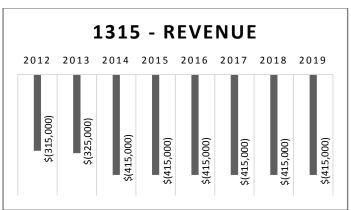
It is the ultimate responsibility of the Comptroller to provide guidance and oversight pertaining to all Albany County fiscal affairs. To achieve these objectives, the Department of Audit and Control:

- Audits, posts, and approves all payments made by the County of Albany.
- Conducts audits of departments and programs, including biannual occupancy tax audits of all hotels and motels registered within Albany County.
- Assisting and supporting other Towns within Albany County with their Financial Systems.
- Administers all aspects of debt issuance on behalf of the County.
- Engages in other distinct projects that benefit Albany County taxpayers.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

In 2018, the Department of 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 for this year, up from \$8.7 million in 2018.





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2019 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

As always, the Department of 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.

This office will continue to work towards the facilitation of projects that benefit county taxpayers. This includes the further exploration of the concept of a healthcare consortium for Albany County

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2019 Executive budget for the Albany County Department of Audit and Control does not include any substantive programmatic changes.