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# Year in Review

**13** research publications  
timely, accessible, reliable

“„ **158x**  
cited or quoted  
in TN & national news

 **8**  
interactive dashboards  
with state & local data

 **47** speaking engagements  
to a combined audience  
of over 2,500

## expertise shared *in publications and engagement*

state budget • federal funding • state taxes • housing • ACA marketplace • property taxes • post-secondary finance • opioid abatement • debt collection • youth mental health • K-12 education • criminal justice • public safety • health • child well-being • federal safety net programs • medical debt • Medicaid • SNAP • survey design • process evaluation • data dashboards

## top 3 read reports of 2025

- 1** Tennessee's Housing Challenges:  
Where & Why It Got So Expensive
- 2** The Budget in Brief: Summary of  
Gov. Lee's FY 2026 Budget
- 3** Interactive Dashboard:  
Explore Federal Funding in TN

## awards



### Mental Health Leadership Award *from NAMI-TN*

recognizes a changemaker whose leadership has advanced mental health advocacy, policy, or systems-level change across TN



### Best Digital Communication *from Governmental Research Association*

for our interactive federal funding and program dashboards

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