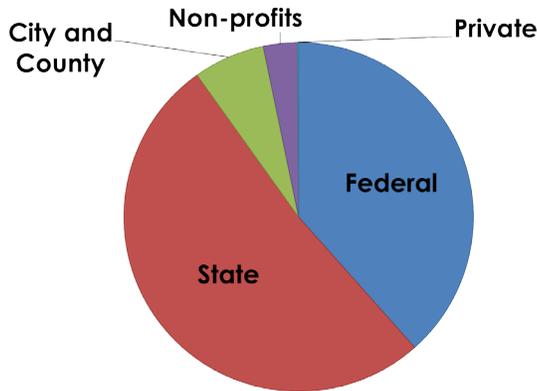


INVASIVE PLANTS COST TENNESSEE TAXPAYERS \$2.6 MILLION PER YEAR.

...And this is only the **DIRECT MONETARY COST**.

Government agencies account for 97% of expenditures



Tennessee spends AT LEAST \$2.6 million on:

- **Control** (chemical, mechanical, biological)
- **Mapping** and monitoring
- **Education** and outreach

Invasive plants cost Tennessee's economy many times over:

- Decrease **agricultural yields**
- Lower **property values**
- Diminish **recreation opportunity**
- Decrease **diversity & wildlife habitat**



A worker chemically controls a kudzu infestation

Japanese stiltgrass crowds out wildflowers in a forest



Support early detection and rapid response programs against new invasives and help save Tennessee taxpayers millions of dollars.

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