

Q6. Thinking about the current fiscal year, please indicate whether or not your jurisdiction utilized the following policies.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Employee furloughs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A four-day work week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q7. Thinking about the next fiscal year, how likely is it that your jurisdiction will institute the following policies?

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Neither Likely Nor Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely	Don't Know
Employee furloughs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A four-day work week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q8. In your current fiscal year, did your jurisdiction completely eliminate any particular services? (check all that apply)

- Yes, service(s) completely eliminated and no longer provided at all
- Yes, service(s) completely eliminated, but now provided by another entity
- No
- Don't Know

Q9. (If you selected "yes" in Q8) Please briefly describe which service(s) were eliminated and the alternative source of service provision, if any.

Q10. Looking forward to the next fiscal year, do you expect your jurisdiction will completely eliminate any particular services? (check all that apply)

- Yes, service(s) will be completely eliminated and no longer provided at all
- Yes, service(s) will be completely eliminated, but will be provided by another entity
- No
- Don't Know

Q11. (If you selected "yes" in Q10) Please briefly describe which service(s) you expect will be eliminated and the alternative source of service provision, if any.

Q12. Are there any particular approaches toward balancing the budget your jurisdiction has taken in the last few years that just didn't work or had unintended negative consequences? Please describe.

Q13. Does your jurisdiction do formal single-year budgeting or multi-year budgeting?

- Single-year
- Multi-year
- Don't Know

Q14. In your current fiscal year, has your jurisdiction had to make any significant mid-year adjustments due to an inaccurate budget forecast? (check all that apply)

- Yes, because expenditures higher than expected
- Yes, because revenues lower than expected
- No
- Don't Know

Q15. Overall, how informed do you believe your jurisdiction's citizens are regarding your jurisdiction's finances?

- Very Well Informed
- Somewhat Informed
- Not Very Well Informed
- Don't Know

Q16. We're interested in your perspective about your citizens' preferences in the trade-off between services and taxes (although we recognize that preferences can shift depending upon the specific services at stake and other factors). In your opinion, if your jurisdiction's citizens were facing significant local public service cuts, in general, would they be more likely to choose higher taxes to avoid service cuts or would they choose cuts to public services to avoid higher taxes?

- In general, citizens would choose higher taxes to avoid service cuts
- In general, citizens would choose service cuts to avoid higher taxes
- Don't Know

Q17. Does your jurisdiction have a formal written policy regarding the required minimum level of its general fund balance or cash reserves?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Q18. (If you selected "yes" in Q17) Approximately what percentage of general fund expenditures is your jurisdiction required to maintain?

_____ % Don't know

Q19. Approximately what was your jurisdiction's unreserved general fund balance as a percentage of general fund expenditures at the end of its last fiscal year?

- 0%
- 1-5%
- 6-10%
- 11-15%
- 16-20%
- over 20%
- Don't Know

Q20. Overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's unreserved general fund balance to be too high, about right, or not high enough?

- Too high
- About right
- Not high enough
- Don't Know

Certain changes have been proposed to deal with revenue sharing in Michigan. One proposal to reform the state revenue sharing system recommends:

- A) eliminating the per capita distribution and tying revenue sharing to the provision of certain base-level services, while at the same time;
- B) increasing the authority of local governments to tax their citizens for desired services above and beyond those base-level services.

Q33. In general, do you agree or disagree with the idea of tying state revenue sharing to certain base-level local services while allowing local governments to raise additional taxes for additional services?

- Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Neither Agree nor Disagree Somewhat Disagree Strongly Disagree Don't Know

Q34. Under this proposal, if your jurisdiction had the authority to raise additional taxes, how likely would it be to...

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Neither Likely Nor Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely	Don't Know
... increase its property tax millage rates?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... introduce or expand a local income tax?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... introduce or expand a local sales tax?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... participate in a regional tax authority?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q35. Now, thinking about issues related to the U.S. Census, has your jurisdiction done anything specifically to encourage its citizens to complete their census forms?

- Yes No Don't Know

Q36. (if you selected "yes" to Q35) Please briefly describe any actions your jurisdiction has taken to increase participation in the census.

Q37. Currently, after every Census the Michigan Legislature is responsible for redrawing Congressional and Michigan state legislative electoral districts. A change has been proposed to have these districts drawn instead by an independent, non-partisan commission. The commission would be charged with drawing district lines so that elections are as competitive as possible and would not favor one political party over another. Would you say you favor or oppose this proposal?

- Strongly Favor Somewhat Favor Neither Favor nor Oppose Somewhat Oppose Strongly Oppose Don't Know

Q38. Thinking now about the Federal Stimulus Package (the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), overall, how much do you believe the Recovery Act has helped to improve economic conditions in your community to date?

- Very much Somewhat Not at all Don't Know

Q39. How much do you believe Recovery Act funding will improve economic conditions in your community in the long term?

- Very much Somewhat Not at all Don't Know

Q40. Overall, how much do you believe the Recovery Act has helped to improve economic conditions in the state of Michigan to date?

- Very much Somewhat Not at all Don't Know

Q41. How much do you believe Recovery Act funding will improve economic conditions in the state of Michigan in the long term?

- Very much Somewhat Not at all Don't Know

Q42. CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity to the full extent provided by law. We need to confirm your personal information such as name, email address, and phone number for tracking and administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be linked with your survey responses nor will it be shared with any outside sources.

Your name _____ Your phone number _____ - _____ - _____

Your email address _____

Finally, we would like to ask some demographic questions. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional. Responses will be reported in aggregate form only so that your individual responses will remain confidential.

Q43. What is your gender? Male Female

Q44. In what year were you born? _____

Q45. How many years have you served in your current position? _____

Q46. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? Yes No

Q47. Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check all that apply)

- White Asian
 Black or African American Multiracial
 American Indian or Alaskan Native Other
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander Don't Know

Q48. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

- 12th grade or less/no diploma Bachelor's degree
 High school graduate or GED Master's degree
 Some college, no degree Professional/Doctorate degree
 Associate degree

Q49. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

- Republican Independent Democrat Something Else

Q50. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong Not very strong Don't Know

Q51. (if Independent) Would you consider yourself closer to ...?

- the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither