

Q6. Different local jurisdictions manage their unreserved/unassigned general fund balances in different ways depending on their specific circumstances. Despite these differences, we're interested in tracking overall changes in these balances over time. Approximately what was your jurisdiction's unreserved/unassigned general fund balance as a percentage of general fund expenditures at the end of its last fiscal year?

- 0% or less 21-30% 51-60% 81-90% Don't Know
 1-10% 31-40% 61-70% 91-100%
 11-20% 41-50% 71-80% Over 100%

Q7. Thinking about your jurisdiction's fiscal needs, overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's unreserved/unassigned general fund balance to be too high, about right, or too low?

- Too High About Right Too Low Don't Know

Q8. In your opinion, is your jurisdiction's cash flow and its ability to pay bills in a timely manner a significant fiscal problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem, or not a problem at all?

- A significant problem Somewhat of a problem Not much of a problem Not a problem at all Don't Know

Q9. Now, thinking about the overall fiscal stress in your jurisdiction today and what you expect it to be down the road — including any future financial obligations it may have — on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is the best: perfect fiscal health and 10 is the worst: fiscal crisis, how would you rate your jurisdiction's overall fiscal stress...

	The Best: Perfect Fiscal Health									The Worst: Fiscal Crisis		Don't Know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
... today?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
... as you expect it to be five years from now?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Now we have a few questions about issues related to election administration. (County and village officials, please skip to Q18.)

Q10. To what extent, if any, would you say the following have or have not recently been problems with election administration in your jurisdiction?

	Not a Problem at All	Not Much of a Problem	Somewhat of a Problem	A Significant Problem	Don't Know
The cost of election administration on your jurisdiction's budget	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Long wait times for any voters	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Election equipment failures/malfunctions	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Inaccurate voter registration lists	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Reliable internet connectivity for communication with the Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Disturbances at polling places (e.g., inappropriate campaigning, voter intimidation, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Recruiting poll workers with necessary skills (e.g., computer skills)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Recruiting enough poll workers (regardless of their skills)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Poll worker errors in following election procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q11. Overall, how effective or ineffective would you say the following election-related training is for your jurisdiction?

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Neither Effective Nor Ineffective	Somewhat Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Don't Know
Poll worker training by the County	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initial training for new clerks by the State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Continuing education for clerks by the State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q12. Overall, to what extent would you say you are confident in...

	Very Confident	Somewhat Confident	Not Very Confident	Not Confident at All	Don't Know
... the ability of your jurisdiction to administer an accurate election?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the ability of the County Clerk's office to administer an accurate recount, if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q13. The State of Michigan is requiring cities and townships to update their voting equipment by August 2018, and says it will provide funding to cover most — or all — of the up-front costs. Cities and townships will pay for any remaining cost beyond the State's contribution, and for extended service and maintenance after 5 years. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this initiative?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
New equipment will be worth new costs to my jurisdiction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New equipment will significantly improve election administration in my jurisdiction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State's cost-sharing approach is appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the State's initiative to have cities and townships update their voting equipment?

Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q15. If cities and townships in Michigan were given the option to ask their County to administer elections on their behalf, would you support or oppose having your county government administer your jurisdiction's elections?

Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q16. Is there anything else that you want to tell us about elections in your jurisdiction?

Q17. To what extent would you support or oppose the following possible changes to election administration in Michigan?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Synchronize Michigan voter lists with other states' lists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-registration of 16-year-olds (e.g., when they get their driver's licenses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stricter regulation of voter registration drives (e.g., volunteer certification required)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow same-day voter registration (on Election Day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absentee voting with no excuse required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On-site early voting (before Election Day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stricter voter ID requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Require employers to provide time off to vote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Next we have a few questions about your jurisdiction's personnel.

Q18. Does your jurisdiction have any paid employees other than elected officials? If so, which of the following type(s)? (check all that apply)

- None: we have no paid employees besides elected officials (skip to Q30)
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Seasonal
- Temporary/Irregular (if your jurisdiction only has temporary employees, skip to Q27)
- Don't Know (skip to Q30)

Q19. Overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's pay rate(s) for new hires or current employees to be too high, about right, or too low?

	Too High	About Right	Too Low	Don't Know
New hires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q20. Does your jurisdiction provide any fringe benefits (i.e., health care, dental, vision, life insurance, etc.) to new hires and/or current employees?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
New hires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q21. Overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's fringe benefits package(s) — or lack thereof — for new hires and/or current employees to be too generous, about right, or not generous enough?

	Too Generous	About Right	Not Generous Enough	Don't Know
New hires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Now we have a series of questions regarding your thoughts on the state of affairs in the country, and Michigan overall.

Q30. Do you feel things in this country are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

- Right Direction Wrong Track Don't Know

Q31. Do you feel things in the state of Michigan are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

- Right Direction Wrong Track Don't Know

Q32. How would you rate the way Rick Snyder is performing his job as Michigan's governor?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

Q33. How would you rate the way the Michigan Legislature is performing its job?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

Q34. Now thinking about how the state government relates to your jurisdiction in particular, how would you, in your role as a local official, rate the way the following state agencies or departments are performing their jobs overall? (if you feel an agency or department does not impact your jurisdiction at all, please select "not applicable")

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Applicable	Don't Know
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Department of Treasury	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Department of Health and Human Services	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Secretary of State	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Department of Transportation (MDOT)	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Attorney General	<input type="checkbox"/>					
State Police	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q35. How would you rate the way Donald Trump is performing his job as President?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

Q36. How would you rate the way the U.S. Congress in Washington is performing its job?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't Know

Q37. Finally, we are interested in learning more about policy issues according to whether communities are rural, urban, or somewhere in between. How would you characterize your jurisdiction?

- Rural Mostly rural Mostly urban Urban Don't Know

Q38. CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity to the full extent provided by law. We need to confirm your personal information such as name and email address for tracking and administrative purposes only. Your personal information will not be shared with any outside sources. As with all of the questions in this survey, these are optional. Please provide us with...

Your name _____ Your email address _____

Today's date ____ / ____ / 2017

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.

Q39. What is your gender? Male Female

Q40. In what year were you born? 19 ____

Q41. How many years have you served in your current position? _____

Q42. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? Yes No

Q43. 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

Q44. 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's degree

Q45. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... ?

- Republican Independent Democrat
 Something else (please specify) _____

Q46. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong Not very strong Don't know

Q47. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to... ?

- the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither