

Q13. Now, comparing your jurisdiction's current fiscal year to the next fiscal year, please indicate which actions your jurisdiction has taken or is likely to take.

	Greatly decrease	Somewhat decrease	No change	Somewhat increase	Greatly increase	Not applicable	Don't know
Property tax rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charges for fees, licenses, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliance on general fund balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of services provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public safety spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human services spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General government operations spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of debt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privatizing or contracting out of services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number and/or scope of interlocal agreements or other service-sharing plans with other governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of employees that work for your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employee pay rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14. 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 11-20% 31-50% Over 100%
 1-10% 21-30% 51-100% Don't know

Q15. 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

Q16. 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

Q17. 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
... as you expect it to be five years from now?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Q18. (Please skip if you selected "don't know" in Q17) How confident are you in your rating (in Q9 above) regarding your jurisdiction's fiscal stress today?

- Very confident in the rating Somewhat confident Not very confident Not confident at all in the rating Don't know

Q19. (Please skip if you selected "don't know" in Q17) How confident are you in your rating (in Q9 above) regarding your jurisdiction's expected fiscal stress five years from now?

- Very confident in the rating Somewhat confident Not very confident Not confident at all in the rating Don't know

Q20. What factor(s) were you thinking about when rating your jurisdiction's overall fiscal stress (for today and/or five years from now)?

Next, we have a few questions about issues related to election administration.

Q21. In November 2018, Michigan voters approved the “Voting Policies in State Constitution Initiative” (Proposal 3). To the best of your knowledge, have the specific reforms listed below had a positive or negative impact on your jurisdiction’s administration of the elections since then?

	No impact so far	Very positive	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Very negative	Don’t know
Voter registration up to 15 days before an election via mail-in, online, and at a Secretary of State’s office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-person, same-day voter registration up to and including election day at your local clerk’s office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No-excuse absentee voting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q22. Now looking ahead to the November 2020 general election, do you expect any of the following will or will not be 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
Voter registration up to 15 days before an election via mail-in, online, and at a Secretary of State’s office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-person, same-day voter registration up to and including election day at your local clerk’s office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No-excuse absentee voting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q23. Please describe the most significant positive and/or negative impacts, if any, that you expect on your administration of the upcoming November 2020 general election from the three specific voting reforms listed above.

Q24. Still thinking ahead to the November 2020 general election, to what extent, if any, do you expect the following will or will not be 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long wait times for any voters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Election equipment failures/malfunctions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inaccurate voter registration lists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliable internet connectivity for communication with the Secretary of State/Bureau of Elections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disturbances at polling places (e.g., inappropriate campaigning, voter intimidation, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting poll workers and other election staff with necessary skills (e.g., computer skills)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruiting enough poll workers and other election staff (regardless of their skills)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poll worker errors in following election procedures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intentional disinformation targeted at your jurisdiction’s citizens about voting procedures or other election issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q31. Thinking ahead to the November 2020 general election, to what extent, if any, do you expect the cost of election administration on your county's budget will or will not be a problem for your county?

Not a problem
at all

Not much
of a problem

Somewhat
of a problem

A significant
problem

Don't
know

Q32. Now, thinking specifically about election security for the upcoming November 2020 general election, how confident are you that...

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Don't know
... the voting machines and related technology in your county's jurisdictions will <u>not</u> be compromised (i.e., tampered with or hacked)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... voter rolls in your county's jurisdictions will <u>not</u> be compromised (i.e., altered, hacked, made inaccessible, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... vote tallies/results in your county's jurisdictions will <u>not</u> be compromised (i.e., altered, interfered with, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... local officials would know <u>prior to or during</u> the election whether their local election has been compromised (including voting machines/technology, rolls, or tallies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... local officials would know <u>after</u> the election whether their local election has been compromised (including voting machines/technology, rolls, or tallies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q33. (Please skip if you selected "very confident" for all items in Q32) What additional resources do you currently need, if any, to help improve election security within your county? (check all that apply)

- We do not need any additional resources
- More support from your county government
- More support from the state government
- Increased internal expertise/training
- Access to software/technology to prevent tampering or hacking
- Assistance with contingency planning and crisis response
- Other (please specify) _____
- Don't know

Q34. 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 jurisdictions in your county to administer accurate elections within their jurisdictions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the ability of the County Clerk's office to support local jurisdictions leading up to and on Election Day?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the ability of jurisdictions in your county to report election results to the County Clerk's office on election night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the ability of the County Clerk's office to deliver accurate election night reports?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the ability of your County to administer an accurate recount, if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q35. Is there anything else that you want to tell us about elections in your county?

PLEASE NOTE: ALL RESPONDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE WITH QUESTION 36

Q36. In 2018, Michigan voters approved a Constitutional amendment that created an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Proposal 2). How familiar are you with this new approach to redistricting in the state?

- Very familiar — I know a great deal about it
- Somewhat familiar — I have heard of it, and understand it fairly well, but don't know many details
- Mostly unfamiliar — I have heard of it, but know very little about it
- Completely unfamiliar — I have never heard of it before
- Don't know

Q37. The new Commission is required to take into account “Communities of Interest” when drawing new districts, to avoid splitting key groups across multiple districts with different legislative representation. According to the language in the Constitution, “Communities of Interest may include, but shall not be limited to, populations that share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests. They do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.”

Below, please briefly describe what you think are key “Communities of Interest” in your area — that is, within your jurisdiction and/or other communities nearby — that should not be split across districts.

Q38a. *(for city, village, township officials only)* Some jurisdictions have important relationships and ties with other jurisdictions nearby, and ideally should not be split into different districts with different legislative representation. Please list which specific nearby jurisdictions — counties, cities, villages, and/or townships — are, in your opinion, most closely tied to your jurisdiction?

Q38b. *(for county officials only)* Some jurisdictions have important relationships and ties with other jurisdictions nearby, and ideally should not be split into different districts with different legislative representation. Please list which nearby counties are, in your opinion, most closely tied to your county?

Q39. Now, let's turn briefly to the 2020 U.S. Census. As far as you know, is your jurisdiction doing any of the following to encourage its residents to complete their census forms in 2020? *(check all that apply)*

- Not taking any actions related to the 2020 Census
- Encouraging residents to take the 2020 Census online
- Running or participating in a “Complete Count Committee”
- Communicating directly with residents (e.g., direct mailings/emails, media or online promotions, notes with utility bills/tax statements, etc.)
- Collaborating with other organizations (e.g., schools, libraries, the Chamber of Commerce, SEMCOG/NEMCOG, etc.)
- Providing space in local facilities for Census workers or training activities
- Providing or facilitating kiosks, laptop stations, etc. for residents without good internet access
- Working to boost the number of local residents who work as Census Enumerators
- Other *(please specify)* _____
- Don't know

Q40. At this time, how confident overall are you that there will be an accurate 2020 Census count...

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Don't know
... in your jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... statewide in Michigan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In this last section, we have some questions regarding your thoughts on the state of affairs in the country, and Michigan overall.

Q41. 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

Q42. 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

- Q43. How would you rate the way Gretchen Whitmer is performing her job as Michigan's governor?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know
- Q44. How would you rate the way the Michigan Legislature is performing its job?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know
- Q45. How would you rate the way Donald Trump is performing his job as President?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know
- Q46. How would you rate the way the U.S. Congress in Washington is performing its job?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor Don't know
- Q47. How much of the time do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?
 Nearly always Most of the time Some of the time Seldom Almost never Don't know
- Q48. How much of the time do you think you can trust the state government in Lansing to do what is right?
 Nearly always Most of the time Some of the time Seldom Almost never Don't know
- Q49. How much of the time do you think you can trust other local governments in Michigan to do what is right?
 Nearly always Most of the time Some of the time Seldom Almost never Don't know
- Q50. We'd also like to ask you, as a local official, about trust you have in your jurisdiction's citizens. In terms of their engagement in your jurisdiction's policymaking and/or operations, how much of the time do you think you can trust the citizens in your community to be responsible participants?
 Nearly always Most of the time Some of the time Seldom Almost never Don't know
- Q51. Now we're asking more broadly about your opinion of the state of our democracy as a system of government. This would include basic issues such as free and fair elections, rule of law, an unbiased free press, balanced relationships between levels and branches of government, ethical and transparent governance, an informed and engaged electorate, etc.
 On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is a total breakdown of democracy and 10 is perfectly functioning democracy, how would you rate the functioning of democracy today in...

	Total breakdown of democracy									Perfectly functioning democracy	Don't know
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
... your jurisdiction?											<input type="checkbox"/>
... the state of Michigan?											<input type="checkbox"/>
... the United States?											<input type="checkbox"/>

- Q52. 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

Q53. 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 ____ / ____ / 2020

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.

- Q54. What is your gender? Male Female
- Q55. In what year were you born? ____ ____ ____ ____
- Q56. How many years have you served in your current position? _____
- Q57. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? Yes No
- Q58. 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
- Q59. 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
- Q60. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... ?
 Republican Independent Democrat
 Something else (please specify) _____
- Q61. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?
 Very strong Not very strong Don't know
- Q62. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to... ?
 the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither