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To start, please select: Q1. What type of jurisdiction do you represent?	What	is the jurisd	liction's nar	ne?						
☐ County ☐ Township ☐ City	(If not	a county) In	what coun	ty is it locate	ed?					
☐ Village	What	position do	you hold?							
	Q2. Thinking about business conditions in your community, do you think that during the next twelve months your community will have good times financially, or bad times financially?									
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Q3. Thinking about the financial needs of your jurisdiction, would you say that your unit of government is less able or better able to meet its financial needs in										
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this fiscal year compared to the last fiscal year?										
the next fiscal year compared to this fiscal year?										
Q4. Comparing your jurisdiction's <u>current fiscal year</u> to its <u>previous fiscal year</u> , please consider the ways the following items have changed. Indicate whether — in your opinion — there has been a decrease, an increase, or no change from the previous fiscal year. Greatly Somewhat No Somewhat Greatly Not Don't										
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Revenue from fees for services, licenses, transfers, e	etc.									
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Ability of your jurisdiction to repay its debt										
Amount of federal aid to your jurisdiction										
Amount of state aid to your jurisdiction										
Tax delinquencies										
Public safety needs										
Infrastructure needs										
Human service needs										
General government operations needs										
Number of employees that work for your jurisdiction										
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Human services spending										
General government operations spending										
Funding for economic development programs										
Amount of debt										
Number of employees that work for your jurisdiction										
Employee pay rates										
Employees' share of premiums, deductibles, and/or on health insurance	co-pays									
Employees' share of contributions to retirement func	ls									

Thinking about your jurisdiction be too high, about right, or too	o low?								
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Other units of the county government (e.g., county human services, sheriff, etc.)							
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)							
Other units of the state government (e.g., Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity, State Police, etc.)							

Q 14.	Thinking about the resources necessary for your ju local government has gotten	urisdiction to a	ddress COVID-1	9, do you agree d	or disagree that,	, so far, your jur	isdiction's
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	the public health resources it needs from the state or federal government?						
	the financial resources it needs from the state or federal government?						
015	Recently, the federal government passed the Amer	rican Rescue P	lan Act with aid	to states and loc	al governments	s to address the	
	pandemic. While some types of expenses will be a there were no restrictions on use of the funds, how	llowable, other	s will not (such	as directly paying	down pension	or OPEB obliga	tions). <u>If</u>
	areas, if at all?	Extre impo		Somewhat nt important		Not applicable	Don't know
	Assistance for individuals and households (e.g., emergency housing, food, mental health, etc.)	C					
	Assistance for local businesses	C					
	General community-wide public services (e.g., p safety, parks, economic development, etc.)	public [
	Infrastructure investments or infrastructure debt repayment (e.g., water, sewer, broadband,	etc.)					
	Your jurisdiction's employees (e.g., preventing layoffs, increasing hiring, etc.)	Γ					
	Replenishing depleted fund balances/reserves	Ľ					
	Paying down long-term pension or OPEB obliga (if this were allowed)	tions					
	Taxpayer relief (if this were allowed)						
	Other (please specify)	E					
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	the current	y available COVID-19 vaccines are	being distributed i	n a fair way?				
Q22.	-	local governments have developed ney have any. Other local governme		-	-	-	-	
		Yes, we have employee vaccination No, we don't have any employee we No, we don't have any jurisdiction	vaccination policie					
		Don't know						
Q23.	Has your jurisd coordination w	iction taken any actions regarding ith other units?	the rollout of COV	D-19 vaccines fo	or your wider	r community, e	ither on its owr	ı or in
		Yes No						
		Don't know						
		ected "yes" in either Q22 or Q23) Ple your jurisdiction employees or wid					on is taking – t	argeted
Q25.		oandemic has had different impacts w much longer do you think any <u>si</u>					apidly, based o	n what you
			significant	Less than 6 more months	6-1 more m		e than a year rom now	Don't know
		n in your community?				•		
		nditions in your community osings, unemployment, etc.)?						
Q26.	nation, some lo	OVID-19 pandemic has had devasta ical governments have found new a n's government? Have you found in	and better ways to	operate, provide	services, su	upport local bu	sinesses, etc. V	Vhat about
		ve'd like to ask a few general quest Aichigan, we'd like to hear not only						
Q27.	Does your juris	diction have an official website and	l/or Facebook page	e? (check all that	apply)			
		 Yes - our own formal website Yes - a section on some other Yes - an official Facebook or o No, none 	•			•	e)	
		─						

		to Q27) Some local jui and services. Others overnment currently d	do not use much	online techno	logy at all. To the					
	 Strean Enable Enable Provid Provid Provid Share 	e local government m n/post video of jurisdic e online payment for ta e online requests for li e information about p e local government or e local officials' and/o information with resid of the above	ction hearings or i axes, services, fee censes, permits, s ublic services onl rdinances, regulat r staff contact info	meetings (pos es, fines, utilit services (e.g., ine (e.g., trasl ions, rules, ar ormation	ssibly including a ies, etc. park reservation n pickup, voting a nd/or bylaws onli	rchive of past r s, filling pothol and elections, e ne	neetings) es, animal licens	ses, etc.)		
Q29.	To what extent, if at all, hav	ve the following been	problems that hav	-	or discouraged y lot much of a So	-	n's online preser A significant	nce? Don't		
	Look of byoodbond or «I			blem at all	problem	problem	problem	know		
	Lack of broadband or "I in the community	nign speed" internet c	onnections							
	Insufficient funding Insufficient technical ex	partisa among jurisdi	ction							
	personnel or officials									
	Inappropriate comment attacks, scams, etc.)									
	Lack of demand from ju businesses	risdiction residents ar	nd/or							
	No particular leaders an officials pushing for add	• •	onnel or							
	Cybersecurity concerns									
	Other (please specify)									
Q30.	Overall, how satisfied are y	ou with your jurisdict	ion's current onlir	ne presence (e	e.g., websites, mo	obile apps, soci	al media, etc.)?			
	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied n dissatisfied	dissa	newhat atisfied □	Very dissatisfied	Don kno □	w		
Q31.	During the past twelve more example, via Zoom, GoToM		ngs, or other teleo	conferencing				nology (for		
		none/teleconference								
	Don't kno	w								
	Q32. (If you selected "yes" i the following aspects	n Q31) In your opinior s of your official meeti		etings via vide	eo or teleconferei	ncing technolog	y increased or o	decreased		
			Significantly increased	Somewhat increased	Neither increased nor decreased	Somewhat decreased	Significantly decreased	Don't know		
	Citizen attendance Board/Council mee	and/or engagement ir tings								
	Quality of debate an Board/Council men	nd discussion among nbers								
	Overall quality of B	oard/Council meeting	s 🗌							
Q33.	Ideally, if you were allowed	l to choose, how woul	d you personally p	orefer your jur	isdiction hold its	meetings in the	e future?			
		person ome in person, some to y teleconferencing (Zo		ings etc.)						
			in, accgre moor	inge, etci,						
Next.	, we have a couple of questi	ons about redistricting	g.							
	In 2018, Michigan voters ap	oproved a Constitution	al amendment the		Independent Citiz	zens Redistricti	ng Commission	(Proposal 2).		
	Q34. 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?									
	U Ve		ave heard of it, an	d understand		don't know ma	ny details			

	Q35. (Please skip if you select approach of having dis the legislature?							
	Significantly better	Somewhat better	Neither be wors	e	Somewhat worse	Signific wor	se	Don't know
Q36.	When it comes to counties in prosecuting attorney, and th approach to have a local Ind	e county chairperson	s of the two ma	or political parti	es. If allowed,	would you sup	port or oppose	
	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither sup oppo 	se	Somewhat oppose	Stron oppo		Don't know
Q37.	(For <u>county officials</u> only) Give (that is, the optimal number				what would be	e the optimal nu	mber of Comn	nission Districts
	Optimal number of Cou	nty Commission distr	icts:	🔲 Don't kn	iow			
In thi	s last section, we have quest	ions regarding your th	oughts on the	state of affairs in	your jurisdic	tion, in Michiga	n, and in the co	ountry overall.
Q38.	Do you feel things in this co	<u>untry</u> are generally go	ing in the right	direction, or do y	you feel things	s have gotten of	ff on the wrong	track?
	Right direction	n 🗌 Wrong tr	rack			🔲 Don't k	now	
Q39.	Do you feel things in the stat	<u>te of Michigan</u> are gen	erally going in	he right directio	n, or do you f	eel things have	gotten off on t	he wrong track?
	Right direction	n 🗌 Wrong tr	rack			🔲 Don't k	now	
Q40.	Do you feel things in <u>your ju</u>	-		ight direction, or	do you feel tl			rong track?
	Right direction	_ •				🔲 Don't k	now	
Q41.	How would you rate the way		performing her		's governor?		_	Devilla
		Good		☐ Fair		Poor		Don't know
Q42.	How would you rate the way	the Michigan Legislat	ure is performin	ng its job? □ Fair		Poor		Don't know
042			ing his ish as D	_				DOITTRIOW
Q43.	How would you rate the way		ing his job as P			Poor	П	Don't know
044	How would you rate the way	—	Washington is r	—	h?			
Q	• •				5.	Poor		Don't know
Q45.	How would you rate the way	your jurisdiction's go	verning board i	s performing its	job?			
	Excellent	Good G	J	☐ Fair		🗌 Poor		Don't know
Q46.	Thinking generally about the general state of public disco					cal policy issue	s, how would y	ou describe the
			Very constructive	Somewhat constructive	Mixed	Somewhat divisive	Very divisive	Don't know
	Among elected officials th							
	Between elected officials Among residents themsel							
Q47.	Would you say that the <u>curre</u> jurisdiction?	ent environment of nat	tional partisan p	olitics helps or	hurts relations	ships among th	e following gro	oups within your
			No impact on relationships	Significantly helps	Somewhat helps	Somewhat hurts	Significantly hurts	Don't know
	Among elected officials the	emselves						
	Between elected officials Among residents themsel							
Q48.	Overall, how would you rate	the following relations	ships in your ju	risdiction?				
	Working relationships an		themeeluce	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
	Civic relationships betwee	een elected officials ar	nd residents					
	Civic relationships amon	g residents themselve	es					

Q49. Now we're asking more broadly about your opinion of the state of our democracy as a system of government. Think about things like 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 <u>1 is a total breakdown of democracy</u> and <u>10 is perfectly functioning democracy</u>, how would you rate the functioning of democracy today in...

	Total breakdown of democracy									Perfectly functioning democracy	Don't know
your jurisdiction?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
the state of Michigan?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
the United States?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

Q50. Below is a list of institutions in American society. Please indicate how much confidence, if any, you have in each one.

		Complete confidence	High confidence	Medium amount of confidence	Low confidence	No confidence	Don't know
	The U.S. Supreme Court						
	Congress						
	The presidency						
	The Michigan Supreme Court						
	The criminal justice system						
	The police						
	The military						
	Banks and the financial system						
	Scientific research						
	K-12 public schools						
	Colleges and universities						
	Local news media						
	National news media						
	Social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter,			Π			
	Nextdoor, etc.)				_		_
	Elections in your jurisdiction						
	Elections in Michigan						
	Elections in other states						
Q51.	Finally, we are interested in learning more about How would you characterize your jurisdiction? Rural Mostly rur		ccording to wi		are rural, urba Urban		e in between. n't know
Q52.	CLOSUP will protect your privacy and anonymity name and email address for tracking and admini <u>sources</u> . As with all of the questions in this surv	strative purpose ey, these are op	es only. <u>Your r</u> itional. Please	personal information provide us with	n will not be sh	ared with any ou	<u>itside</u>
	Your name		Your ema	il address			
	Today's date / / 2021						
We w	rould like to ask some demographic questions. As aggregate form only so that your individual res				e optional. Res	ponses will be re	ported in
Q53.	What is your gender? Male Female)		at is the highest deg 12th grade or less/no			
Q54.	In what year were you born?			High school graduate Some college, no de	e or GED	Master's degree Professional/Doc	
Q55.	How many years have you served in your curren	t position?		Associate's degree			-
Q56.	Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?	? 🗌 Yes 🗌 N		nerally speaking, do Republican	you think of your Independent	ourself as a ?	at
Q57.	Please check one or more categories below to in what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check White		Q60. (if F stro Q61. (if In clos	Something e Republican or Democ. ong or not very stro Very strong	else (please spec rat) Would you ng Republican/ Not very strong hing else) Woul	cify) consider yourse Democrat? g Don't kn d you consider y	elf a low yourself
				the Democratic Party	/ ⊔ the Rep	oublican Party	Neither