

MICHIGAN PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY (MPPS) LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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FISCAL TRACKING SURVEY

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	start, please confirm What type of jurisdiction do you represent? What	is the	jurisdictio	on's nar	me?						
	□ county □ township (If no:	cownship (If not a county) In what county is it located?									
	☐ village What position do you hold?										
Q2.	22. 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?										
	☐ Good Times ☐ Bad Times		☐ Neith	ner		Oon't Know					
Q3.	Thinking about the financial needs of your jurisdiction, would financial needs in	d you	say that y	our uni	it of governme	ent is <u>less able</u>	or <u>better ab</u>	<u>ile</u> to meet	its		
	Significantly	Sor	newhat	Nei	ther Less	Somewhat	Significar	ntly	Don't		
	this fiscal year compared to the last fiscal year? the next fiscal year compared to this fiscal year?	Les	ss Able	Nor E	Better Able	Better Able	Better At	ole	Know		
Q4.	Comparing your jurisdiction's current fiscal year to its previ	ous fis	cal year,	please	consider the	ways the follow	ing items h	ave chang	ed.		
	Indicate whether — in your opinion — there has been a deci	rease, Greatl ecreas	y Som	se, or n lewhat reased	o change fror No Change	n the previous Somewhat Increased	fiscal year. Greatly Increased	Not Applicable	Don't		
	Revenue from property taxes							Арріісаві			
"	Revenue from fees for services, licenses, transfers, etc.			5							
	Amount of debt										
	Ability of your jurisdiction to repay its debt										
	Amount of federal aid to your jurisdiction										
l _	Amount of state aid to your jurisdiction										
	Tax delinquencies										
_	Home foreclosures in your jurisdiction										
	Population of your jurisdiction										
	Public safety needs										
	Infrastructure needs Human service needs										
	Number of employees that work for your jurisdiction	H									
	Pay rates for your jurisdiction's employee wages & salaries	H		5		H			H		
	Cost of your jurisdiction's employee pensions										
_	Cost of your jurisdiction's current employee health benefits			<u> </u>							
	Cost of your jurisdiction's retired employee health benefits					ā					
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Q5.	Now, comparing your jurisdiction's <u>current fiscal year</u> to the likely to take.	next i	<u>iscai year</u>	, pieas	e indicate whi	cn actions you	r jurisaictio	n nas take	n or is		
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	Property tax rates										
	Charges for fees, licenses, etc.										
	Reliance on general fund balance	무									
	Reliance on "rainy day" funds Amount of services provided										
	Actual public safety spending	H		<u> </u>		ä					
	Actual infrastructure spending	H									
_	Actual human services spending			ŏ ─							
	Funding for economic development programs										
	Amount of debt										
	Sale of public assets (i.e., parks, buildings, etc.)										
_	Privatizing or contracting out of services										
	Number and/or scope of interlocal agreements or										
	other cost-sharing plans with other governments Your jurisdiction's workforce hiring					H					
	Your jurisdiction's workforce layoffs										
"	Your jurisdiction not filling vacant positions	H		5							
	Employee pay rates										
	Employees' share of premiums, deductibles										
_	and/or co-pays on health insurance										
	Employees' share of contributions to retirement funds			П	П	П	П	П			
	Retirees' share of premiums, deductibles										
	and/or co-pays on health insurance										

	Yes	s No			Not licable	Don't Know
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Current employees		Ė			Ħ	Ħ
Current elected officials						
es your jurisdiction offer any es, current or retired employ ployee-specific questions)				se select "Not Applio	cable" bel	ow on the
	Yes	s No)		Not licable	Don't Know
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Current employees						
Retired employees						
Current elected officials						
Former elected officials	Ц				Ш	Ш
☐ Defined benefit onl☐ Defined contributio☐ Both (i.e., defined b	ribution plan (i.e., an IRA or y	401K-type plan), bo	th, a hybrid plan, or tribution for others)	none of these? (c	heck all t	hat apply)
	ombine features of both def new hires within the next	fined benefit and de				
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10. (If you selected "defined b	penefit," "both," or "hybrid" in (jurisdiction have unfunded					nsions) and
☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Not App		☐ Don't Know		
11. (If you selected "yes" in Q problem, somewhat of a ☐ A significant proble	problem, not much of a pr	oblem, or not a pro	olem at all for your j	urisdiction's fiscal	health?	a significan □ Don't k
oes your jurisdiction offer ar new hires, current or retired	d employees, or elected off	•		. \		
e employee-specific questions	;) Yes	s No	,		Not licable	Don't Know
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Current employees]			
Retired employees						
Current elected officials						<u> </u>
Former elected officials		L				
13. (If you selected "yes" in Q	, -	nave unfunded fisca	ıl obligations as a re	sult of providing r	etiremer	it health ca
☐ Yes	□ No	☐ Don'	Know			
14. (If you selected "yes" in Q	13) In your opinion, are yo	ur jurisdiction's uni	unded retiree health	care or other pos	t-employ	ment bene
obligations a significant fiscal health?	t fiscal problem, somewhat	•		r not a problem at	all for yo	our jurisdic

Q15.	15. Are any of your jurisdiction's employees members of a public sector labor union?											
		☐ Yes	□ No □	Not Applicable (jurisdiction has no employees) ☐ Don't Know								
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	Q16.	(If you selected "yes"	in Q15) What type(s)	What type(s) of public sector labor unions does your jurisdiction currently have? (check all that a								
		☐ Police	☐ Fire	□ Department	of Public Wo	rks (DPW)	☐ Other(s)		on't Know			
	Ω17	(If you selected "ves"	in O15) In the last 12	months, has you	r iurisdiction	any of its labor ur	unions on issues such as					
	٠		ng levels, or changes			one on issues such us						
		☐ Yes	☐ No				□ Don't Know					
		Q18. (If you selecte	ed "yes" in Q17) We un	derstand labor n	egotiations c	can include more	han one u	nion, and ca	an			
	include a lot of "give and take" where "concessions" may benefit both sides. From your jurisdiction's perspective, over what were the outcomes from negotiations on the following issues? (check all that apply)									<u>all</u> ,		
		what were th	le outcomes from neg	Union(s)	•	sdiction made	,					
				conces		oncessions	made concession		nis issue	Don't Know		
			union employee pay						<u> </u>			
			union employee bene union employee staff									
			union employee work									
			ed "yes" in Q17) Overal r the last 12 months?	II, how satisfied a	ire you with t	he outcomes of	negotiations with	your jurisc	liction's em	ployee		
		Very	Somewhat	Neither	Satisfied	Somewhat	Very		Don't			
		Satisfied □	Satisfied □	Nor Dis	satisfied	Dissatisfied □	Dissatisfie	d	Know			
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	Q20.		in Q15) Thinking ahea y or benefits, reduced									
		Very	Somewhat	Neither Likely	Somev		Very		Don't			
		Likely	Likely □	Nor Unlikely □	Unlike □	ely	Unlikely □		Know □			
	Q21.		in Q15) In your opinic sdiction's <u>fiscal health</u>			hat represent yo	our employees bee	en an asse	, a liability,	or		
		A Significant	Somewhat of	Neither an Asse		hat of A	Significant		Don't			
		Asset	an Asset □	Nor a Liability □	a Liab □	ility		Know □				
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	Q22.		in Q15) In your opinion in Q15) In your opinion in Q15) In your opinion in Q15)				our employees bee	en an asse	i, a liability,	or		
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	Q23.		in Q15) Thinking about				e, overall, the relat	ionship be	tween your			
		Excellent	Good	, and another of the	Fair	-	Poor		Don't Know	v		
Q24.	To-W		not your jurisdiction I nd 349 of 2012) that to									
	 □ Very familiar – I know a great deal about it □ Somewhat familiar – I have heard of it, and understand its major points, 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 											
	Don't Know											
	O25	(Please skin if you se	elected "completely unfa	miliar" in (124). Th	e Right-To-W	ork legislation r	nakee it illegal to r	eguire em	nlovees' fin	ancial		
	Q25. (Please skip if you selected "completely unfamiliar" in Q24) The Right-To-Work legislation makes it illegal to require employees' financia support of a union — such as union dues or fees — as a condition of employment. Regardless of whether or not your jurisdiction									on		
	has any public sector employee unions, to what extent would you say the following people or groups within your jurisdiction either support or oppose the Right-To-Work law for <u>public sector unions</u> ? (If your jurisdiction has no employees, please select "Not Applicable" below on the employee-specific questions)											
		Joion on the employ	ee speeme questions)	Strongly		• • •		Strongly	Not	Don't		
	The	a majority of your im	riediction's Council/Ba	Support	Support	Nor Oppose	e Oppose □	Oppose	Applicable	Know		
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	noi	n-union employees										
		e majority of your loo	cal government's	П	П	П						
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	Q26. (Please skip if you selected "completely unfar exempts police and fire unions. To what e				miliar" in Q24) The current Right-To-Work law extent do you personally support or oppose					ployee unior	oyee unions		
		Strongly Support		mewhat upport	Neither Su Nor Opp	• •	Somew Oppos			ongly pose		Don't Know □	
	Q27.	employee ur	nions, but pri	l "completely ur vate sector un y, do you belie	ions as well.	Again, rega	rdless of wh	nether or r	not your ju				
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	` t		nip between	our jurisdictio			_	_		_			
		administratio	n and its uni	on(s) overall?									
		Q28. (Please	skip if answe	ered "no impact	" in all of Q27)	Please brie	efly describe	e what voi	ı think will	l be the bid	aest imp	act. if anv. o	of the
		•	•	on your local			-				,5 - 1	, ,	
Q29.	Think	ing about the	current fisc	<u>al year</u> , please	indicate whe	ther or not	your jurisdic	ction utiliz	ed the foll	owing poli	cies.		
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	Er	mployee furio	oughs									Аррпсавіс	RIIOW
		four-day wor											
		arly retiremen											
				enefits packa		on rotoo							
	ne	ew nires, con	ipared to cur	rent employee	compensau	on rates							
Q30.	Think	ing about the	next fiscal y	<u>ear,</u> how likely	y is it that you	ır jurisdictio	n will utilize	the follow	wing polici	ies?			
						Very	Somewhat	Neither	Likely So	mewhat	Very	Not	Don't
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		mployee furio										H_	
		four-day wor arly retiremer		or huvoute		-				-			
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Q32.	Looki	ng ahead to t	he <u>next fisca</u>	ı <u>l year,</u> do you	expect your	jurisdiction	will <u>comple</u>	<u>telv</u> elimin	ate any pa	articular se	rvices?	(check all tha	it apply)
				rill be complete					- m#:#				
		☐ Yes,	, service(s) w	rill be complete	ery emminated	a, but will be	provided b	y anomer	entity				
		☐ Don	't Know										
Q33.	Despi	ite these diffe	erences, we'ı	nage their unro e interested ir ral fund baland	n tracking ove	erall change	s in these b	alances o	ver time. A	Approxima	tely what	was your	ices.
		0% or less	1-5%	☐ 6-10%	11-15%	16-20 9	6 <u> </u>	-25% [26-30 %	. □ o	ver 30%	☐ Don't K	lnow
Q34.		ing about you t right, or too	-	n's fiscal need	ls, overall, do	you consid	er your juris	sdiction's	unreserve	d general	fund bala	ince to be to	oo high,
		□ то	oo High		About Right		⊓ To	o Low		□ D	on't Knov	N	

Q35.	5. 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 o	of a problem	☐ Not mucl	n of a problem	☐ Not a pro	oblem at all	☐ Don't	t Know
Q36.	36. Thinking about the overall fiscal health of your jurisdiction today and what you expect it to be down the road — including any fut financial obligations it may have — on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is "perfect fiscal health" and 10 is "fiscal crisis," how would your jurisdiction's overall fiscal health								
		Perfect Fiscal Health						scal isis	Don't Know
	today?	1 2	3 4	5	6 7	8	9 1	10	
	as you expect it to be five years from now?	1 2	3 4	5	6 7	8	9 1	10	
Q37.	We're interested in getting a ge have any of the following types Federal forest land State forest land Nonprofit land hold Other governmenta Local K-12 school s Universities or othe	s of property-tax ex lings such as conso al property (for exant system property er higher education and health-care fac	ervation easem mple, federal or n institutions cilities	ions or parcel ents r state offices,	s within your jui				ou
	Houses of public wo Housing for elderly Other non-profit org Principal residence Other (please specify	or disabled persor ganizations e exemptions for pe	ns		uments				
	□ Don't Know								
	Q38. (If you selected one or more how much do they represent the control of the c	sent of	A :	-tax exempt o significant amount	rganizations or p A moderate amount	te A	ır jurisdiction, .n insignifican amount □		mately Don't Know
	your jurisdiction's to	otal <u>potential</u> tax re	evenues?	ō					\Box
	demands on your jui	risdiction's service	provision?						
	Q39. (If you selected one or more financially or in other way quality of life, etc.). Other jurisdiction an asset, a lia	ys (for example, thi rs disagree. In your	rough economic r opinion, <u>overa</u>	c developmen ∭, are the pro	t, providing serv perty-tax exemp	vices the juris t organization	diction doesr s or parcels i	n't, improv in your	ving
			A significant asset	Somewhat of an asset	Both an asset and a liability		A significant liability	Not Applicab	Don't ole Know
	your jurisdiction's cı		n? 📙						
	your jurisdiction's <u>fu</u>	<u>ıture</u> fiscal health?	? 🗆						
	your jurisdiction's <u>c</u> ı	urrent quality of lif	e? 🗌						
	your jurisdiction's <u>fu</u>	<u>iture</u> quality of life	?						
	Q40. (If you selected one or more for economic development months?	,		•			•		
	☐ A great dea	al 🗌 S	Somewhat	☐ Very	little	☐ Not at all		Don't Kno	ow
	Q41. (If you selected one or more property-tax exemptions. broader approaches that not be able to because of exemptions, please briefly	These might inclu affect <u>all property</u> f legal restrictions.	ide asking for vo owners such as If your jurisdict	oluntary paym s fees-for-serv tion is conside	ents or paymen rice or special di ering seeking ad	ts in-kind fror stricts. Other ditional rever	m exempt org	anization s are not,	s, or or may

Now we have a few questions about <u>place-based economic development</u> — also known as "placemaking."										
For appe	For the purposes of this survey, placemaking is an economic and community development strategy capitalizing on local assets in order to create appealing and unique places where people want to live, work, and play. Proponents of placemaking argue that by creating vibrant downtowns, neighborhoods, or areas — and improving a community's quality of life — talented workers will be drawn to move there and attract new businesses as well as start their own.									
Q42	Q42. Is your local government currently engaged in or planning any placemaking efforts for economic development purposes?									
-	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't kr									
Q43.	Q43. Some people consider the elements in the following list to be placemaking efforts, others may not. Whether or not you consider them placemaking, which of the following, if any, are your jurisdiction pursuing for economic development or any other purpose? (check all that apply) Historic preservation and adaptive re-use Mixed-use developments (e.g., buildings that include a combination of retail, commercial, and residential space) Attractive city centers, storefronts, and public gathering spaces Anchor businesses located along corridors, nodes, or in center districts Public transit accessibility Assistance for entrepreneurs and/or small businesses (e.g., incubator space, services, etc.) Arts and cultural amenities or events Environmentally-friendly construction (e.g., LEED-certified) Green/open spaces, trails, and bike paths Bicycle-friendly/walkability (complete streets) Local food opportunities (e.g., farmers' markets, food stands, etc.) Form-based codes (alternative regulations to conventional zoning that emphasize building form over land use to create uniform or predictable public spaces)									
	uniform or predictable public spaces) Other (please specify)									
	☐ Don't Know									
Q44.	Regardless of whether you have any placemaking efforms be, as an economic development strategy for your jurisdiction? other jurisdictions around the state?	Very Effective		pinion, how effective Nor Ineffective	Somewhat	Very	naking, or c	Ould it Don't Know		
Q45.	 Regardless of whether you have any placemaking efformed following are, or could be, in your jurisdiction for ecor 				nion, how eff	ective or inet	fective the			
		Very Effective		Neither Effective Nor Ineffective	Somewhat Ineffective	Very Ineffective	Not Applicable	Don't Know		
Δ	Historic preservation and adaptive re-use						П			
	Mixed-use developments		Ħ	- 5	H	H	H			
	Attractive city centers, storefronts,									
	and public gathering spaces									
D.	Anchor businesses located along corridors,									
	nodes, or in center districts									
E.	Public transit accessibility									
F.	Assistance for entrepreneurs and/or small businesses									
G.	Arts and cultural amenities or events									
Н.	Environmentally-friendly construction									
l.	Green/open spaces, trails, and bike paths									
	Bicycle-friendly/walkability (complete streets)									
	Local food opportunities									
L.	Form-based codes									
Q46	Looking at the elements listed above in Q45, please rapeople want to live, work, and play in your jurisdiction First most important							re		
	Second most important									
	Third most important									

Q47.	7. Now we're interested in learning more about your views on the connection between placemaking and entrepreneurship . Entrepreneurship refers to organizing, managing, or assuming the risk for a business or enterprise. Examples of entrepreneurship might include an investor creating a new product or enhancing a current product, a farmer bringing crops to market, or a small business start-up occupying an empty storefront. Again, whether or not your jurisdiction is currently engaged in any placemaking efforts, in your opinion, to what extent									
		A great deal	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Not Applicable	Don't Know			
	does your jurisdiction currently have entrepreneurial activity?				П	П	П			
	does place-based economic development									
	influence where entrepreneurs choose to launch and grow their businesses?									
	would increased entrepreneurial activity	_			_					
	help your jurisdiction make places where people want to live, work, and play?						П			
	(if your jurisdiction does placemaking) is fostering entrepreneurship a specific part of your jurisdiction's placemaking efforts?		_		_					
Q48.	Which of the following, if any, do you believe are obstacles to entr	repreneurshi	ip in vour communi	tv?						
049	Access to capital Regulations such as sign ordinances, fire codes, an Lack of reliable public transportation Lack of cultural amenities Lack of late night entertainment Lack of information technology (IT) infrastructure Lack of "green" construction Excessive local tax burden Excessive state tax burden Licensing costs and/or delays Lack of talented workforce Lack of safe access for pedestrians/bicyclists Deteriorating infrastructure Lack of access to the natural environment Unattractive building and landscape design Other (please specify) Don't Know How familiar, if at all, are you with the "MIplace Partnership Initiati			n) a nuhlic-r	arivate effor	t to create my	ore			
	jobs, attract and retain talented workers, and raise incomes — at I activities? Very familiar Somewhat familiar Mostly unfamiliar Completely unfamiliar (have never heard of it) Don't Know	east in part	— through targeted	local and re	∍gional plad	emaking				
Final	ly, we have a few last tracking questions about the state of affairs i	in Michigan.								
Q50.	Do you feel things in the <u>state of Michigan</u> are generally going in th	he right dired	ction, or do you fee	I things have	-	on the wron	g track?			
Q51.	Do you feel things in <u>your jurisdiction</u> are generally going in the ri	ght direction	ı, or do you feel thii	ngs have go		the wrong tra	ck?			
Q52.	How would you rate the way Rick Snyder is performing his job as ☐ Excellent ☐ Good	Michigan's g ☐ Fair	jovernor?	☐ Poor		☐ Don't Kı	now			
Q53.	Briefly, please tell us why you rated the Governor's performance t	that wav.								
200.	possess and any year area and developed a performance to									

Q54.	How would you rate the w	ay the Michigan Legislature	e is performing	its job?			
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good		☐ Fair		☐ Poor	□ Don't Know
Q55.	Briefly, please tell us why	you rated the Michigan Le	gislature's perf	ormance that	way.		
Q56.	How would you rate the w	ay your jurisdiction's gove	rning board is p	performing its	job?		
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good		☐ Fair		☐ Poor	□ Don't Know
Q57.	How much of the time do Nearly Always	you think you can trust the Most of the time	federal govern ☐ Some of		ington to do wha	t is right? ☐ Almost never	☐ Don't Know
		_	_		_	_	
Q58.		you think you can trust the	_ ~			<u> </u>	-
	☐ Nearly Always	☐ Most of the time	☐ Some of	the time	☐ Seldom	☐ Almost never	☐ Don't Know
Q59.	How much of the time do	you think you can trust oth	er local govern	ments to do w	/hat is right?		
	□ Nearly Always	☐ Most of the time	☐ Some of	the time	☐ Seldom	☐ Almost never	☐ Don't Know
060	CLOSUB will protect your	privacy and anonymity to t	ho full oxtant n	rovided by lay	w. We need to se	enfirm your norsonal	information such
GOU.	as name, email address, a	and phone number for track	ing and admini	strative purpo	oses only. Your p	• •	
	with any outside sources	. As with all of the question	s in this survey	, tnese are op	itional.		
	Your name			Your ph	none number		·
	Your email address						
We w	ould like to ask some dem	nographic questions. As wi	th all of the que	estions in this	survey, these are	e optional. Response	s will be reported in
		ur individual responses will	•		7,		
Q61.	What is your gender? [☐ Male ☐ Female					
Q62.	In what year were you bor	n? 19					
Q63.	How many years have you	ı served in your current pos	ition?				
Q64.	Are you of Spanish, Hispa	nic, or Latino descent? [☐ Yes ☐] No			
Q65.	Please check one or more	categories below to indica	te what race(s)	you consider	yourself to be. (d	check all that apply)	
	☐ White		, ,	☐ Asian		,,,,,	
	=	rican American ndian or Alaskan Native		☐ Mulitrac	iai		
	□ Native Haw	aiian or other Pacific Island	er	☐ Don't Kı	now		
Q66.		e or level of school you hav					
		or less/no diploma ol graduate or GED	☐ Bachelor'	-			
	Some colle	• /	Professio	nal/Doctorate	degree		
	☐ Associate o	degree					
Q67.	Do you or anyone else in y	your household belong to a	labor union?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Don't Know	
Q68.	Generally speaking, do yo	ou think of yourself as a?	ndenendent		□ Democra	. .	Something Fice
		_	ndependent		☐ Democra	_	Something Else
Q69.	(If Republican or Democrat) Very Strong	Would you consider yours g ☐ I	elf a strong or Not Very Strong		g Republican/De □ Don't Kr		
070		ng else) Would you conside	_		_		
Gru.	The Democ		r yoursell close Γhe Republican		☐ Neither		