

Q20. (Please skip if you selected “no local businesses” or “don’t know” in Q17) If there are any particularly effective actions your jurisdiction has taken to help your local businesses during the pandemic, please describe them here, or tell us anything else you want to mention about your local business community in this past year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q21. Now, thinking about COVID-19 vaccines, how confident are you that...

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not at all confident	Don't know
... the currently available COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... the currently available COVID-19 vaccines are being distributed in a fair way?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q22. Some Michigan local governments have developed and/or adopted policies or practices regarding vaccinations for their jurisdiction’s employees, if they have any. Other local governments have not. Has your jurisdiction developed or adopted any such policies or practices?

- Yes, we have employee vaccination policies or practices
- No, we don’t have any employee vaccination policies or practices
- No, we don’t have any jurisdiction employees
- Don’t know

Q23. Has your jurisdiction taken any actions regarding the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines for your wider community, either on its own or in coordination with other units?

- Yes
- No
- Don’t know

Q24. (If you selected “yes” in either Q22 or Q23) Please briefly describe the actions or policies that your jurisdiction is taking – targeted for either your jurisdiction employees or wider community efforts – regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

Q25. The COVID-19 pandemic has had different impacts in different communities. While circumstances can change rapidly, based on what you know today, how much longer do you think any significant negative impacts from COVID-19 will last on...

	No further significant impacts	Less than 6 more months	6-12 more months	More than a year from now	Don't know
... public health in your community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... economic conditions in your community (business closings, unemployment, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q26. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating impacts for many people, businesses, and communities across Michigan and the nation, some local governments have found new and better ways to operate, provide services, support local businesses, etc. What about your jurisdiction’s government? Have you found innovative ways to do things, or had other experiences that will be valuable to carry forward into the future?

In this next section, we’d like to ask a few general questions about your jurisdiction’s internet presence, if it has any. To get a complete picture of jurisdictions across Michigan, we’d like to hear not only from those local governments who may be online, but also from those who may not.

Q27. Does your jurisdiction have an official website and/or Facebook page? (check all that apply)

- Yes - our own formal website
- Yes - a section on some other organization’s site (e.g., a contact page on your county’s site)
- Yes - an official Facebook or other social media page(s) managed by the jurisdiction
- No, none
- Don’t know

Q28. (If you selected "yes" to Q27) Some local jurisdictions use online technology (e.g., websites, mobile apps, social media, etc.) for a variety of operations and services. Others do not use much online technology at all. To the best of your knowledge, please indicate whether your local government currently does any of the following. (check all that apply)

- Provide local government meeting information online (public notices, agendas, minutes, etc.)
- Stream/post video of jurisdiction hearings or meetings (possibly including archive of past meetings)
- Enable online payment for taxes, services, fees, fines, utilities, etc.
- Enable online requests for licenses, permits, services (e.g., park reservations, filling potholes, animal licenses, etc.)
- Provide information about public services online (e.g., trash pickup, voting and elections, etc.)
- Provide local government ordinances, regulations, rules, and/or bylaws online
- Provide local officials' and/or staff contact information
- Share information with residents through social media (e.g., on Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- None of the above
- Don't know

Q29. To what extent, if at all, have the following been problems that have challenged or discouraged your jurisdiction's online presence?

	Not a problem at all	Not much of a problem	Somewhat of a problem	A significant problem	Don't know
Lack of broadband or "high speed" internet connections in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insufficient funding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insufficient technical expertise among jurisdiction personnel or officials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inappropriate comments on social media (e.g., personal attacks, scams, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of demand from jurisdiction residents and/or businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No particular leaders among jurisdiction personnel or officials pushing for adoption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cybersecurity concerns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q30. Overall, how satisfied are you with your jurisdiction's current online presence (e.g., websites, mobile apps, social media, etc.)?

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| Very satisfied | Somewhat satisfied | Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | Somewhat dissatisfied | Very dissatisfied | Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q31. During the past twelve months, has your jurisdiction's Board/Council held any official meetings by teleconference or video technology (for example, via Zoom, GoToMeeting, Google Meetings, or other teleconferencing technology)? (check all that apply)

- Yes, by video conference (Zoom, Google Meetings, etc.)
- Yes, by phone/teleconference
- No
- Don't know

Q32. (If you selected "yes" in Q31) In your opinion, has holding meetings via video or teleconferencing technology increased or decreased the following aspects of your official meetings?

	Significantly increased	Somewhat increased	Neither increased nor decreased	Somewhat decreased	Significantly decreased	Don't know
Citizen attendance and/or engagement in Board/Council meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of debate and discussion among Board/Council members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall quality of Board/Council meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q33. Ideally, if you were allowed to choose, how would you personally prefer your jurisdiction hold its meetings in the future?

- Entirely in person
- Hybrid (some in person, some teleconferencing)
- Entirely by teleconferencing (Zoom, Google Meetings, etc.)
- Don't know

Next, we have a couple of questions about redistricting.

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?

- 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

Q35. (Please skip if you selected "completely unfamiliar" in Q34) Given what you know about it, overall, do you believe Michigan's new approach of having districts drawn by an independent citizens commission is a better or worse approach than having them drawn by the legislature?

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| Significantly better | Somewhat better | Neither better nor worse | Somewhat worse | Significantly worse | Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q36. When it comes to counties in Michigan, county apportionment commissions typically consist of five members: the county clerk, treasurer, prosecuting attorney, and the county chairpersons of the two major political parties. If allowed, would you support or oppose changing this approach to have a local Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for your county redistricting instead?

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| 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"/> |

Q37. (For county officials only) Given your county's current population, in your opinion, what would be the optimal number of Commission Districts (that is, the optimal number of Commissioners on your County Board)?

Optimal number of County Commission districts: _____ Don't know

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

Q38. 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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Right direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong track | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q39. 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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Right direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong track | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q40. Do you feel things in your jurisdiction are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Right direction | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrong track | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q41. How would you rate the way Gretchen Whitmer is performing her job as Michigan's governor?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q42. How would you rate the way the Michigan Legislature is performing its job?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q43. How would you rate the way Joe Biden is performing his job as President?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q44. How would you rate the way the U.S. Congress in Washington is performing its job?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q45. How would you rate the way your jurisdiction's governing board is performing its job?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
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Q46. Thinking generally about the tone of discussion and communication that takes place around local policy issues, how would you describe the general state of public discourse between the following groups within your jurisdiction?

	Very constructive	Somewhat constructive	Mixed	Somewhat divisive	Very divisive	Don't know
Among elected officials themselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between elected officials and residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Among residents themselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q47. Would you say that the current environment of national partisan politics helps or hurts relationships among the following groups within your jurisdiction?

	No impact on relationships	Significantly helps	Somewhat helps	Somewhat hurts	Significantly hurts	Don't know
Among elected officials themselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between elected officials and residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Among residents themselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q48. Overall, how would you rate the following relationships in your jurisdiction?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Working relationships among elected officials themselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic relationships between elected officials and residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civic relationships among residents themselves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 **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"/>	<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"/>
... the state of Michigan?	<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"/>
... the United States?	<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"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Congress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The presidency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Michigan Supreme Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The criminal justice system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The military	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banks and the financial system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K-12 public schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colleges and universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local news media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National news media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elections in your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elections in Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elections in other states	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q51. 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

Q52. 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 ____ / ____ / 2021

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.

Q53. What is your gender? Male Female

Q54. In what year were you born? _____

Q55. How many years have you served in your current position? _____

Q56. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent? Yes No

Q57. 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

Q58. 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

Q59. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... ?

- Republican Independent Democrat
 Something else (please specify) _____

Q60. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong Not very strong Don't know

Q61. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to... ?

- the Democratic Party the Republican Party Neither