

Spring 2022 MPPS ARPA Data

Below are summary tables for questionnaire items on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from the Spring 2022 Wave of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS), broken down by population size.

Additional data tables will be available this fall at <https://closup.umich.edu/michigan-public-policy-survey/data-tables>

Q10. Percent of jurisdictions currently planning to support the following types of projects or priorities, if any, with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

(note: not asked if respondent selected “completely unfamiliar” in Q9)

	Population Categories				Total
	<5,001	5,001-10,000	10,001-30,000	>30,000	
Water and sewer infrastructure	30%	47%	54%	54%	35%
Other capital improvements (e.g., public buildings, parks, etc.)	49%	55%	62%	77%	52%
Public safety	23%	38%	40%	63%	29%
Community development (e.g., housing, neighborhoods, senior services etc.)	8%	17%	18%	52%	13%
Public health (e.g. mental health programs, COVID-19 containment, etc.)	2%	2%	9%	37%	5%
Local government administration (e.g., rehiring government staff, etc.)	6%	13%	14%	29%	9%
Tourism, travel, and hospitality industries	4%	3%	5%	18%	4%

Broadband	18%	24%	17%	35%	20%
Roads	42%	37%	21%	28%	39%
Families and household assistance (e.g., childcare, rent assistance, etc.)	1%	3%	3%	20%	2%
Veterans support	2%	3%	4%	9%	2%
Small business assistance	2%	5%	4%	20%	3%
None, our jurisdiction did not apply for or accept ARPA funding	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Don't know	8%	9%	6%	4%	7%
Other (please specify)	7%	5%	9%	7%	7%

Q11. Percent of jurisdictions currently considering or using any of the following strategies related to planning or implementing projects with ARPA funds (check all that apply)

(note: not asked if respondent selected “none” in Q10)

	Population Categories				Total
	<5,001	5,001-10,000	10,001-30,000	>30,000	
Regional or multi-jurisdictional collaboration on a project or investment	17%	27%	29%	39%	20%
Public-private partnerships	6%	8%	19%	45%	10%
Additional bond financing for ongoing support after federal funds are spent	5%	6%	13%	11%	6%
A district (such as special assessment district, tax increment financing, and others) created for ongoing funding support after federal funds are spent	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%
Community engagement (e.g., resident participation in formal committees, community surveys to gauge support for spending options, etc.)	13%	17%	23%	35%	15%
None of these	44%	37%	33%	24%	41%
Don't know	23%	15%	15%	10%	21%
Other (please specify)	2%	6%	5%	1%	3%

Q12. Which of the following, if any, are problems your jurisdiction is facing regarding the management and/or allocation of any ARPA funds?

(note: not asked if respondent selected “none” in Q10)

	Population Categories				Total
	<5,001	5,001-10,000	10,001-30,000	>30,000	
Jurisdiction resources (e.g., not enough staff, internal expertise, etc.)					
Not a problem at all	30%	37%	37%	21%	31%
Not much of a problem	32%	30%	33%	38%	32%
Somewhat of a problem	25%	28%	22%	32%	26%
A significant problem	7%	4%	5%	6%	7%
Don't know	5%	0%	3%	3%	4%
Navigating state and federal bureaucracies (e.g., identifying eligible projects, understanding filing requirements and reporting, etc.)					
Not a problem at all	14%	20%	23%	12%	15%
Not much of a problem	22%	24%	36%	37%	24%
Somewhat of a problem	39%	41%	27%	36%	37%
A significant problem	20%	16%	14%	12%	18%
Don't know	6%	0%	1%	4%	5%
Community engagement in determining spending priorities					
Not a problem at all	31%	34%	35%	23%	31%
Not much of a problem	42%	43%	45%	53%	43%
Somewhat of a problem	13%	17%	12%	18%	14%
A significant problem	4%	3%	3%	1%	4%
Don't know	10%	3%	5%	4%	9%
Board/Council consensus on spending priorities					
Not a problem at all	38%	38%	29%	30%	37%
Not much of a problem	43%	38%	50%	41%	43%
Somewhat of a problem	10%	18%	15%	23%	12%
A significant problem	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%
Don't know	6%	1%	2%	4%	5%
Working with regional partners (if applicable)					
Not a problem at all	31%	28%	40%	24%	31%
Not much of a problem	31%	37%	40%	45%	33%
Somewhat of a problem	7%	17%	6%	15%	9%
A significant problem	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%

	29%	16%	13%	14%	26%
	<5,001	5,001-10,000	10,001-30,000	>30,000	Total
Availability of local matching funds for grants (if applicable)					
Not a problem at all	20%	17%	23%	17%	20%
Not much of a problem	22%	24%	42%	37%	25%
Somewhat of a problem	22%	29%	17%	31%	23%
A significant problem	9%	13%	10%	3%	9%
Don't know	27%	17%	9%	12%	23%
Uncertainty about future funding availability					
Not a problem at all	15%	19%	19%	14%	16%
Not much of a problem	22%	18%	24%	22%	22%
Somewhat of a problem	29%	40%	36%	42%	32%
A significant problem	10%	9%	13%	15%	10%
Don't know	24%	14%	8%	7%	20%
Procurement (e.g., lack of available contractors, supply chain challenges, etc.)					
Not a problem at all	14%	13%	11%	6%	13%
Not much of a problem	22%	17%	20%	20%	21%
Somewhat of a problem	29%	43%	35%	52%	32%
A significant problem	15%	18%	25%	16%	16%
Don't know	20%	9%	9%	6%	17%

Q13. Overall, do you think this new federal funding will help improve the following things in your community?

(note: not asked if respondent selected “none” in Q10)

	Population Categories				Total
	<5,001	5,001-10,000	10,001-30,000	>30,000	
Your jurisdiction government’s fiscal health					
Not improve at all	11%	16%	9%	3%	11%
Not improve much	31%	35%	31%	28%	31%
Somewhat improve	42%	42%	51%	49%	44%
Significantly improve	8%	5%	7%	16%	8%
Don’t know	7%	2%	2%	4%	6%
Infrastructure in your community					
Not improve at all	7%	6%	3%	2%	6%
Not improve much	20%	19%	24%	17%	20%
Somewhat improve	51%	54%	60%	56%	52%
Significantly improve	15%	17%	14%	21%	15%
Don’t know	7%	4%	0%	4%	6%
Quality of life in your community					
Not improve at all	10%	10%	6%	5%	9%
Not improve much	26%	24%	27%	16%	25%
Somewhat improve	47%	55%	58%	61%	49%
Significantly improve	9%	9%	8%	12%	9%
Don’t know	8%	2%	2%	5%	7%