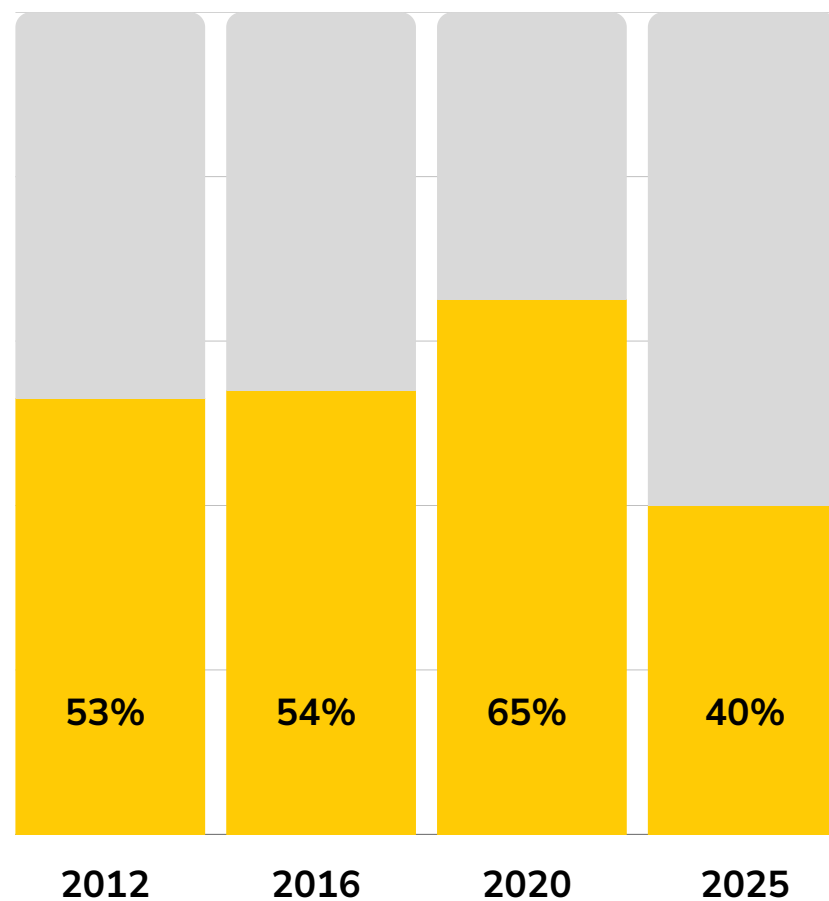


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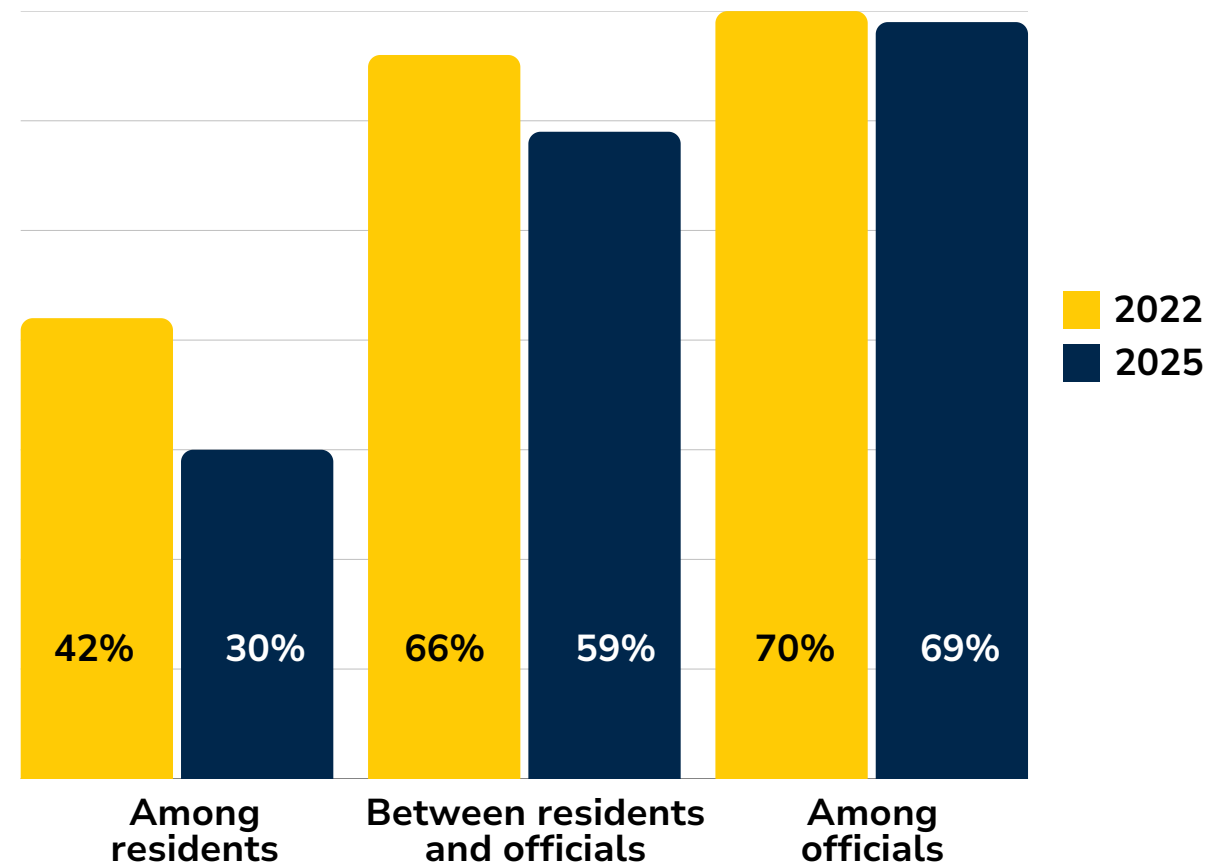
Michigan local leaders trust residents less, but say that local democracy remains strong

1 Local officials' trust in their residents to be responsible participants in local governance has declined.



% who say they trust residents nearly always or most of the time

2 There's also been a decline in local officials' assessments on the tone of discussion about local policy issues when residents are involved.



% who say policy discussion is very or somewhat constructive

3 However, after a two year dip in ratings of the health of local democracy, in 2025 local leaders are slightly more optimistic.

