The Fall 2009
Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS):
Local Government
Economic and Workforce Development Issues

Presentation for the Michigan Municipal League (MML)
Capital Conference
April 14, 2010
Presentation Outline

- Brief background on the University of Michigan’s Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP)

- Overview of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

- Summary of findings on education, economic, and workforce development from the Fall 2009 Wave of the MPPS

- Looking ahead in 2010
Background:
An Overview of CLOSUP

- The Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) was founded in 2001 and is housed in the UofM’s Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

- CLOSUP is a small research center with a core staff of 3 permanent employees with additional research staff and affiliates across UM

- Base funding comes from the University of Michigan, with additional funds raised from external sources for specific projects
  - W.K. Kellogg Foundation is supporting the MPPS
Background: The Mission of CLOSUP

- To conduct and support applied research that informs local, state, and urban policy issues

- To disseminate research findings to key policymakers (e.g., legislators, local officials, foundations, non-profits)

- To facilitate student learning of and engagement with local, state, and urban policy issues
Background: An Overview of CLOSUP

- **Activities:**
  - Conduct internal research projects such as the MPPS
  - Sponsor state and local policy-relevant research by other faculty across UM: 51 projects sponsored to date
  - Events: conferences, seminars, lectures, panel discussions

- **Teaching and student-focused activities:**
  - Ford School applied policy seminars; internships for students;
  - employing students on research projects
Presentation Outline

- Brief background on the University of Michigan’s Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP)

- Overview of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

- Summary of findings on education, economic, and workforce development from the Fall 2009 Wave of the MPPS

- Looking ahead in 2010
Michigan Public Policy Survey: Genesis

- **Problem: information gap in the policymaking process**
  - Great deal of data on Michigan’s citizens – MSU State of the State Survey
  - Great deal of data on Michigan’s businesses – various business surveys
  - Lack of ongoing data on Michigan’s local governments and public officials

- **Solution: ongoing survey program focused on Michigan’s local government and local government leaders**
Michigan Public Policy Survey: Overview

- Conducted twice per year (Spring and Fall)
  - Spring 2009: Fiscal and Economic Development Issues
  - Fall 2009: Economic, Educational, and Workforce Development
  - Spring 2010: Fiscal and Economic Development Tracking
  - Fall 2010 (tentatively): Intergovernmental Cooperation

- Survey content is developed in close partnership with MML, MTA, and MAC, as well as experts from around the state & nation

- Surveys are administered online for ~3/4 of the sample, via hardcopy questionnaire for ~1/4 of the sample
  - Targeted respondents are the chief elected official and the chief appointed official in every single Michigan county, city, township and village
Michigan Public Policy Survey: Overview

- **Goals for the Survey Program**

  - Fill the critical information gap about the challenges of policymaking at the local level

  - Assist *you* as local leaders: provide information about your peers across the state, improve policymaking, spread best practices and grass-roots innovative solutions

  - Provide a voice for local-level concerns to policymakers in Lansing, foundations, community organizations, etc.

  - Build longitudinal data archive to allow tracking of fundamental changes

  - Further academic knowledge and build student interest in local government
Presentation Outline

- Brief background on the University of Michigan’s Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP)

- Overview of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

- Summary of findings on education, economic, and workforce development from the Fall 2009 Wave of the MPPS

- Looking ahead in 2010
MPPS: Fall 2009 Wave

- General topics covered in the Fall wave:
  - Perspectives on the importance of education in worker success, the strategy of developing a highly-educated workforce, brain drain, and local school performance
  - The role of local government in workforce development efforts
  - Opinions on current policy issues such as PA 312, a possible constitutional convention, term limits, etc.
  - Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), *aka* the Federal Stimulus Package
MPPS: Response Rates

- The Fall 2009 wave contacted the top elected and top appointed official in every local Michigan jurisdiction
  - 1,720 total respondents
  - 1,303 unique jurisdictions
  - 260 respondents from 202 cities and 141 respondents from 104 villages
  - 70% response rate by unit (70% of counties, 71% of cities, 47% of villages, and 75% of townships)
  - 83% of survey responses were completed online
MPPS: A Brief Summary of Results
MPPS: Worker Education and Success

- Thinking about various levels of education and how they relate to job opportunities in your community today, in your opinion, how successful can workers with a GED or high school diploma alone be in your local economy?
MPPS: Worker Education and Success

- How successful can workers with a vocational degree or technical certificate be in your local economy?
MPPS: Worker Education and Success

- How successful can workers with a bachelor’s degree be in your local economy?

![Bar chart showing success rates in different areas.](chart.png)
MPPS: The Strategy of Developing a Highly-Educated Workforce

Do you agree or disagree that developing a highly-educated workforce can be an effective strategy for improving your local economy?

Percentage of all cities and villages reporting:

- Population <1,500: 25% Strongly/Somewhat Agree, 52% Strongly/Somewhat Disagree
- Population 1,500-5,000: 10% Strongly/Somewhat Agree, 70% Strongly/Somewhat Disagree
- Population 5,001-10,000: 4% Strongly/Somewhat Agree, 83% Strongly/Somewhat Disagree
- Population 10,000-30,000: 95% Strongly/Somewhat Agree
- Population 30,001: 100% Strongly/Somewhat Agree

Legend:
- Green: Strongly/Somewhat Agree
- Red: Strongly/Somewhat Disagree
MPPS: Evaluations of Local Schools

- In your opinion, how good of a job does your local K-12 education system do in preparing students for college, the job market in your region, and jobs in the global economy?

Percentage of all cities and villages reporting:

- Preparing Students for College:
  - Very Good: 48%
  - Fair: 41%
  - Poor: 7%

- Preparing Students for Regional Job Market:
  - Very Good: 56%
  - Fair: 23%
  - Poor: 15%

- Preparing Students for Jobs in Global Economy:
  - Very Good: 48%
  - Fair: 17%
  - Poor: 25%
In your opinion, how do students in your community compare with others in the state in terms of elementary school achievement, high school achievement, and college enrollment?

Percentage of all cities and villages reporting:

- Elementary School Achievement: 38%, Among the Best 14%, Above Average 24%
- High School Achievement: 32%, Among the Best 15%, Above Average 17%
- College Enrollment: 25%, Among the Best 16%, Above Average 9%
MPPS: Local Workforce “Brain Drain”

How much “brain drain” is occurring in your community among high school graduates who do not return after college?

Percentage of all jurisdictions reporting:

- Upper Peninsula: 75% (A Great Deal), 22% (Some)
- Northern Lower Peninsula: 74% (A Great Deal), 24% (Some)
- West Central: 58% (A Great Deal), 38% (Some)
- East Central: 66% (A Great Deal), 29% (Some)
- Southwest: 65% (A Great Deal), 30% (Some)
- Southeast: 49% (A Great Deal), 47% (Some)
**MPPS: Local Workforce “Brain Drain”**

How much “brain drain” is occurring in your community among younger members of the local workforce (~18-35) who move away?

Percentage of all jurisdictions reporting:

- **Upper Peninsula**: 72% A Great Deal, 27% Some
- **Northern Lower Peninsula**: 55% A Great Deal, 42% Some
- **West Central**: 48% A Great Deal, 47% Some
- **East Central**: 54% A Great Deal, 43% Some
- **Southwest**: 42% A Great Deal, 51% Some
- **Southeast**: 39% A Great Deal, 54% Some

![Bar Chart with percentages indicating the extent of brain drain in different regions.](chart.png)
MPPS: Workforce Development Efforts

- Does your local government play any formal role in workforce development efforts?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Cities</th>
<th>Villages</th>
<th>Counties</th>
<th>Townships</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>4%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Don't Know</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>8%</td>
<td>9%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Legend:
- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
Overall, how would you evaluate the success of workforce development efforts in your community today?
MPPS: Workforce Development Efforts

Do you think your local government should play a larger role in workforce development efforts in your community?
Has Public Act 312 had a direct impact on your jurisdiction or not?

- Population <1,500:
  - Positive Impact: 3%
  - Negative Impact: 76%
  - No Impact: 20%
  - Don’t Know: 10%

- Population 1,500-5,000:
  - Positive Impact: 7%
  - Negative Impact: 73%
  - No Impact: 19%
  - Don’t Know: 10%

- Population 5,001-10,000:
  - Positive Impact: 25%
  - Negative Impact: 58%
  - No Impact: 14%
  - Don’t Know: 10%

- Population 10,000-30,000:
  - Positive Impact: 45%
  - Negative Impact: 39%
  - No Impact: 14%
  - Don’t Know: 10%

- Population 30,001+
  - Positive Impact: 12%
  - Negative Impact: 63%
  - No Impact: 16%
  - Don’t Know: 10%
Do believe that Public Act 312 should be repealed, amended, or remain as it is currently?

- Population <1,500
  - Should be repealed: 11%
  - Should be amended: 6%
  - Should remain as is: 37%
  - Don't Know: 46%

- Population 1,500-5,000
  - Should be repealed: 9%
  - Should be amended: 30%
  - Should remain as is: 44%

- Population 10,000-30,000
  - Should be repealed: 48%
  - Should be amended: 25%
  - Should remain as is: 14%
  - Don't Know: 13%

- Population 5,001-10,000
  - Should be repealed: 22%
  - Should be amended: 21%
  - Should remain as is: 24%
  - Don't Know: 33%

- Population 30,001>
  - Should be repealed: 46%
  - Should be amended: 34%
  - Should remain as is: 12%
  - Don't Know: 8%
MPPS: Michigan Constitutional Convention

Do you think there should be a Constitutional Convention in Michigan?

- **Townships**
  - Should Be Held: 17%
  - Should Not Be Held: 47%
  - Don't Know: 36%

- **Villages**
  - Should Be Held: 29%
  - Should Not Be Held: 33%
  - Don't Know: 38%

- **Cities**
  - Should Be Held: 56%
  - Should Not Be Held: 15%
  - Don't Know: 29%

- **Counties**
  - Should Be Held: 61%
  - Should Not Be Held: 10%
  - Don't Know: 29%
MPPS: Michigan Term Limits

Do you think term limits for Michigan state officials should be repealed, amended, or remain as they are currently?

- **Townships**
  - Repealed: 29%
  - Amended: 27%
  - Remain As Is: 38%

- **Villages**
  - Repealed: 35%
  - Amended: 29%
  - Remain As Is: 31%

- **Cities**
  - Repealed: 64%
  - Amended: 21%
  - Remain As Is: 9%

- **Counties**
  - Repealed: 57%
  - Amended: 33%
  - Remain As Is: 10%
MPPS: Federal Stimulus Package

- How much do you believe the Recovery Act has helped to improve economic conditions in your community to date? How much do you believe Recovery Act funding will improve economic conditions in your community in the long term?

**Stimulus has improved local economy already:**

- Cities: 67% Very Much, 70% Somewhat
- Villages: 1% Very Much, 7% Somewhat

**Stimulus will improve local economy in the future:**

- Cities: 3% Very Much, 8% Somewhat
- Villages: 5% Very Much, 11% Somewhat
MPPS: Review of Key Findings

- Local officials believe that a bachelor’s degree or vocational degree is important to worker success in their local economies and will be even more important in the future.

- The strategy of developing a highly-educated workforce has much stronger support among officials in the state’s larger communities than in its smaller communities.

- Four in ten local officials believe that their local school systems do a very good job of preparing students for college, fewer say the schools do a very good job of preparing students for jobs in their regional job market or for jobs in the global economy.

- Although relatively few local jurisdictions play a formal role in workforce development efforts today, many municipal officials think their government should play a larger role in workforce development efforts.
Presentation Outline

- Brief background on the University of Michigan’s Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP)

- Overview of the Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

- Summary of findings on education, economic, and workforce development from the Fall 2009 Wave of the MPPS

- Looking ahead in 2010
Michigan Public Policy Survey: Next Steps

- Fall 2009 survey key findings report
- Comprehensive data tables from both 2009 waves to be made available on CLOSUP website
- Spring 2010 survey in the field today, focused on fiscal health, tracking and expanded items.
- Fall 2010 survey, tentatively focused on intergovernmental cooperation
- We are seeking your feedback on how to make the MPPS as useful as possible to you: email us at closup-mpps@umich.edu or call 734-647-4091
The Fall 2009
Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS):
Local Government
Economic and Workforce
Development Issues

Presentation for the Michigan Municipal League (MML)
Capital Conference
April 14, 2010