



Q8. Now, comparing your jurisdiction's current fiscal year to the next fiscal year, please indicate which actions your jurisdiction has taken or is likely to take.

	Greatly decrease	Somewhat decrease	No change	Somewhat increase	Greatly increase	Not applicable	Don't know
Property tax rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliance on general fund balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of services provided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public safety spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infrastructure spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human services spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General government operations spending	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount of debt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Privatizing or contracting out of services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number and/or scope of interlocal agreements or other service-sharing plans with other governments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of employees that work for your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employee pay rates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employees' share of premiums, deductibles, and/or co-pays on health insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employees' share of contributions to retirement funds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retirees' share of premiums, deductibles, and/or co-pays on health insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q9. We want to get an overall sense of the level of satisfaction with the services your jurisdiction currently provides. Thinking about any important aspects of service provision (such as the range of different types of services offered, the amount and quality of those services, etc.), overall, how satisfied would you say the following are with your jurisdiction's current services?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
The majority of your jurisdiction's residents are...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You personally in your role as a local official are...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q10. Different local jurisdictions manage their unreserved/unassigned general fund balances in different ways depending on their specific circumstances. Despite these differences, we're interested in tracking overall changes in these balances over time. Approximately what was your jurisdiction's unreserved/unassigned general fund balance as a percentage of general fund expenditures at the end of its last fiscal year?

- 0% or less       11-20%       31-50%       Over 100%  
 1-10%       21-30%       51-100%       Don't know

Q11. Thinking about your jurisdiction's fiscal needs, overall, do you consider your jurisdiction's unreserved/unassigned general fund balance to be too high, about right, or too low?

- Too high       About right       Too low       Don't know

Q12. 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 of a problem       Not much of a problem       Not a problem at all       Don't know

Q13. Now, thinking about the overall fiscal stress in your jurisdiction today and what you expect it to be down the road – including any future financial obligations it may have – on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is the best: perfect fiscal health and 10 is the worst: fiscal crisis, how would you rate your jurisdiction's overall fiscal stress...

	The best: Perfect fiscal health										The worst: Fiscal crisis	Don't know
... today?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
... as you expect it to be five years from now?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Next, we have a few questions about the next economic recession, whenever it may begin.

Q14. Looking back, how would you rate your jurisdiction's fiscal health today compared to where it was before the Great Recession of 2008-09?

- Significantly better off today       Somewhat better off today       Neither better nor worse off today than before the last recession       Somewhat worse off today       Significantly worse off today       Don't know

Q15. Some jurisdictions have started to prepare for the next economic recession, while others have not. As far as you know, has your jurisdiction taken any specific actions to prepare for the next economic recession?

- Yes       No       Don't know

Q16. (If you selected "yes" in Q15) Please briefly describe specific actions your jurisdiction has taken to prepare for the next recession.

Q17. Taking your best guess, when do you think the next economic recession is mostly likely to start?

- Within the next 12 months  
 In 1-2 years  
 More than 2 years from now  
 Don't know

Q18. How concerned are you, if at all, about the potential impact of the next recession on your jurisdiction's...

	Not at all concerned	Not very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very concerned	Don't know
... quality and/or amount of services provided?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... general government operations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q19. Whether or not your jurisdiction has taken any specific actions, in your opinion, how prepared today is your jurisdiction's government to deal with the next economic recession?

- Very prepared       Somewhat prepared       Somewhat unprepared       Very unprepared       Don't know

In this next section, we have a few questions related to issues around opioids here in Michigan. "Opioids" refers to pain relievers available legally by prescription — such as oxycodone, codeine, morphine, etc. — as well as illegal drugs such as heroin and synthetic drugs like fentanyl.

Q20. Thinking about your own part of the state, to what extent, if any, would you say there are problems associated with opioids in...

	Significant problems	Some problems	Few problems	No problems at all	Don't know
... your jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... other jurisdictions nearby?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q21. (Please skip if selected "no problems at all" or "don't know" in your jurisdiction in Q20) Over the past five years, do you think problems with opioids in your jurisdiction have gotten better, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

- Significantly better       Somewhat better       Remained about the same       Somewhat worse       Significantly worse       Don't know

Q22. (Please skip if selected "no problems at all" or "don't know" in your jurisdiction in Q20) As far as you know, have problems with opioids put additional burden (e.g., need for more police training, increased EMS calls, etc.) on the following county and/or local government services provided in your jurisdiction? (select "not applicable" if county or local government does not offer or contract for that particular service in your jurisdiction)

	Significant additional burden	Some additional burden	Very little additional burden	No additional burden	Not applicable	Don't know
Law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jail operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency medical services (EMS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health services (public health, mental health, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social services (homeless programs, food assistance, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q23. Whether or not there are currently any problems with opioids in your area, to the best of your knowledge, are any of the following actively addressing opioid issues in your jurisdiction? (check all that apply)

- No one currently addressing opioid issues in your jurisdiction  
 Your own jurisdiction's government  
 Your county government (health department, sheriff, etc.) (if you are not a county respondent)  
 State of Michigan (Department of Health and Human Services, State Police, etc.)  
 Hospitals or other health care providers (local pharmacies, community mental health clinics, etc.)  
 Private/non-profit human service providers (homeless shelters, family services, etc.)  
 Local K-12 schools  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Don't know

**Q24.** (Please skip if selected “no problems at all” or “don’t know” in your/other jurisdictions in Q20) Finally, please describe any additional resources or actions that you think would help address problems associated with opioids in your jurisdiction or other jurisdictions nearby?

The next few questions focus on local energy issues.

**Q25.** Some local governments are adopting policies and/or practices to meet their jurisdictions’ energy demands while reducing the costs or environmental impacts of energy use. Other local governments are not. Has your jurisdiction adopted any of the following types of policies or practices?

	Have already adopted	Have not adopted	Don’t know
<b>Improving energy efficiency in your government facilities</b> (e.g., conducting an energy audit or benchmarking, upgrading lighting, insulation, or HVAC, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Changing your jurisdiction’s work practices</b> (e.g., water conservation, thermostat regulation, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Programs targeted at residents</b> (e.g., recycling programs, promoting home weatherization, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Programs targeted at local businesses</b> (e.g., rebates to businesses that cut consumption, commercial recycling, formal recognition of “green” practices, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Developing or purchasing renewable energy sources</b> (e.g., employing solar panels or wind turbines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q26.** How likely or unlikely is it that your jurisdiction will take new actions to improve the energy efficiency in your government facilities (e.g., conducting an energy audit or benchmarking, upgrading lighting, insulation, or HVAC, etc.) in the next two years?

<b>Very likely</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>	<b>Somewhat unlikely</b>	<b>Very unlikely</b>	<b>Don’t know</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q27.** (If you selected “somewhat unlikely” or “very unlikely” in Q26) Which of the following, if any, are reasons that your jurisdiction is unlikely to adopt energy efficiency improvements for your government facilities in the next two years? (check all that apply)

- Our facilities do not currently need energy efficiency improvements.
- Our governing board feels that is not a priority.
- It’s not worth the financial investment.
- We lack up-front capital to make the investment.
- We don’t know where to go for help.
- We don’t have the time or staff capacity.
- We might make updates, but not in the next two years.
- We’ve had or heard of bad experiences with energy contractors or consultants.
- Don’t know

**Q28.** Whether or not your jurisdiction has plans to adopt new energy efficiency policies in your government facilities, if the State of Michigan offered the following resources, would your jurisdiction be likely to take advantage of any of the following? (check all that apply)

- None (we are unlikely to make use of resources from the State)
- Low-cost financing options for energy efficiency improvements
- Funding for energy audits
- Funding for pilot or demonstration projects (e.g., for innovative energy efficiency upgrades)
- Workshops or training sessions
- A “help desk” to call for advice on funding or planning for improvements
- A comprehensive web portal with information on funding or planning for improvements
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don’t know

**Q29.** When it comes to planning, some jurisdictions have incorporated energy issues into formal plans. Some of these may be stand-alone plans, while others may be incorporated into the Master Plan. Yet other communities may not have planned for these issues at all. As far as you know, does your jurisdiction engage in planning for either of the following, and if so, how extensively?

	No, not at all	Yes, some but very little	Yes, a moderate amount	Yes, a great deal	Don’t know
<b>Energy efficiency</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Renewable energy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q30. Regardless of whether your jurisdiction has taken any action on energy issues, which of the following, if any, have recently been a **topic of discussion** within your jurisdiction's government, including discussion among Board/Council members, staff, etc.? (check all that apply)

- Rooftop/small-scale solar installations in the community
- Utility-scale solar installations in the community
- Utility-scale wind turbines or windfarms
- Electric vehicle charging sites
- Energy efficiency and/or renewable energy in your jurisdiction's zoning (if applicable)
- Energy efficiency requirements in building codes
- Energy affordability for low-income residents
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- None of the above
- Don't know

Q31. To what extent would you trust the following types of organizations to provide information on local energy programs or policies?

	Very much	Somewhat	Not much	Not at all	Don't know
The electric utility that serves your jurisdiction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The State of Michigan's Energy Office (MEO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A college or university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local government state associations such as MTA, MML, MAC, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional planning organizations such as SEMCOG, NEMCOG, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonprofits dedicated to energy issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private energy contractors or consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q32. Do you agree or disagree that promoting environmental sustainability and the concept of "being green" are important aspects of local government leadership?

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| Strongly agree<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Somewhat agree<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Neither agree nor disagree<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Somewhat disagree<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Strongly disagree<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Don't know<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
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Next, we have just a couple questions looking ahead to the U.S. Census in 2020.

Q33. As far as you know, is your jurisdiction currently planning to do any of the following to encourage its residents to complete their census forms in 2020? (check all that apply)

- Not planning any actions related to the 2020 Census
- Planning to run or participate in a "Complete Count Committee"
- Planning direct communications to residents (e.g., direct mailings/emails, media or online promotions, notes with utility bills/tax statements, etc.)
- Collaborating with other organizations (e.g., schools, libraries, the Chamber of Commerce)
- Providing space in local facilities for Census workers or training activities
- Providing or facilitating kiosks, laptop stations, etc. for residents without good internet access
- Working to boost the number of local residents who work as Census Enumerators
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

Q34. Which of the following groups within your jurisdiction, if any, are you concerned may be hard to count in the 2020 Census? (check all that apply)

- Elderly residents
- Children under the age of five
- People with limited English proficiency
- Non-home owners (renters, residents with no fixed place of residence, college students, etc.)
- Non-citizens
- Residents living in poverty
- Residents with no/little internet access
- Residents with a secondary home where they live a significant amount of the year (e.g., snowbirds, summer cottage owners, etc.)
- Don't know

Q35. At this time, how confident overall are you that there will be an accurate 2020 Census count...

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very confident	Not confident at all	Don't know
... in your jurisdiction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
... statewide in Michigan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

We have just a few final questions regarding your thoughts on the state of affairs in the country, and Michigan overall.

Q36. 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?

- Right direction       Wrong track       Don't know

Q37. 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?

- Right direction       Wrong track       Don't know

Q38. Please briefly tell us the main reasons why you think things in the state of Michigan are generally going that way.

Q39. How would you rate the way Gretchen Whitmer is performing her job as Michigan's governor?

- Excellent       Good       Fair       Poor       Don't know

Q40. How would you rate the way the Michigan Legislature is performing its job?

- Excellent       Good       Fair       Poor       Don't know

Q41. How would you rate the way Donald Trump is performing his job as President?

- Excellent       Good       Fair       Poor       Don't know

Q42. How would you rate the way the U.S. Congress in Washington is performing its job?

- Excellent       Good       Fair       Poor       Don't know

Q43. 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

Q44. 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2019

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.

Q45. What is your gender?     Male     Female

Q46. In what year were you born? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Q47. How many years have you served in your current position? \_\_\_\_\_

Q48. Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino descent?  Yes  No

Q49. Please check one or more categories below to indicate what race(s) you consider yourself to be. (check all that apply)

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know  |

Q50. What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup> grade or less/no diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate or GED               | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, no degree                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional/Doctorate degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree                        |  |

Q51. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... ?

- Republican     Independent     Democrat  
 Something else (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Q52. (if Republican or Democrat) Would you consider yourself a strong or not very strong Republican/Democrat?

- Very strong     Not very strong     Don't know

Q53. (if Independent or something else) Would you consider yourself closer to... ?

- the Democratic Party     the Republican Party     Neither