

How are cities doing?

We recently surveyed our cities to find the answer

Cities have seen significant pandemic impacts



92% of cities have incurred expenses from the COVID-19 pandemic



62% of cities are projecting losses in revenue this year

Most cities have incurred expenses while transitioning city operations to meet the needs of residents and staff

Increased costs include:

Operations in **87%** of cities

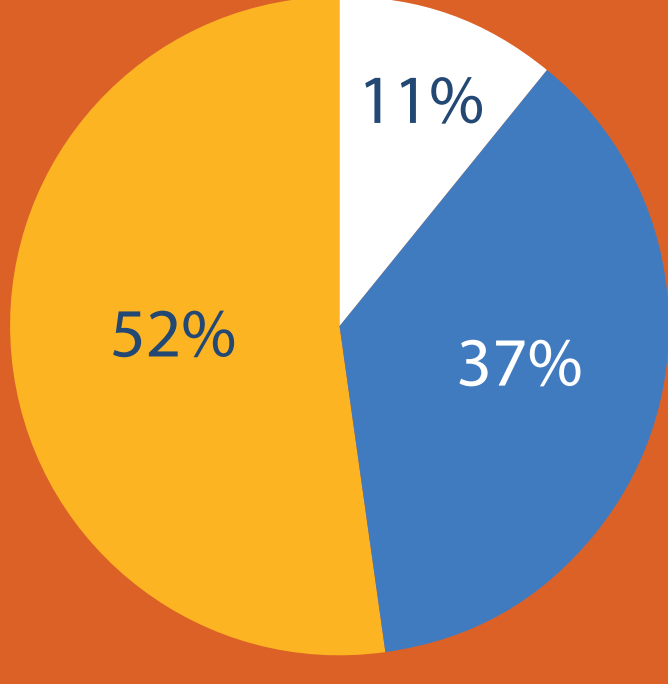
Information technology in **71%** of cities

Public safety in **67%** of cities

Public works in **65%** of cities

62% of cities project revenue losses in FY 2021

A majority of those cities expect losses of at least 5%



Less than 5% reduction
5-15% reduction
More than 15% reduction



78% of cities say that the state could help meet local needs by providing funding to further mitigate the impacts of COVID-19

Cities have ongoing needs in a variety of issue areas

A current city economic snapshot



82% of cities rate lack of **affordable housing** as a problem in their community



63% of cities list their top **transportation infrastructure funding** need as basic maintenance and preservation



55% of cities say **public safety** is a top policy focus in 2021



74% of cities name **economic development** as a top policy focus in 2021

A partnership with the state is critical to cities

How Washington can help its cities meet shared goals



99% of cities say that increased **state-shared revenues** would help meet local needs



100% of cities say that increased **infrastructure funding** assistance would help their city meet its needs



87% of cities want **fiscal flexibility** to tailor existing revenue sources to meet local needs in the wake of COVID-19

Cities are a good investment for the state

Cities help generate the state's annual revenue



\$9.4 billion in sales tax sent to the state general fund

\$2.8 billion of state's B&O tax generated

\$2.3 billion in property taxes for the state school levy



85% of all retail sales take place in cities

69% of job-generating businesses are located in cities

Every **\$1** invested in the Public Works Trust Fund generates a **\$5.50** match from other sources



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