

# CITIES ARE ESSENTIAL

## CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES ARE ESSENTIAL TO AMERICA'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

WITHOUT SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, MUNICIPALITIES MAY MOVE FROM BEING PART OF THE ECONOMIC SOLUTION, TO BECOMING A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO LONG-TERM STABILIZATION AND RECOVERY.

The negative effects of the coronavirus pandemic on local communities are severe and will continue long after this year.

Cities alone will experience a total

revenue loss of up to **\$134 billion**

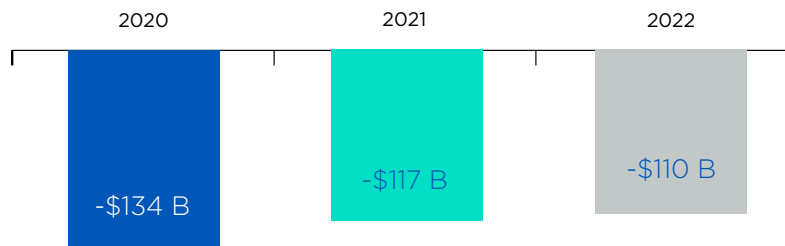
this year - equaling a 21.6% loss of revenue.

And they will experience a

total loss of over **\$360 billion**

over the next 3 years

Total Revenue Loss for Cities, Towns and Villages (\$ billion)

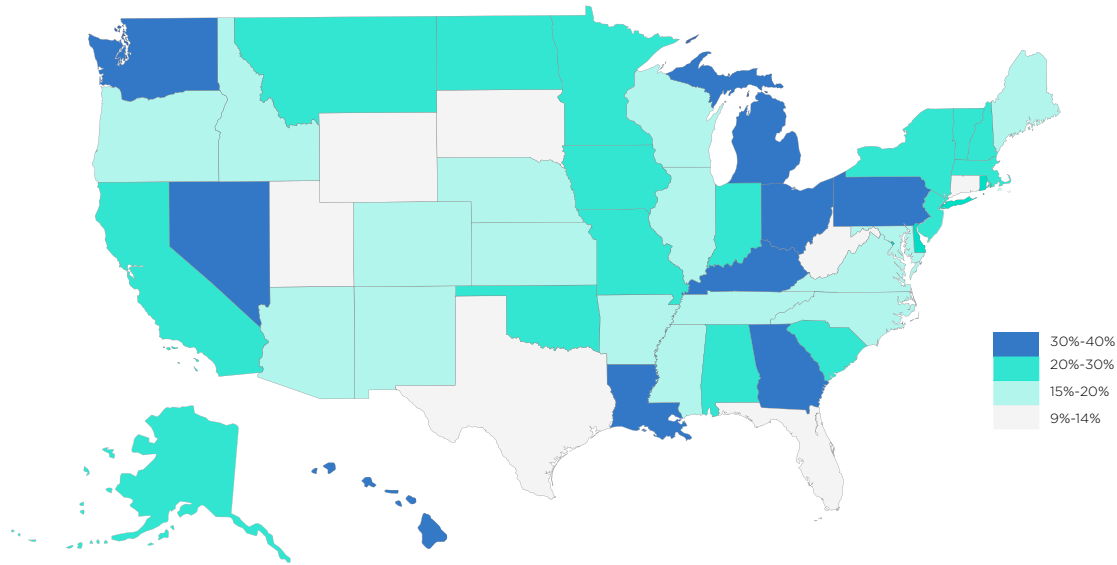


Source: National League of Cities analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data (2017 total own source revenues for municipal and township governments), adjusted for inflation, and based on unemployment projections provided by the Congressional Budget Office.

Every city, town and village in every state across America will feel the dire economic consequences of this pandemic.

**SOME WILL REACH UP TO 40% IN TOTAL REVENUE LOSS.**

## Revenue Loss for Cities, Towns and Villages as a Share of Total Own-Source Revenue by State, 2020



Source: National League of Cities analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data (2017 total own-source revenues for municipal and township governments), adjusted for inflation, with unemployment projections provided by the Congressional Budget Office and unemployment claims by the Department of Labor.

### Top 10 states with the most impacted municipalities:

<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>40.2%</b> revenue loss	<b>WASHINGTON</b>	<b>32.7%</b> revenue loss
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>39.1%</b> revenue loss	<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>32.2%</b> revenue loss
<b>HAWAII</b>	<b>38.2%</b> revenue loss	<b>GEORGIA</b>	<b>31.0%</b> revenue loss
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>37.3%</b> revenue loss	<b>OHIO</b>	<b>30.4%</b> revenue loss
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>36.8%</b> revenue loss	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>29.3%</b> revenue loss

In 2020,  
the unemployment rate will be  
**7.2 percent greater than expected**  
as a direct cause of the coronavirus pandemic.

For every **1% increase in unemployment**,  
municipalities will experience **an additional 3% loss of revenue**.

**We need to ensure the American way of life continues.**  
Funding will help us support the hospitals, roads and crucial repairs to our nation's infrastructure that could face closure and abandonment without funding.

**WE NEED A UNITED NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP TO GET  
BACK TO A SAFE, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS LIFE.  
WE RISE TOGETHER, WE REBUILD TOGETHER.  
JOIN US FIGHTING AT THE FRONT LINE.**

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