

The COVID-19 Recession

Without direct local aid, America's cities will continue to fight this pandemic with both arms tied behind their backs.



Nearly **70% of cities** are experiencing negative financial health as a direct cause of COVID-19.

As revenue is decreasing due to the coronavirus pandemic, expenditures keep increasing for cities across the nation.

Of those negatively impacted by COVID-19:

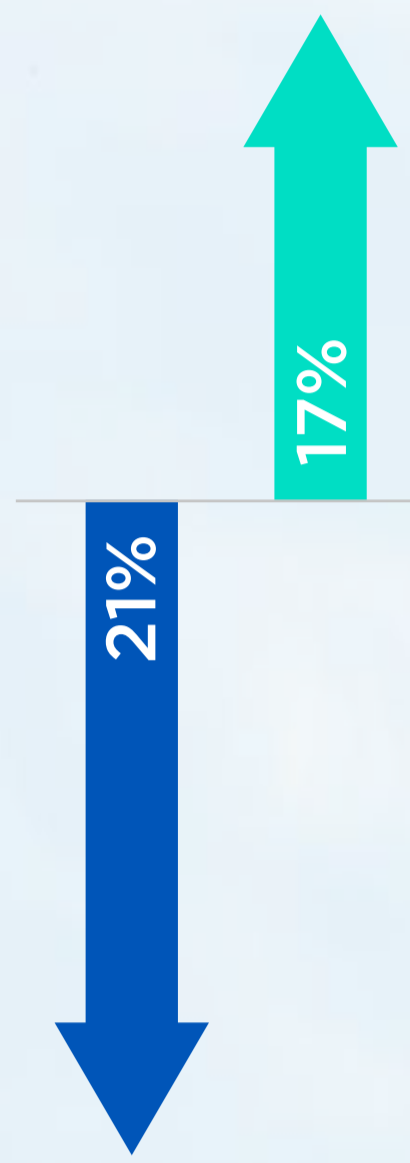
90% have experienced a revenue decrease.



76% have experienced an expenditure increase.



This includes the cost of PPE and paying essential workers for overtime.



Expenditures
On average, expenditures increased by 17%.

Revenues
On average, revenues decreased by 21%.

29%, or an estimated 6,000 Cities, Towns and Villages, did not receive any aid or funding from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund based on our survey results.



62% of cities did not receive additional CARES Act funds from a federal agency or program, including FEMA or HUD.

With less revenue and more expenses, cities have been forced to make cuts.

37% of cities have had to implement hiring freezes, wage holds, layoffs, and/or furloughs.



Cities of all sizes will face significant challenges in providing the fundamental services their residents rely on every day.



89% of Large Cities



71% of Mid-sized Cities



52% of Small Cities

This problem will not just go away. In fact, it's going to get worse.

71% of Cities, Towns and Villages believe their government's condition will worsen if Congress does not pass another stimulus.

The road to economic recovery runs through America's cities. Significant federal assistance is far overdue and must be provided directly to **cities of all sizes now.**

This isn't a red issue or a blue issue – this is an American issue. Cities from both Democratic and Republican Congressional districts are calling on the federal government to step up.

