

To: Key Municipal Officers, Financial Managers and Staff  
Fr: Neal Goldberg, Advocacy & Communications, MMA  
Re: 2021 Municipal Fiscal Survey  
Date: June 30, 2022

Today marks the launch of MMA's **2021 Local Government Finance Survey** (Phew, it's not another ARPA or reporting portal correspondence). The fiscal survey is one of our most important annual fact-finding efforts as the results inform the work of numerous departments. Participation in MMA's survey also satisfies your municipality's obligation to provide fiscal data to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The pandemic's fiscal impacts are easy to describe but not readily quantifiable. The results of this survey will allow us to observe the fiscal impact and rebound of towns and cities throughout Maine, which in turn will direct how MMA addresses the needs of our members.

Considering the technical issues we all experienced during the ARPA reporting period, MMA is going back to a shorter paper version of the Fiscal Survey! No account administrator access needed; you can forget those old passwords. The survey also has Excel, fillable PDF, and online options.

For those who prefer to fill out the survey by hand, you can print the PDF version and either fax (624-0129), email or mail it back to MMA (ATTN: Neal Goldberg, 60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330). You can also request a copy be mailed to your municipality by contacting me at MMA. Similar ease applies to the excel and PDF versions, simply fill in the blank cells and return it via email. Finally, the online option will become available in July after the Census Bureau has completed its design.

[Print and PDF Format](#)

[Excel Format](#)

[User Guide and Instructions](#)

Please note that this survey is requesting data for the **2021 budget year**, which in most "calendar year" municipalities is the budget year that ended on *December 31, 2021* and in "fiscal year" municipalities is the budget year that ends on *June 30, 2022*. **It would be appreciated if you could complete this survey by October 1, 2022.**

For municipal officials that slogged through the ARPA reporting process, this will feel like a breeze in comparison. You only need to provide information that pertains to your municipality. And of course, I am readily available to answer any questions or help any municipal official complete the survey, [ngoldberg@memun.org](mailto:ngoldberg@memun.org), or (207) 623-8428 x2208.

Thank you in advance for your devoted time to this important survey.