Response Rates for the 2019 Annual Survey of Local Government Finance

Preliminary estimates for the 2019 Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finance Tables were released on June 1, 2021. U.S. Census Bureau quality standards require a Unit Response Rate (URR) of 60 percent for all data by state. A URR of 60 percent means that of the units surveyed, at least 60 percent have responded. A Total Quantity Response Rate (TQRR) standard is also set at 70 percent. TQRR measures the portion of a variable representing survey responses. For key variables *Total Revenue, Total Expenditure, Total Debt Outstanding, and Total Cash and Security Holdings (Assets)*, a TQRR of 70 percent indicates that 70 percent of the source data are from survey responses or data equivalent to survey responses.

The 2019 preliminary data met URR and TQRR standards with some notable exceptions (See tables below). Additional non-response follow-up efforts will be undertaken prior to future publications in attempt to obtain data from previous non-respondents. Additional research will also be conducted on state and local governments to identify governmental units contributing to the low TQRRs in those non-compliant states.

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Unit Response Rate (URR) and Total Quantity Response Rates (TQRR) by State: Local Governments

* Indicates states where at least one of the TQRR is below the 70 percent acceptable range and/or the Unit Response Rate (URR) is below the 60 percent acceptable range. Additional information for TQRR's may be found within the technical documentation.

2019 Local Government Response Rates By State					
State	Unit RR	Expenditure TQRR	Revenue TQRR	Debt TQRR	Asset TQRR
United States	90.4%	92.7%	92.6%	93.5%	91.2%
Alabama	74.0%	86.7%	86.8%	89.6%	83.8%
Alaska *	66.3%	60.4%	92.8%	91.9%	94.0%
Arizona	89.3%	79.0%	80.3%	81.5%	73.7%
Arkansas	83.7%	89.9%	90.0%	91.8%	86.8%
California	99.4%	99.1%	99.3%	99.0%	99.9%
Colorado	81.9%	85.2%	86.5%	88.1%	81.6%
Connecticut	89.3%	90.6%	84.7%	88.7%	82.5%
Delaware	73.7%	93.6%	93.4%	93.0%	82.6%
District of Columbia	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Florida	94.0%	99.5%	99.5%	99.4%	99.8%
Georgia	86.7%	91.1%	93.0%	79.8%	81.6%
Hawaii	61.9%	99.0%	98.7%	99.7%	88.2%
Idaho	82.9%	93.6%	94.0%	92.0%	91.6%
Illinois	97.4%	97.6%	97.6%	98.9%	97.6%
Indiana	99.0%	98.5%	97.8%	98.8%	97.9%
Iowa	96.5%	95.6%	95.7%	96.8%	95.4%
Kansas	85.8%	83.8%	82.3%	86.6%	77.3%
Kentucky	94.6%	96.5%	96.4%	95.8%	96.8%
Louisiana	76.6%	86.5%	84.7%	90.9%	79.1%
Maine	82.3%	84.9%	83.3%	85.1%	81.6%
Maryland	73.2%	98.6%	98.6%	99.7%	96.7%
Massachusetts	90.5%	96.9%	97.4%	98.9%	97.6%
Michigan	97.9%	97.8%	95.9%	99.6%	97.8%
Minnesota	96.7%	98.6%	98.0%	96.2%	97.6%
Mississippi	77.4%	85.3%	83.9%	89.8%	85.3%
Missouri	89.8%	80.8%	81.8%	81.1%	80.1%
Montana	87.5%	79.8%	78.4%	87.0%	70.1%
Nebraska	96.2%	93.1%	92.9%	95.7%	93.1%

2018 Local Government Response Rates By State					
State	Unit RR	Expenditure TQRR	Revenue TQRR	Debt TQRR	Asset TQRR
Nevada	73.8%	96.7%	96.5%	99.4%	96.2%
New Hampshire	86.7%	81.4%	84.6%	91.9%	73.5%
New Jersey	90.8%	81.6%	78.7%	79.0%	71.7%
New Mexico	83.1%	86.8%	85.6%	89.4%	80.2%
New York	97.4%	96.3%	96.6%	90.6%	96.0%
North Carolina	90.6%	98.9%	99.6%	99.8%	99.1%
North Dakota	78.1%	83.9%	83.6%	81.6%	79.1%
Ohio	88.0%	81.1%	81.6%	88.8%	78.4%
Oklahoma	89.7%	87.4%	87.6%	90.1%	91.4%
Oregon	93.1%	80.5%	78.9%	90.2%	73.7%
Pennsylvania	93.4%	89.7%	89.8%	91.6%	89.5%
Rhode Island	88.7%	87.0%	88.3%	94.0%	83.1%
South Carolina	83.5%	79.1%	78.7%	91.1%	81.2%
South Dakota	75.8%	88.5%	88.3%	90.4%	88.2%
Tennessee	89.6%	84.7%	82.5%	86.4%	77.1%
Texas	89.5%	86.3%	85.7%	89.5%	81.9%
Utah	99.5%	99.5%	97.5%	96.7%	84.2%
Vermont	79.3%	85.3%	82.7%	79.4%	70.3%
Virginia	88.1%	78.9%	77.2%	84.6%	82.9%
Washington	98.8%	98.7%	97.9%	99.5%	99.6%
West Virginia	71.0%	79.9%	80.7%	79.4%	76.0%
Wisconsin	94.1%	99.1%	99.0%	98.6%	95.5%
Wyoming	87.4%	92.0%	92.5%	88.6%	94.3%