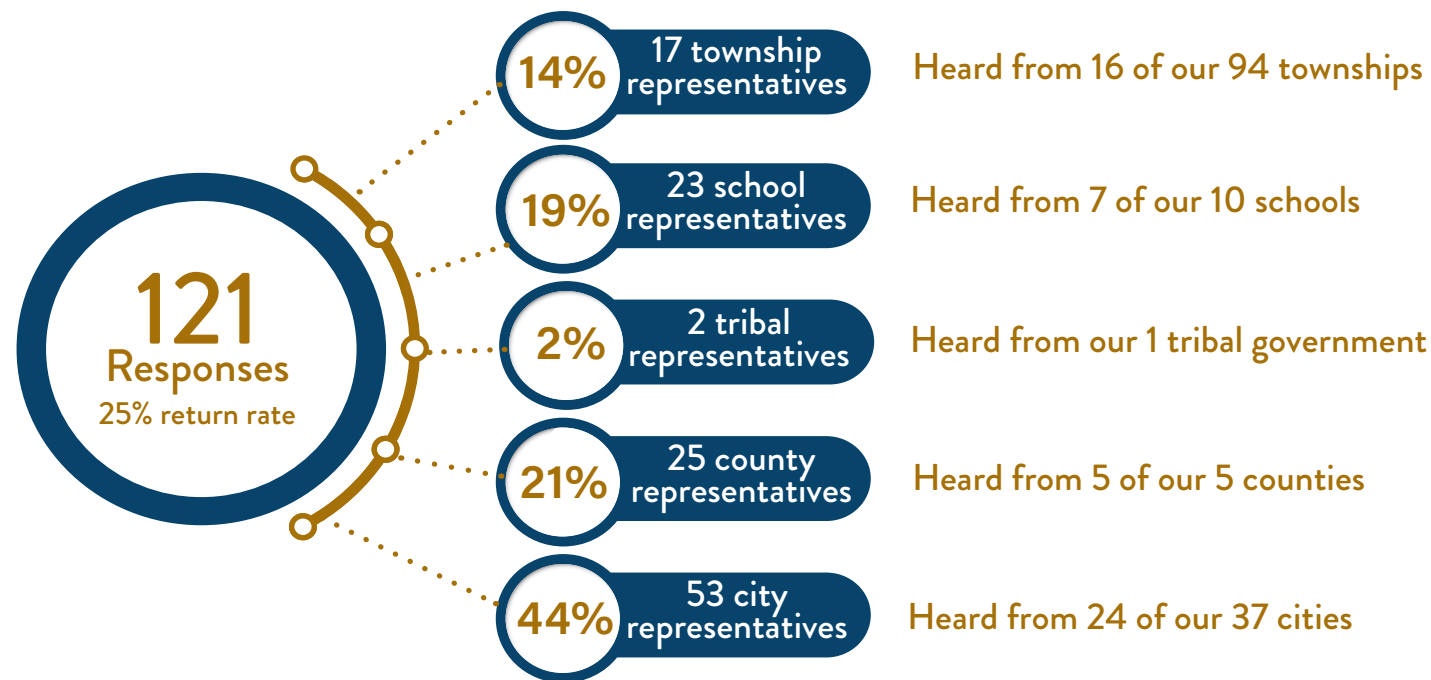




Regional Trends & Issues

Strategic Direction Annual Regional Survey



COVID-19 Impacts

What issues have been caused due to the COVID-19 pandemic for your jurisdiction?

The comments were put into topic areas. Some comments fell into multiple topic areas.

5% Broadband
Broadband issues for residents at home for remote work and school

7% Childcare
Parents with children at home, fewer options for childcare during the pandemic

8% Education
Loss of quality education for students

22% Employment
Workforce shortages due to quarantine, illness and scheduling, unemployment, residents living on less money

37% Financial
Strain on LUG budget and services due to project delays, income stream disruptions, and emergency response

41% Businesses
Business loss of revenue; fear of losing businesses

49% Community Connectedness
Mental health, few in-person events

UMVRDC Region 6W Top Issues

Most important topics needing attention by all jurisdictions

The top 7 were also in the top 10 in 2019 - Childcare remained #1

1. Childcare Accessibility & Affordability
2. Improving Broadband
3. Marketing/Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce
4. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing & Commercial Properties
5. Housing Rehabilitation
6. Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water, Drinking Water, Infrastructure Planning or Funding
7. Road/Bridge Planning or Funding
8. Water Quality
9. Redevelopment of Vacant Lots
10. Senior Housing

Most important topics needing attention by each jurisdictions:

11. Commercial Property Rehabilitation
12. Rental Housing
13. Succession Planning for Local Businesses
14. Access to Capital for Business Development
15. Main Street Revitalization
16. Emergency Preparedness
17. Capital Improvement Planning
18. Comprehensive or Strategic Planning
19. More Workforce Development Training
20. Trails and Parks Planning or Funding
21. Safe Routes to School Planning or Implementation
22. Addressing Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
23. Community Beautification
24. Community Leadership Training
25. Entrepreneurship Technical Assistance
26. Supporting Local Renewable Energy Options
27. Industrial Park Infrastructure Planning or Funding
28. Addressing Climate Change
29. Zoning or Ordinances Review or Updating
30. Website Development or Updating
31. Zoning or Ordinance Enforcement
32. Renewable Energy & Efficiency for Public Buildings
33. Recycling Systems
34. Transit Options
35. Solid Waste Planning
36. Planning and Development for more Public Art
37. Protecting Historical & Cultural Assets
38. Sidewalk Policies

Jurisdiction Type	Top Issues
Cities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Water Drinking Water Infrastructure Planning/Funding 2. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing & Commercial Properties 3. Childcare Accessibility & Affordability
Counties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing/Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce. 2. Demolition of Dilapidated Housing & Commercial Properties 3. Improving Broadband
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Childcare Accessibility & Affordability 2. Improving Broadband 3. Marketing/Promoting our Community/Area to Attract New Residents, Visitors, and Workforce
Townships	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving Broadband 2. Road/Bridge Planning or Funding 3. Water Quality
Tribes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Preparedness 2. Capital Improvement Planning