COUNTIES PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES

530,000 EMPLOYEES in Health & Hospitals

HOSPITAL WORKERS
About 329,000
62%

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS
About 201,000
38%

940,000 EMPLOYEES in Justice & Public Safety

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
About 374,000
40%

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
Over 258,000

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL COURT WORKERS
Over 215,000

FIRST RESPONDERS
About 93,000 employees
27%

23%
10%
BUDGET IMPACTS:
COUNTIES ARE FACING UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES FROM REVENUE SHORTFALLS
COUNTIES’ REVENUES DROPPING AT STAGGERING RATES WITH LIMITED OPTIONS FOR RECOVERING LOSSES

COVID-19 IMPACT ON COUNTY BUDGETS

- 88% of counties report budget impacts from COVID-19
- 72% indicate expenditures have increased
- 60% indicate revenues have decreased
- 69% report a decline in sales tax revenue
- 27% have experienced a lag or decline in property tax revenue
- 43% expect property tax revenue lags or declines in the next budget cycle
COUNTIES ANTICIPATE $202 BILLION IMPACT TO BUDGETS THROUGH FY2021, WITH WIDESPREAD ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES

$202B COUNTY BUDGET IMPACT THROUGH FY2021

- $114B LOSS IN COUNTY GENERATED REVENUE
- $58B LOSS OF STATE FUNDING
- $30B IN COVID-19 RESPONSE EXPENDITURES

$172B COUNTY GOVERNMENT REVENUE LOSS

- $1 CUT IN COUNTY SPENDING ≈ $2 LOST IN GDP per Chodorow-Reich model, Harvard University*
- $35K CUT IN COUNTY SPENDING ≈ 1 LESS JOB CREATED per Shoang model, Harvard University*

$344B LOST IN GDP IMPACT TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

- 4.9M LESS JOBS

IMPACT TO COUNTIES THUS FAR:

- 71% of counties have cut or delayed capital investments, including infrastructure and economic development projects
- 68% of counties indicate a cut or delay to county services, including human services, public safety and community development support
- 25% of counties have cut the county workforce, including furloughs, layoffs, requests for employees to retire early or cuts in hours, and 40 percent those counties with workforce cuts expect additional cuts within the next 12 months
- 66% of counties receiving CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars either indicate that the funding will not cover COVID-19 budget impacts or are uncertain if budgetary impacts will be covered
ELECTIONS: COUNTIES ADMINISTER AND FUND ELECTIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL
109 MILLION ELECTION PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THE NATION WITHIN JURISDICTIONS WHERE COUNTIES PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN ELECTIONS

Voters by County, 2018 Mid-terms
COUNTIES PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

COUNTY ROLE IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

More than 109 million voters in the 2018 general elections cast their ballots within jurisdictions where counties play a major role in coordinating elections – this is nearly 91 percent of voters.

Voting breakdown not provided
1.6M Participants

Early in-person voters
19.6M Participants

By-mail voters
29.7M Participants

more than 109M voters cast ballots in election administration counties

53%

58.2M Participants

Election day in-person voters

19M new voter registrations in 2018

73M forms processed by counties

COUNTY ROLE IN VOTER REGISTRATIONS

Between the 2016 and 2018 general elections, county jurisdictions processed over 73 million registration forms.

*According to EAVS data reported by states, 120,314,461 Americans voted in the 2018 general election.
+Some jurisdictions did not provide the number of participants in the 2018 election by mode of voting.

Source: NACo analysis of the Election Administration and Voting Survey, 2018 - U.S. Election Assistance Commission
VACCINE DISTRIBUTION:
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE ON THE FRONT LINES IN ADMINISTERING VACCINE DISTRIBUTION.
VACCINE DISTRIBUTION AND THE COUNTY ROLE
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ARE KEY TO ADMINISTERING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

- In preparation for a vaccine, counties must:
  - Determine organizational structure, partner involvement and identify gaps in preparedness
  - Review requirements and assess capacity of immunization information systems
  - Identify critical populations and prepare for early vaccine distribution by identifying providers and settings for rapid vaccinations
  - Plan for extension of COVID-19 vaccination provider outreach
  - Determine COVID-19 vaccine allocations for vaccination providers
  - Develop a communications plan to stay in contact with vaccination providers

- As a response, counties are:
  - Setting up and preparing vaccine distribution sites
  - Processing paperwork preemptively
  - Preparing for vaccine storage
  - Planning for multi-agency and interjurisdictional collaboration