

## LLP Resources

- Understanding the Michigan Budget
  - [House Fiscal Agency](#)
  - [Senate Fiscal Agency](#)
  - IPPSR, "[Where Policy is Made: The State Budget Process](#)"
    - This article from IPPSR provides a brief, informative overview of the how the state's budget comes to fruition.
  - House Fiscal Agency, "[A Legislator's Guide to Michigan's Budget Process](#)"
    - This HFA document describes the budget process from beginning to end. It includes a glossary of terms, a description of Michigan budget laws, and an expansive, detailed look at how the budget gets passed.
  - Senate Fiscal Agency, "[Budget Time Frame](#)"
    - This timeline briefly explains the budget creation process, specifically the Legislature's role in it.
  - Michigan League for Public Policy, "[Final 2021 Budget Includes Important Investments in Health, Human Services and Education](#)"
    - This document summarizes the 2020-21 fiscal year budget enacted on October 1. It examines what specific programs and departments received more or less funding than previous budgets.
- Understanding Michigan State Departments
  - State of Michigan, "[State Departments](#)"
    - This government webpage provides overviews of each state agency.
- Civil Discourse, Crossing the Partisan Divide
  - [National Institute for Civil Discourse](#)
  - American University's Project on Civil Discourse, "[What is Civil Discourse](#)"
    - This page provides a brief and basic understanding of what civil discourse is and is not.
  - Library of Congress, "[Polarization and Political Discourse in the U.S.](#)"
    - This conversation between Dr. Lilliana Mason, Dr. David C. Barker, and John Haskell of the LOC examines how political discourse in the United States has decline over time.
  - National Institute for Civil Discourse, "[Reaching Across our Differences](#)"
    - These interviews with former federal lawmakers demonstrates the possibility and value of partisan cooperation.
  - National Institute for Civil Discourse, "[Engaging Differences-Key Principles and Best Practices](#)"
    - These guidelines offer effective and productive ways to approach discussions with those holding views different than our own.
  - United States Courts, "[Setting Ground Rules—Civil Discourse and Difficult Decisions](#)"
    - While these steps focus on arguments and discourse in a legal context, it nonetheless provides important reminders on how to best approach divisive discussions or debates.
- Economic and Business Development Outlook
  - [House Fiscal Agency Revenue and Economic Forecast Archives](#)
  - [Senate Fiscal Agency Revenue and Economic Forecast Archives](#)
  - [Department of Treasury Revenue and Economic Forecast Archives](#)
  - Michigan Economic Development Corporation, [Michigan Business Development Program](#)
    - This document offers an overview of the Michigan Business Development Program that provides economic assistance to businesses in order to boost economic activity.

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation, [Michigan Business Development Program Projects](#)
  - This details what businesses and projects have been funded by the MBDP.
- University of Michigan, [Michigan Forecast](#)
  - This document from U-M briefly reflects on the economy during COVID-19 and forecasts the economy to come.
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce, [Business Recovery Agenda](#)
  - This document outlines the steps that need to be taken in reopening businesses after COVID-19.
- COVID-19 and long terms Michigan public health strategies
  - State of Michigan, [Contain COVID](#)
    - A government website outlining the state's strategies to stop the spread of the virus.
  - State of Michigan, [Michigan Data](#)
    - The hub for Michigan COVID-19 data. Contains information about number of cases, deaths, cumulative trends, demographics, and testing.
  - State of Michigan, [MI Safe Start Plan](#)
    - This Michigan government site provides information about the state's reopening plans.
- K-12 Education
  - IPPSR, [K-12 Education During a Pandemic](#)
    - This IPPSR forum hosts a panel discussion about contemporary challenges to K-12 education amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - IPPSR, [Partnership Model for Improving Michigan Schools](#)
    - Another IPPSR forum that examines the effectiveness of partnership agreements between K-12 schools implemented in Michigan.
  - IPPSR, [Michigan School Reopening Decisions More Related to Partisan Politics than to COVID Threat](#)
    - This analysis by MSU political scientists, Dr. Matt Grossman and Dr. Sarah Reckhow, finds that an area's partisanship is a stronger indicator of the decision to reopen schools than its COVID-19 severity.
- Racial Equity and CJ Reform
  - IPPSR, [Criminal Justice and Police Training](#)
    - The video discussion between criminal justice experts looks at potential reforms to policing and criminal justice and their effectiveness.
  - IPPSR, [First Step Act—Keeping the Ex in ExOffender](#)
    - Another IPPSR forum that examines the impacts of the First Step Act, federal legislation aimed at easing prison sentences, providing skill-based training to inmates, and reducing recidivism.
  - IPPSR, [Northern Losses and Southern Gains: Regional Variation in the Evolution of Black/White Earnings Differences in the United States, 1976-2017](#)
    - Dr. Charles Ballard and Dr. John Goddeeris find in this research paper that a large disparity exists between wages of white and black workers in Michigan and elsewhere across the U.S. Find a presentation of the research [here](#).
  - Brookings, [America's formerly redlined neighborhoods have changed, and so must solutions to rectify them](#)
    - This research article provides in-depth data about redlining, its repercussion, and potential solutions.
  - Brookings, [Racial wealthy inequality: Social problems and solutions](#)
    - This panel conversation examines the causes, effects, and solutions of the racial wealth gap.

- Smithsonian Magazine, [The Racial Segregation of American Cities Was Anything But Accidental](#)
  - This interview with the author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History Of How Our Government Segregated America* briefly examines the history of redlining in America and its implications for today.
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, [Racial Disparity](#)
  - This webpage outlines in detail the history, implications, and possible reforms to bias in the American criminal justice system.
- Harvard Law School, [Racial Disparities in the Massachusetts Criminal System](#)
  - This report from Harvard Law School details the discrimination within the Massachusetts criminal justice system. A summary and analysis of the report by CNN can be found [here](#).
- Pew Research Center, [Black imprisonment rate in the U.S. has fallen by a third since 2006](#)
  - This report from Pew finds that black incarceration rates have decline significantly from 2006, a reassuring trend, but reminds us of the continued disparity between black and Hispanic inmates and white inmates.
- Urban/Rural Divide
  - IPPSR, [Urban Meets Rural, Balancing Human and Environmental Health](#)
    - This IPPSR forum discusses the increasing interconnectedness between urban and rural communities and the impact this has on Michigander's health.