



Annual Reporting Requirement - Local Government Financial Reporting

Chapter 2019-56, Laws of Florida, amended ss. 129.03 and 166.241, F.S., to require each county and municipal budget officer to submit certain information regarding their respective government's final budget and economic status to the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) by October 15th of each year. Using data submitted by local governments and collected from other publicly-available sources, EDR will calculate the following six statutorily-required metrics.

1. Government spending per resident, including the rate for the five preceding fiscal years;
2. Government debt per resident, including the rate for the five preceding fiscal years;
3. Median income within the county or municipality;
4. Average county or municipal employee salary;
5. Percent of the entity's budget spent on salaries and benefits for the entity's employees; and
6. Number of special taxing districts that are located, wholly or partially, within the county or municipality.

Chapter 2020-27, Laws of Florida, added to this requirement by requiring the reporting of the government's annual expenditures providing for the financing, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of housing that is affordable, as that term is defined in s. 420.0004, F.S. The reported expenditures must indicate the source of such funds as "federal," "state," "local," or "other," as applicable.

EDR has posted the county and municipal reporting forms for the 2021 Reporting Cycle, as well as instructions for completing the reporting form and other supplemental information. These documents are posted on the EDR's website via the following link.

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/local-govt-instructions/index.cfm>

Your assistance in communicating a reminder of this annual reporting requirement to the appropriate county and municipal budget officers would be greatly appreciated.

For those that might be interested, the data collected and calculated from last year's 2020 Reporting Cycle are available via the following link.

<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/local-govt-reporting/index.cfm>

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