

Introduction to League of Minnesota Cities

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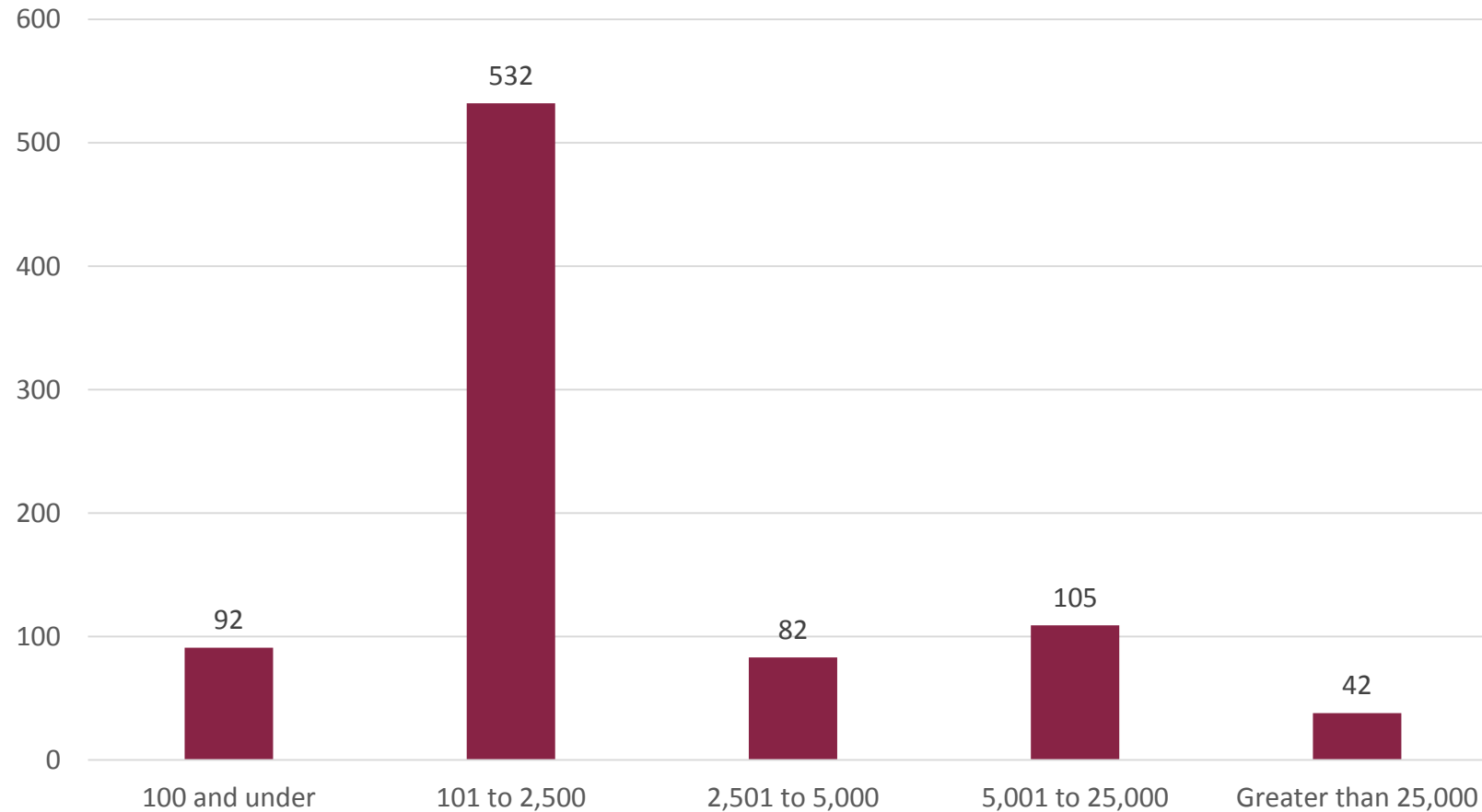


City basics

- Cities are one type of local government (along with counties, townships, school districts, etc.)
- 853 cities in Minnesota
- Two types of cities in MN: statutory and home rule charter

Minnesota Cities by Population

(Based on 2017 Estimates)



The League of Minnesota Cities promotes excellence in local government through effective advocacy, expert analysis, and trusted guidance for all Minnesota cities.



League Policies

- League policies and priorities are determined by city officials
- Over 140 officials statewide discuss issues impacting their local communities and shape League policies





LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES

2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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#1

Allow cities to adequately navigate and respond to economic challenges.

#2

Ensure cities have tools to effectively respond to COVID-19 and manage city operations.

#3

Partner to create safe and inclusive communities and address racial inequities.

Legislative Issues

Local Control

Environment &
Water

Transportation

Human Resources &
Employment

Property Tax System
& Public Finance

Pensions &
Retirement

State Bonding

Open Meeting Law
& Data Practices

Economic
Development

Public Safety

Elections

Broadband

Housing

Land Use,
Annexation and
Zoning

Utilities

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- Economic development
- Pensions & retirement
- Public finances
- Taxes
- Tax increment financing (TIF)
- Workers' compensation

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- Employment & human resources
- Public safety
- State bonding
- Transportation

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- Building code
- Civil liability
- Data practices & Open Meeting Law
- Employment law
- Land use & zoning

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- Energy
- Environment
- Land use & annexation
- Local/tribal relations
- State bonding
- Sustainable development
- Wastewater, drinking water, & stormwater

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- Elections
- Employment & human resources
- Federal relations & advocacy
- Local/state regulation & licensing
- Preemption

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- Cable/franchising
- Federal relations & advocacy
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Questions?