



SEIU LOCAL 517M PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WORKSITE FLYER

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Michigan Budget Quiz

Test your knowledge about the state budget crisis that is plaguing state and school and local governments.

- 1. Current 2009-10 State revenue adjusted for inflation is below which previous year level?**
1934 1950 1965 1984 2001
- 2. List in order from highest to lowest, general fund expenditures budgeted by department for fiscal year 2009**
___ Human Service ___ DEQ ___ Correction ___ Higher Ed ___ Community Health
- 3. Michigan's projected general fund budget revenue shortfall for 2011 is?**
\$2 billion \$598 Million \$3.4 billion \$316 Million \$1.6 Billion
- 4. How many other states are facing budget short falls in 2011?**
41 50 35 27 10
- 5. How many states have raised taxes to address their budget shortfalls?**
37 30 15 5 31
- 6. Which measures has Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop proposed to balance Michigan's budget?**
A) 3 year wage freeze with 5% pay cut for all public employees
B) Require all public employees to pay at least 20% of their health premium
C) Require all school districts to take competitive private bids for custodial services, busing, and lunch programs
D) Reduce the number of state departments to 11
E) all of the above
- 7. Since the terrorist 9/11 attack, the number of public safety officers in Michigan has:**
Grown Stayed the Same Dropped
- 8. Today, Michigan has the same number of State employees as it did in:**
1963 1973 1983 1993

See Reverse for Answers

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ANSWERS

1. As a result of tax cuts, manufacturing downturn, and the national recession, state revenue has declined by nearly 40% since the year 2000 and is below 1965 revenue levels when adjusted for inflation. (January 2009 Consensus estimates)
2. Community Health \$3.0 billion (includes Medicaid)
Corrections \$1.9 billion
Higher Ed \$1.9 billion
Human Services \$1.2 billion
Environmental Quality (DNR/DEQ) \$0.043.7 Billion
(Source: Fiscal Year 2010 Executive Budget Historical Expenditures)
3. \$1.6 billion shortfall announced by officials at the Revenue Estimating Conference for fiscal year 2011 beginning October 1. (Petoskey News Jan. 12, 2010)
4. 41 other states are reporting budget shortfalls
(Center on Budget and Policy priorities)
5. 31 States have raised taxes to at least some degree, in some cases quite significantly. On January 26th, 2010, voters in the State of Oregon passed a ballot initiative that raised state taxes to fund needed services.
(Center on Budget and Policy priorities)
6. All of the above
(Senate Majority Office Press Release January 19, 2010)
7. The number of public safety officers has DROPPED considerably since 9/11. There are 1700 fewer police officers in Michigan lost largely due to cuts in state revenue sharing to cities.
(Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police website)
8. Michigan has the fewest state workers since 1973. Michigan now ranks as the 44th lowest state in the nation in the number of state and local government employees per 10,000 of population.
(Michigan Fiscal Responsibility Project)