



The Costs of Growth: When Population Increases Impact Local Government Finances

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- Please describe the nature of growth in your city or county?
 - Population changes over a period of time.
 - If you have a school system, describe changes in school enrollment.
 - Do you have corresponding changes in commercial/retail/industrial growth, and if so, please describe.

- What has been the revenue impact of growth for your city or county?
 - Local option sales tax
 - Property tax
 - Water & Sewer utility fees for service or other utility fees

- What are areas of your operating budget that have required additional funds to serve the growing population? Examples may include, but are not limited to;
 - Hiring more police officers
 - Opening a new fire station and adding staff
 - Adding new residential sanitation collection routes (trucks and crew)
 - Opening a new school or expanding an existing school and adding staff
 - Developing a new park or recreation facility and adding staff and programs



- Do you have a specific example of capital projects that your government has undertaken that are significantly related to growth? Tell us a little about it. How did you fund it? Examples may include,
 - Expanding or building schools
 - Expanding or building a new water or wastewater treatment plant
 - Building a new fire station
 - Road widening or other road improvements, such as intersections
 - Developing a new park or recreation facility

- Does your local government have a specific initiative or program that has been developed specifically in response to growth? Examples may include;
 - Implementation of or study of adopting Impact Fees for Water, Sewer, Roads, Parkland, or Schools
 - Implementation of or study of allowing Residential Infrastructure Development Districts (RIDAs) or Infrastructure Development Districts (IDDs)
 - Partnerships with TDOT for joint state/local funding of state roadway improvements