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NLC Predicts PA Cities Will Experience Largest Pandemic Revenue Shortfall; CT Cities the Least



"When considering both revenue structure and unemployment, Pennsylvania cities can expect the most significant shortfall this year, representing 40 percent of revenues," according to the National League of Cities report that compared cities nationwide.

"Pennsylvania is projected to end the year with very high unemployment (nearly 12 percent higher than pre-pandemic baseline) and its cities rely heavily on income taxes. Connecticut cities are projected to experience the least significant shortfall at 9.3 percent of total own-source revenues..."

How are PA Cities Reacting to the Crisis?

- [Allentown](#) expects a \$4 million revenue shortfall (*The Morning Call*)
- [Erie](#) is monitoring and/or limiting nonessential spending (*GoErie*)
- [York](#) is preparing to furlough up to 100 employees (*Fox 43*)
- [Lancaster](#) is furloughing roughly 12 percent of staff (*Lancaster Online*)
- [Warren](#) terminated three codes employees (*Times-Observer*)
- [Johnstown](#) saw May revenues down \$400,000 (*Daily American*)
- [Scranton](#) is projecting a \$6 million to \$10 million revenue drop (*Scranton Times-Tribune*)
- [Williamsport](#) is expecting a \$2.7 million shortfall (*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*)
- [Reading](#) can weather the storm (*Reading Eagle*)

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