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LFD Local Government Dashboard Update Schedule

The Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD) has developed a local government financial dashboard to portray revenues and expenditures through the use of trial balance data and the BARS Chart of Accounts. This dashboard can be found [here](#). The Local Government Dashboard contains historical data from FY 2018 to the present year for cities, towns, counties, and consolidated city-county governments. Beginning on January 1, 2026, this dashboard will be updated on a periodic basis, instead of a rolling basis.

Through collaboration with the Local Government Services Bureau, the Montana Association of Counties, and The League of Cities and Towns, LFD has illustrated the data in a variety of ways, including a focused page on key topics such as revenue, expenditures, funds, and differentiating aspects. The Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee (MARA) also will use the dashboard in their data work.

Data received by January 2, 2026, will be published online within the dashboard on January 16, 2026. Following the initial update, the dashboard will be updated every three months thereafter. For calendar year 2026, the update schedule will be:

- Data Received January 2, 2026
 - Update Published January 16, 2026
- Data Received April 1, 2026
 - Update Published April 16, 2026
- Data Received July 1, 2026
 - Update Published July 16, 2026
- Data Received October 1, 2026
 - Update Published October 16, 2026

Potential delays in the publishing of the data received may occur if new formats or incomplete data is received.