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MUNICIPAL
LEAGUE



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**CITIES & TOWNS
BY THE NUMBERS**



Your member-owned building is located two blocks south of the Capitol at 1144 Sherman Street in Denver. Members are always welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Kevin Bommer". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Kevin Bommer,
CML Executive Director

The Colorado Municipal League exists **for** our 270 member municipalities and **because** of our members. Everything CML does is rooted our mission, vision, and values. From Colorado’s smallest towns to our largest cities, CML supports excellence in municipal governance in every corner of the state.

Every day, the Colorado Municipal League works to implement our vision of “empowered cities and towns, united for a strong Colorado” by focusing on our foundational core functions of advocacy, information, and training.

This Annual Report is a compilation of information and data that shows the progress your League is making on the broad vision and goals established through the hard work of the CML Executive Board and the CML staff that finds effective and innovative ways to implement them. It is CML’s “report card” for our members, and I am proud to say that CML is delivering results to you.

On behalf of the CML Executive Board and staff, I would like to thank all municipal elected officials and staff who work tirelessly in service to their cities and towns. It is our honor to serve you.

ABOUT CML

Founded in 1923, CML is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization representing and serving Colorado’s cities and towns. Our membership consists of 270 municipalities, representing nearly 100% of the municipal population in the state. The League advocates on behalf of municipal interests at both the state and federal levels and is also a reliable source of training and information for municipal staff and elected officials across Colorado. CML’s policy focus areas are approved by the CML Executive Board and developed with input from our diverse membership. A staff of 17 carries out daily operations, guided by a comprehensive strategic plan that informs key priorities and goals that support the League’s mission, vision, and values.



MISSION

Advocacy, information, and training supporting exceptional municipal governance.



VISION

Empowered cities and towns, united for a strong Colorado.



VALUES

Commitment, service, collaboration.

KEY PRIORITY
PROTECT

- Advance and defend municipal interests at the state and federal levels
- Provide expert municipal legal services to support CML members
- Empower members to be leaders on municipal issues and advocate for CML policies and positions
- Be the leading statewide information resource on municipal issues

KEY PRIORITY
ENGAGE

- Provide quality opportunities for meaningful member interactions with CML and each other
- Provide innovative and personalized training and outreach opportunities
- Implement a robust communications and training plan focused on increased engagement and improved content delivery
- Increase the resources available for municipal staff and elected officials
- Collaborate with organization partners to maximize resources and increase efficiency
- Provide effective and timely delivery of information and outreach opportunities
- Envision the future needs of CML and member municipalities

KEY PRIORITY
LEAD

- Support the development of leaders within municipalities
- Inspire participation in CML by elected officials and staff
- Promote principles of good governance and civic dialogue to advance individual and collective municipal interests

PUBLICATIONS

CML's numerous publications provide municipalities and their employees with up-to-date information and guidance around common issues. CML produces a bi-weekly newsletter, quarterly magazine, books on several relevant topics, Knowledge Now white papers, a weekly Statehouse Report during the legislative session, and other publications as needed to ensure municipalities have critical information at their fingertips.

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Books published

- ▶ 2026 Election Book
- ▶ Open Meetings, Open Records
- ▶ Laws Enacted Affecting Municipal Governments
- ▶ 2026 Municipal Directory

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Editions of *Colorado Municipalities* magazine

- ▶ 37 articles
- ▶ 16 guest authors

25

Editions of *CML Newsletter*

20

Editions of *Statehouse Report*

12

Editions of *Municipal Law Update*

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

Social Media



Facebook followers

1,644



LinkedIn followers

2,507



X followers

2,575

Engagement

4,206

CML Newsletter subscribers

210

Engagement emails sent

Including CML Newsletter, Statehouse Report, legislative action alerts, municipal law updates, Lessons on Local Government outreach, event outreach, associate member news, and other promotions

7

CML listservs

Including attorneys, clerks, finance, managers/administrators, human resources, public information officers, public works)

Subscribers across all listservs: **1,698**

26

Sam Mamet Good Governance Award nominees in 2026

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

928 Individuals participated in CML trainings
(not including conference)

9 Webinars

7 In-person training opportunities
(including conference)

14 Spring district meetings
Participants: **502**

14 Fall district meetings
Participants: **466**

MUNiversity

MUNiversity is CML's program to recognize municipal elected officials for increasing their knowledge of municipal government.

**2026 MUNiversity
diploma recipients**

95

Graduate-level

11

Leadership-level

36

Fundamental-level

48



LESSONS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Lessons on Local Government provides teachers with free local government resources and curriculum materials that meet state social studies standards, preparing students to be informed residents.

4 Lessons on Local Government newsletters

325 State Social Studies Conference attendance

2 New lessons created

285 Teacher Librarian Day attendance

CONFERENCES

2025 CML Annual Conference

1,285 Attendees (including
sponsors and guests)

50 Sessions

165 Municipalities
represented

2025 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

108 Colo. municipal officials

24 Colo. municipalities
represented

16 Colo. Youth
commissioners

2025 National League of Cities City Summit in Salt Lake City, Utah

53 Colo. Municipal officials

24 Colo. municipalities
represented



ADVOCACY

Numbers are for the 2026 legislative session.

CML's legislative advocacy team works directly with members of the Colorado General Assembly and other organizations to advocate on behalf of Colorado municipalities.

714 Bills introduced in the 2026 legislative session

30 Bills supported by CML
17 passed — **56%**

218 Bills tracked by CML

67 Bills opposed, or opposed unless amended
44 defeated or amended to remove opposition — **66%**

96 Bills CML took positions on



ADVOCACY

CML supported **30 bills** throughout the 2026 legislative session. Of these, **17 passed**. Below are some of the priority bills CML supported that passed the Colorado General Assembly.

HB26-1065

Transit and Housing Investment Zones

HB26-1101

Criminal Offenses Related to Critical Infrastructure Metals

HB26-1138

Retail Theft Prevention Program

HB26-1202

Strategy to reduce and Prevent Homelessness

HB26-1257

Local Regulation of Massage Facilities

SB26-001

Workforce housing and Housing Tax Credit

SB26-080

Cradle to Career Grant Program Creation

SB26-113

Require Recovery Residences to Obtain BHA License

SB26-142

Development of Thermal Energy Resources

SB26-182

Updated Clean Energy Plan Municipally Owned Utility

ADVOCACY

For the 2026 legislative session, CML helped defeat **17 bills**. CML secured amendments to another **18 bills** which allowed the League to remove opposition. Below are some priority bills CML was able to defeat or amend.

HB26-1037

Ban Government Purchase of Personal Data from Third Party **DEFEATED**

HB26-1114

Allowed Minimum Lot Size for Subject Jurisdictions **DEFEATED**

HB26-1130

Public Restroom Diaper Changing Station **DEFEATED**

HB26-1134

Fairness & Transparency in Municipal Court **AMENDED**

HB26-1190

Alcohol Beverage Manufacturer Sales **DEFEATED**

HB26-1276

Protect Safety of Individuals Who Are Immigrants **AMENDED**

HB26-1308

Lot Splitting Approval by Subject Jurisdiction **DEFEATED**

SB26-070

Ban Government Access Historical Location Information Database **DEFEATED**

SB26-071

Use of Surveillance Technology by Law Enforcement **DEFEATED**

SB26-093

Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage Verification **AMENDED**

SB26-097

Decriminalize Adult Commercial Sexual Activity **DEFEATED**

SB26-114

Spirituos Liquor Manufacturer Sales Rooms & Other Alcohol **AMENDED**

SB26-129

Mitigate Impacts of Tax Increment Financing **DEFEATED**

LEGAL

CML provides legal services including providing legal and operational education programs and conferences throughout the year, consulting with CML members on various legal questions, and preparing *amicus* or “friend of the court” briefs in court cases with significant municipal impact.

- 7** Amicus curiae briefs
- 33** Continuing Legal Education session credit hours
- 174** Annual Seminar on Municipal Law attendees
- 24** Legal Corner newsletter articles



HOW CML PURSUES ITS GOALS

FINANCE ASSETS & REVENUES 2025

Fiscal year 2025 reflects Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2025

\$6,137,911
ASSETS

\$3,552,069
REVENUE

PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE
RECEIVED THROUGH DUES

71%

Annual percentage increase
in municipal dues

3.7%

PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE
FROM OTHER SOURCES

18%

Annual Conference

7%

Investment income

2%

Workshops & meetings

1.5%

Publications & other

HOW CML PURSUES ITS GOALS

FINANCE EXPENSES 2025

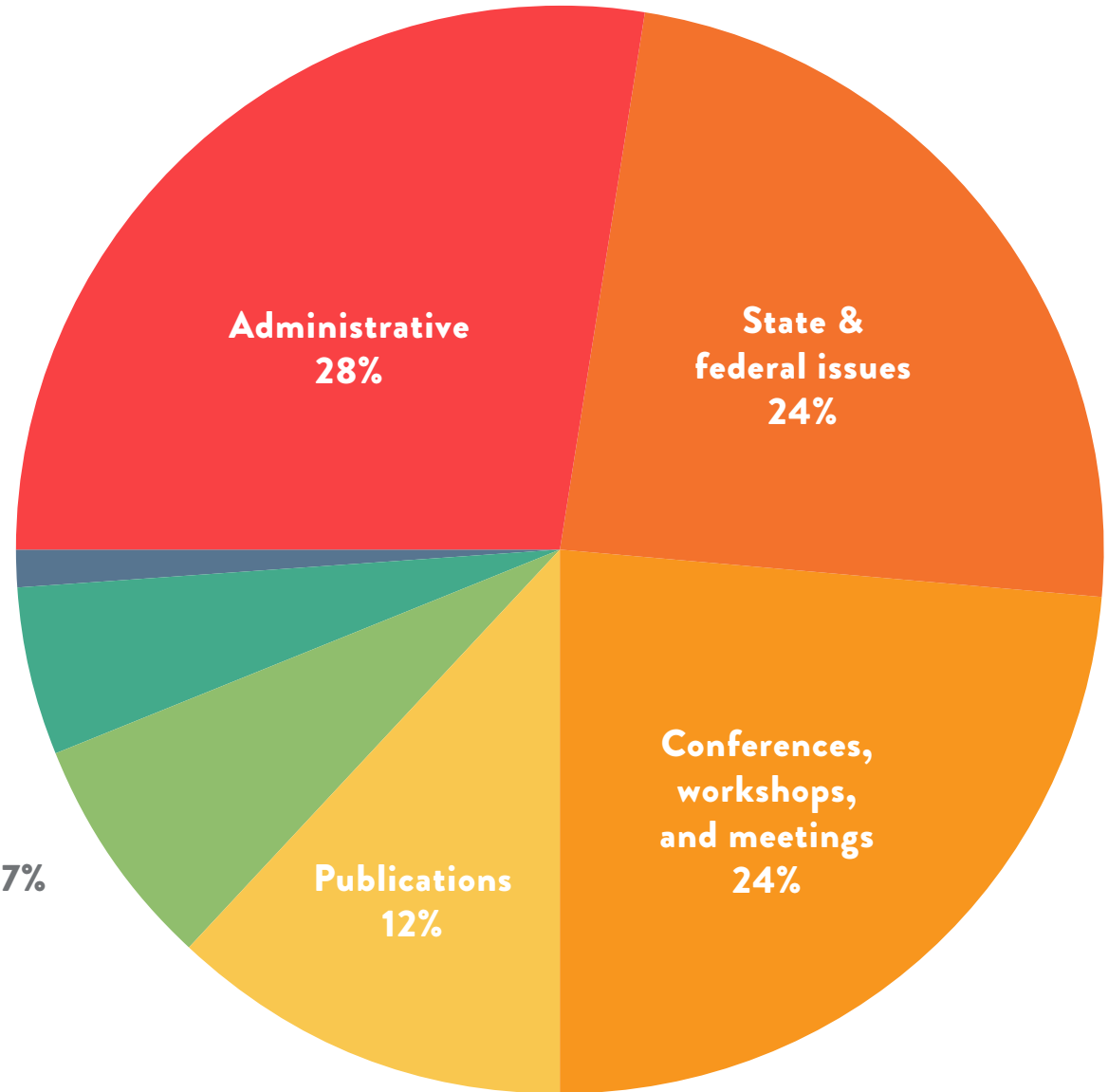
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\$3,663,517
EXPENSES

Lessons on Local Government 1%

Advocacy & legal services 5%

Building costs 7%



COLORADO CITIES & TOWNS

BY THE NUMBERS POPULATION

5,956,729

**COLORADO
POPULATION**

4,461,034

**RESIDENTS LIVING
IN CITIES & TOWNS**

About **75%** of the state population and up **1%** from last year

108

**HOME RULE
MUNICIPALITIES**

All are members of CML, with a combined population of **4,207,889**

164

**STATUTORY
MUNICIPALITIES**

251,982 residents live in statutory municipalities

1

**TERRITORIAL
CHARTER TOWN**

1,179 residents live in the territorial charter town, Georgetown

270

**CML MEMBER
MUNICIPALITIES**

That's **98.9%** of Colorado's **273** municipalities

DENVER

**LARGEST
MUNICIPAL MEMBER**

Population **728,309**

LAKESIDE

**SMALLEST
MUNICIPAL MEMBER**

Population **15**

Source: Colorado State Demography Office municipal population data, vintage 2024

BY THE NUMBERS TAXES

229

**MUNICIPALITIES
WITH A LOCAL
SALES TAX**

66

**MUNICIPALITIES
THAT SELF-COLLECT
SALES TAX**

Lowest sales-tax rate
(among cities and towns
with a sales tax): **2%**

7%

**HIGHEST SALES-TAX
RATE**

30

**TAX OR TAX RATE
QUESTIONS IN 2025
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Municipal tax or tax rate
questions that passed: **18**
(60%)

2

**REVENUE RETENTION
BALLOT QUESTIONS IN
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Municipal revenue retention
ballot questions that passed: **0**

11

**DEBT & OBLIGATION
BALLOT QUESTIONS IN
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Municipal debt and obligation
questions that passed: **10**
(91%)



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