



Kentucky Association of Counties

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2021



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KACo WORKS TO PROMOTE COUNTIES FIRST,
PRESERVE COUNTY DECISION-MAKING AND PROTECT
COUNTIES FROM COST-SHIFTING AND PREEMPTION
OF AUTHORITY.

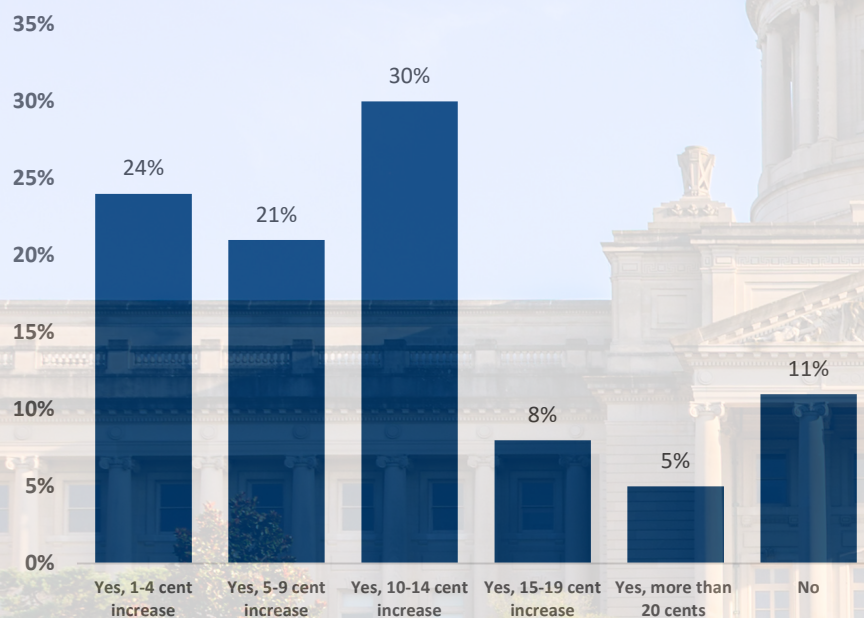
1. Invest in transportation infrastructure

- Increase the gas tax and other transportation-related fees; establish fees for electric vehicles.
- Preserve the agreed-upon formula for distribution of funding to counties and cities.

From the 2020 poll of KACo members

Q. GAS TAX:

Do you support raising the gas tax to increase funding for local roads and bridges?



2. Broadband access and affordability

- Collaborate to find solutions to limited access to broadband.
- Lower regulatory barriers to expanded broadband access.

43%

of county officials polled said that

A LACK OF AVAILABLE PROVIDERS

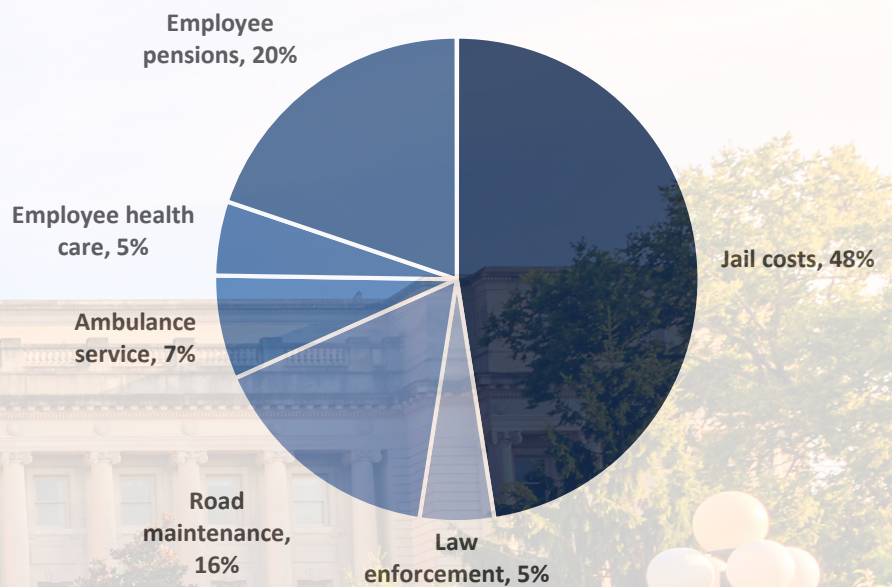
is the most significant barrier to residents in their county getting broadband.

3. Jail Relief

- Pursue positive criminal justice reform.
- Expand access to substance abuse treatment.
- Increase the state per diem rate.
- Preserve the state appropriation to closed jails.

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Q. BUDGETS:
Which of the following is putting the most pressure on your county's budget?



4. Opportunities to streamline and collaborate

- Transition Sheriff's budget from calendar year to the county fiscal year.
- Develop foreclosure options for abandoned/blighted property.

5. County revenue flexibility

- Allow countywide sales tax authority.
- Support countywide revenue options and collection.

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