



WEBINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

POTENTIAL RURAL IMPACTS OF PENSION REDUCTIONS

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About the webinar: This study explores the exposure of rural communities to the rising risk of public and private pension fund insolvency. As rural communities continue to grey, America’s heartlands will increasingly rely on pension incomes to drive their economies. The statuses of private, multiemployer and public pension funds are reviewed and standard input-output multiplier analyses are conducted to relate changes to larger regional impacts. Of the Midwestern counties selected in this study, the share of income tax returns with pension or annuity incomes ranged from 16 percent to 40 percent, comprising between six and 23 percent of total household adjusted gross income.

Presented by:

Steve Deller, University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension. Dr. Deller’s research interest includes modeling community and small regional economies in order to better understand the changing dynamics of the economy, assess the impact of those changes, and identify local economic strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. He is also interested in the implications of the changing public finance system in Wisconsin. His Extension outreach program is designed to help people make more informed decisions by providing basic training in the economic way of thinking about issues, tools for analysis at the local level, and Wisconsin and community specific information.

Judy Stallmann, University of Missouri. Dr. Stallmann’s research areas include state and local public finance, rural economic development and fiscal and economic impact analysis. One current research focus is the impact of tax and expenditure limitations, such as Hancock in Missouri or TABOR in Colorado, on state economic growth, quality of infrastructure, use of debt, bond ratings, etc. A second focus is providing information on the budget trends of the third class counties in Missouri. The Missouri constitution divides counties into classes and 89 of the counties are third class, the most rural counties.

Steven Miller, Michigan State University. Dr. Steven Miller is the Director of the Center for Economic Analysis, as a unit of the Michigan State University Product Center, where he specializes in economic modeling for policy, environmental, economic impact assessments. His research topics center on modeling economic and financial outcomes and developing approaches for evaluating economic development, environmental and tax policies as well as around public funded programs around health, nutrition and nutrition education.

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