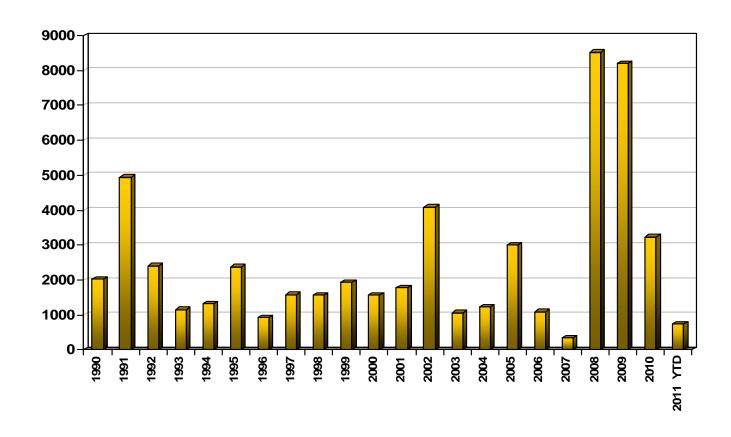
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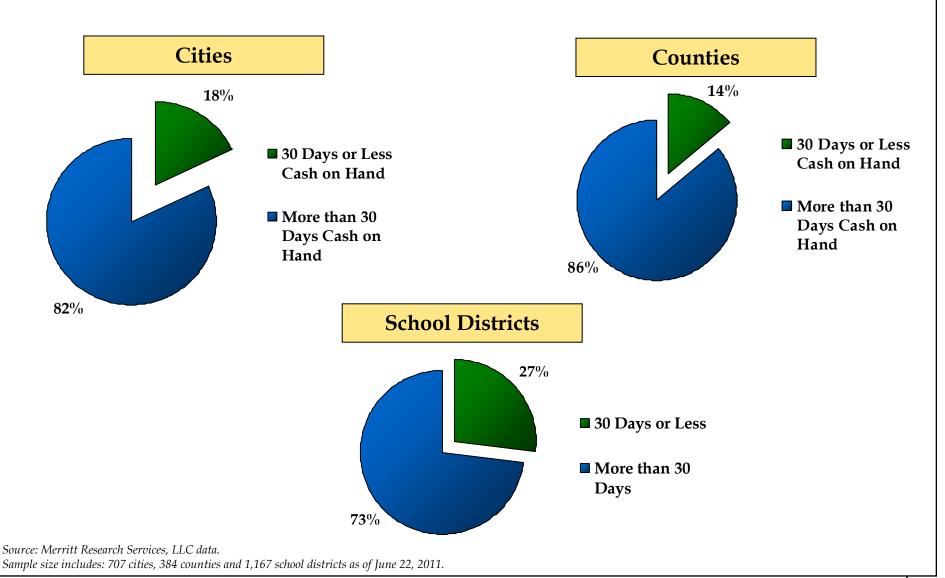
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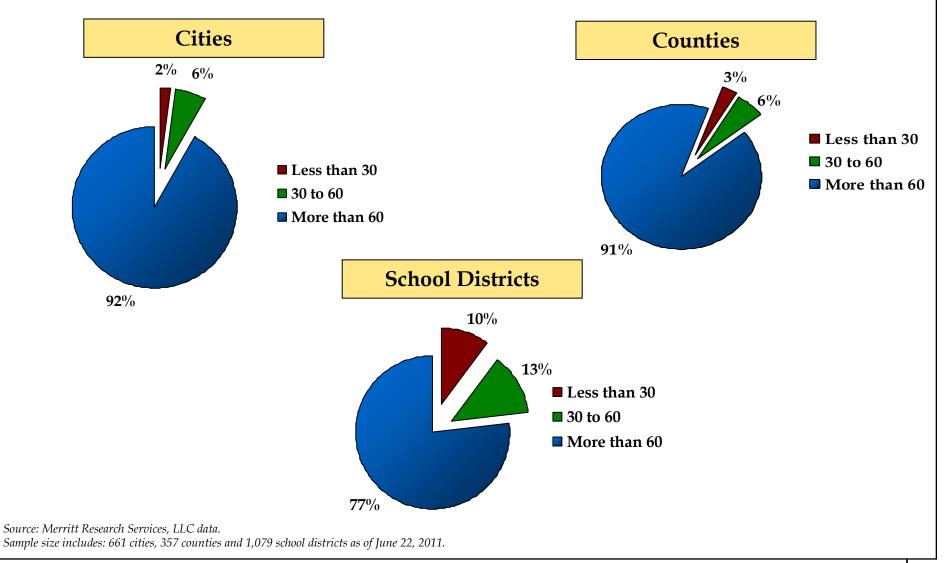


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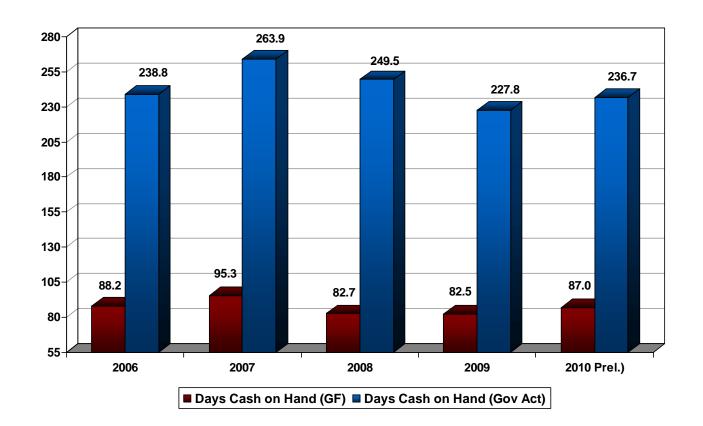


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Median Annual City: Days Cash on Hand

General Fund & Government Account National Sample 2006-2010 (Prelim.)

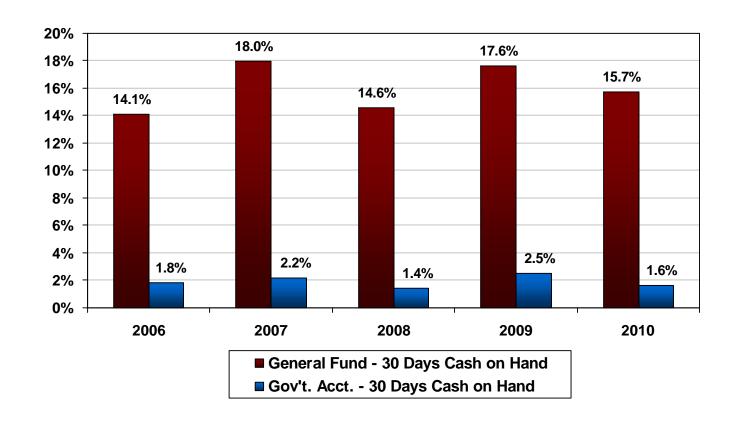


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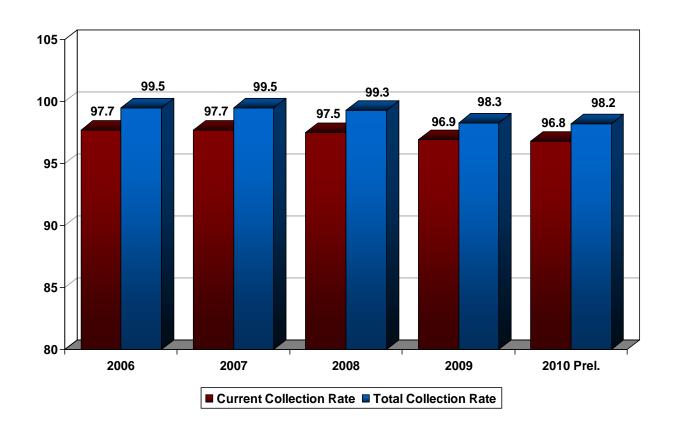
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Number of Cities for Each Year: For General Fund/Governmental Activities: 2006 – 601/568; 2007 – 679/644; 2008 – 714/666; 2009 – 735/691; and 2010 reporting to date – 516/503.

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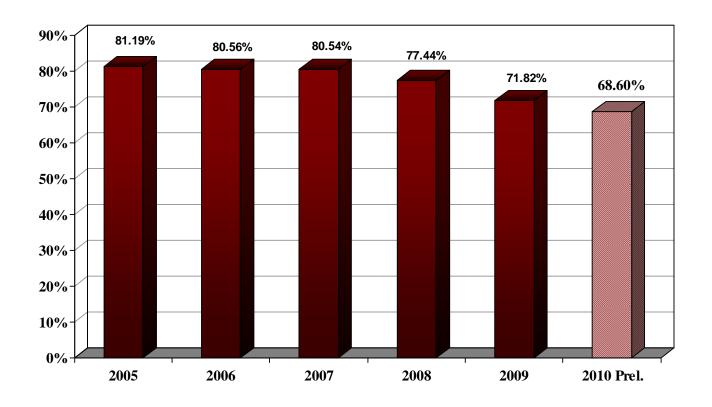


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Number of Cities in reporting sample: approximately 450 in years 2006-2009; about 385 cities reporting to date for fiscal year 2010.

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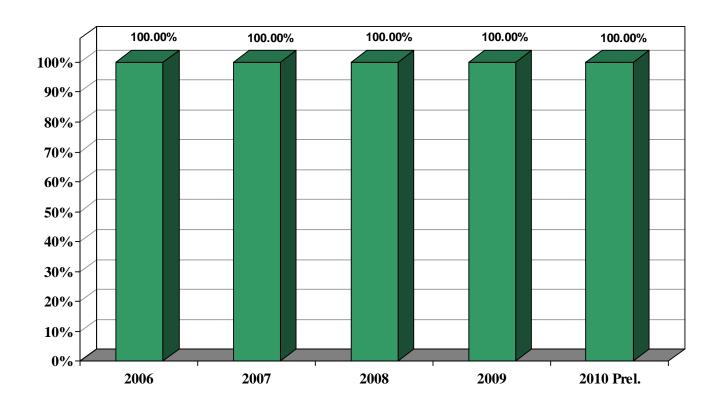
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