Chapter 7 Questions and Exercises

One of the main sources of data about municipal governments is the US Census Bureau’s Census of Governments, conducted once every five years (in years ending in 2 and 7). The amount of revenue collected by state and municipal governments within each state and the sources of this revenue are published in the Census of Governments’ report *Finances of Municipal and Township Governments*. The latest version at the time of publication (released in 2017) can be found at <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2017/econ/gov-finances/summary-tables.html>. Using data from this source for any three states of your choosing, discuss the following issues:

1. What are the relative amounts of revenue generated by various taxes and fees for the state and its local governments as a whole. Within each of these states, what are the three major sources of revenue?
2. Within each of these states, what are the three major sources of local government revenue?
3. What are the total amounts of intergovernmental revenue received by the municipalities from these three state governments?
4. For what purposes was the revenue from state government used?
5. For what purposes was the revenue from local government used?
6. For each of the three states you selected, what is the percentage of municipal government revenue obtained from the federal government and from state government?
7. Do the states you selected allow municipalities to impose local income taxes?