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Key Takeaways

- There were more than 1,900 rating actions across U.S. Public Finance through Aug. 31, 2025.
- Upgrades outpaced downgrades in the states, not-for-profit, housing, local governments, education, and transportation sectors.
- Downgrades outpaced upgrades in the public power, charter schools, health care, and utilities sectors.
- Upgrades exceeded downgrades and unfavorable outlook revisions exceeded favorable outlook revisions year-to-date.

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