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Municipal Bond Market Credit Analyst Survey – First Annual

- The most important issue/trend facing the municipal bond market is currently Public Pensions (funding levels, POBs). 86% of municipal credit analysts polled included the category in their top five, according to our survey results.
- Over half (61%) of analysts surveyed believe state and local government credit quality has recovered from the Great Recession. But, a total of 39% think they have not recovered in one form or another: (22%) not recovered, (8%) are undecided and (9%) answered “Not Yet”.
- 57% of analysts polled have a “very” or “somewhat” favorable opinion of ratings from Moody’s and Fitch. Kroll’s total favorability was only 7%. 66% of analysts surveyed have an unfavorable, undecided or “do not consider” Kroll ratings.
- We collected responses from 162 municipal bond credit analysts during our survey. Over half of the replies (63%) were from buy-side analysts. The majority describe themselves as Generalists (59%) or as analysts who specialize in Tax-Backed (30%) bonds.
- California was upgraded by Fitch; Connecticut’s outlook was lowered by S&P; Louisiana’s outlook was lowered by S&P; and Puerto Rico was downgraded by all three rating agencies.

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