

Electronic Survey Results

Survey Reach

264 Respondents

42 of 58 counties represented

48% of respondents were elected or local government staff

Top 10 Areas to Apply Public Engagement

- 01 Parks & Recreation
- 02 Land Use & Planning
- 03 Transportation & Infrastructure
- 04 Law Enforcement/Policing
- 05 Housing
- 06 Electoral/Voting
- 07 Budgeting
- 08 Health/Social Services Delivery
- 09 Education
- 10 Immigrant Integration

Findings



81% have seen at least one public decision with a cross-section of local community input; **12%** said they never have.



69% are concerned that local governments do not have sufficient staff, knowledge or financial resources for public engagement and that residents are not adequately informed.



83% worry that it is always the same people who participate and they tend to be extremists.



83% of respondents who took part in Public Engagement Program learning opportunities reported an increase in public engagement knowledge and/or capacity.



Populations not typically involved in local public meetings (top responses):

- Renters
- Low-income individuals
- Immigrants
- Latinos/Hispanics

Public Engagement Challenges in Local Policy Decisions

- 01 Always same people who participate
- 02 Lack of staff and/or financial resources
- 03 Those who participate are political extreme compared to community
- 04 Residents aren't adequately informed about issues
- 05 Lack of time
- 06 Lack of procedures for assessing and learning from PE experiences
- 07 Lack of knowledge on best practices

Most preferred way to receive information:



Online Resources



Short Tip Sheets
(2-4 pages)



Webinars



Workshops &
Trainings



Conference
Sessions



In-Person Technical
Assistance