



Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research & Innovation

Quick Survey – Citizens’ Academies

The Center for Municipal Research & Innovation conducted a survey of the 412 municipalities in Florida regarding citizens’ academies and how they are structured. The survey was conducted electronically from June 5 - June 22, 2018, with a response rate of 48% or 196 cities.

Key Take-Aways

Of municipalities who responded:

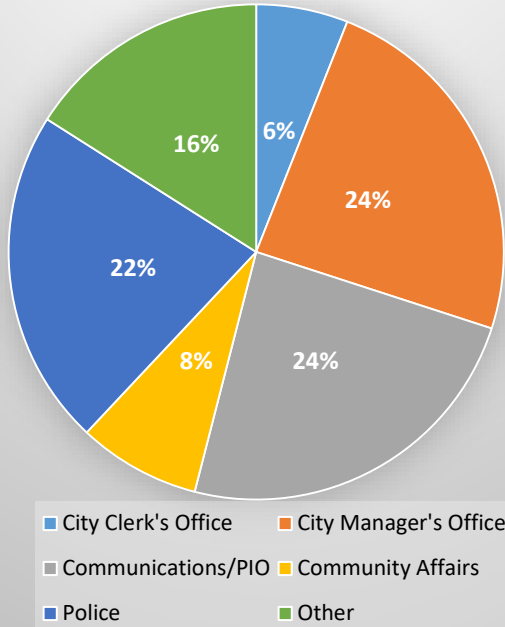
- **25% of the cities that responded hold a citizens’ academy.**
 - Most citizens’ academies are coordinated/facilitated by the city manager’s office (24%) or the communications/public information office (24%)
- **More than ¾ of cities that hold citizens’ academies teach topics in the areas of law enforcement (80%) and general municipal operations (80%).**
- **The most common academy duration is 5 – 8 weeks (43%) with cities holding one session per week for several hours.**
 - Nearly ⅓ of cities (31%) have academies that last from 9 – 12 weeks.
- **The target audience for the vast majority of municipal citizens’ academies is individual residents (96%).**
 - Other target audiences include the business community (59%) and citizens’ groups/associations (49%).
 - 94% of cities holding citizens’ academies have an application process.

Page 2 of this report contains additional graphs of the data collected. Contact Research Analyst Liane Schrader at lschrader@flcities.com for the survey questions or additional information.

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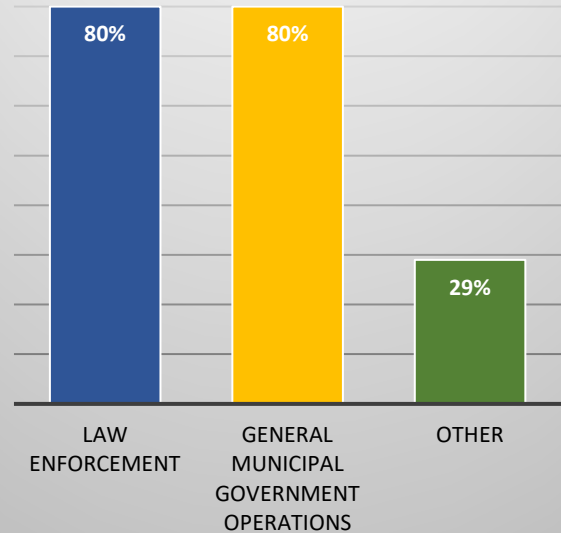
**Surveys are completed by members of each individual municipality and the FLC staff does not verify or cross-reference responses with other sources.*

Which department coordinates/facilitates your citizens' academy?



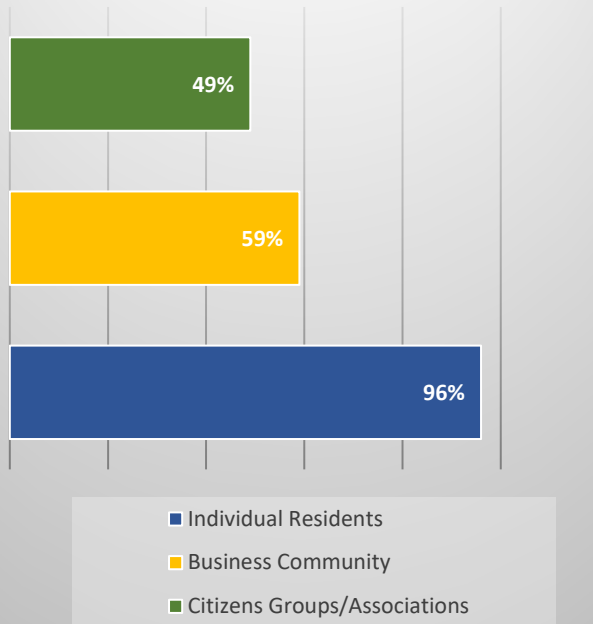
What topics does your city cover in your citizens' academy?

**cities could select more than one option*



What is the target audience of your citizens' academy?

**cities could select more than one option*



What is the duration of your citizens' academy?

