



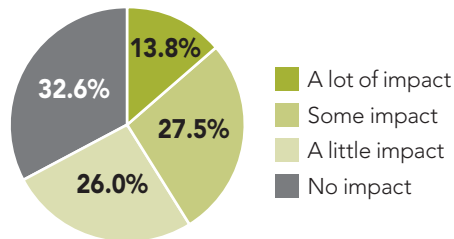
INTRODUCTION

The 2015 Local Government Sustainability Practices Survey was a joint project of ICMA, the Sustainable Communities and Small Town and Rural Planning Divisions of the American Planning Association, Binghamton University, Cornell University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The survey sought to better understand how local governments are approaching issues related to sustainability in their communities.

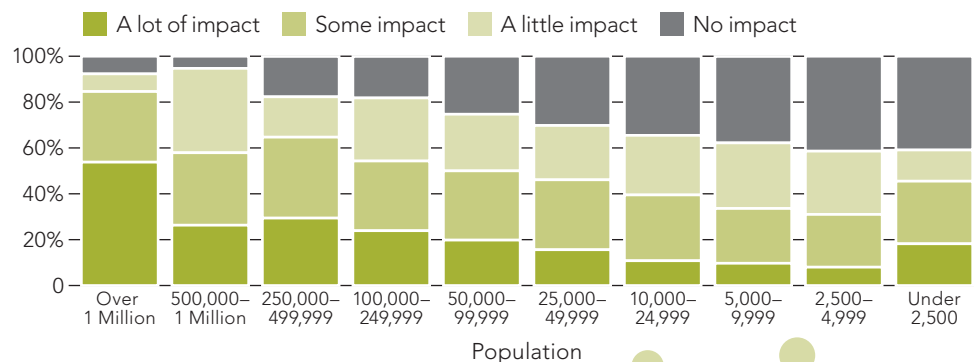
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

- Survey results suggested a need for **greater public engagement around sustainability**. The majority of survey respondents reported that public participation had little or no impact in shaping the community's sustainability plans and strategies.
- Generally, communities with smaller populations reported less impactful public participation in sustainability planning.
- The survey also revealed **notable geographic differences** in the impact of public participation. Communities in the Mountain and Pacific Coast regions most frequently reported highly impactful public participation.

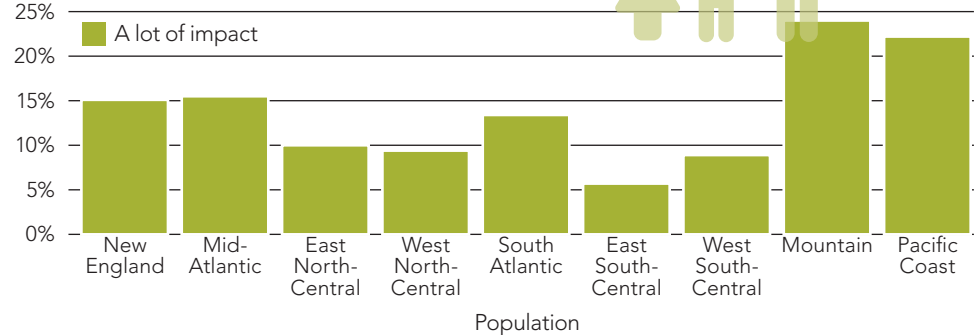
How much impact has public participation had in shaping sustainability plans and strategies in your community?



Responses by Jurisdiction Size



Responses by Geographic Region



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit ICMA's website for more information on the 2015 Local Government Sustainability Practices Survey and other sustainability resources.

- 2015 Local Government Sustainability Practices Survey Summary Report—www.icma.org/2015sustainabilitysurveyreport
- ICMA Sustainability Topic Area—www.icma.org/KN/sustainability