



## Florida League of Cities

# Center for Municipal Research & Innovation

## MiniSurvey Series – Municipal Recycling

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The Center for Municipal Research & Innovation conducted a survey of the 412 municipalities in Florida regarding their residential recycling programs and possible implications from the state's 2020 75% Recycling Goal. The survey was conducted electronically from September 24 - October 19, 2018 with a response rate of 51% or 212 cities.

### Key Take-Aways

Of municipalities who responded:

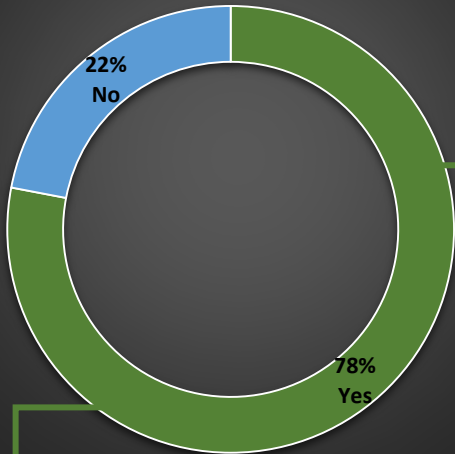
- **78% of the cities that responded offer residential recycling services**
  - Nearly 25% of the cities who offer these services pick up and transport recyclables themselves.
  - More than 90% of cities who offer recycling service contract with a vendor for sorting and processing of materials.
- **More than ¾ of cities offering recycling utilize a single-stream processing method.**
  - A vast majority of municipal recycling programs accept paper/cardboard (96%), plastic (96%), metal/aluminum (90%) and glass (89%).
- **The average percentage of contamination in recycling loads for responding cities is 17%.**
  - Rates of contamination ranged from as low as 3% to as high as 40% in some cities.
- **Less than 15% of cities have ordinances banning single-use plastics.**
  - Of cities that do have ordinances, the most commonly banned items are plastic straws, plastic shopping bags and polystyrene/Styrofoam.

Page 2 of this report contains additional graphs of the data collected. Contact Research Analyst Liane Giroux at [lgiroux@flcities.com](mailto:lgiroux@flcities.com) for the survey questions or additional information.

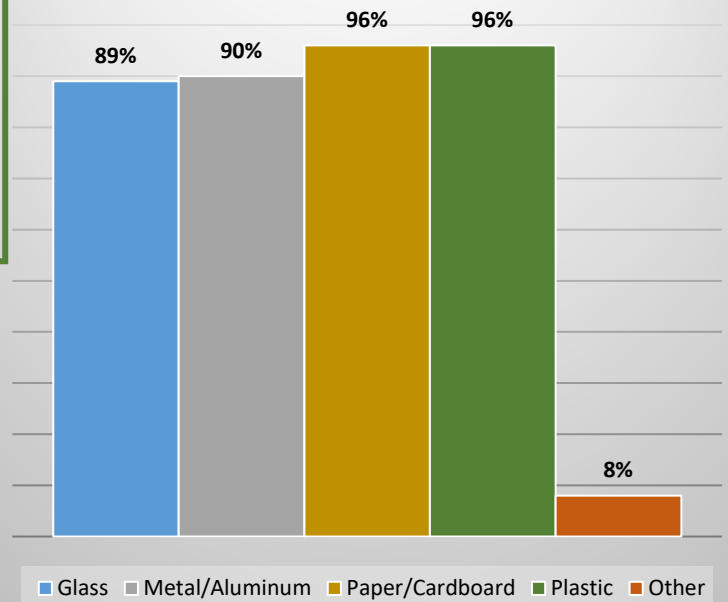
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*\*Surveys are completed by members of each individual municipality and the FLC staff does not verify or cross-reference responses with other sources.*

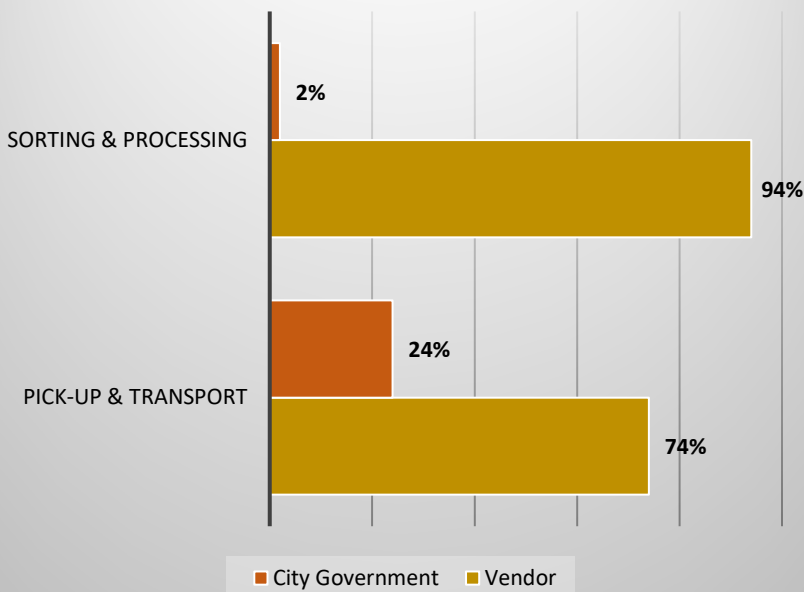
## Does your city offer residential recycling services?



## Cities that include recyclable materials in their curbside residential service



## Who provides the following for residential recycling services in your city?



## Cities with single-stream vs. dual-stream recycling service

