

The Florida League of Cities' Center for Municipal Research (CMR) connects you with the latest local government data and statistics. The Center provides Florida's city officials with the municipal data resources needed to effectively lead their local governments. The Center also offers Florida's government research institutes opportunities to collaborate with municipal government practitioners across the state.

The Center bridges the gap between academics and city officials through several programs and publications including:

- ▶ Data analysis reports.
- ▶ Digital newsletters.
- ▶ Research articles in the League's *Quality Cities* magazine.
- ▶ Two annual research symposiums.
- ▶ Regional research roundtables for our university research partners.

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CENTER FOR MUNICIPAL RESEARCH



RESEARCH AND RESOURCES

The Center for Municipal Research produces regular reports based on the results of the annual **CityStats** survey as well as frequent research into specific issues relating to municipal governance in Florida. Most of these resources are available on the League's website (flcresearch.com), while others may be obtained through a request to Center staff.

CityStats

The cornerstone of the Center's research is the annual CityStats survey, which collects data on municipal operations, budgets, policies and services. The CityStats survey forms the basis for the **State of the Cities** report and the online **Find A Peer City** database tool.

MiniSurvey Series

The MiniSurvey Series is a briefer format used to gather pertinent, targeted data on narrow topics, such as:

- ▶ Housing and Permitting Fees
- ▶ Municipal Recycling
- ▶ Municipal Citizens' Academies
- ▶ 5G/Small Cell Wireless Attachments
- ▶ Resiliency and Sustainability Concerns

State of the Cities

The **State of the Cities** report is an overview of Florida cities and how they have changed through the years based on the CityStats survey and the MiniSurvey Series. This annual report is a snapshot of some of the most notable highlights pulled from numerous CMR data analyses.

General Municipal Information

The League's website includes some of the most frequently requested datasets curated by the Center, including analyses based on population, region and service delivery as well as targeted data on specific issues.

RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Center brings together research institutes and universities through regional roundtables and virtual statewide forums to identify potential collaboration opportunities and projects and assist with data needs and future goals. By developing these connections, the Center can enhance and learn from the institutes while promoting their research to municipal officials and others statewide.

Research Articles

Through the Center's **Partners in Municipal Research** program, a regular research column is published in the League's *Quality Cities* magazine featuring articles from our research institute partners. These articles are available online and are compiled annually into a **Research Article Journal**.

Research Symposiums

The Center hosts two research symposiums per year – one in conjunction with the League's annual conference in August and one in conjunction with the legislative conference in November. Open to municipal officials and researchers,

each symposium focuses on specific, timely local government issues. A list of previous symposium topics and resources presented can be found online.

MuniMod

The MuniMod civic innovation program is the state's largest civic tech competition. Teams of students from Florida universities attend virtual work sessions to learn about municipal government and connect one-on-one with advisors. Applying this knowledge, teams develop solutions to modernize municipal government.