

Survey of Small Municipalities: Summary of Results

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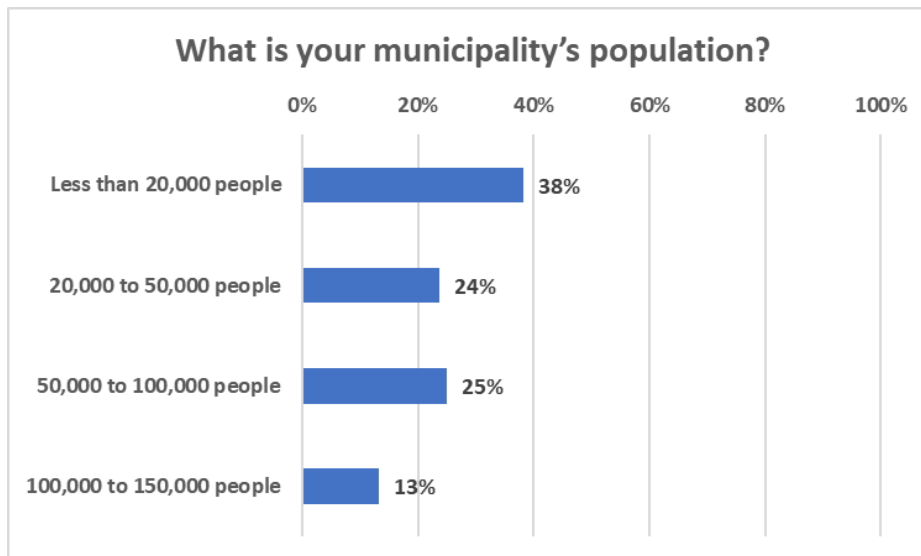
Introduction

In March 2023, TAC Secretariat staff disseminated a survey to Canadian municipalities with populations less than 150,000 that hold an organizational membership in TAC.

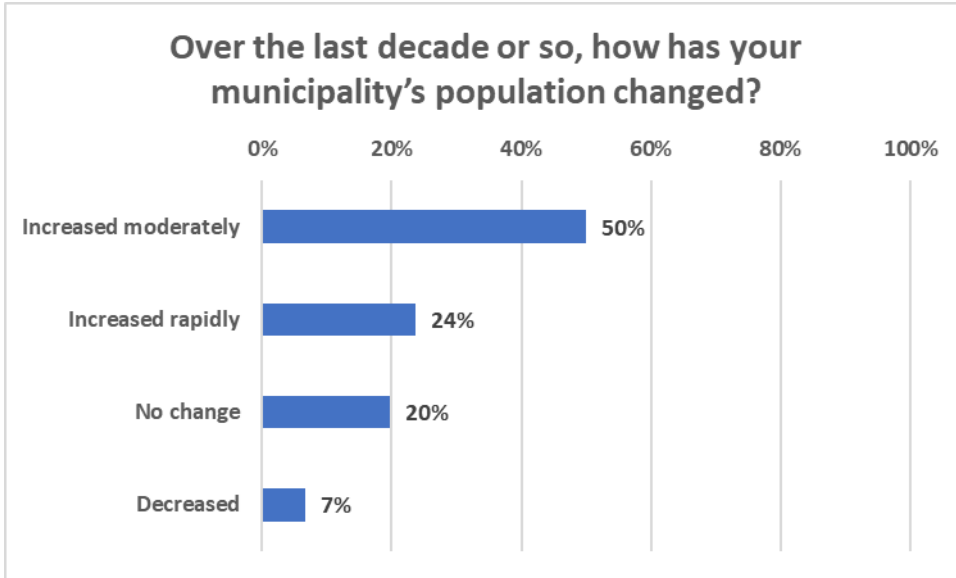
The survey was developed in partnership with volunteer members of TAC's Small Municipalities Integrated Committee. Its purpose was to better understand the resources, challenges and interests of small municipalities, and to identify future opportunities for TAC projects and learning events.

The invitation and link to an online survey was sent to the designated TAC representative of 190 municipalities. This document summarizes the 76 responses (40%) that were received.

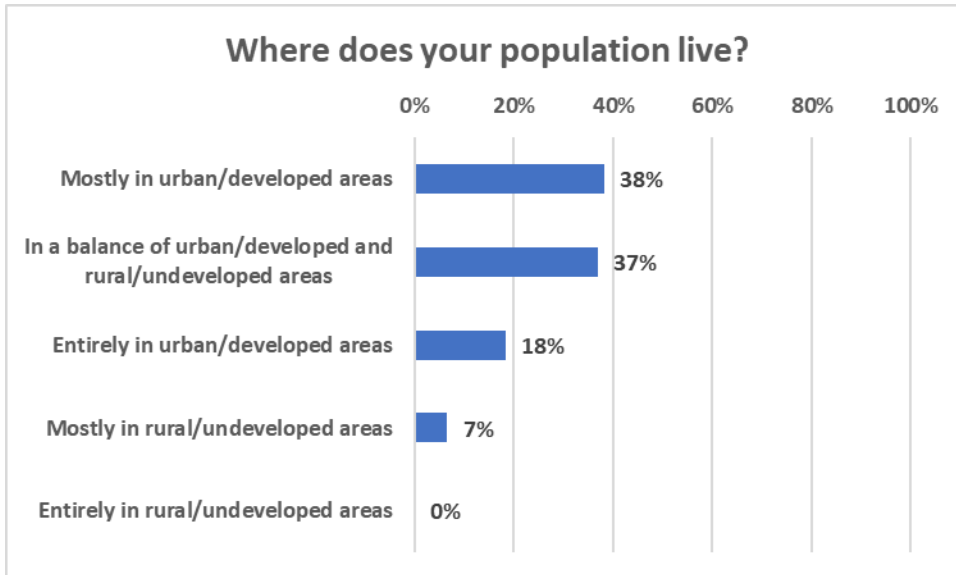
Population of municipality



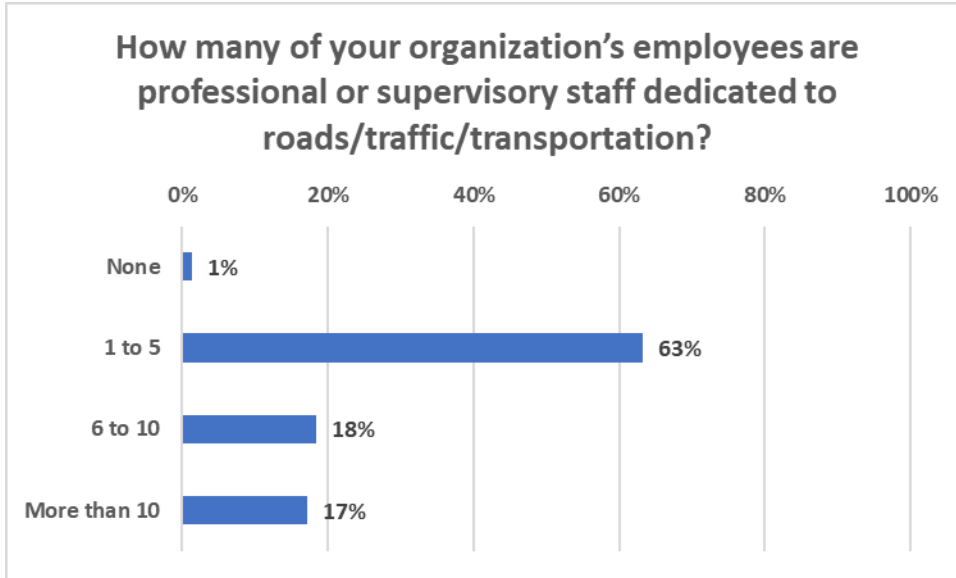
Rate of population change



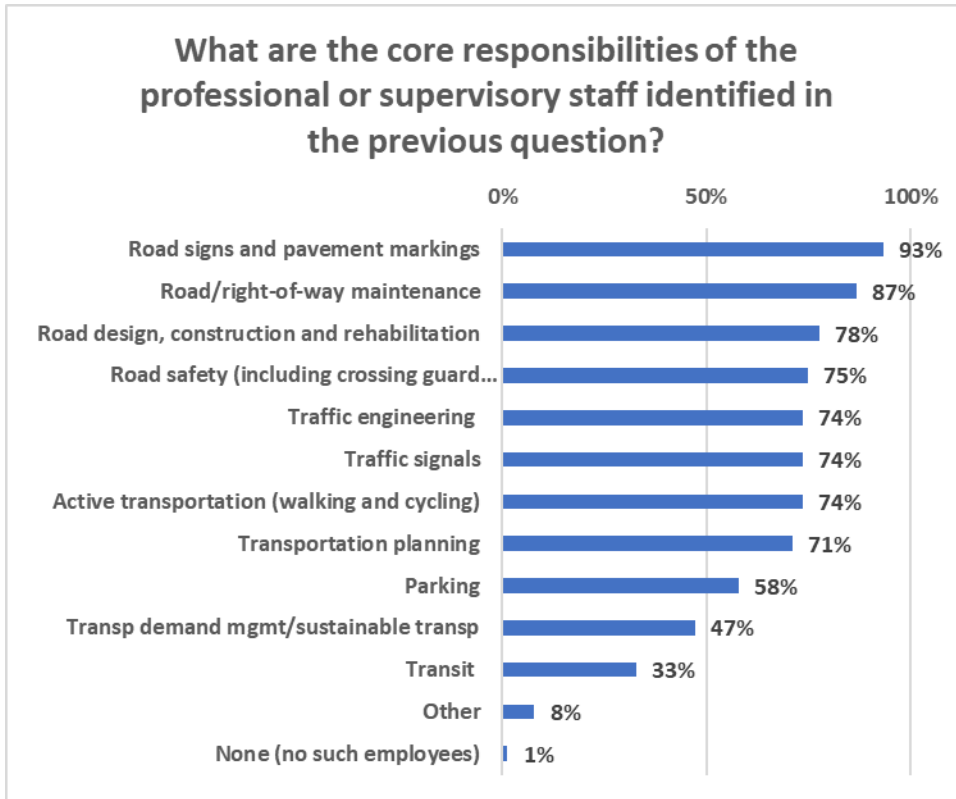
Population distribution



Number of roads/traffic/transportation employees



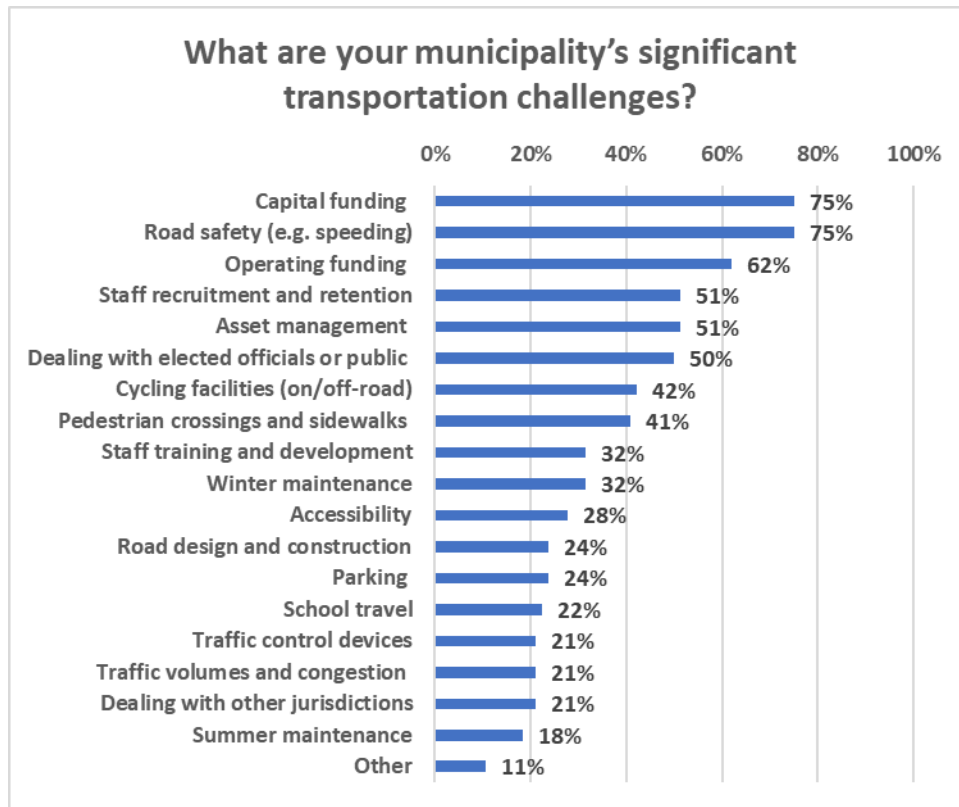
Responsibilities of roads/traffic/transportation employees



Other

- Asset management, preservation & rehabilitation
- Climate change
- Development review
- Passenger ferry infrastructure & operations
- Road work related to planning approvals
- Streetlighting

Major transportation challenges



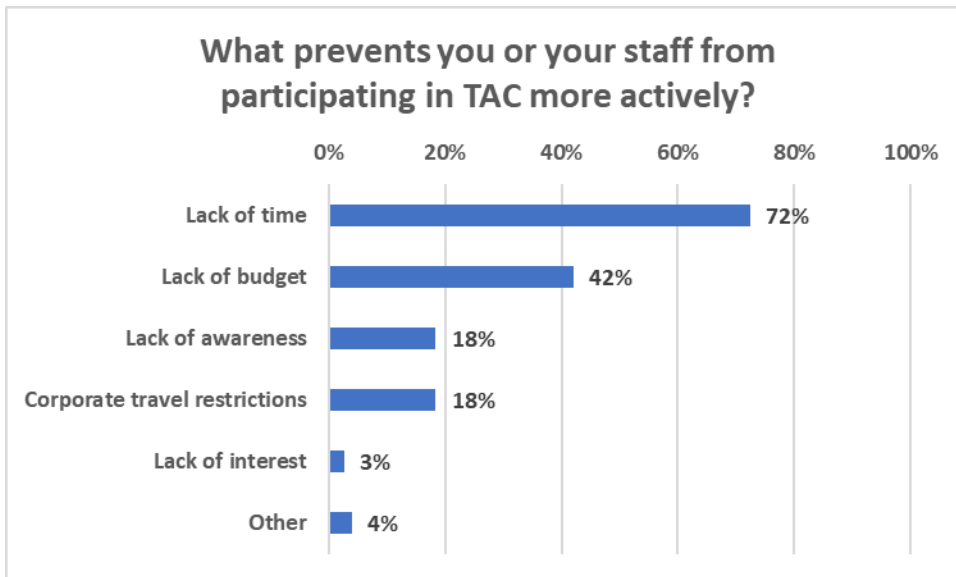
Other

- Low usage due to small population
- Building infrastructure to support development
- Creating trust in our industry
- Development costs and collaboration
- Dealing with railways
- Speed complaints from the public
- GHG reduction targets (mode shift)
- Impacts of rapid development on the transportation network and staff workload

Participation in TAC



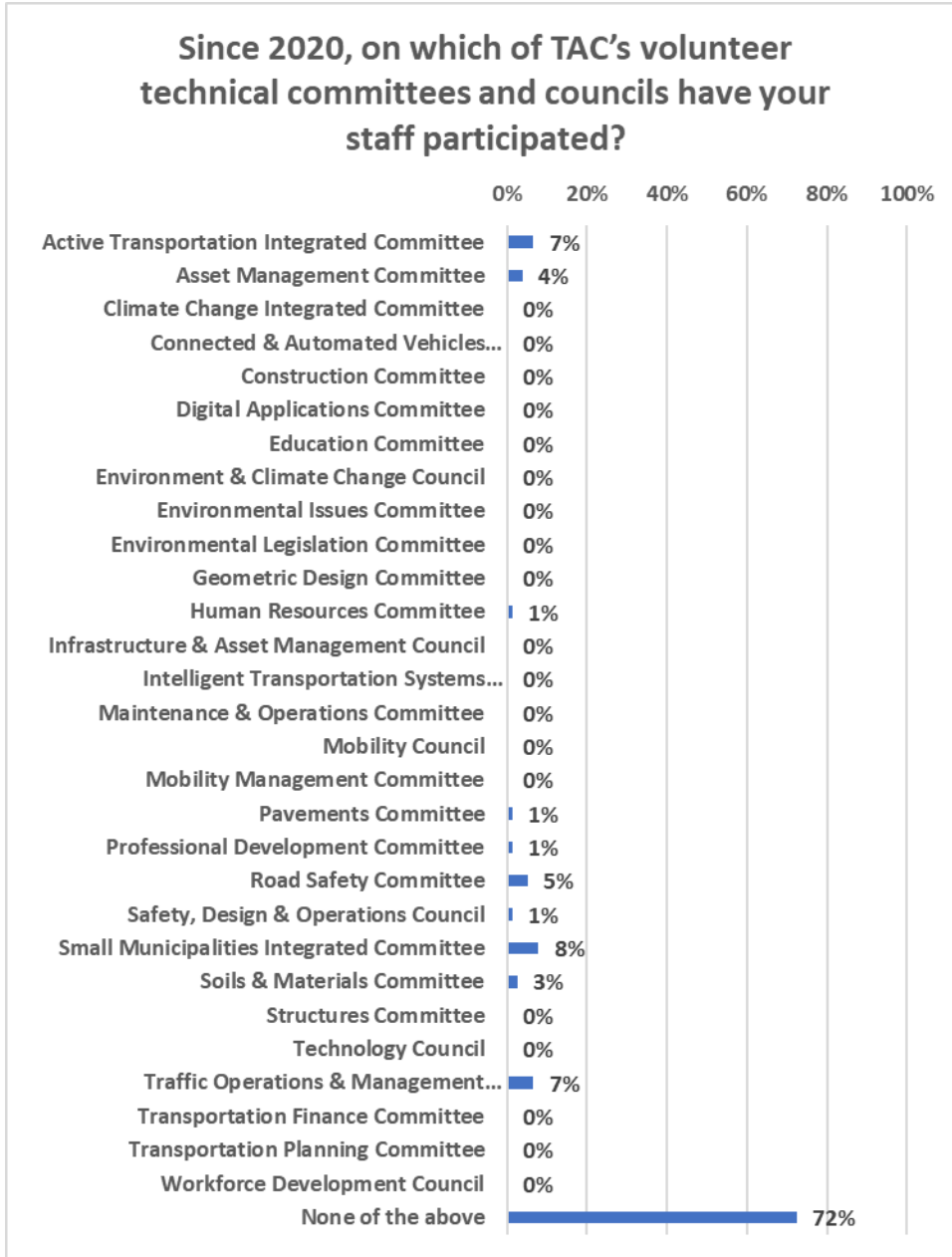
Reasons preventing more active participation in TAC



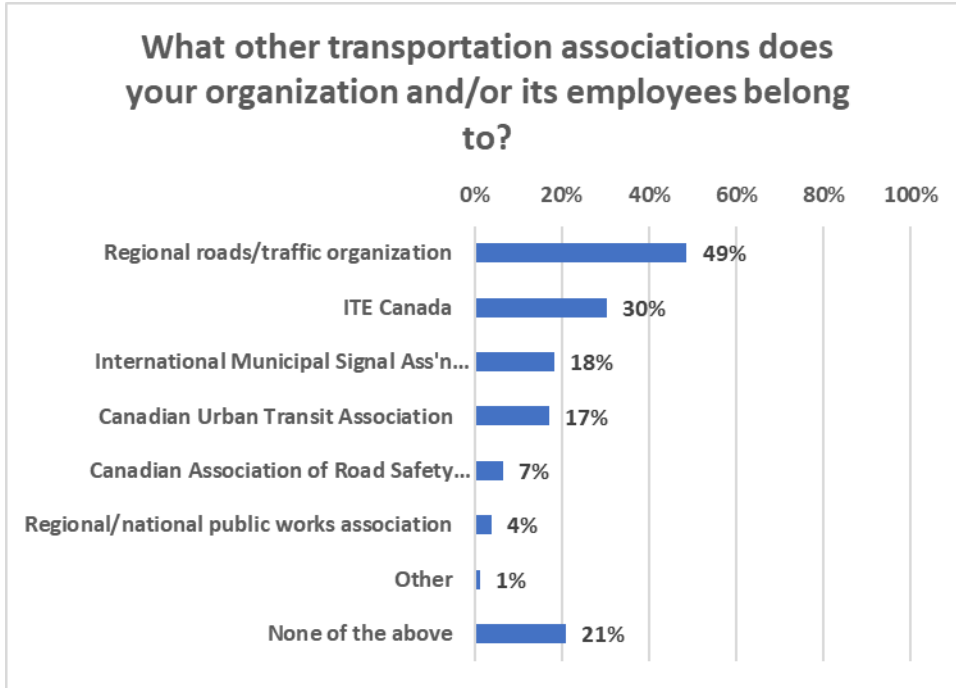
Other

- Most work done by consultants who stay up to date with TAC guidelines
- Focus on big-city rather than rural issues
- Lack of awareness/relevant material

Staff participation on TAC councils and committees



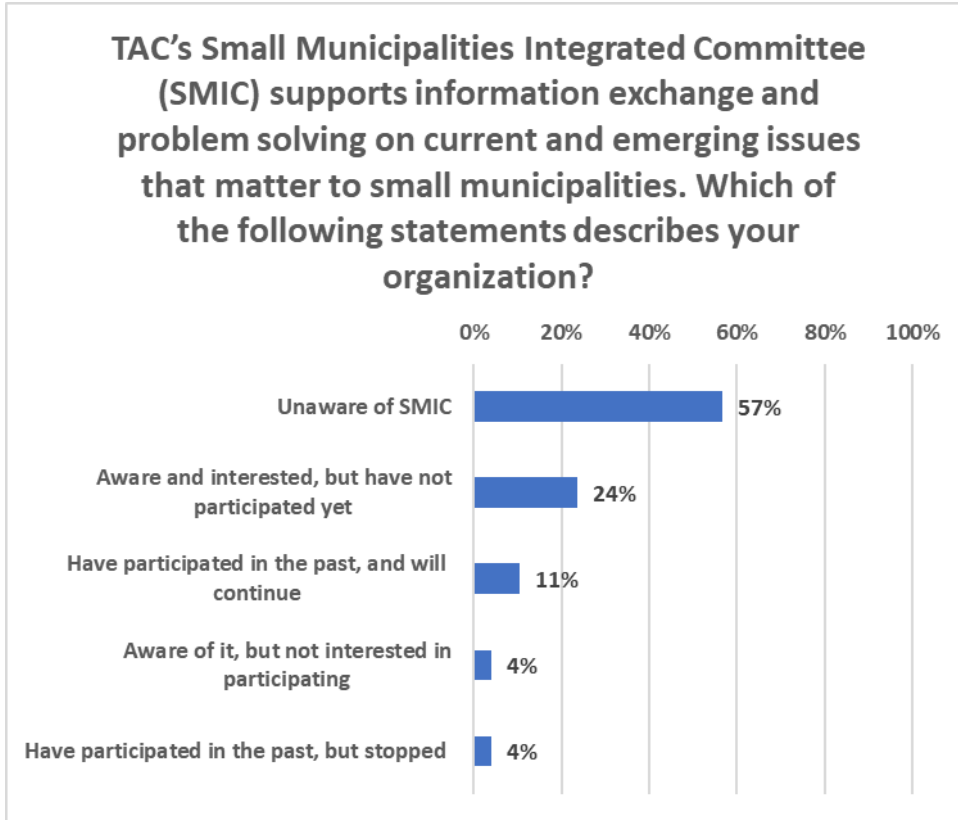
Other transportation association memberships



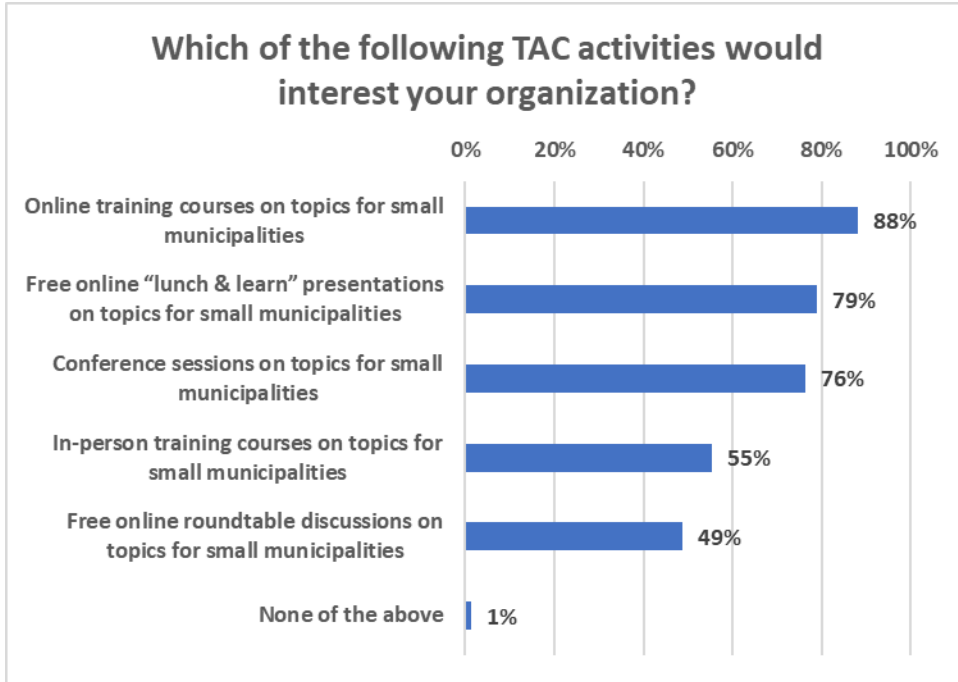
Other

- Municipal Engineers Association

Involvement with Small Municipalities Integrated Committee



TAC activities of interest



Technical topics of interest (2 or more mentions)

