

Frequently Asked Questions for the 2008 Profile Study

What topics were covered in the Profile survey?

The core Profile survey, which was sent to every LHD in the U.S., included questions on the following topics:

- Governance
- Population served
- Finances
- Characteristics of top agency executive
- LHD workforce
- Activities and services provided
- Emergency preparedness
- Activation of Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- Health disparities
- Community health assessment and planning

How was the 2008 Profile survey administered?

The 2008 Profile was administered electronically through a Web-based survey. The Web-based survey allowed users to complete the Profile during several different sittings, and users were able to forward the survey link to others within their organization to complete certain portions. Users were able to print a paper version of the survey instrument as well as a hard copy of their completed survey. NACCHO provided a “pencil and paper” version of the Profile survey to LHDs who requested it.

View the 2008 Profile of LHDs study questionnaire and technical documentation from past Profile studies. [More »](#)

How is the information collected in the Profile study used?

Profile data are used by many people for many reasons:

- To provide benchmarks for states or individual LHDs to make comparisons;
- To influence public health policy;
- To support evidence-based public health practice research;
- To educate others in public health (e.g., governing bodies) about local public health; and
- To educate the future public health workforce about local health departments.

How do I request data from the Profile Study?

Please visit the Profile Technical Documentation and Data Requests page [here](#) to access the application form.

Other questions or comments?

Please contact the Profile Team at profileteam@naccho.org.