The UNITED STATES is one of the TOP FIVE COUNTRIES that is most frequently hit by natural disasters. 95 DISASTERS OCCURRED IN 2013.

55% of LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS (LHDs) have responded to AT LEAST ONE ALL-HAZARDS EVENT from 2010 to 2013.

LHDs that have responded to at least one ALL-HAZARDS EVENT are more likely to participate in a TABLETOP EXERCISE or DRILL and to engage in ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE than LHDs that have not responded to an ALL-HAZARDS EVENT. 84% of LHDs that have responded to at least one ALL-HAZARDS EVENT are more likely to participate in a TABLETOP EXERCISE or DRILL and to engage in ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE than LHDs that have not responded to an ALL-HAZARDS EVENT.

84% of LHDs have WRITTEN EMERGENCY PLANS.

LHDs that have a written emergency plan are more likely to provide communicable and infectious disease surveillance services and environmental health inspection than LHDs without an emergency plan.

56% of LHDs indicated their emergency preparedness funding only came from federal sources.

23% of LHDs reported a reduction or elimination of emergency preparedness programs in 2011, and the trend continued in 2012 with a 15% percent reduction.