

# NACCHO'S 2016 PROFILE STUDY: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

## Key Findings

LHD emergency preparedness efforts involve **educating staff and community members**

**81%** LHDs that provide emergency preparedness training to staff

LHDs that educate community members on emergency preparedness topics **62%**

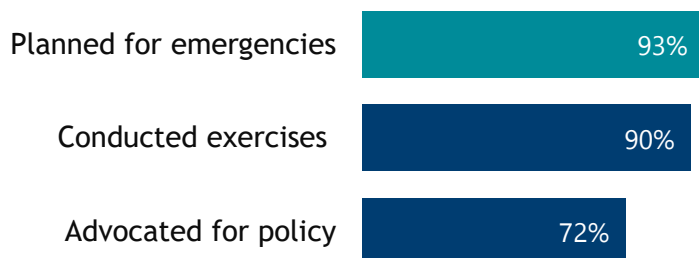
### Background and Methods

NACCHO conducts the Profile study every three years to develop a comprehensive description of local health department (LHD) infrastructure and practice. The 2016 Profile study included a total of 2,533 LHDs in the United States, of which 76% completed the survey.

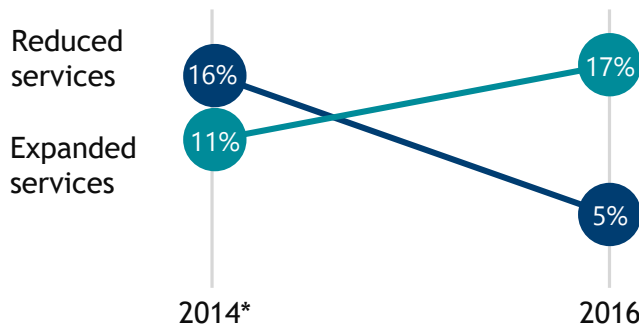
In the Profile study, NACCHO assesses LHD public health emergency preparedness planning and response activities.

For more information about the Profile study, email [profileteam@naccho.org](mailto:profileteam@naccho.org).

Almost all LHDs **participated in emergency preparedness activities** in the past year

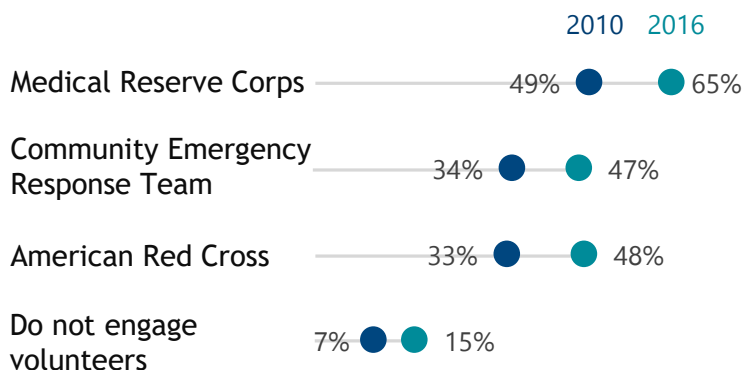


More LHDs have **expanded preparedness and response services** since 2014



\*data from Forces of Change survey

LHDs most often engage **Medical Reserve Corps volunteers** in preparedness activities



Nearly half of LHDs **responded to a public health hazard** in the past year, such as:



Natural disasters



Influenza & other infectious disease outbreaks



Food-borne outbreaks

## NACCHO Recommendations

- Continue to encourage LHDs to educate staff and the community in emergency preparedness topics
- Explore ways to further support LHDs in expanding emergency planning and policy work
- Share promising practices for utilizing volunteers in local public health emergency preparedness activities
- Identify funding, workforce, and training resources to facilitate LHD response to public health hazards