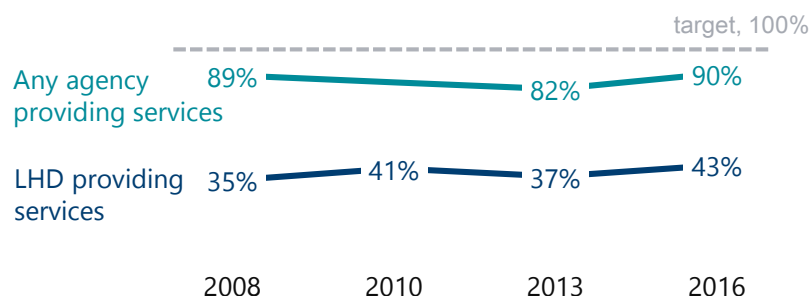


# NACCHO'S 2016 PROFILE STUDY: PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

## Key Findings

### Comprehensive epidemiology services are often provided by agencies other than LHDs



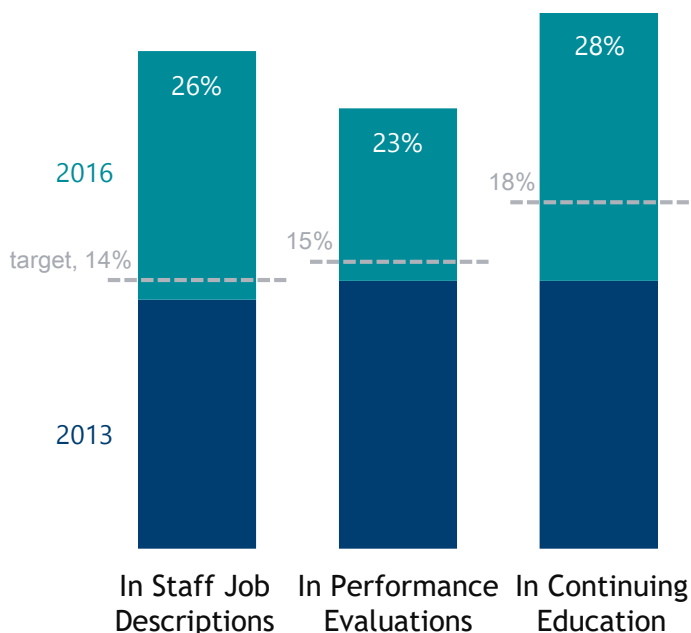
### Background and Methods

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.

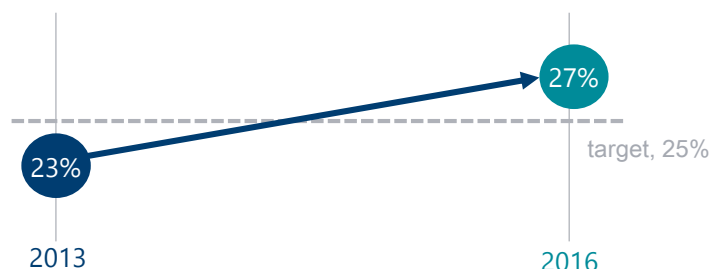
In the Profile study, NACCHO assesses Healthy People 2020's Public Health Infrastructure objectives to ensure a qualified workforce, up-to-date information systems, and agencies capable of responding to public health needs.

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

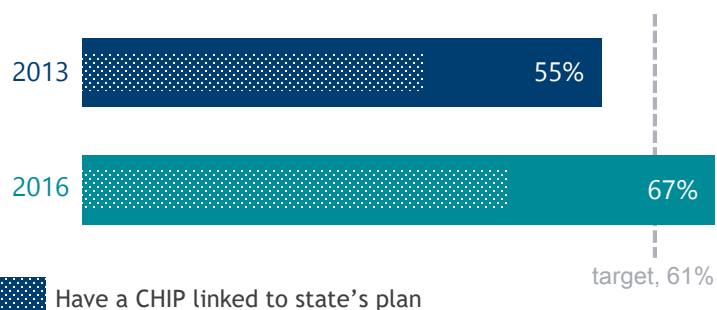
### The number of LHDs incorporating the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals into their workforce standards has surpassed the targets



### LHDs are increasingly implementing formal agency-wide quality improvement (QI) processes



### The number of LHDs with community health improvement plans (CHIPs) is on the rise



## NACCHO Recommendations

- Consider improving the epidemiology metric to capture local services provided by agencies outside of the LHD
- Continue to promote the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals in LHD workforce development
- Provide LHDs with resources to assist in formalizing and institutionalizing their QI programs
- Identify ways to support LHDs, particularly those that are locally governed, in linking CHIPs with their state health improvement plans