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21% decrease in LHD workforce capacity has occurred over the past decade
67% of LHDs’ budgets either decreased or stayed the same in 2019 vs. 2018
53% of the U.S. population lived in areas where LHD budgets were stagnant or decreased in 2019

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- Hospitals
- Emergency responders
- Community health centers
- Criminal justice system
- Local planning agencies
- Park and recreation
- Colleges or universities
- K-12 schools
- Community nonprofits

74% of LHDs supported tobacco, alcohol, opioids, and other drug policy activities
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60% of LHDs supported infectious disease, including vaccination policy activities

ABOUT THE 2019 NATIONAL PROFILE OF LHDS (PROFILE) STUDY

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