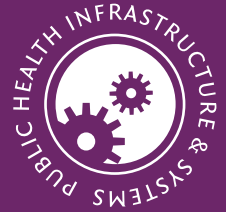


Local Health Department Budget Cuts and Job Losses: State-Level Tables from the 2014 Forces of Change Study



Background

Since 2008, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has administered Web-based surveys to local health departments (LHDs) across the United States to assess the impact of the economic recession on LHDs. The results have consistently demonstrated LHDs' funding challenges and the negative impacts on LHD infrastructures. The national estimates are available on NACCHO's Forces of Change webpage at www.naccho.org/topics/research/forcesofchange. The data presented in the following pages supplement these findings by providing information on cuts to budgets and jobs for many states.

Methods

NACCHO distributed the Forces of Change Survey to a statistically representative sample of 957 LHDs in the United States from January to February 2014. The survey included questions on budget cuts and job losses. A total of 648 LHDs completed the survey (response rate of 68%). National statistics were generated using estimation weights to account for sampling and non-response. All data were self-reported; NACCHO did not independently verify the data provided by LHDs. A detailed description of survey methodology is available on NACCHO's Forces of Change webpage at www.naccho.org/topics/research/forcesofchange.

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TABLE 1. Percentage of LHDs with Cuts to Staff, by State

State ¹	Loss of staff (layoffs and/or attrition)	Layoffs	Attrition	Number of responses ²
AL	88%	86%	77%	15–17
AR	14%	0%	14%	21
CA	34%	8%	34%	11–12
CO	38%	6%	34%	15–16
CT	20%	0%	20%	22–23
DE	100%	0%	100%	2
FL	76%	28%	71%	21
IA	31%	7%	31%	16
ID	86%	17%	86%	6–7
IL	50%	6%	44%	17–18
IN	15%	3%	12%	23
KS	26%	5%	26%	21
KY	93%	28%	84%	13
LA	100%	25%	100%	6
MA	3%	3%	3%	41–42
MD	70%	10%	70%	8
ME	50%	13%	50%	8–10
MN	18%	8%	16%	15–16
MO	35%	10%	28%	24
MS	100%	0%	100%	7
MT	0%	0%	0%	12
NC	53%	26%	40%	25–27
ND	32%	12%	32%	8–9
NE	26%	11%	15%	8
NH	0%	0%	0%	4
NJ	22%	0%	22%	16–17
NM	78%	0%	78%	5
NV	75%	0%	75%	4
NY	75%	47%	72%	13–14
OH	33%	12%	28%	25–27
OK	11%	0%	11%	21
OR	60%	21%	49%	13–14
PA	77%	61%	68%	6–7
SC	100%	75%	25%	4
SD	0%	0%	0%	6
TX	23%	18%	19%	17
VT	0%	0%	0%	11
WV	52%	13%	52%	8–10
WA	46%	32%	46%	12
WV	52%	13%	52%	8–10
WY	25%	10%	25%	7
Overall¹	38%	13%	34%	620–631

¹ States with no LHDs (HI and RI) and insufficient data (AK, AZ, GA, ME, MI, SD, TN, UT, VA) have been omitted from this table. However, overall proportions reflect data from all respondents.

² The number of responses varied slightly by question. The range is shown here.

TABLE 2. Percentage of LHDs with and Expecting Budget Cuts, by State

State ¹	Current budget lower than last year	Expect budget to be lower next year	Number of responses ²
AL	68%	34%	16–17
AR	24%	29%	21
CA	0%	30%	12
CO	22%	28%	16
CT	4%	5%	22
DE	100%	100%	2
FL	68%	77%	22
IA	29%	21%	17
ID	33%	29%	6
IL	27%	38%	18
IN	17%	12%	22–23
KS	10%	11%	19–21
KY	81%	78%	14–15
LA	63%	29%	5–6
MA	8%	7%	42
MD	41%	51%	8
MN	22%	22%	16
MO	45%	61%	23
MS	48%	70%	6
MT	0%	29%	11–12
NC	55%	34%	26–27
ND	21%	24%	8–9
NE	28%	0%	8
NH	25%	0%	4
NJ	7%	11%	16–17
NM	56%	17%	5
NV	75%	50%	4
NY	65%	60%	13–14
OH	33%	18%	28
OK	10%	23%	19–21
OR	8%	21%	12–13
PA	39%	20%	6–7
SC	0%	0%	4
TX	19%	20%	16–17
VT	0%	9%	10–11
WA	25%	26%	11–13
WI	21%	50%	19–22
WV	40%	79%	10
WY	26%	0%	8
Overall¹	28%	29%	606–621

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