

Local Health Department Financing

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Sources of Data on Local Health Department Finances

National Profile of Local Health Departments Study

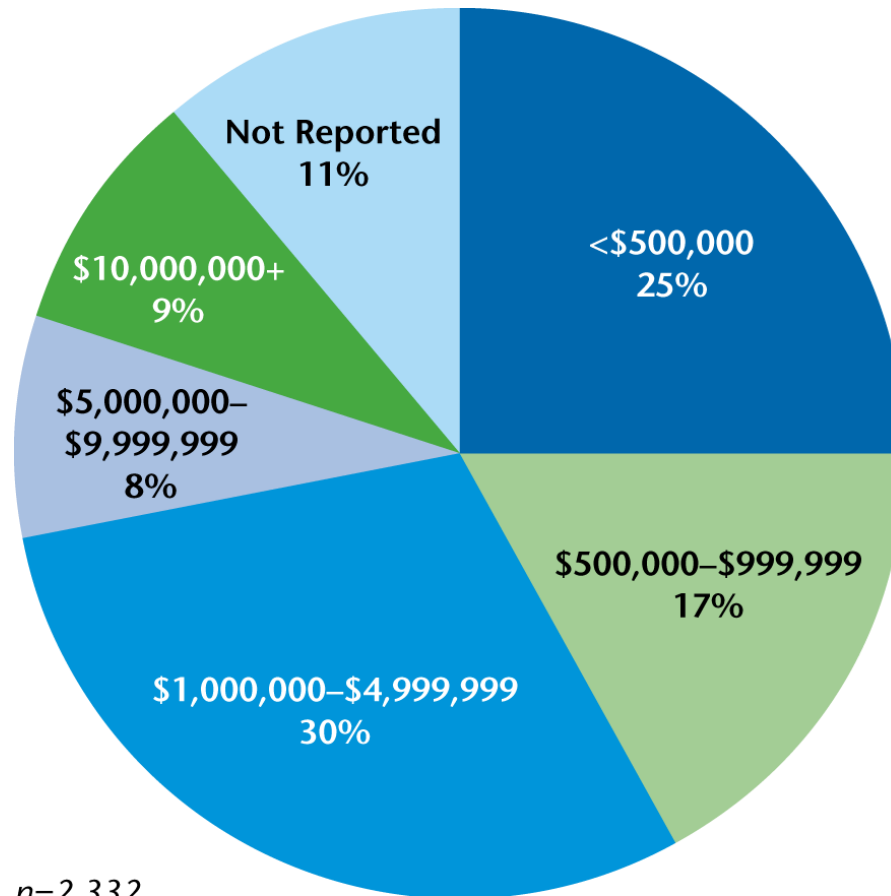
- Periodic survey of all local health departments (LHDs) in the U.S.
- Presenting data from 2008 Profile study
- 2010 Profile data are currently being analyzed

Economic surveillance surveys

- Twice-yearly survey of LHD budget, staffing, and program cuts
- Began in Dec 2008; most recently completed in Feb 2011



Percentage Distribution of LHDs, by Total Annual LHD Expenditures Category



n=2,332

Source: 2008 National Profile of Local Health Departments



Mean and Quartiles of Total Annual LHD Expenditures for All LHDs, by Size of Population Served

Size of Population Served	Mean	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile
<i>All LHDs</i>	\$8,350,000	\$443,000	\$1,120,000	\$3,520,000
<25,000	\$683,000	\$204,000	\$408,000	\$790,000
25,000–49,999	\$2,130,000	\$614,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,950,000
50,000–99,999	\$3,220,000	\$1,340,000	\$2,420,000	\$4,200,000
100,000–249,999	\$6,760,000	\$3,100,000	\$5,440,000	\$8,570,000
250,000–499,999	\$18,200,000	\$6,850,000	\$12,100,000	\$19,900,000
500,000–999,999	\$77,800,000	\$13,100,000	\$26,200,000	\$47,500,000
1,000,000+	\$189,000,000	\$44,000,000	\$69,000,000	\$193,000,000

n=2,095

Source: 2008 National Profile of Local Health Departments



Mean and Median Annual per Capita Expenditures (including and excluding third-party payments), for all LHDs and by Selected LHD Characteristics

LHD Characteristics	Adjusted*		Unadjusted	
	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<i>All LHDs</i>	\$28	\$50	\$36	\$64
<i>Size of Population Served</i>				
<25,000	\$29	\$67	\$39	\$76
25,000–49,999	\$24	\$33	\$32	\$63
50,000–99,999	\$27	\$35	\$35	\$46
100,000–249,999	\$31	\$36	\$35	\$43
250,000–499,999	\$32	\$47	\$35	\$51
500,000–999,999	\$36	\$85	\$41	\$112
1,000,000+	\$39	\$55	\$42	\$88
<i>Type of Governance</i>				
Unit of Local Government	\$29	\$52	\$35	\$66
Unit of the State Health Agency	\$25	\$38	\$41	\$60

n=1,557

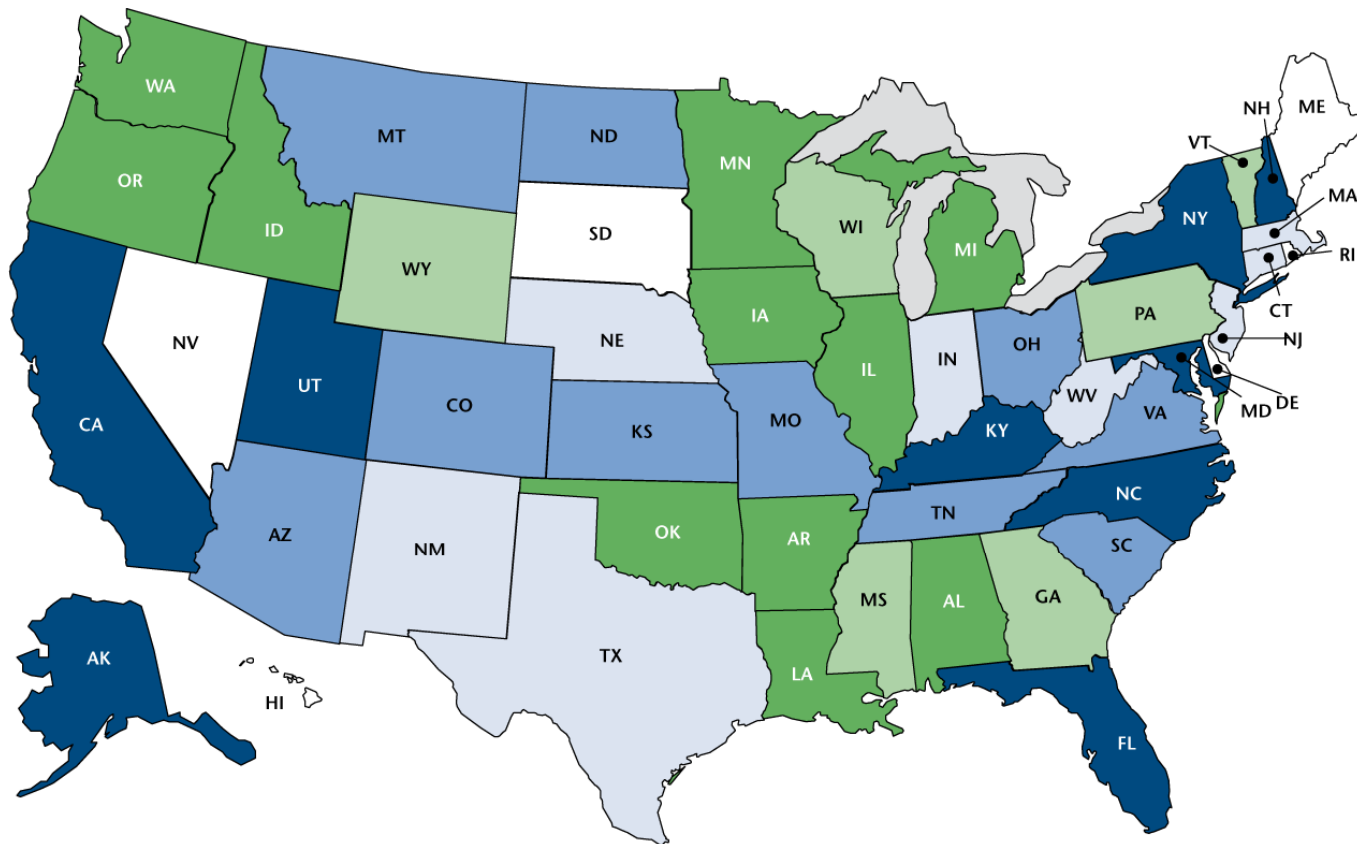
n=2,097

*Adjusted by subtracting third-party payments including Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance, as well as patient fees.

Source: 2008 National Profile of Local Health Departments



Median Per Capita LHD Expenditures, by State



■ \$50.00+
 ■ \$40.00-\$49.99
 ■ \$30.00-\$39.99
 ■ \$20.00-\$29.99
 ■ <\$20.00

□ Non-participants: Hawaii and Rhode Island

None or insufficient data for Delaware, Maine, Nevada, and South Dakota.

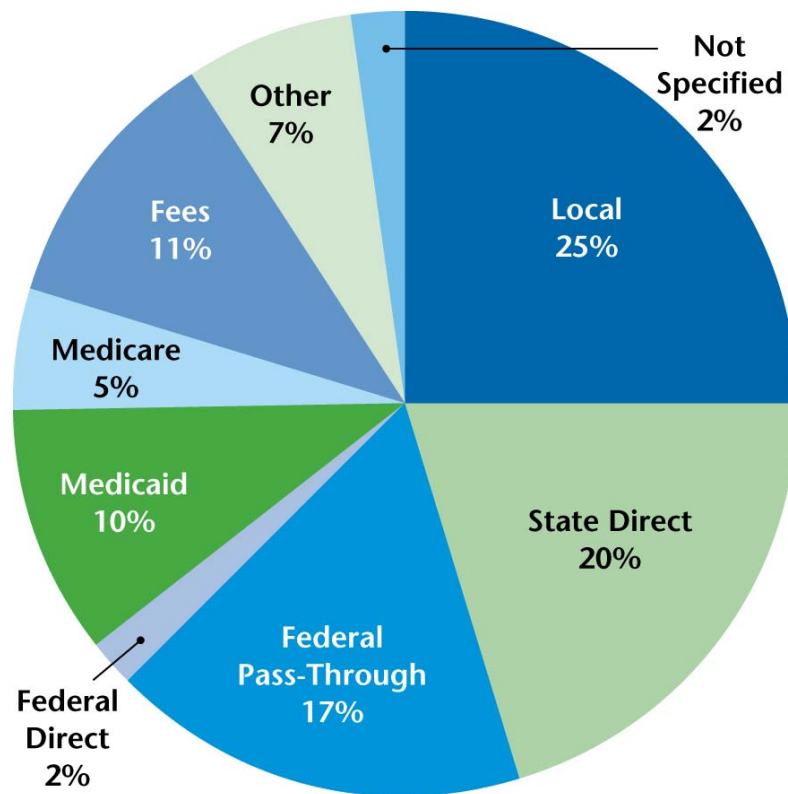
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*Based on a low response rate (44-60%) for these items in Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, and Texas.

Source: 2008 National Profile of Local Health Departments



Percentage Distribution of Total Annual LHD Revenues, by Revenue Source



n ranged from 1,458 to 1629 by revenue source

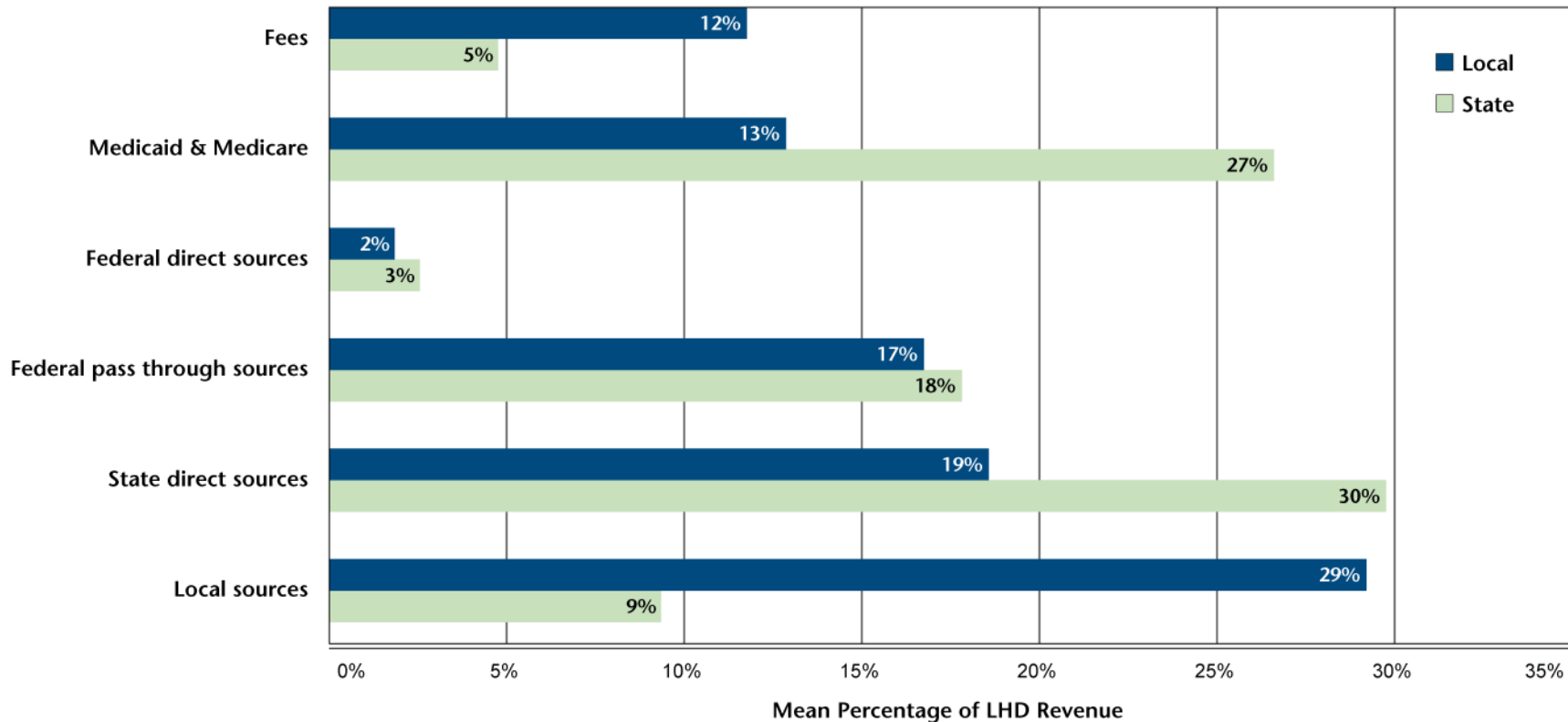
Note: Due to rounding, percentages do not add to 100.

*Among LHDs reporting detailed revenue data.

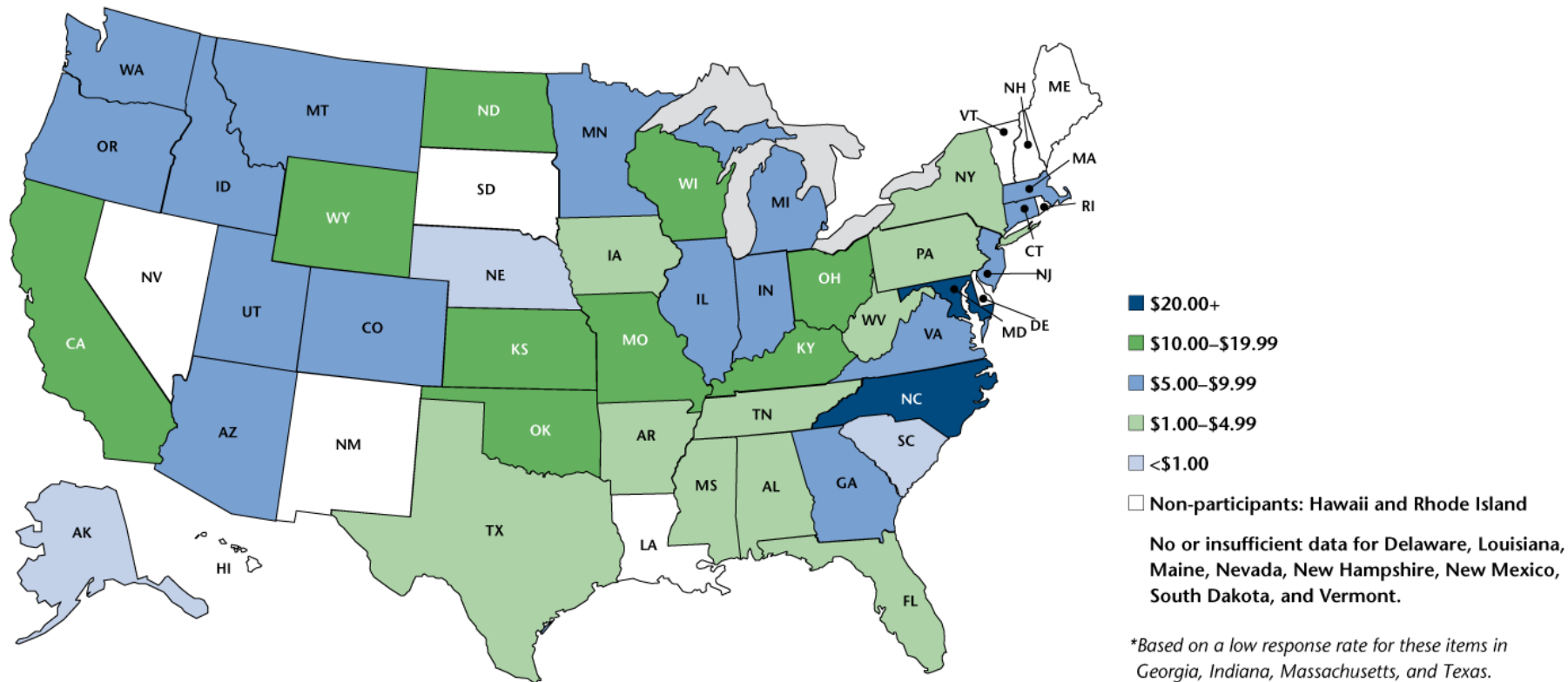
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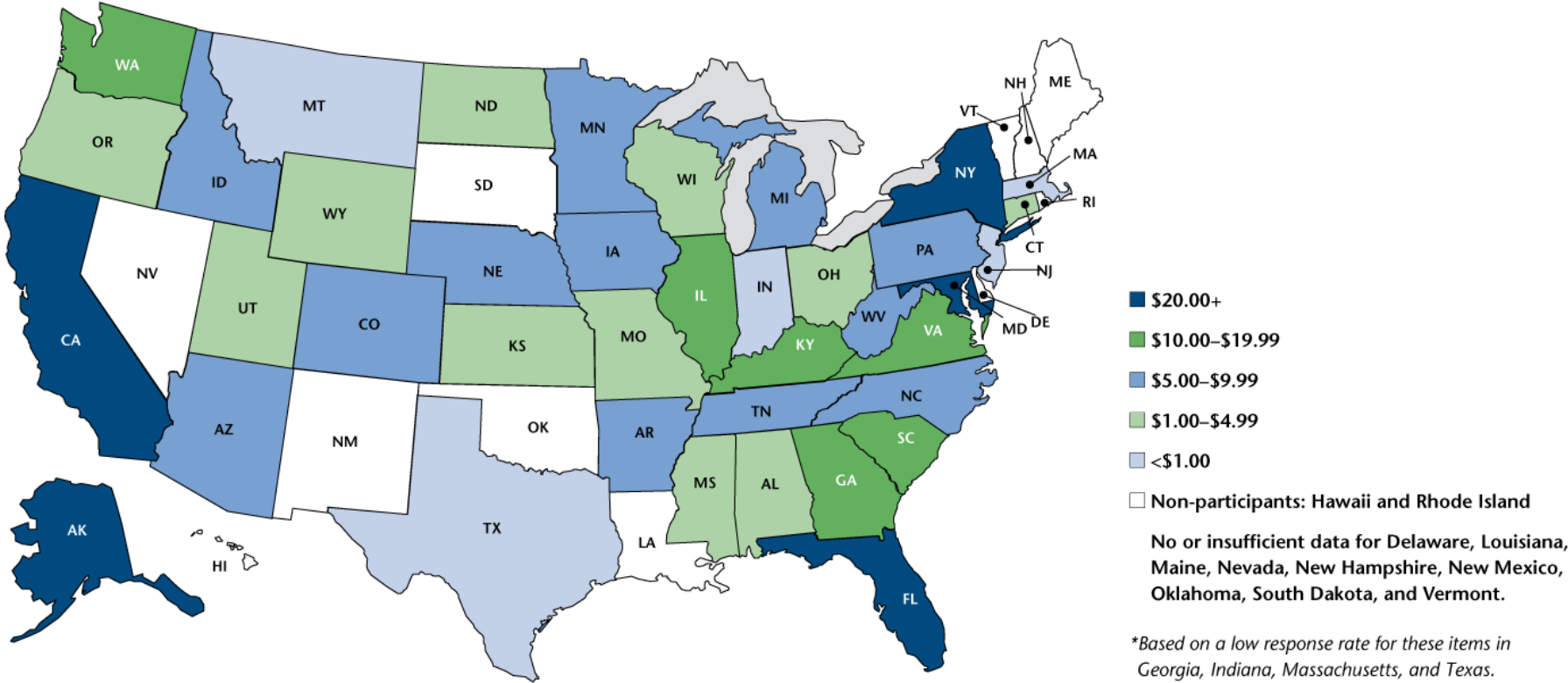
Mean Percentage of Total LHD Revenues from Selected Sources, by Type of LHD Governance



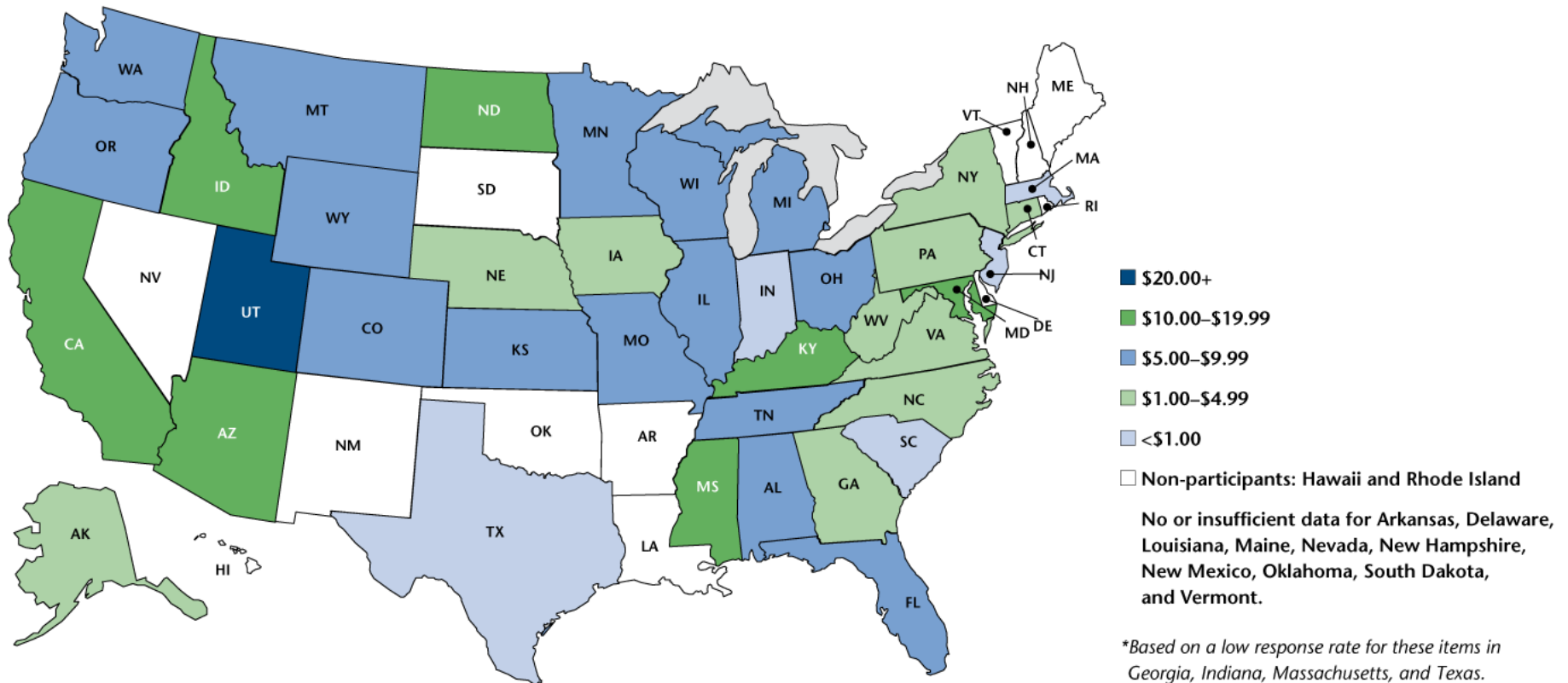
Median Annual per Capita LHD Revenues from Local Government Sources, by State



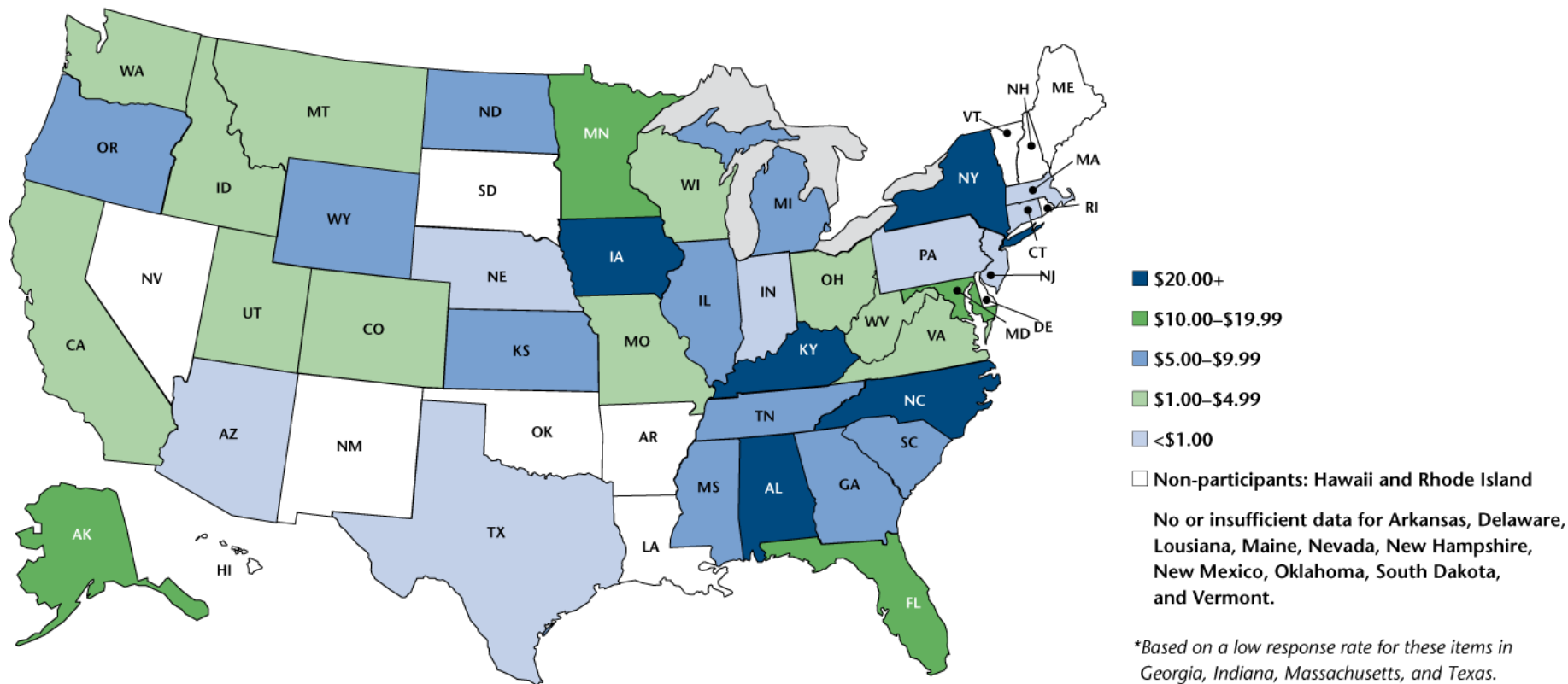
Median Annual per Capita LHD Revenues from State Direct Sources, by State



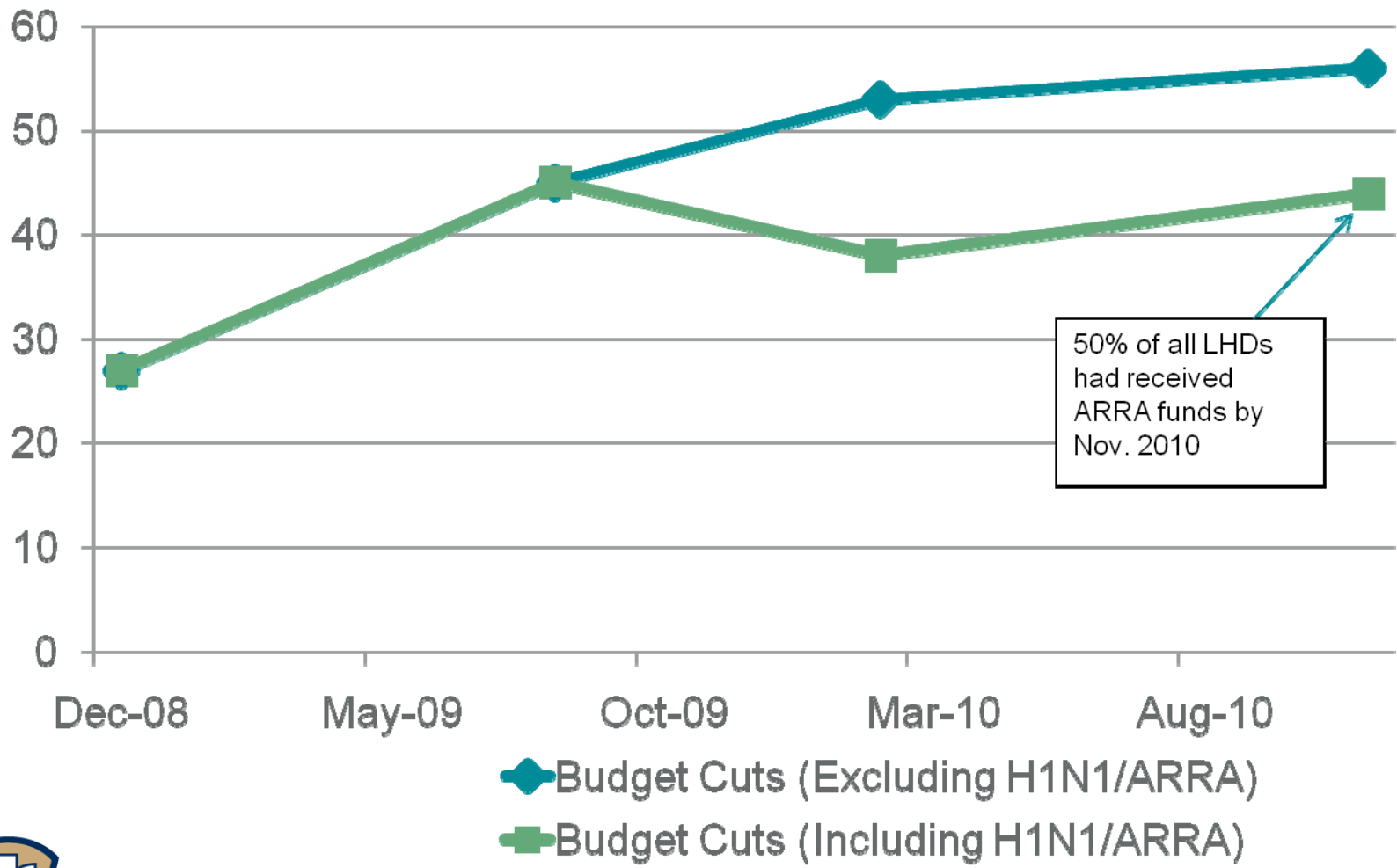
Median Annual per Capita LHD Revenues from Federal Pass Through Sources, by State



Median Annual per Capita LHD Revenues from Clinical Sources, by State

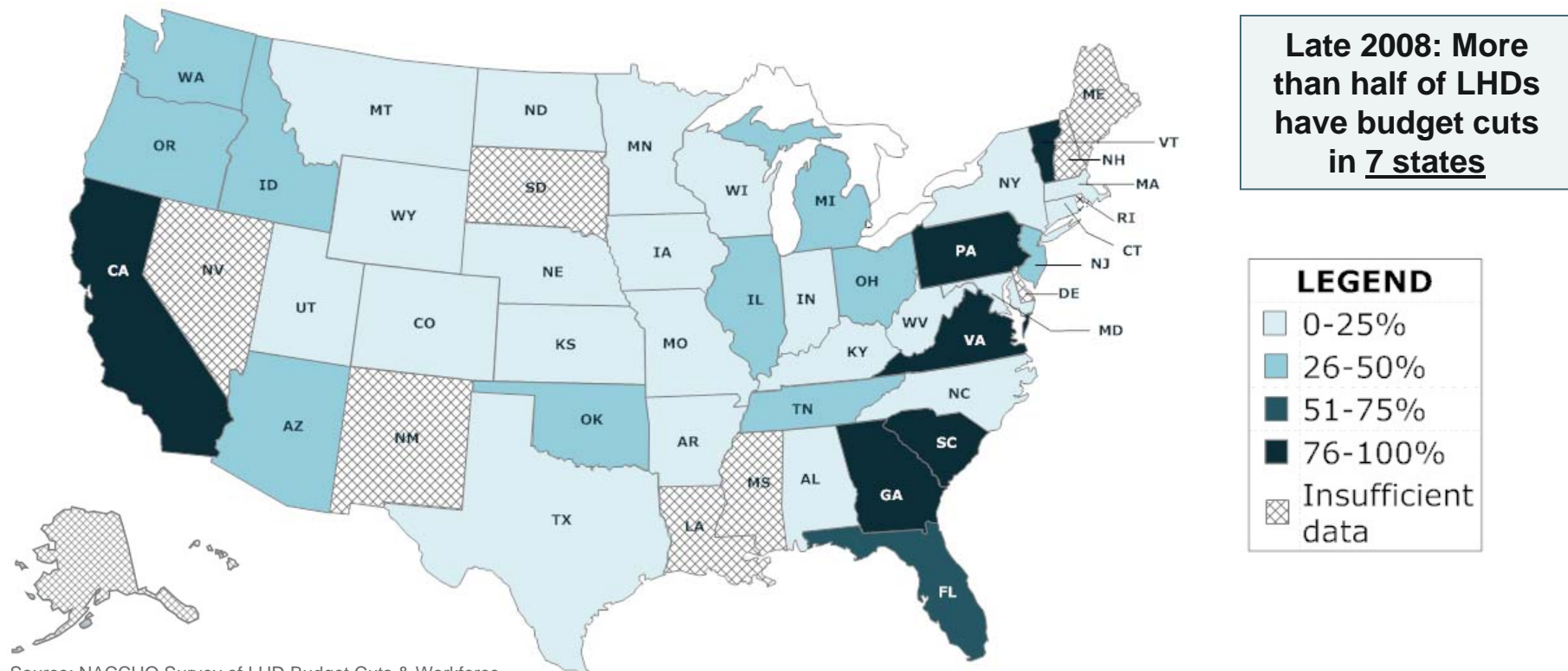


Percentage of LHDs with Budget Cuts (2008-2010), Including and Excluding Government Assistance



LHD Budget Cuts – 2008

Percentage of LHDs with Lower Budget in December 2008 as Compared to Previous Year



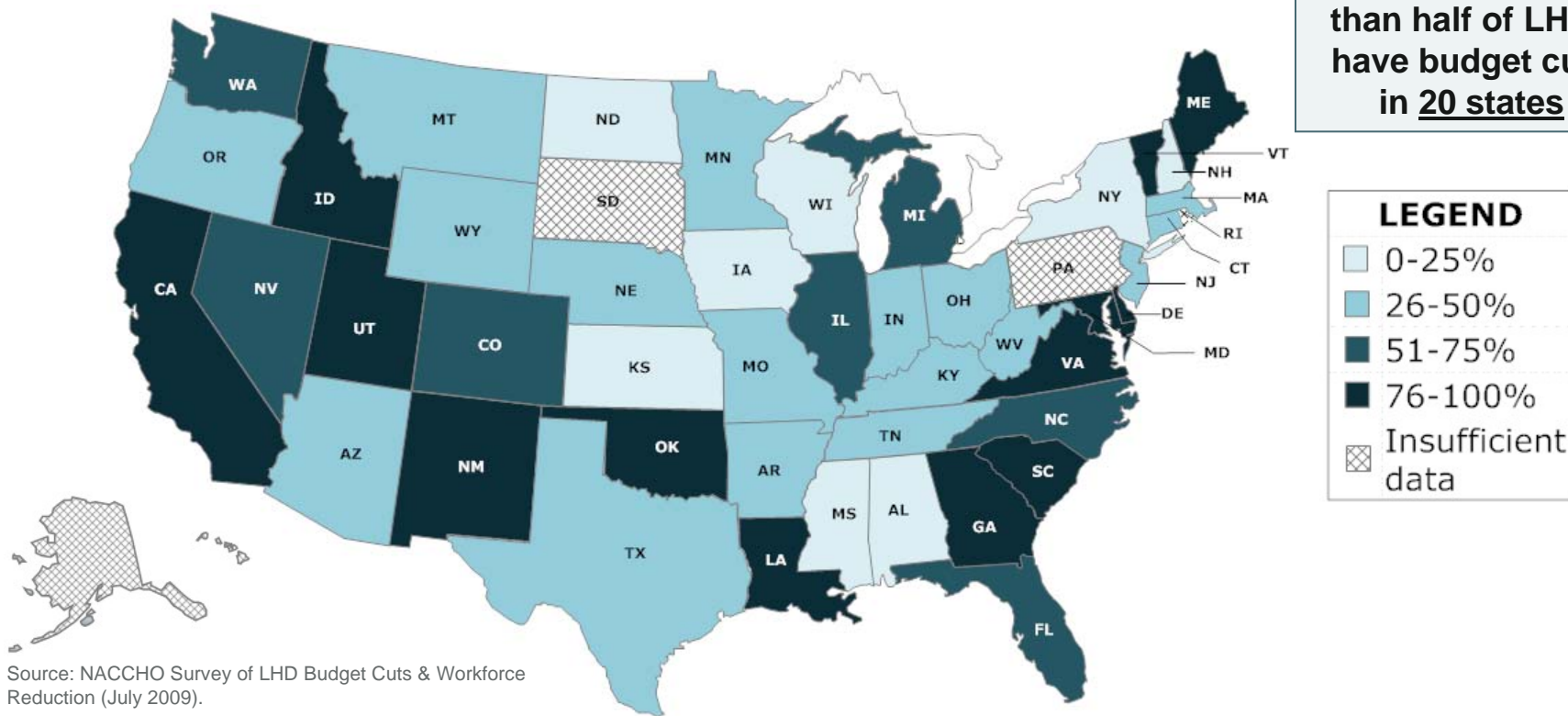
Source: NACCHO Survey of LHD Budget Cuts & Workforce Reduction (January 2009).



LHD Budget Cuts - 2009

Percentage of LHDs with Lower Budget in July 2009 as Compared to Previous Year

Mid-2009: More than half of LHDs have budget cuts in 20 states

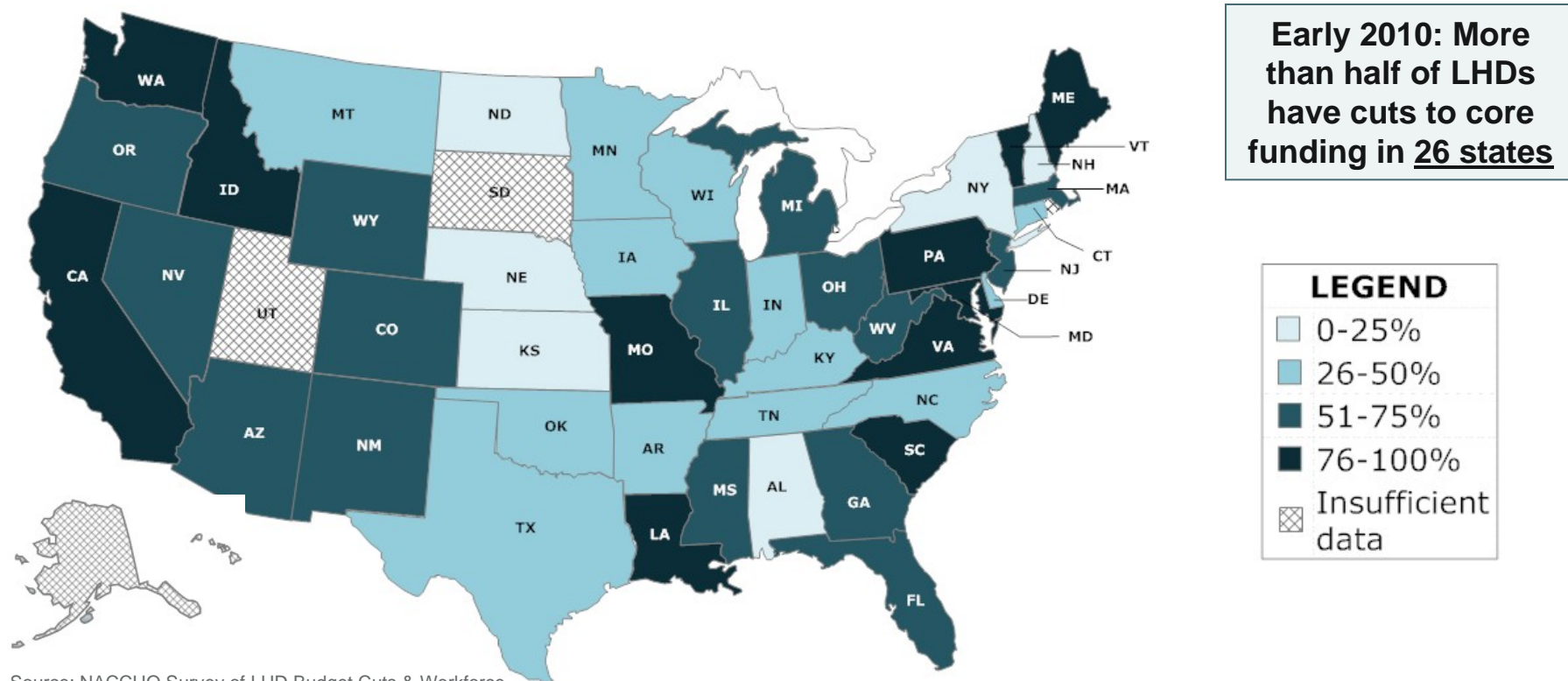


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LHD Budget Cuts – Early 2010

Percentage of LHDs with Lower Budget in January 2010 as Compared to Previous Year, Excluding One-Time Funding such as ARRA or H1N1 Funding

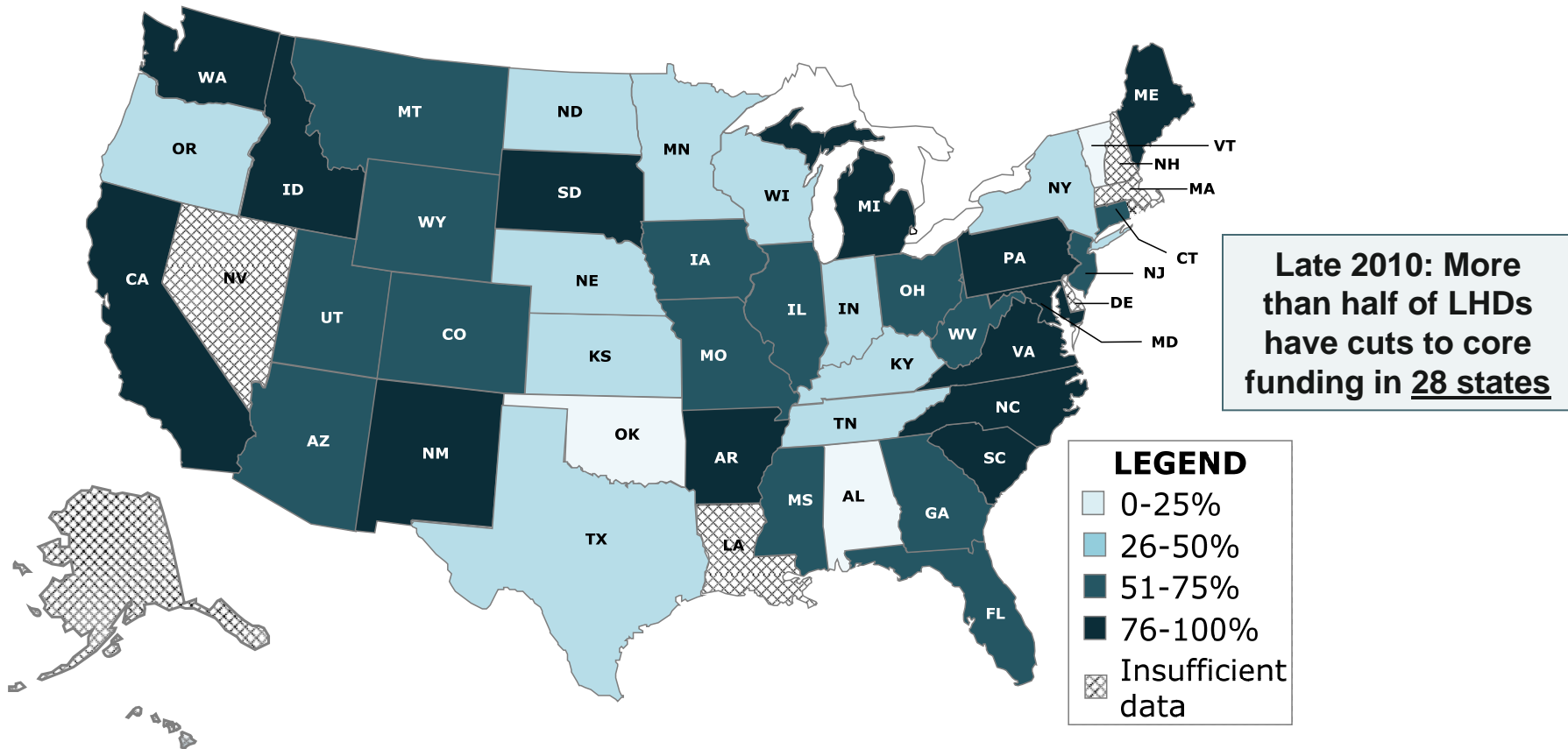


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LHD Budget Cuts – Late 2010

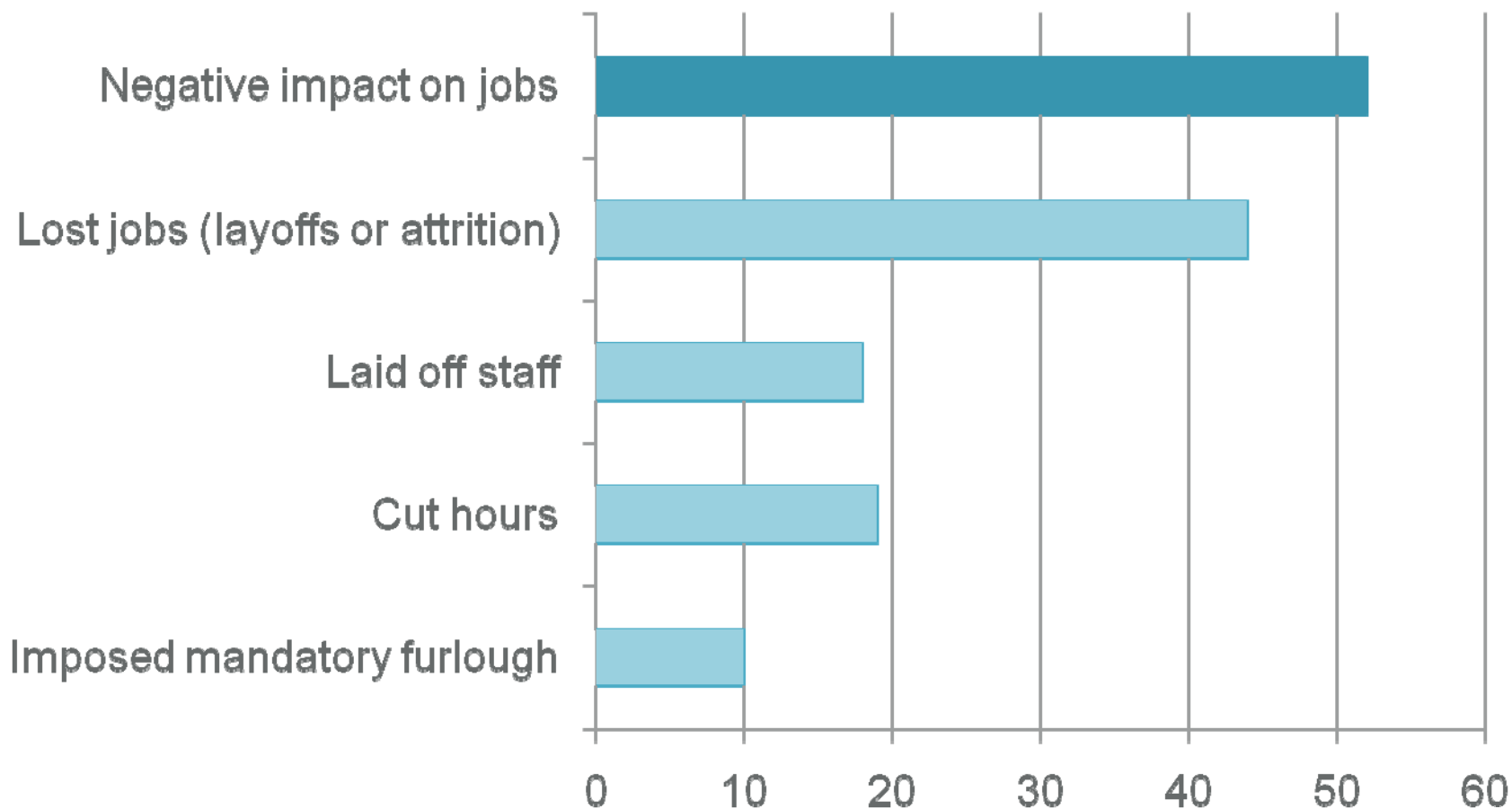
***Percentage of LHDs with Budget Decrease in late 2010 Compared to Previous Year, Excluding One-Time Funding Such as ARRA or H1N1 Funding**



Source: 2010 NACCHO National Profile of Local Health Departments survey



Percentage of LHDs Losing Workforce Capacity in 2010, Overall and by Type

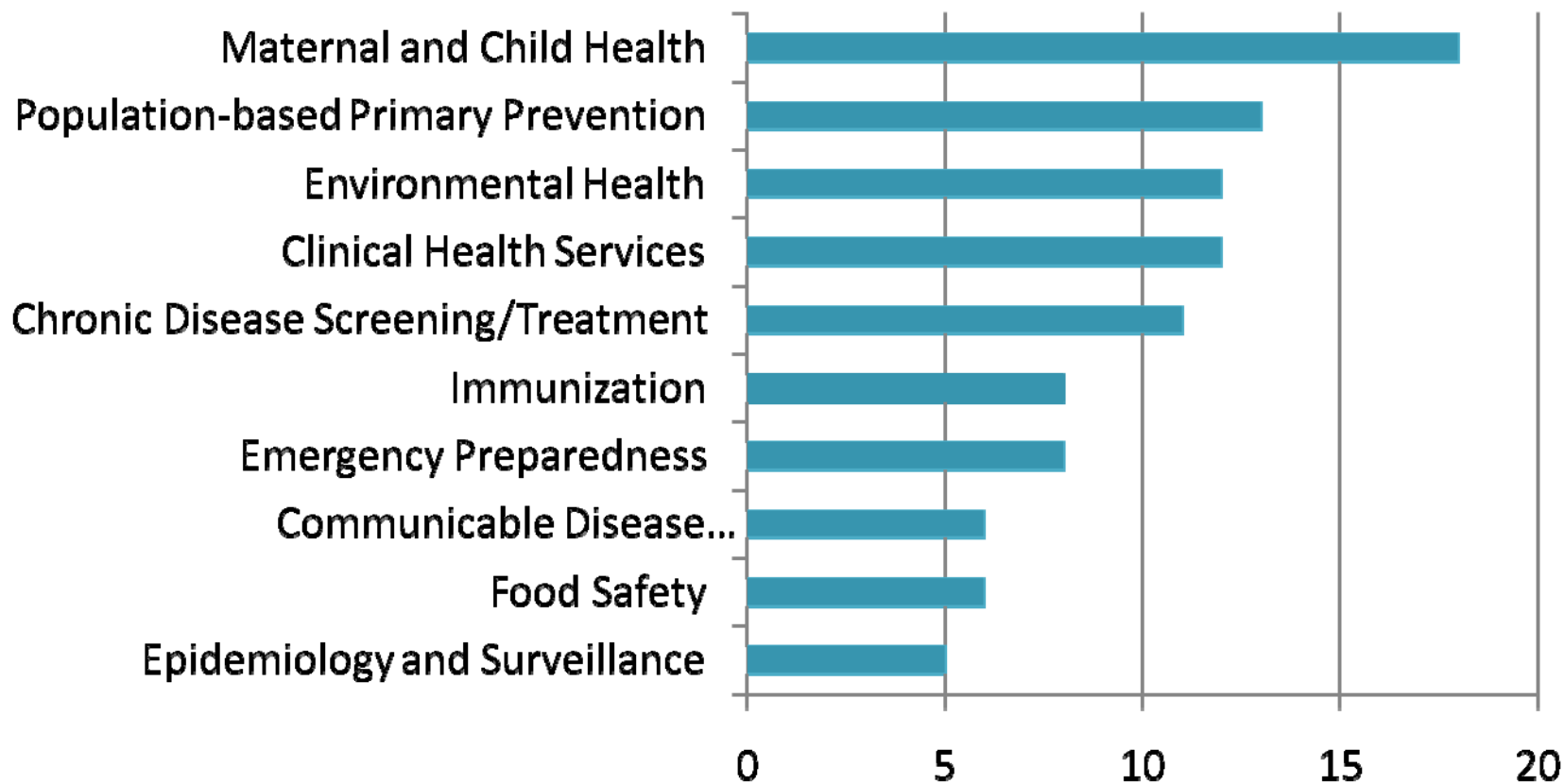


Estimated Number of LHD Jobs Lost and Adversely Affected (2008–2010)

	2008	2009	2010	Total
Jobs Lost to Layoffs or Attrition	7,000	16,000	6,000	29,000
Jobs Affected by Hours Reduced or Mandatory Furlough	Not known	More than 13,000	18,000	Cannot calculate



Percentage of LHDs that Cut Program Areas (July 2009–June 2010)



40 percent of all LHDs made cuts to at least one program area



For more information on LHD finances

NACCHO Profile webpage

www.naccho.org/profile

NACCHO Economic Surveillance Web page

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/lhdbudget/index.cfm>

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