

# Current Funding Status and Key Issues for State Public Health Agencies

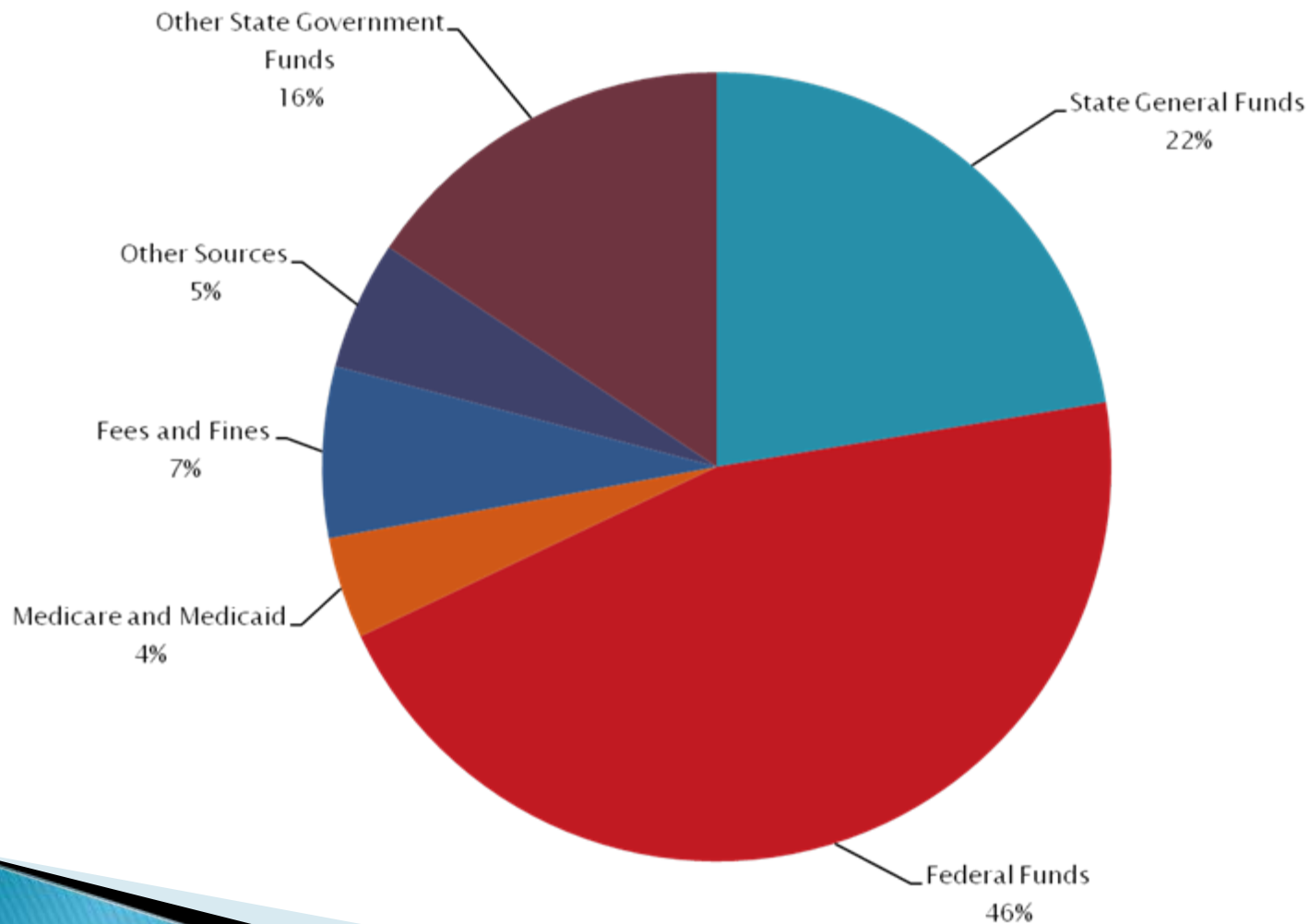
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# Sources of Data

- ▶ 2010 ASTHO Profile
  - Survey conducted by ASTHO, April–November 2010
  - Responses from 50 state health agencies, DC and 2 territories
  - Complete financial data from 47 agencies
  - Territories excluded for this analysis
- ▶ ASTHO Budget Cuts Survey
  - Ongoing survey of budget cuts at state health agencies from July 2008 to present
  - 5 waves of data, including August 2010
  - Responses from 50 state health agencies, DC and 4 territories

# Sources of Revenue: State Health Agencies, FY 2009



Source: ASTHO Profile Survey , 2010

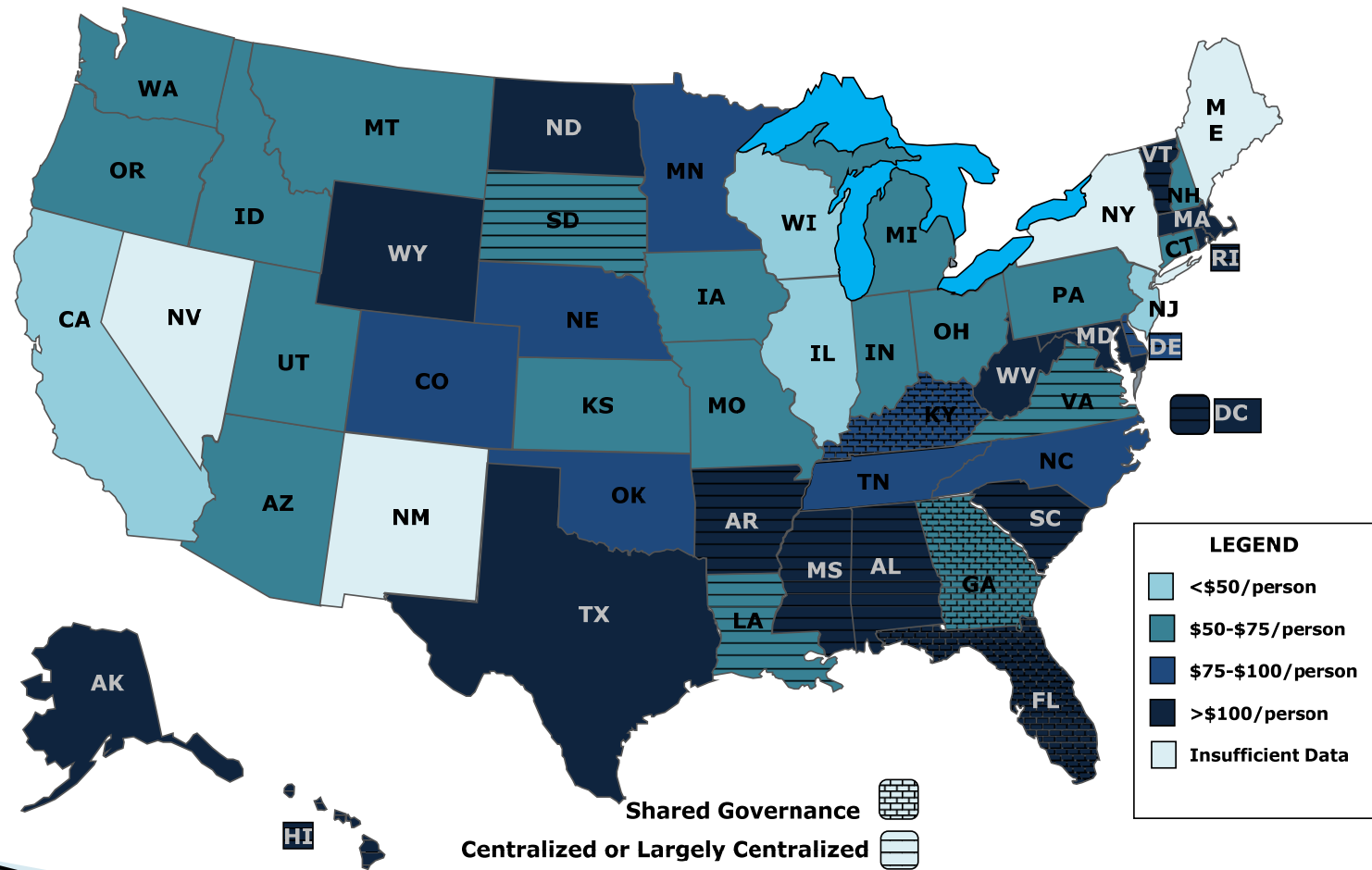
# State Health Agency Expenditures

- ▶ \$22 billion for 46 states and DC (FY 2009)
- ▶ \$24 billion estimated for 50 states and DC (based on median per capita spending and population of missing states)

# Per capita expenditures

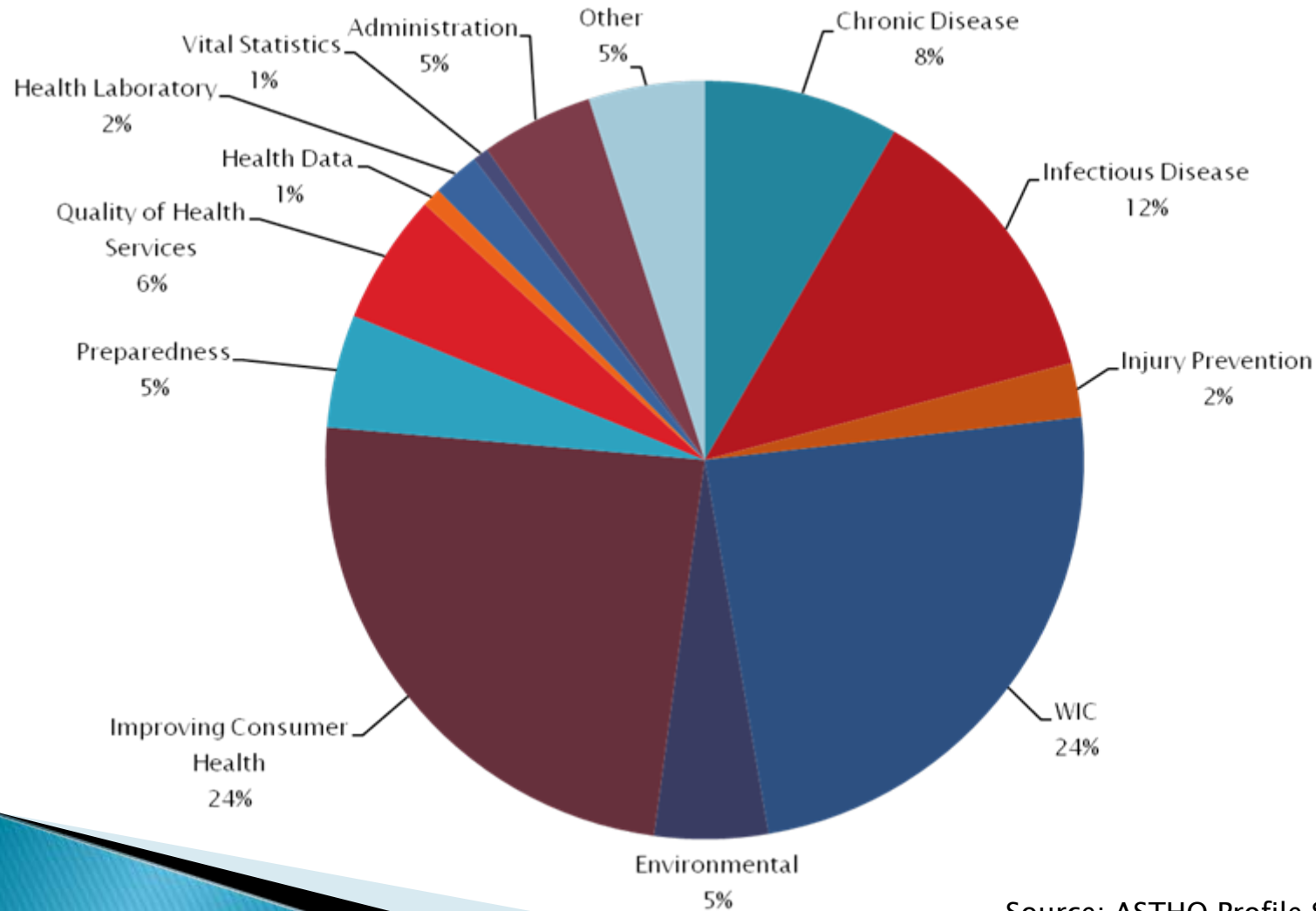
	Mean	Median
All State Health Agencies	\$95.30	\$76.16
Centralized governance	\$186.24	\$115.95
Decentralized governance	\$67.23	\$67.83
Free-standing, independent agency	\$107.65	\$84.25
Under an umbrella agency	\$80.00	\$74.38

# Per capita expenditures



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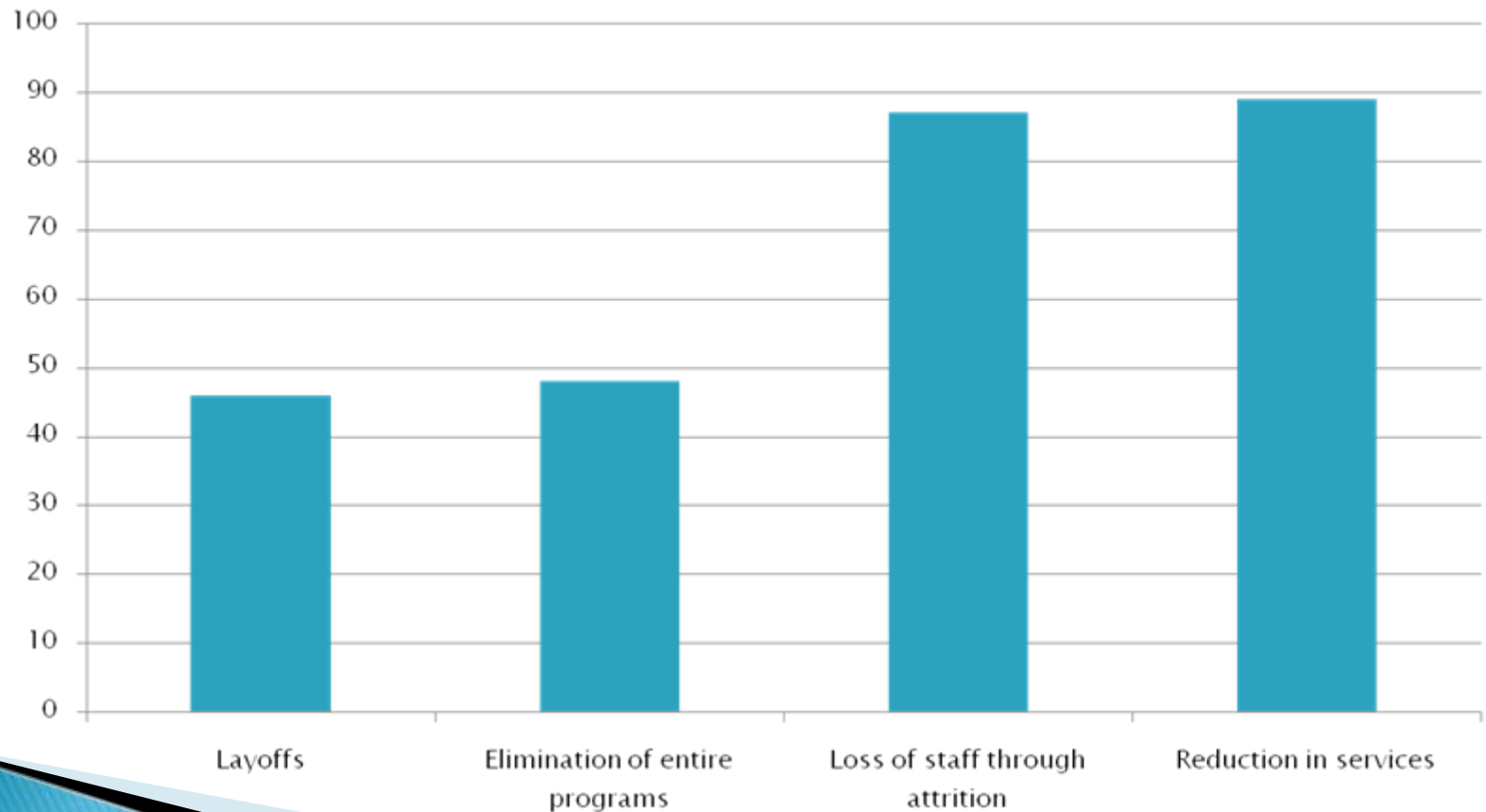
# Expenditures: State Health Agencies, FY 2009



Source: ASTHO Profile Survey , 2010

# Budget Cuts

## Percent of State and Territorial Health Agencies Cutting Staff and Programs: 2008–2010



Source: ASTHO Budget Cuts Surveys , 2008–2010



# Budget Cuts -- Workforce

- ▶ Over 15,000 state health agency jobs lost
- ▶ Total of 37,000 jobs lost in state and local health agencies
  - 17% of the workforce
- ▶ State health agency jobs in central offices
  - 14,000 jobs or 20% of workforce
- ▶ Over a third of SHAs have imposed furloughs
  - Almost 120,000 furlough days
  - Equivalent to another 500 workers

\*Some positions may have been created with one-time ARRA, H1N1 or ACA funding. These data only include layoffs and positions that were lost due to attrition and were not filled due to budget cuts or hiring freezes.

# Budget Cuts -- Programs

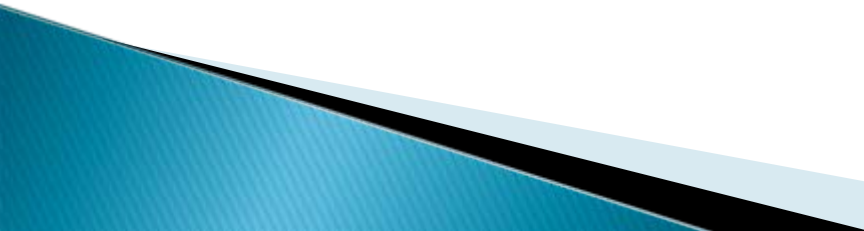
Programs	Number of agencies making cuts
Disease-specific programs (e.g., heart disease, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, tuberculosis, cystic fibrosis, asthma, epilepsy)	16
HIV, AIDS and STDs	16
Tobacco prevention and control	15
Immunization	14
Teen pregnancy prevention	13
Public health hospitals and clinics	12
Workforce and quality improvement	12
Cancer programs	11
Family health and nutrition (including WIC)	10
Prevention programs (including health education and promotion)	10
Laboratory services	9

# Key Issues

- ▶ Demands are increasing while funds are decreasing
  - “Emerging” areas of practice in 2001 are now widespread\*
  - Few areas are decreasing\*
  - Economic recession means increased need in population

\* Madamala, Sellers, Beitsch, Pearsol & Jarris (forthcoming). Structure and Functions of State Public Health Agencies, 2007. *The American Journal of Public Health*.

# Key issues

- ▶ Categorical funding
    - Social determinants of health
    - Fragile and underfunded infrastructure
    - Aging workforce in need of training
  - ▶ Sustainable funding
    - State budgets = cuts
    - Efforts to repeal ACA = uncertainty
    - Federal budgets = uncertainty + cuts
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# For more information

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