

Public Health Preparedness: The Big Picture

In May 2015, NACCHO developed and distributed the Preparedness Profile survey to a statistically representative sample of 730 preparedness coordinators. Preparedness coordinators are individuals previously identified by LHDs as having a primary or significant responsibility for leading or coordinating an LHD's disaster/emergency preparedness planning and response activities.

A total of **345 preparedness coordinators** completed the survey (response rate of 47%).

What size are the LHDs?



SMALL LHDs serve populations of less than 50,000 people



MEDIUM LHDs serve populations of between 50,001 and 499,999 people



LARGE LHDs serve populations of 500,000 or more people



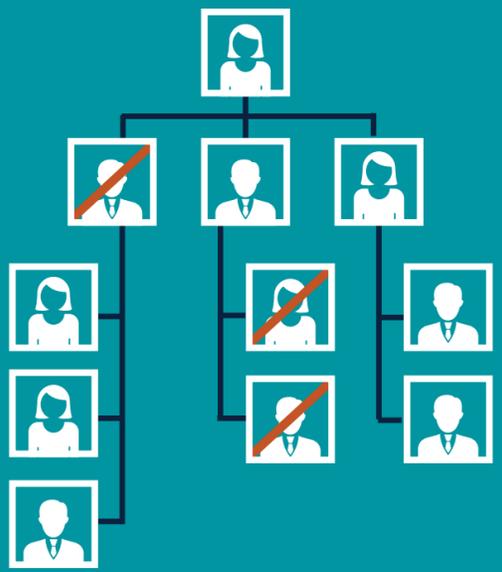
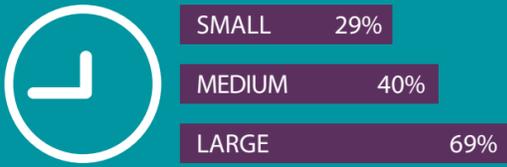
Preparedness Workforce-At-Large

Regardless of jurisdiction size, almost half of the preparedness coordinators have spent a total of **five years or less** in this role.

On average, **22%** of LHDs have reported a decrease in staffing over the last two years. Large LHDs have seen the highest decrease in staffing at 36%.



Over half of the preparedness coordinators within large jurisdictions spend all of their time on job duties related to preparedness.



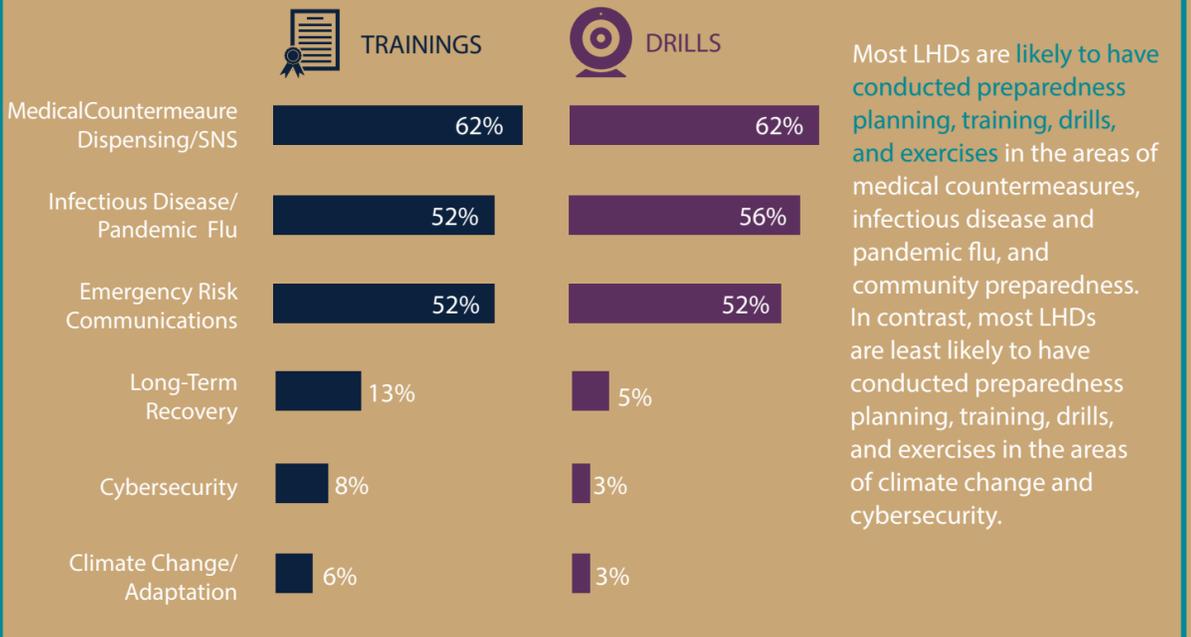
Local Readiness

Preparedness Activities

Most LHDs reported their activities increased or stayed the same on topics related to the PHEP capabilities. The largest decrease in activities were related to volunteer management and responder equipment maintenance.



Trained and Ready



Hazards and Vulnerabilities

As identified in their hazard and vulnerability risk assessments, LHDs feel least prepared to address the following risks:

- Hazardous materials release
- Storms/flooding
- Terrorist threats
- Accidental nuclear/radiation releases
- Infectious disease outbreaks



41%
Accidental Hazardous Material Release



36%
Storms & Flooding



32%
Terrorist Threats



31%
Accidental Nuclear/Radiation Releases



30%
Infectious Disease Outbreaks

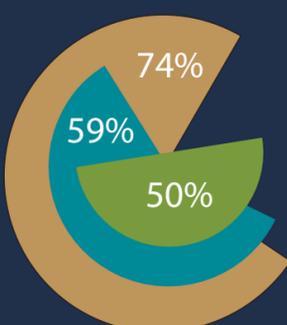


Strengthening Partnerships

Top LHD Partnerships

Among LHDs that reported on the strength of partnerships, most reported excellent partnerships with local EMA, public safety, and hospitals.

- Local Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- Hospitals
- Public Safety (e.g., police, fire)



No matter jurisdiction size, 75 percent of all LHDs reported being a member of a regional healthcare coalition.



Over half of all LHDs engage volunteers in preparedness activities such as community preparedness, training, exercises/drills, and incident responses.

