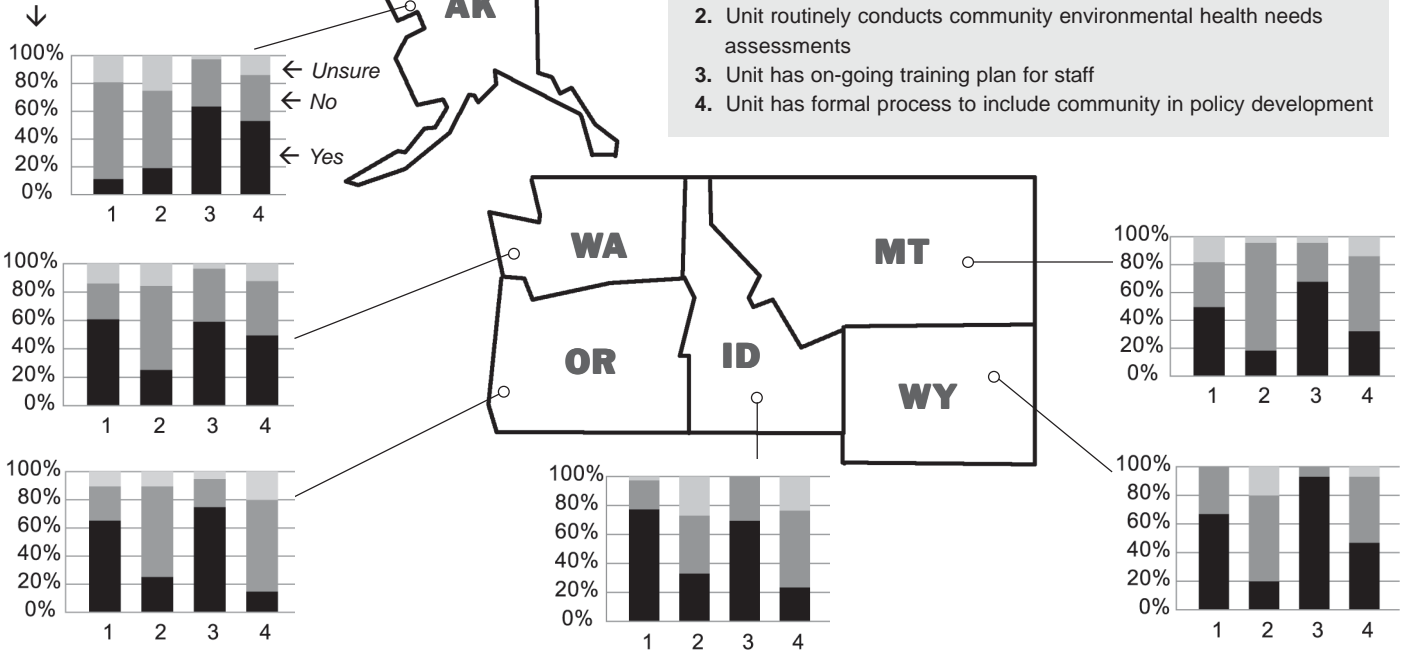


Northwest Region at a Glance

Selected Responses to an Environmental Health Workforce Survey on Essential Services

% of persons who think their unit performs a given function



Source: Northwest Center for Public Health Practice Environmental Health Workforce Survey on Essential Services, distributed to all levels of local and state staff in health and environmental departments in the Northwest region in 2002 (n=179). Staff were asked if the environmental health unit with which they are most closely associated performs activities corresponding to the essential services of public health. Response no. 1 refers to survey Q7, no. 2 to Q3, no. 3 to Q29, and no. 4 to Q19.

Environmental Health Functions in State Governments

	Food Safety	Drinking Water Quality	Onsite Sewage Disposal—Wastewater	Radiation Protection	Radon	Chemical & Physical Hazards	Recreational Water Quality
National	USDA, FDA	EPA	EPA	EPA	EPA	EPA, FEMA	EPA
Alaska	DEC, DHSS	DEC	DEC	DHSS	DEC, coop. extension	DEC, DHSS	DEC
Idaho	DHW, Local	DEQ, Local	DEQ, Local	DHW	DHW, Local	DHW, BHM	Local
Montana	DPHHS	DEQ	DEQ	DPHHS	DEQ	DEQ	DPHHS
Oregon	DHS	DHS, DEQ	DEQ	DHS	DHS	DHS, DEQ	DHS
Washington	DOH	DOH	DOH, DOE, Local	DOH	DOH	DOH, DOE	DOH
Wyoming	AG	AG, DOH	DEQ	no program	DOH	DOH, DEQ	AG

AG—Dept. of Agriculture; BHM—Bureau of Hazardous Materials; DEC—Dept. of Environmental Conservation; DEQ—Dept. of Environmental Quality; DHS—Dept. of Human Services; DHSS—Dept. of Health and Social Services; DHW—Dept. of Health and Welfare; DOE—Dept. of Ecology; DOH—Dept. of Health; DPHHS—Dept. of Public Health and Human Services; Local—Local Public Health District
 Information gathered from state Web pages and confirmed by state officials. More detailed references are at www.nwcp.org/nph/references.html.

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