



It is with great pleasure that I share with you the 5th edition of the ASTHO Profile of State and Territorial Public Health. The Profile provides comprehensive information on state and territorial public health agency governance and structures, health promotion activities, workforce, financial resources, and planning and quality improvement processes. These data, captured through a series of surveys to health agencies, allow us to showcase the magnitude of work conducted by the public health workforce across all states, DC, US territories, and freely associated states and monitor resource changes over time.

This year, we present the Profile data through an online data visualization system. This set of dashboards allows for tracking longitudinal data trends across the 2012, 2016, and 2019 Profile surveys. In addition to national data, we share individual profiles of each health agency. To accompany the dashboard pages, you will also find informational briefs highlighting current trends within various categories captured by the Profile survey such as changes in agency financial resources, the public health workforce, and activities and services they provide.

We are continuously grateful for the efforts of staff at each public health agency who took the time to complete the survey. By providing their information we have a more complete picture of the landscape of governmental public health agency infrastructure, resources, and the magnitude of the activities they conduct to promote population-based public health. We truly appreciate the efforts of all stakeholders who have been instrumental in the Profile survey planning and data collection process. With their continued input, as well as input from users like you, we can continue to improve the data that are collected and disseminate information that is most useful to our broad audience of public health practitioners, researchers, and the general public.

We welcome you to explore the data and provide your feedback as you view the dashboard pages. Our goal is to continue increasing accessibility and understanding of Profile data for both current and future data users by improving interactivity and customization of the data visualization system.

Sincerely,

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