

ASTHO SMART GROWTH INITIATIVE

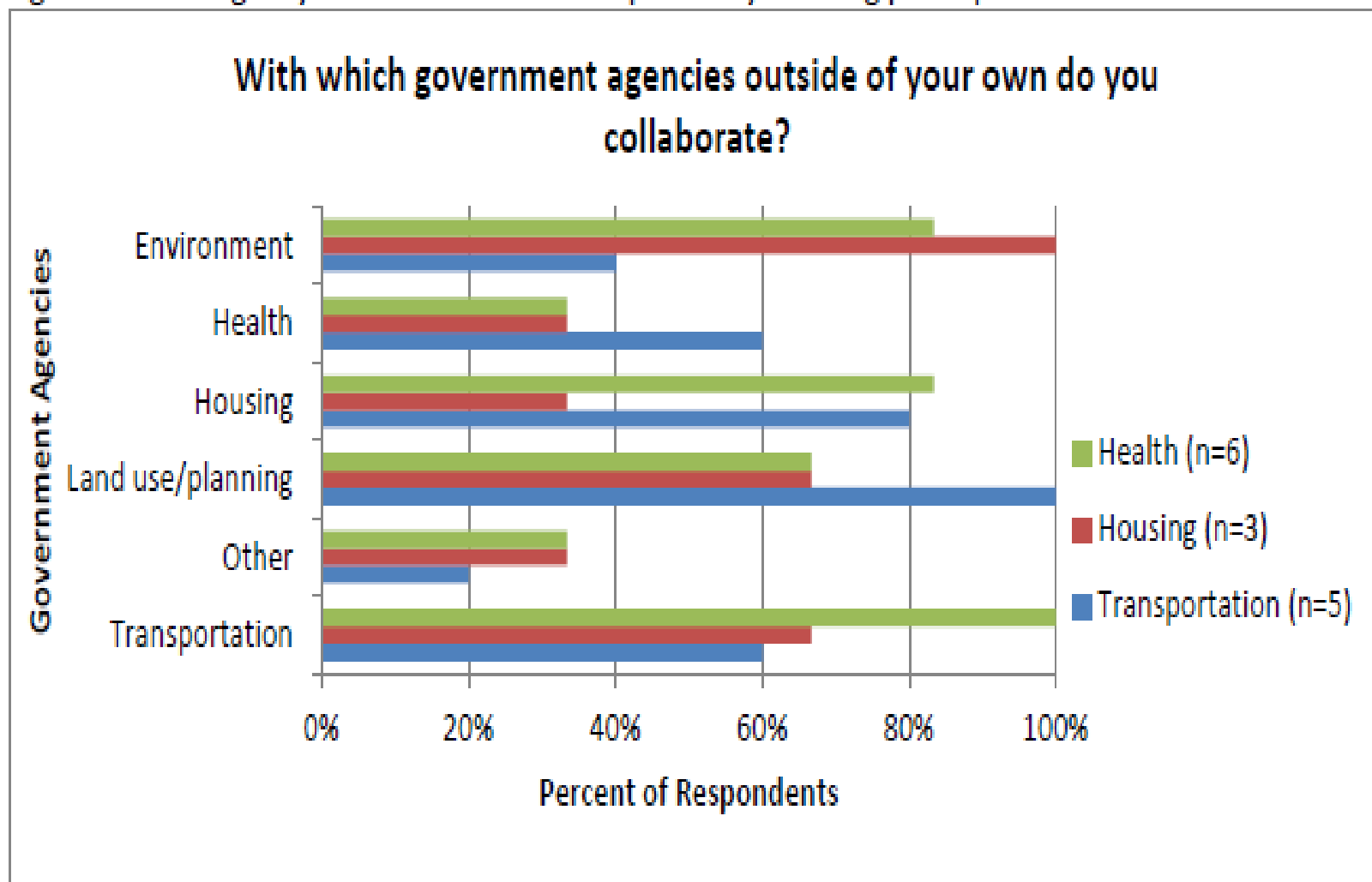
Purpose

- 1) Query state agencies on their current Smart Growth efforts
- 2) Discuss needs and barriers for implementing strategies
- 3) Identify partners for state collaborations
- 4) Create an action plan with strategies for advancing Smart Growth at the state level

Focus Areas

1. Collaboration and communication between agencies
2. Data collection and use
3. Tools to Apply Smart Growth Principles to Practice
4. Importance of Community Engagement in Smart Growth
5. Communication of Smart Growth Principles

Figure 1: Cross-agency collaboration as self-reported by meeting participants



Next Steps

- **Provide informational resources for state and territorial health agencies to conduct outreach, build relationships, track relevant policies and implement projects on the ASTHO website and through the Smart Growth listserv**
- **Share information about pertinent news, events and funding opportunities as they arise**
- **Continue to build relationships with national organizations that offer potential for collaboration**
- **Explore other opportunities to showcase the work of state and territorial health agencies around Smart Growth**