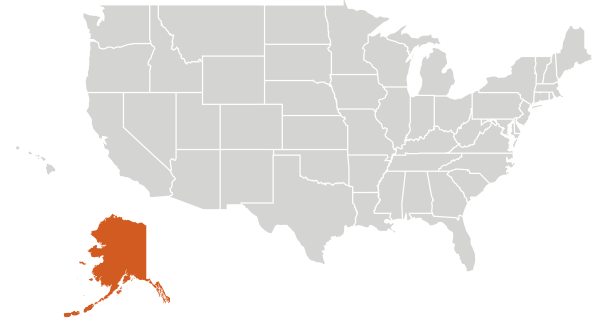




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## Alaska Health Equity State Snapshot

Health equity is an economic issue as well as a social justice issue. Significant inequities and disparities exist between different racial ethnic groups, socioeconomic classes, and geographical location. Health inequities have their roots in the social determinants of health and are a reflection of the persistent inequities that exist in American society. Health inequities result in lower quality of healthcare, worse health outcomes for minority racial/ethnic populations and people with low socioeconomic status, increased direct and indirect healthcare costs, and decreased productivity. The Alaska Health Equity Snapshot was developed using data from the ASTHO 2014 Minority Health Infrastructure Survey and provides an overview of the infrastructure and capacity available in state health agencies to address issues in minority health, health disparities and health equity (MH/HD/HE) in the state and across the nation.

### Agency Mission

To protect and promote the health of all Alaskans.

### Priority Populations

Alaska's priority populations for targeting health equity initiatives are rural or geographically isolated populations, low income populations, American Indians/Alaskan Natives, gender-specific groups, and age groupings across the life span.

### Partnerships

Alaska collaborates with a number of partners on health equity initiatives, including hospitals, community health centers, state and independent advisory bodies, Center for Emergency Preparedness, ADPH Nutrition and Physical Activity Division, and Environmental Services Agencies.

Alaska provides financial resources for partners such as hospitals, community health centers, and tribal government agencies or other tribal community agencies.

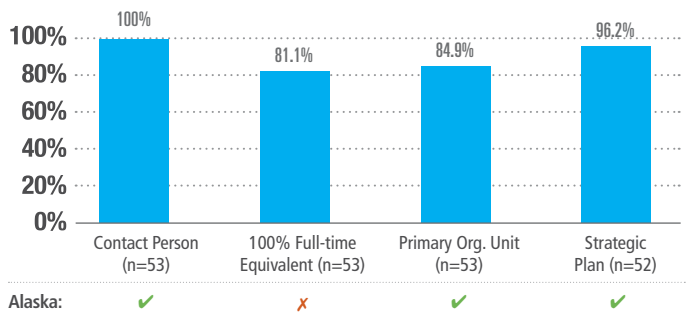
Alaska takes a leadership role with partners such as hospitals, community health centers, economic and community development agencies, and state advisory boards.

### Staffing

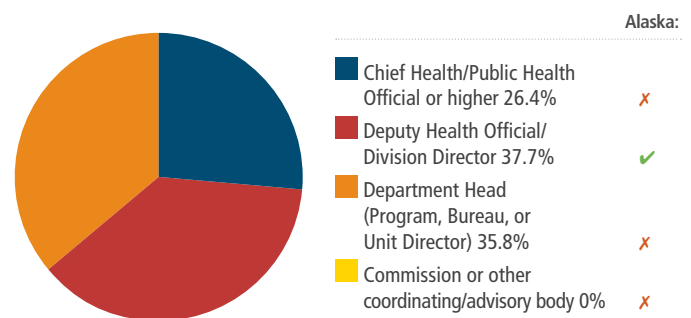
Alaska has staff who work in MH/HD/HE initiatives in the following areas: chronic disease prevention and/or health promotion, public health preparedness and response, epidemiology, maternal and child health, individuals with special health care needs, primary care, and rural health.

## Infrastructure for Health Equity

National Percentage of States with Organizational Resources for Addressing MH/HD/HE



National Percentage of States with Contact Person for MH/HD/HE Reporting to Leadership Positions or Bodies (n=53)



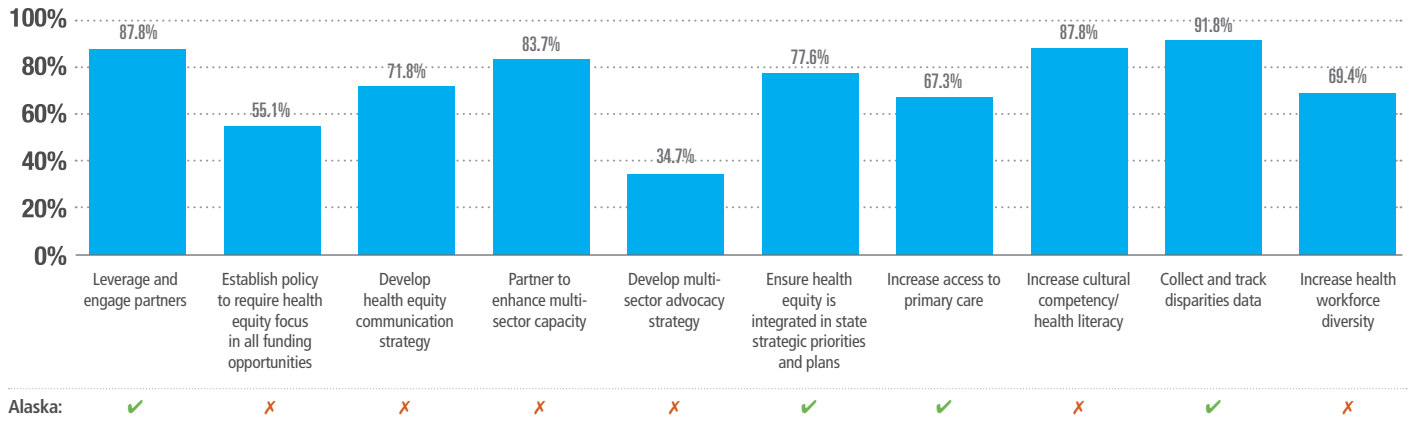
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## Strategic Planning for Health Equity

Alaska has an organizational strategic plan that addresses health equity and/or a health equity-specific strategic plan.

### National Percentage of States with Strategies for Addressing MH/HD/HE in Strategic Plans (n=49)



## Funding for Health Equity

Funding received in FY 2013 from all sources of funding	Alaska (in thousands \$)	National Funding in thousands (minimum – maximum; n=47)
Federal Funds	11,828	0 – 146,203
State General Funds	3,100	0 – 40,000
Other Sources	data n/a	0 – 55,517

Funding received in FY 2013 by federal agency	Alaska (in thousands \$)	National Funding in thousands (minimum – maximum; n=45)
HHS Office of Minority Health	0	198
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	6,068	20,121
Health Resources and Services Administration	3,692	16,097
Other HHS Agency	2,068	93,000
Other Federal Agency	0	46,279

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