

# Scott Williams, Vice President, Men's Health Network A National Phone and Direct Mail Survey: State Public Health Departments Access to Care, Health Information, and Education Outreach for Both Men's & Women's Health

# Introduction/Objective

State Departments of Health provide this nation's communities with critical access to care, health information and services, as well as educational outreach programming.

This study is an effort to explore available resources for gender based health services including the degree to which women's and men's health is institutionalized, and can serve as a benchmark and discussion point for initial development of Healthy People 2020 objectives.

# **Population Comparison**

A lower number of males per 100 females suggests a higher burden on aging women and their families due to premature male mortality.



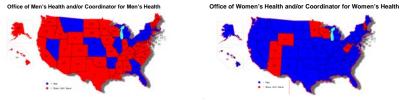
State	Male	Female	Males per 100 Females	State	Male	Fenale	Males per 100 Females		
Alabama	76,405	91,563	83.4	Montana	15,810	16,731	94.5		
Alaska	6,371	6,255	101.9	Nebraska	27,728	31,663	87.6		
Arizona	90,270	96,737	91.4	Nevada	35,889	35,498	101.1		
Arkansas	48,740	56,435	86.4	New Hampshire	19,841	21,302	93.1		
California	456,776	527,759	86.6	New Jersey	132,558	160,638	82.5		
Colorado	57,663	63,559	90.7	New Mexico	30,126	33,101	91.0		
Connecticut	54,050	63,506	85.1	New York	296,363	361,237	82.0		
Delaware	14,081	15,871	88.7	North Carolina	128,908	153,928	83.7		
D.C.	8,162	10,353	70.6	North Dakota	10,861	12,281	88.4		
Florida	339,444	388,051	87.5	Ohio	183,727	218,941	83.9		
Georgia	107,826	128,808	83.7	Oklahoma	59,486	69,270	85.9		
Hawaii	19,503	23,344	83.5	Oregon	53,193	59,421	89.5		
Idaho	19,462	20,707	94.0	Pennsylvania	218,129	262,527	83.1		
Hinois	180,927	216,516	83.6	Rhode Island	16,408	19,615	83.7		
Indiana	93,444	110,293	84.7	South Carolina	66,892	78,707	85.0		
lows	49,643	57,730	86.0	South Dakota	12,625	14,501	87.1		
Kansas	41,641	40,444	86.0	Tennessee	93,261	111,310	83.6		
Kentucky	66,591	78,080	85.3	Texas	283,517	326,915	86.7		
Louisiana	66,652	81,352	81.9	Utah	25,565	28,169	90.0		
Maine	23,568	26,532	80.8	Vermont	10,035	11,091	90.5		
Maryland	77,449	90,793	85.3	Virginia	106,358	123,195	86.3		
Massachusetts	98,882	117,616	84.1	Washington	84,294	91,931	91.7		
Michigan	151,136	177,099	85.1	West Virginia	34,552	41,311	83.6		
Minnesota	72,707	80,462	90.4	Wisconsin	85,771	96,348	89.0		
Mississippi	44,174	54,005	81.8	Wyoming	8,009	8,589	93.2		
Missouri	94,559	110.483	85.9		•				

#### Method

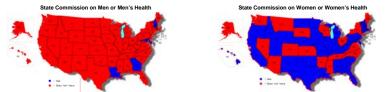
A national phone and direct mail survey was administered to the Secretary/Director of 51 State Departments of Health (including Washington, DC) as well as the Governor's Office, where appropriate.

## Results

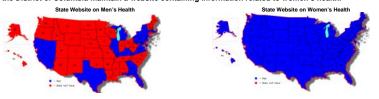
12 states have established an Office of Men's Health and/or Coordinator for Men's Health; 42 states and the District of Columbia verified having an Office of Women's Health and/or Coordinator for Women's Health.



4 states indicated that they have a State Commission on Men or Men's Health, as compared to 33 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico with a State Commission on Women or Women's Health.



14 states and the District of Columbia have a website with information related to men's health. 50 states and the District of Columbia maintain a website containing information related to women's health.



There were limitations to the study. Responses from some states offered conflicting data or was inconsistent with the state web site; the data was reconciled to the best of our ability.



State	мн	wн	мс	wc	M Site	W Site	State	мн	WH	MC	wc	M Site			
Alabama	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Montane	Y	Y	N	N	N			
Alaska	N	Υ	N	N	N	Y	Nebraska	Y	Y	N	Y	N			
Artzona	N	N°	N	N	N	Y	Nevada	Y	Y	N	N	Y			
Arkenses	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	New Hampshire	N	N	Y	Y	N			
California	N*	۳	N	Y	Y	Y	New Jersey	N	Y	N	Y	Y			
Colorado	N*	γ*	N	N	N	Y	New Mexico	N	Y	N	Y	N			
Connecticut	N	Υ	N	Y	N	Y	New York	Y	Y	N	N	Y			
Delaware	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	North Carolina	N	Y	N	N	N			
D.C.	N*	γ.	N	Y	N	Y	North Dekota	N	Y	N	Y	N			
Florida	Y*	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Ohlo	Y	Y	N	N	N			
Georgia	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Oklahoma	N	Y	N	Y	N			
Hawaii	N	Υ	N	Y	N	Y	Oregon	N°	٧.	N	Y	N			
Idaho	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Pennsylvania	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Illinois	Y*	γ.	N	Y	Y	Y	Rhode Island	N	N	N	Y	N			
Indiana	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	South Carolina	N	Y	N	Y	N			
lowa	N	Υ	N	Y	N	Y	South Dakota	N	Y	N	N	N			
Kansas	Y	Υ	N	N	N	Y	Tennessee	N	Y	N	N	N			
Kentucky	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Texas	N	Y	N	Y	Y			
Louisiana	N	Υ	Y	Y	N	Y	Utah	N	N	N	Y	N			
Maine	N*	٧*	N	N	N	Y	Vermont	N	Y	N	Y	N			
Meryland	N	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Virginia	N	Y	N	N	Y			
Maseachusetts	Y	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	Washington	N	Y	N	N	N			
Michigan	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	West Virginia	N°	N°	N	Y	N			
Minnesota	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Wisconsin	N	N	N	N	N			
Mississippi	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Wyoming	N	N	N	Y	N			
Missouri	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	*Denotes no or conflicting response								

### Conclusions

The survey results highlight the need for concrete plans and policies to address these unmet needs and underserved populations.

Prospects exist to address the gender gap within State Departments of Health relating to education, outreach, services, and access to care.

It is imperative to perform a comprehensive environmental scan of current men's and women's health tools, resources, ad infrastructure by state.