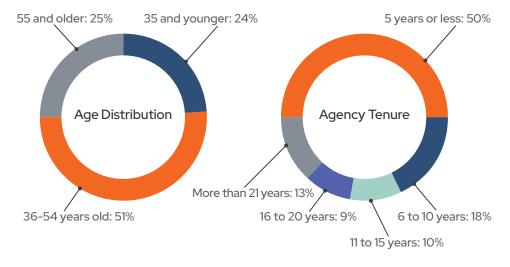


PH WINS 2024 Spotlight: Maternal and Child Health Workforce

PH WINS 2024 included public health employees across many specialty areas. This fact sheet describes the approximately 53,900 members of the maternal and child health workforce, who comprise about 23% of the total state and local government public health workforce.

Key Characteristics



Educational background:

- 36% have a bachelor's degree
- 30% have a master's or doctoral degree
- 17% have a degree in public health



The Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS) supports the government public health workforce by measuring strengths and gaps to inform future investments in funding, training, recruitment, and retention. Conducted in 2014, 2017, 2021, and 2024, PH WINS is the only nationally representative source of data about the government public health workforce.





Most employees are committed to staying at their organization.

About 3 in 4 maternal and child health employees (76%) plan to stay at their organization for the next year.

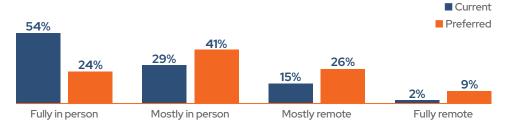
Reasons for Staying

Reasons for Leaving

- Benefits (71%)
- Pay (51%)
- Job Stability (55%)
- Work Overload/Burnout (41%)
- Supportive Coworkers (53%)
- Job Satisfaction (41%)

Employees value flexible work arrangements.

Current and Preferred Remote Work Status



Supporting work-life balance can combat burnout.

Twenty percent of the workforce reports experiencing lasting symptoms of burnout. Three-quarters of the maternal and child health workforce (75%) agree that their agency implements policies and programs to support their mental health.

Focused training can supplement existing skills.

Top Strengths and Training Needs

Strategic Strengths

Training Needs

- Effective Communication (95%) Programmatic Expertise (92%)
- Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (90%)
- Budgeting & Financial Management (54%)
- Policy Engagement (43%)
- Change Management (35%)

Actionable Insights

- When possible, provide flex time and allow remote work when needed.
- Prioritize training in budgeting and financial management as well as policy engagement.
- Improve opportunities for shared decision making.
- Expand programs and policies to address mental health and burnout.

For more insights, explore the infectious disease workforce on the PH WINS Dashboard using the "Refine To" filter option.

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