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Infrastructural Characteristics of LHDs

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A collaborative study including Dr. Gulzar Shah, Director of the Office of Research, at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Georgia Southern University investigates whether or not infrastructural characteristics of Local Health Departments (LHDs) were associated with completion of community health assessment (CHA) using the data from the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) 2010 Profile of LHDs.

Our results show that local and shared LHD governance, greater share of revenue from federal and state sources, smaller population size in LHD jurisdiction, and having an epidemiologist significantly increased the odds of CHA completion in the past, after controlling for community characteristics and other independent variables. These findings have important implications for LHDs, PHAB and its partners.

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