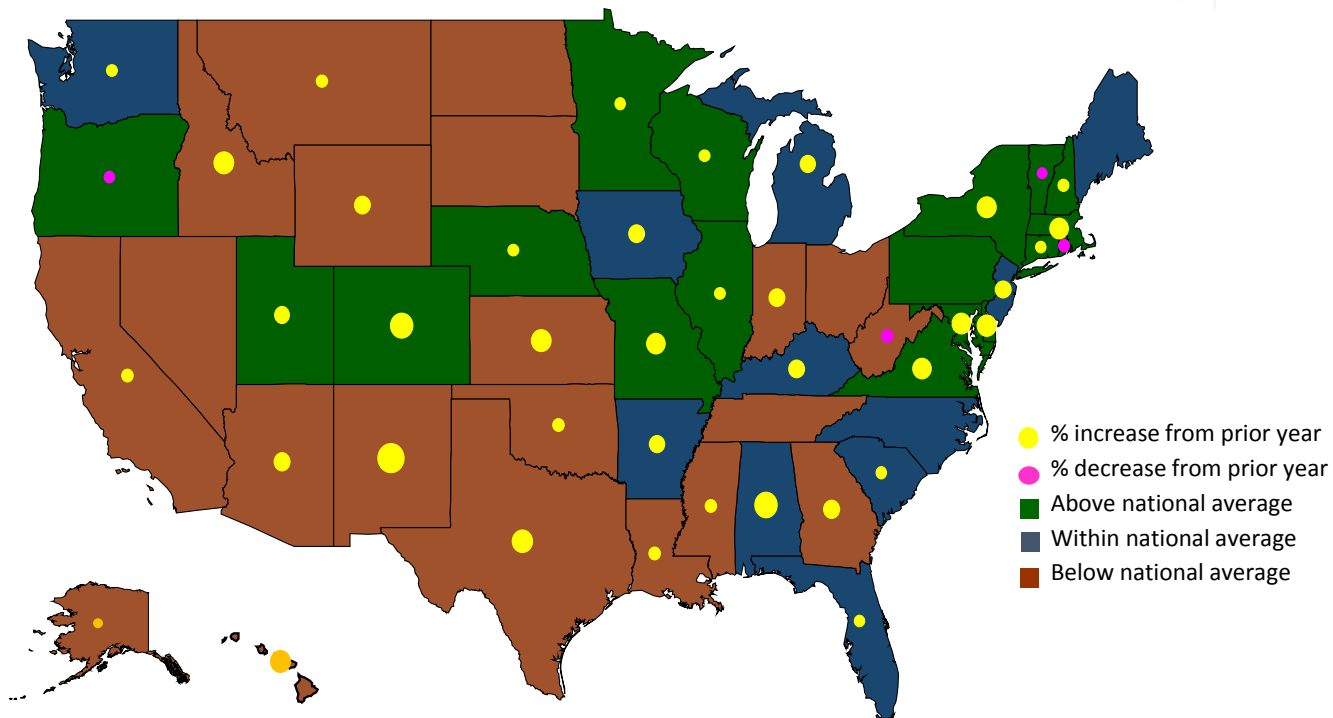
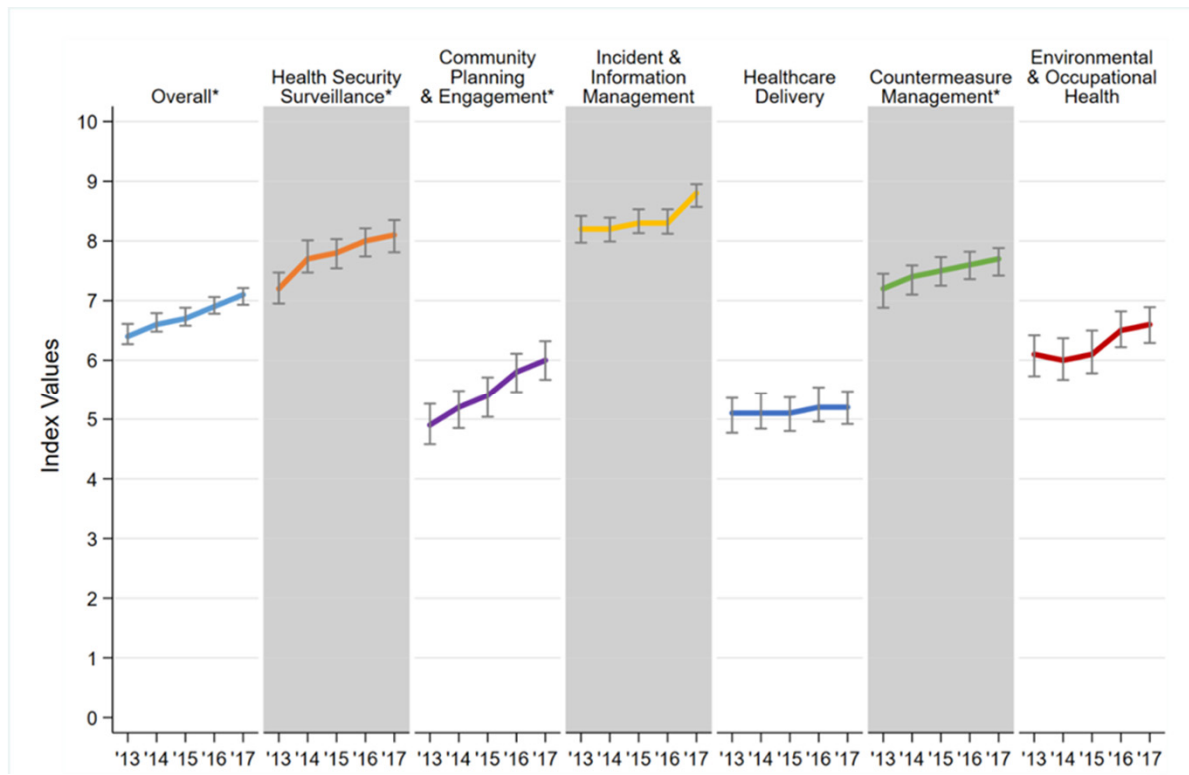


National Health Security Preparedness Index 2018 Release Key Findings



- **Five** consecutive years of gains in health security nationally: **10.9%** increase since 2013 (p<.05)
- **39** states improved in 2017, 4 declined and 8 held steady.
- **Largest** gains in community engagement, surveillance, and incident management (all p<.05).
- Widening **regional disparities** due to slower pace of progress in South, Southwest, Mountain West.
- **43%** of U.S. population now live in areas with below-average health security, up from **18%** in 2014.
- **44 states** scored above-average in 1 or more domains, and **46 states** scored below-average in 1 or more domains. Most lead the nation in some domains, lag in other domains.

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