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The 2016 National Health Security Preparedness Index



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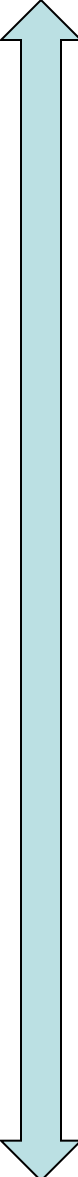
Why a Preparedness Index?

Increase awareness & understanding of preparedness as a shared responsibility of multiple sectors in government and society

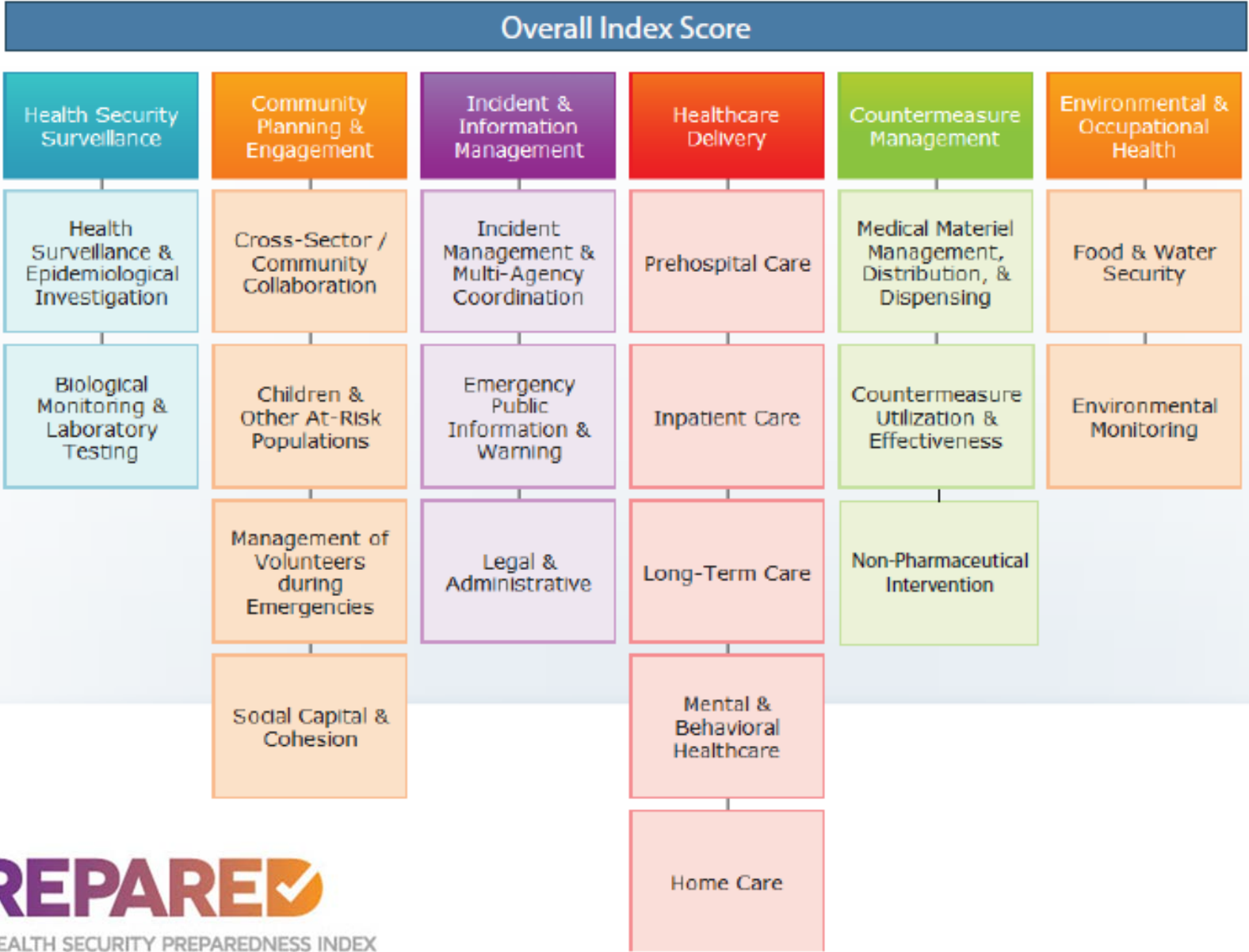
- **Identify strengths and vulnerabilities**
- **Track progress**
- **Encourage coordination & collaboration**
- **Facilitate planning & policy development**
- **Support benchmarking & quality improvement**
- **Drive research & development**



A Brief History

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- 2012** ■ **Collaborative Development:** Partnership led by CDC, ASTHO and >25 collaborating organizations
 - 12/2013** ■ **1st Release:** Initial model structure and results
 - 5 domains and 14 subdomains
 - 128 measures
 - 12/2014** ■ **2nd Release:** Revised model and results
 - 6 domains and 18 active subdomains
 - 119 retained + 75 new = 194 measures
 - 75% of retained measures have updated data
 - 1/2015** ■ **Transition to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
 - Validation studies and revision to methodology & measures
 - 4/2016** ■ **3rd Release:** Revised model and results
 - 6 domains & 19 subdomains
 - 65% measures retained, 12% respecified, 8 new additions = 134
 - 90% of retained measures have updated data from 2nd release

Current Index Structure



2016 Methodological Enhancements

- **Consolidation:** reduce correlated, redundant & noisy measures
- **Composition:** expand social, environmental economic indicators of preparedness & resiliency
- **Grouping & weighting:** use empirical methods for internal consistency, discriminant power
- **Scaling:** reflect distributional properties
- **Comparisons:** address accuracy and uncertainty
- **Trending:** apply new methods/measures retrospectively

2016 Changes in Measure Set

- 42 measures eliminated due to data periodicity >3 years
- 29 measures eliminated due to poor construct validity
- 22 measures respecified to improve construct validity
- 8 newly added measures

Domain	Construct Validity	
	2014 Alpha	2016 Alpha
Health security surveillance	0.377	0.712
Community planning & engagement	0.382	0.631
Incident & information management	0.455	0.734
Healthcare delivery	0.354	0.596
Countermeasure management	0.231	0.654
Environmental/occupational health	0.546	0.749

Current Index Structure and Methodology

- 134 individual measures



- 19 subdomains



- 6 domains

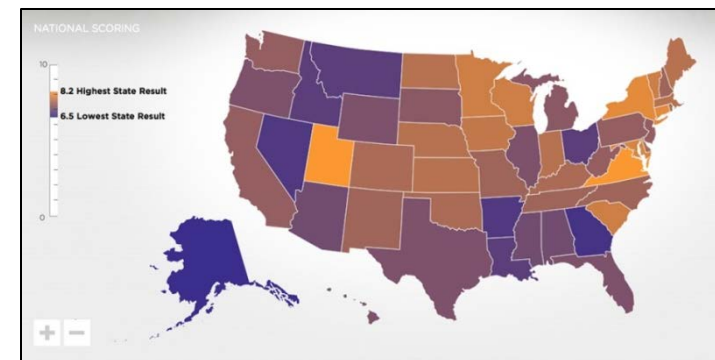


- State overall values

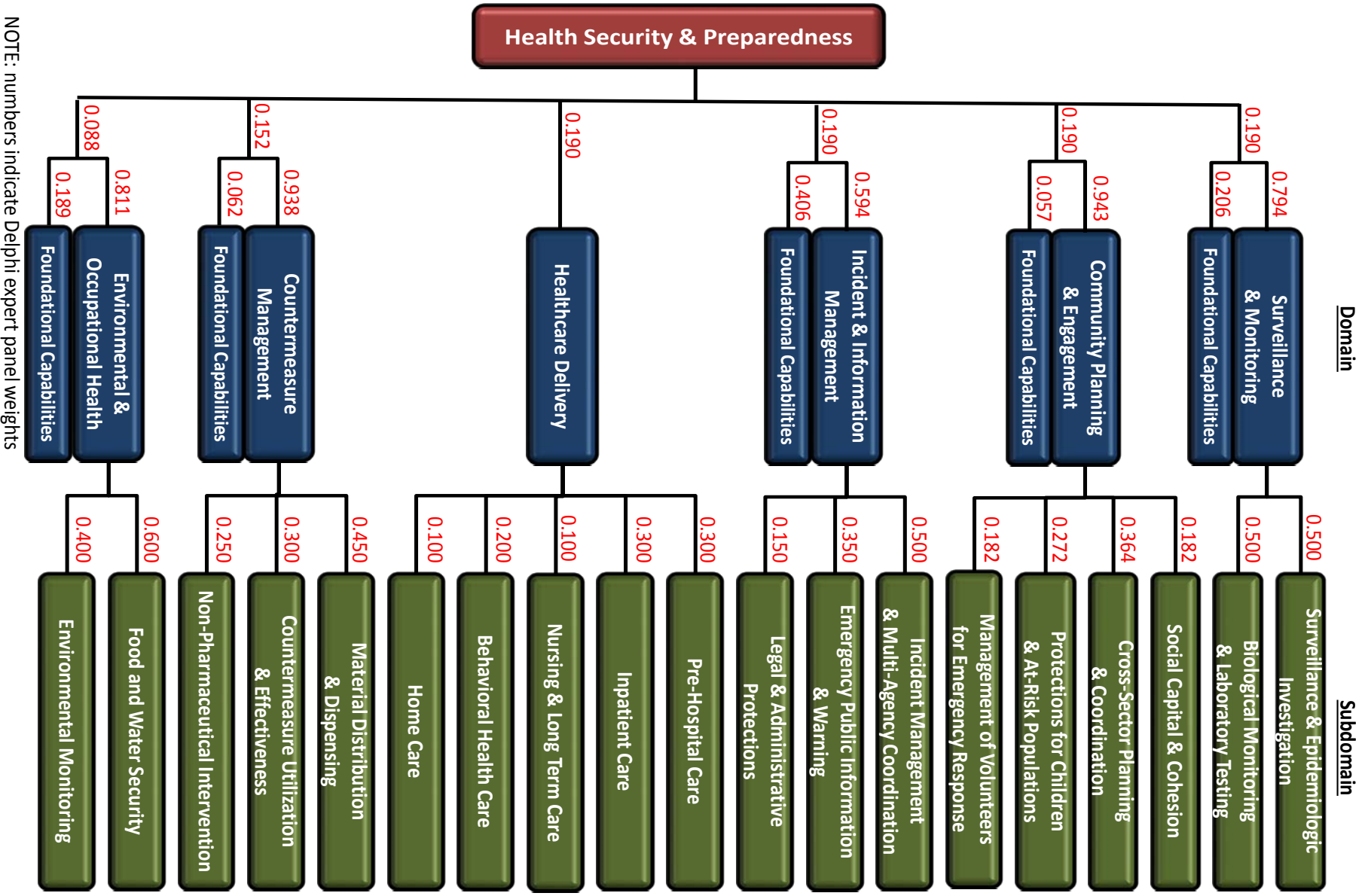


- National overall values

- Normalized to 0-10 scale using min-max scaling to preserve distributions
- Imputations based on multivariate longitudinal models
- Empirical weights based on Delphi expert panels
- Bootstrapped confidence intervals reflect sampling and measurement error
- Annual estimates for 2013, 2014 and 2015

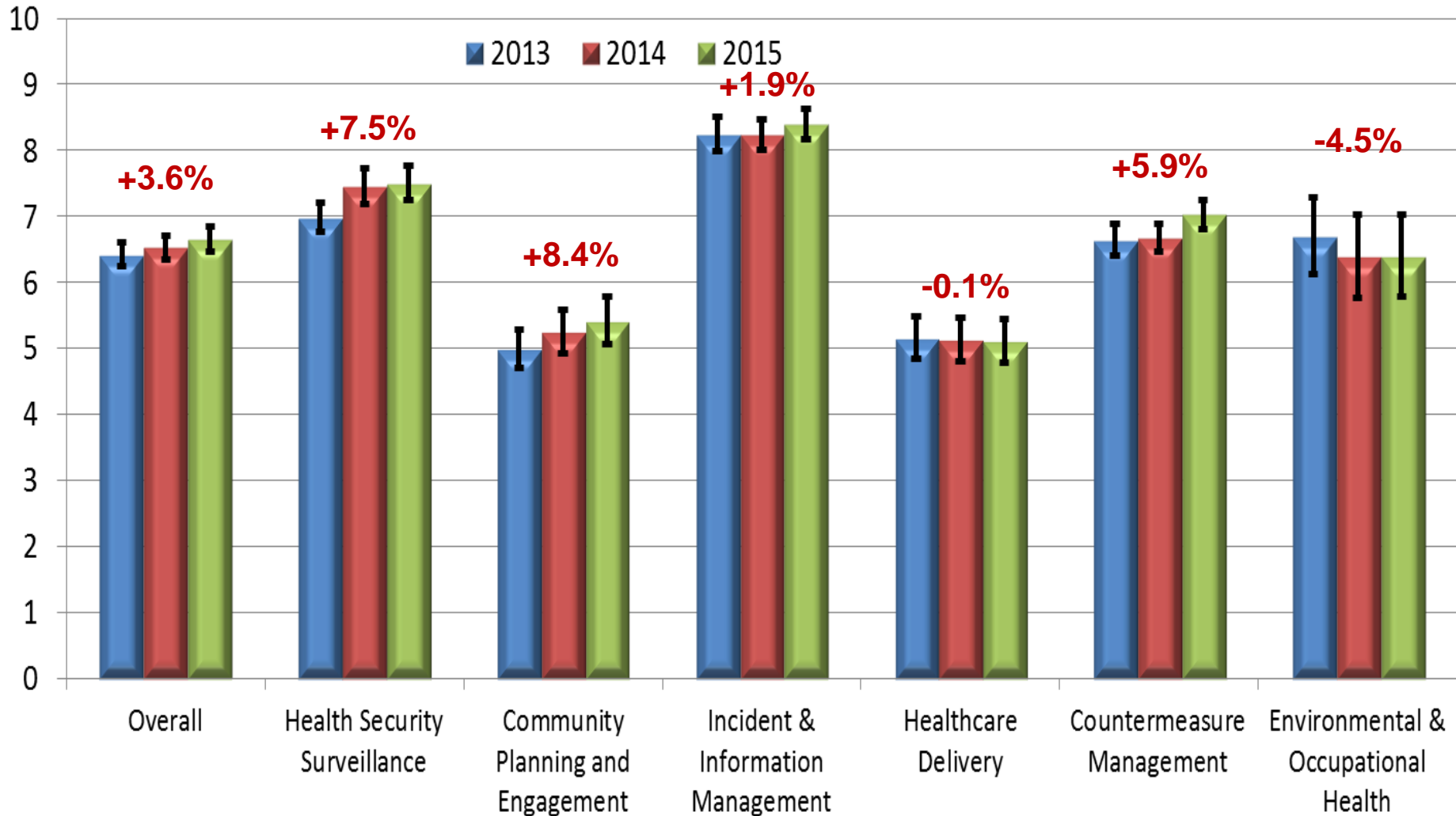


Index Delphi Weights & Foundational Capabilities



NOTE: numbers indicate Delphi expert panel weights

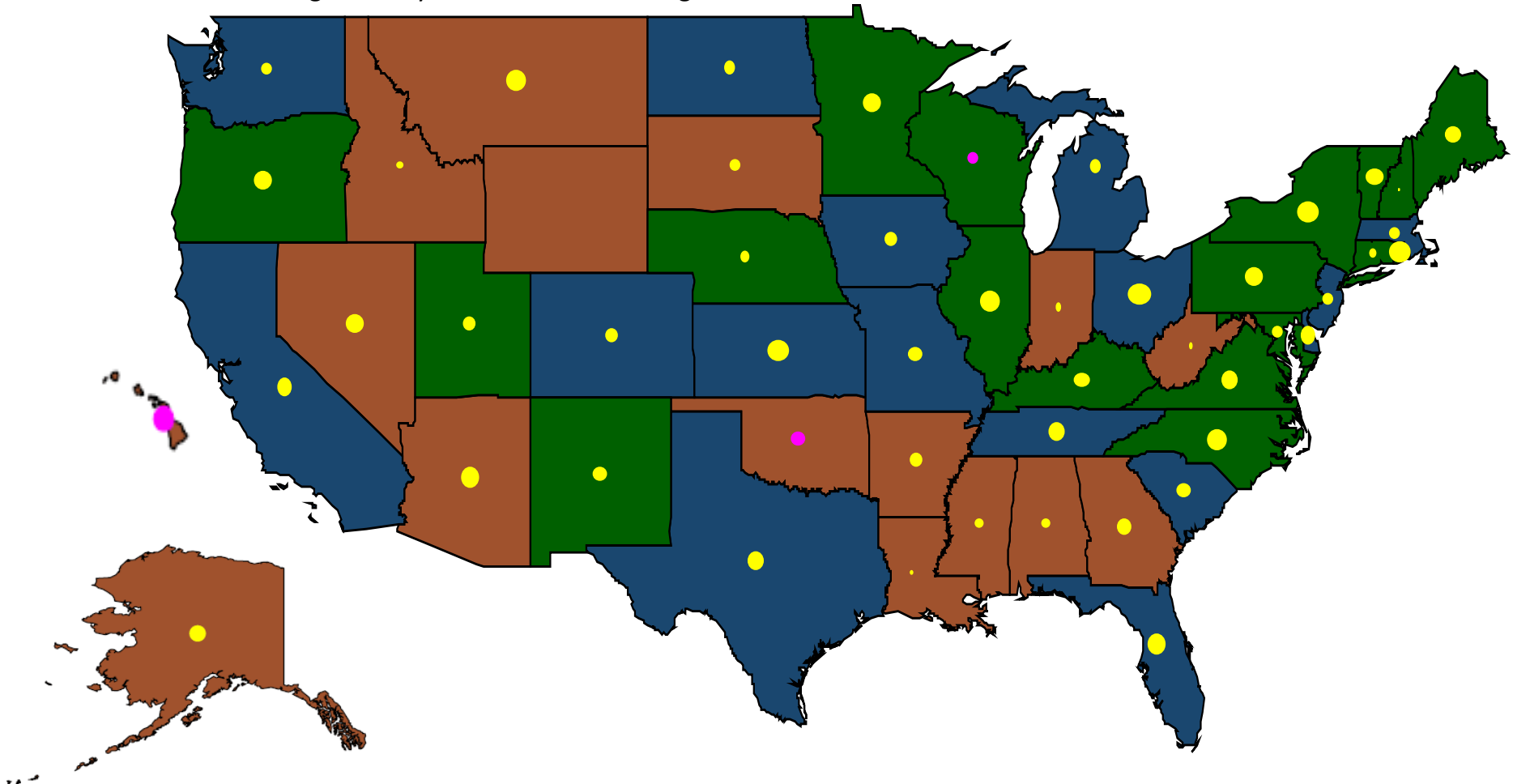
1. National preparedness trended upward in most functional areas during 2013-15, except in environmental health and healthcare delivery



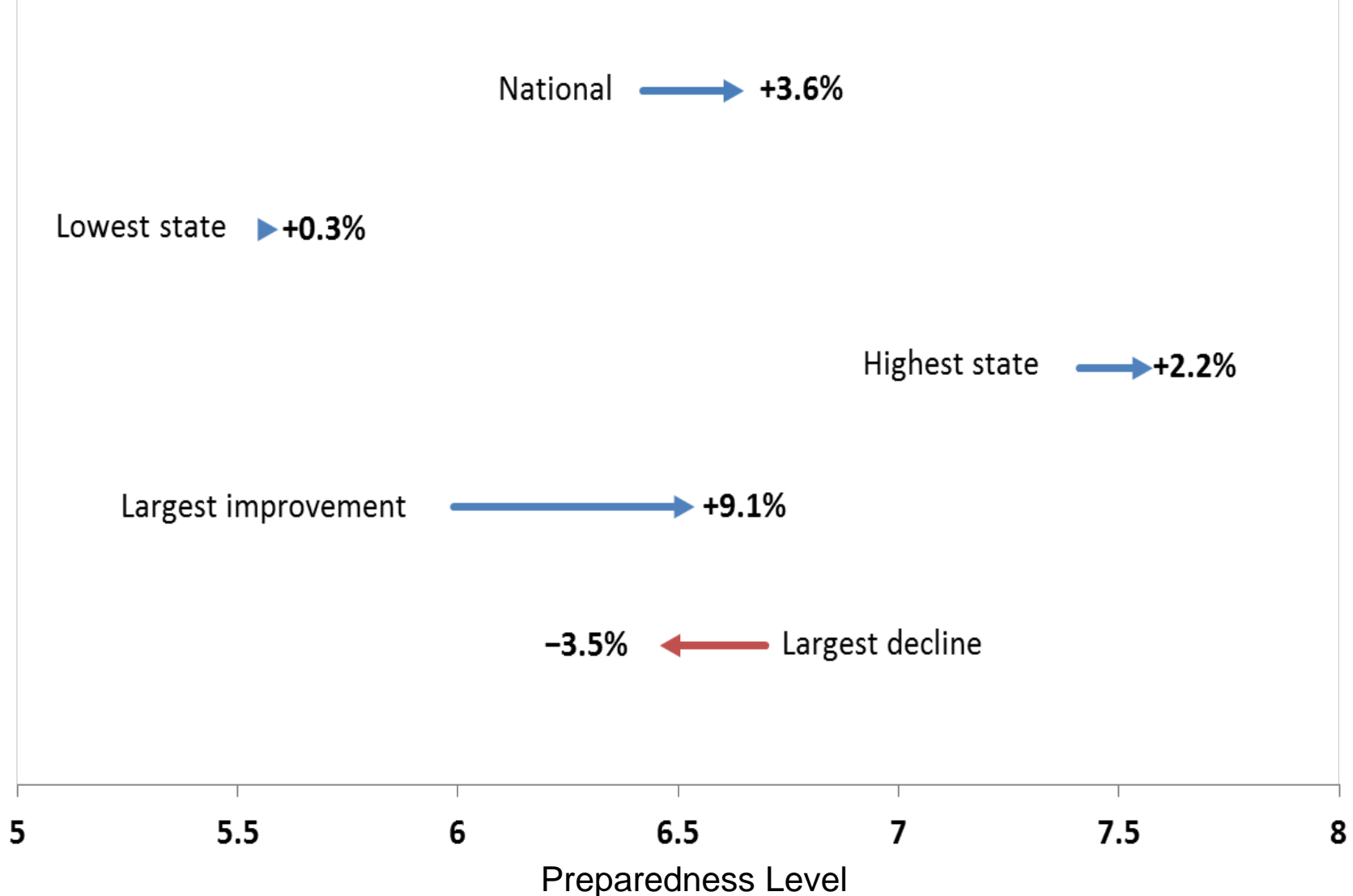
2. Preparedness improved in most states during 2013-15, but significant geographic differences remain.

- Significantly below national average in 2015
- Within national average confidence interval
- Significantly above national average in 2015

- % increase 2013-2015
- % decrease 2013-2015

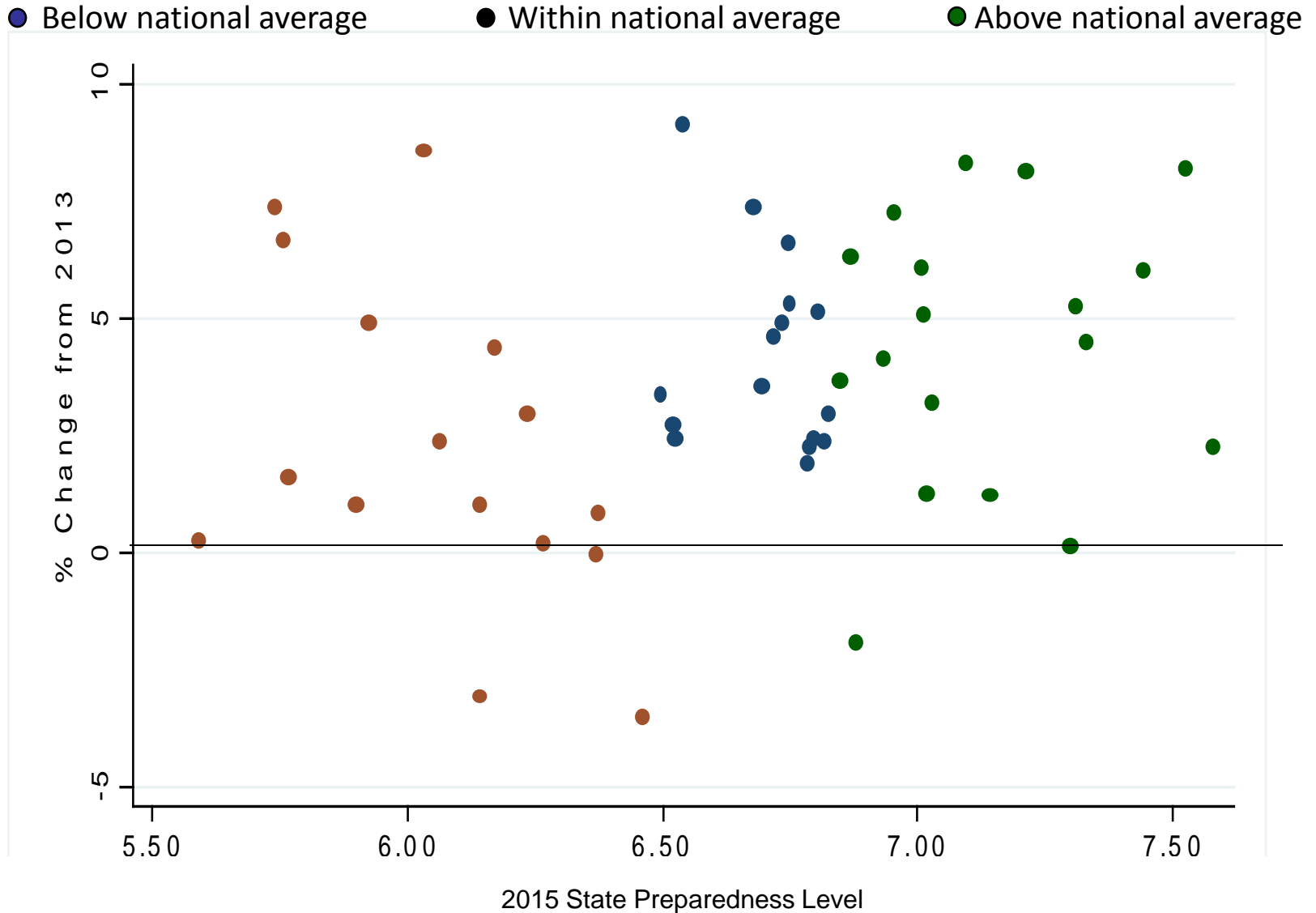


3. Preparedness levels improved by an average of 3.6% between 2013 and 2015. Individual state trends ranged from a 9.1% improvement to a 3.5% decline.



Results

4. Improvements in preparedness occurred across the U.S. in both above-average and below-average states. However, some below-average states continued to lose ground.



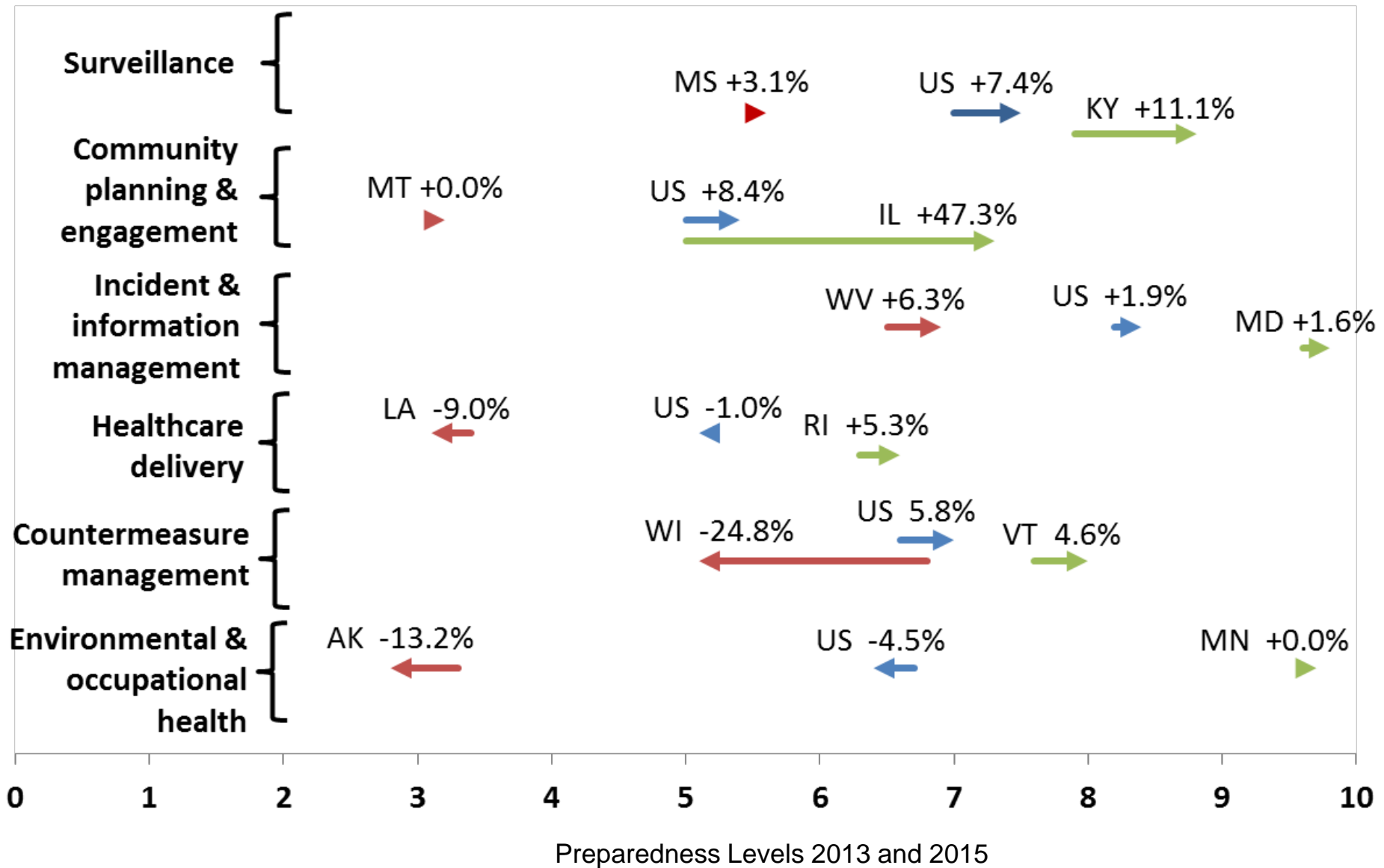
5. An increasing number of states score above the national average preparedness level.

2016 National Health Security Preparedness Index Results

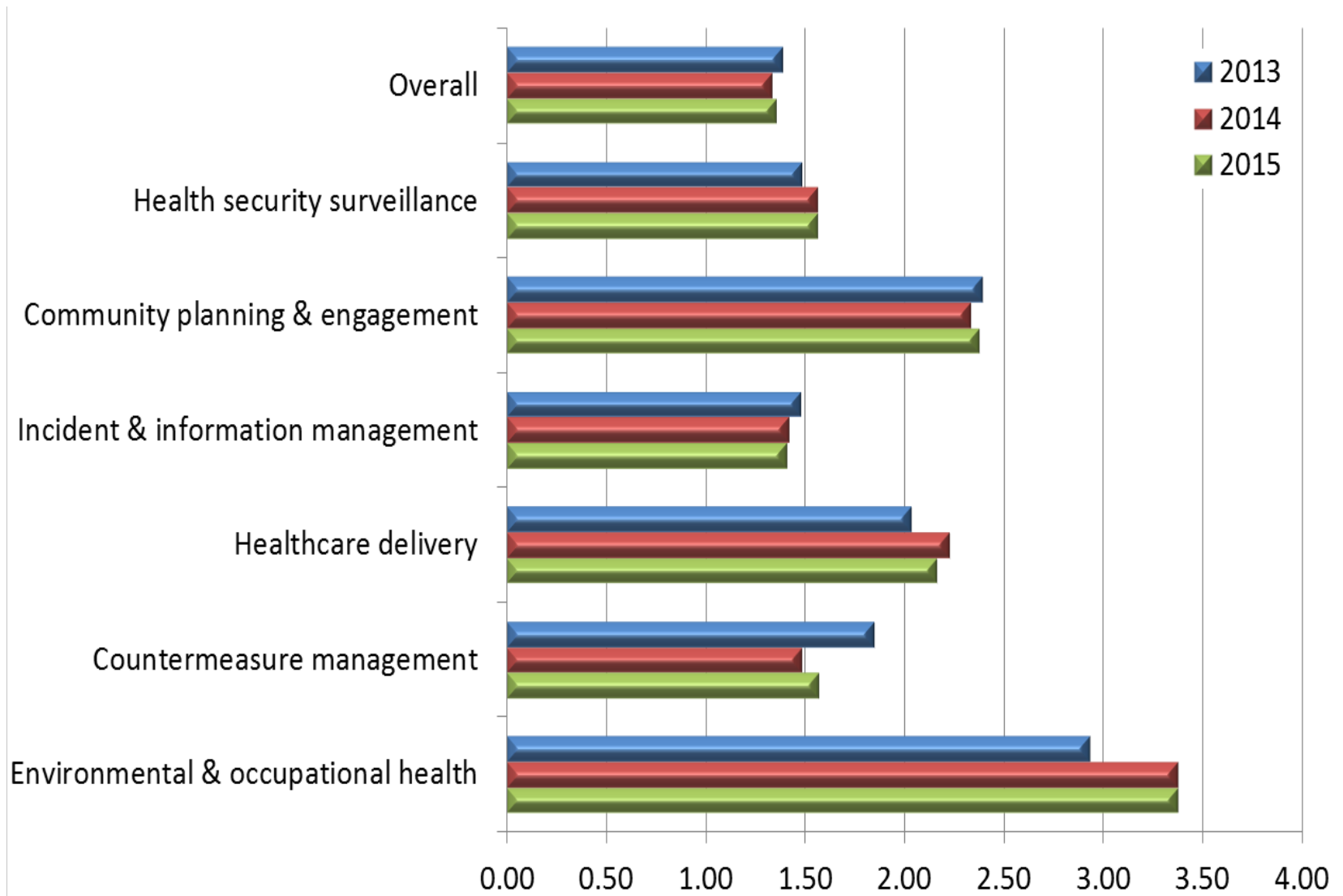


NOTE: Dotted lines represent statistical confidence intervals for the national average Index score.

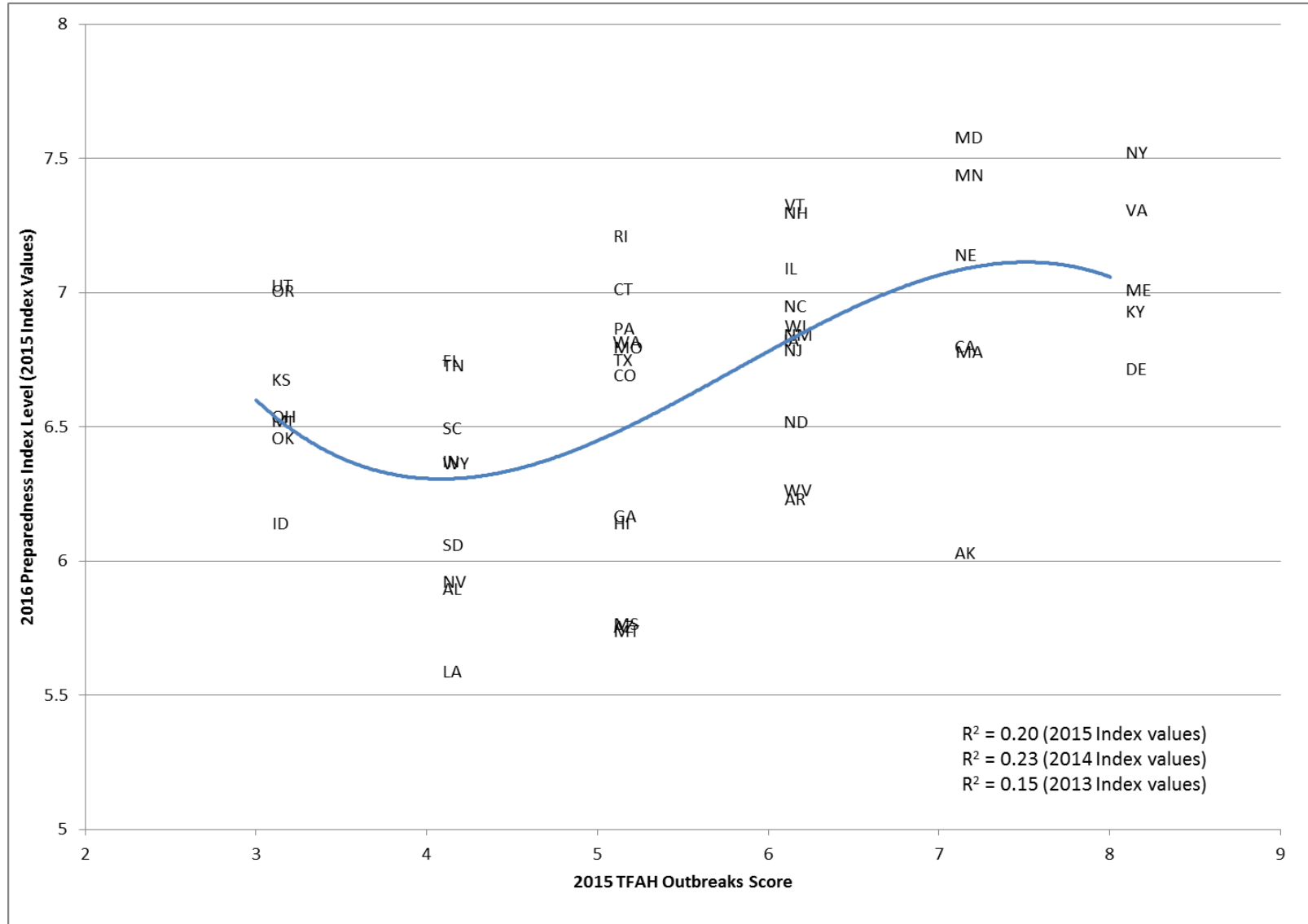
6. Changes in preparedness levels varied widely across states and domains.



7. Gaps in preparedness between the highest and lowest states are large and persistent, and they have increased in environmental health and in healthcare delivery.



8. 20-23% of the variation in state preparedness levels can be explained by differences in infectious disease protections.



Caveats and cautions

- Imperfect measures & latent constructs
- Missing capabilities
- Timing and accuracy of underlying data sources

Next Steps

- 2016 Public Release on April 26
www.nhspi.org
- National convening to showcase uses: Fall 2016
- Continued work to incorporate advances in measurement: ASPR, CDC, NIH, AHRQ, HP2020
- Additional analysis to understand causes and consequences of change



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