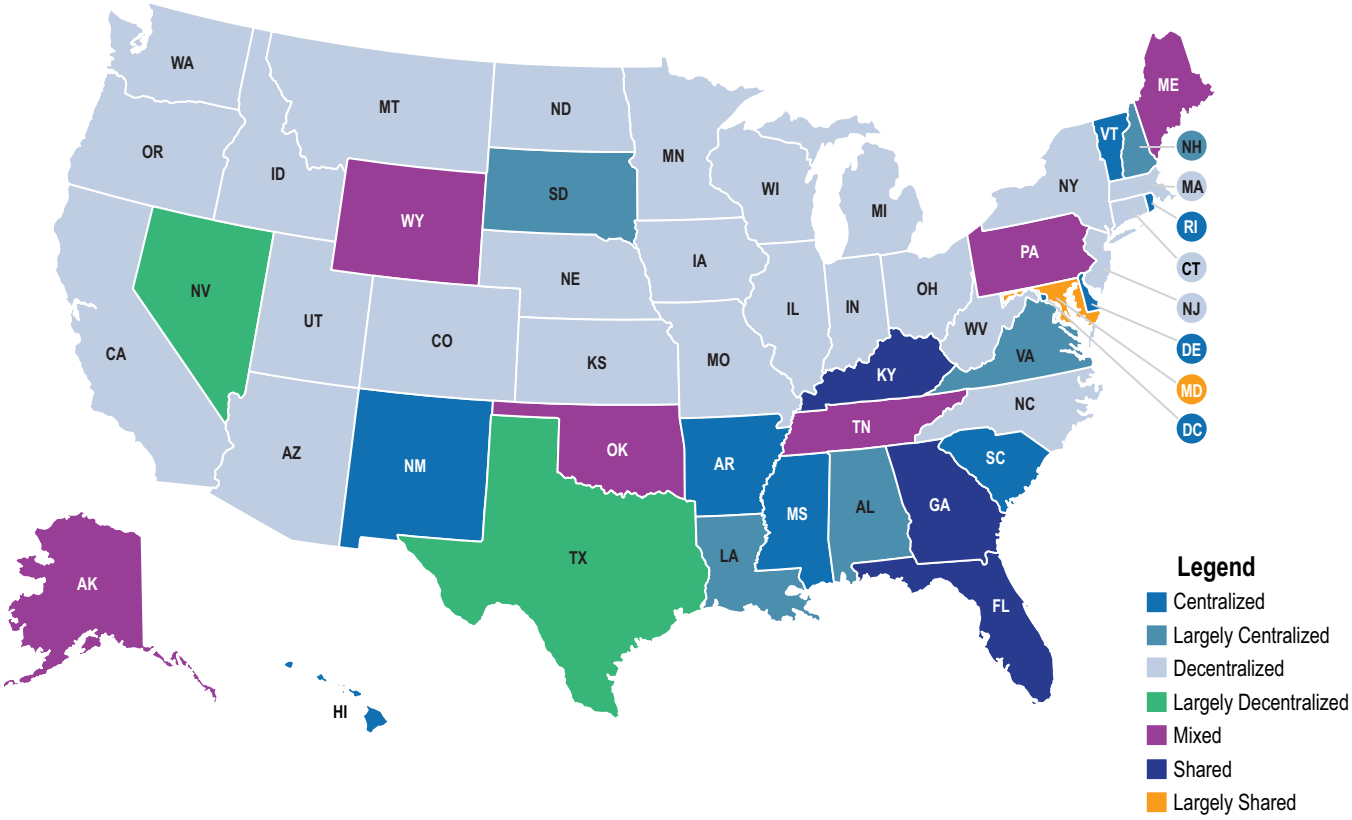
Public Health Governance

State and Local Health Department Governance Classification Map



Governance Health Structures

- **Centralized or largely centralized structure:** Local health units are primarily led by employees of the state
- **Decentralized or largely decentralized structure:** Local health units are primarily led by employees of local governments.
- **Mixed structure:** Some local health units are led by employees of the state and some are led by employees of local government. No single structure predominates.
- **Shared or largely shared structure:** Local health units might be led by employees of the state or by employees of local government. If they are led by state employees, then local government has the authority to make fiscal decisions and/or issue public health orders; if they are led by local employees, then the state has authority.

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