

# Health Impact Assessment Practice in Arizona

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# The Problem

## *Cross-sector health issues*



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**“Public health agencies alone cannot assure the nation’s health.”**

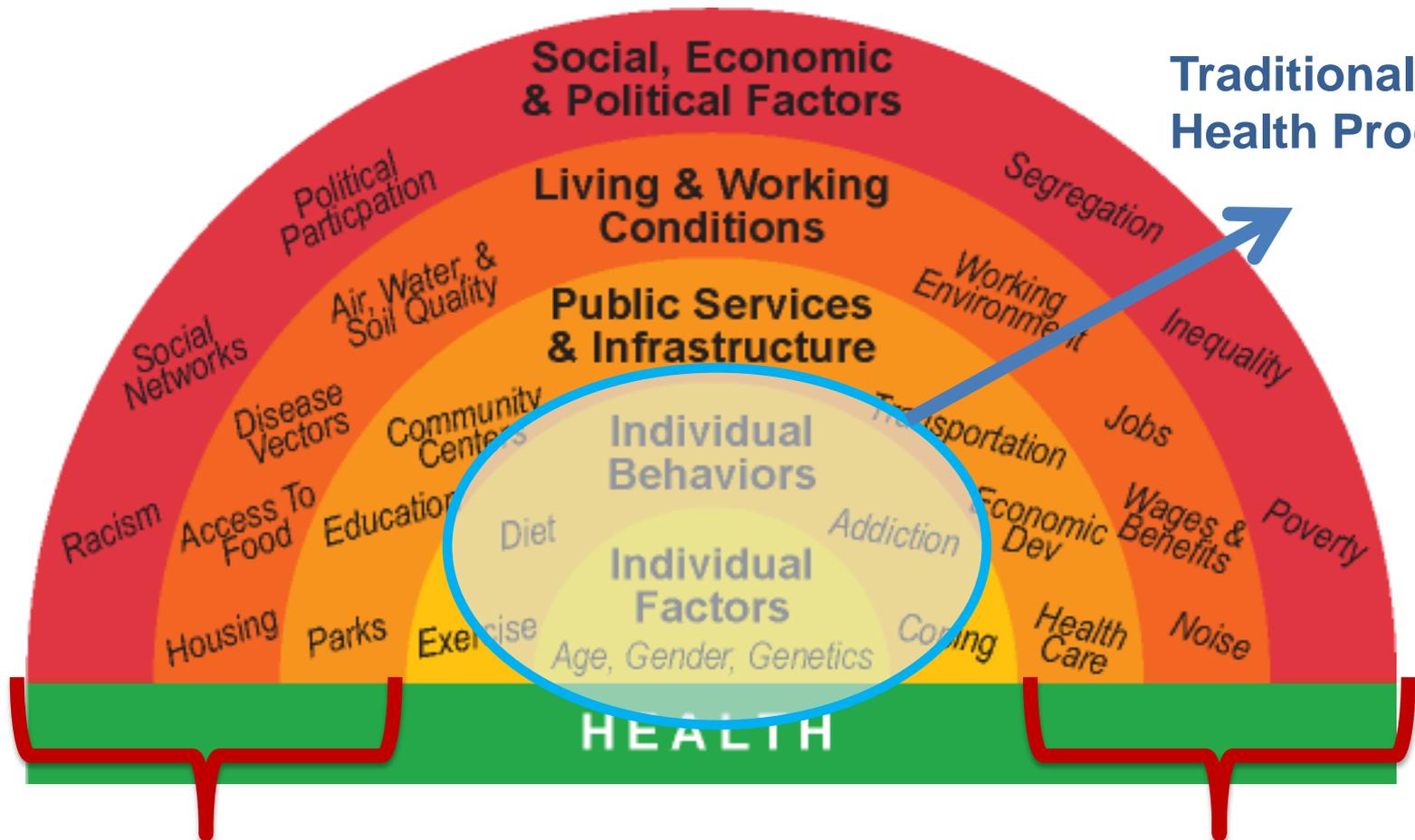
*Institute of Medicine, 2002. The Future of the Public’s Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*



# Changing the conversation



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How do social factors and our environments affect health?



# The Tool

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# What an HIA is...

A structured, but flexible, process that -

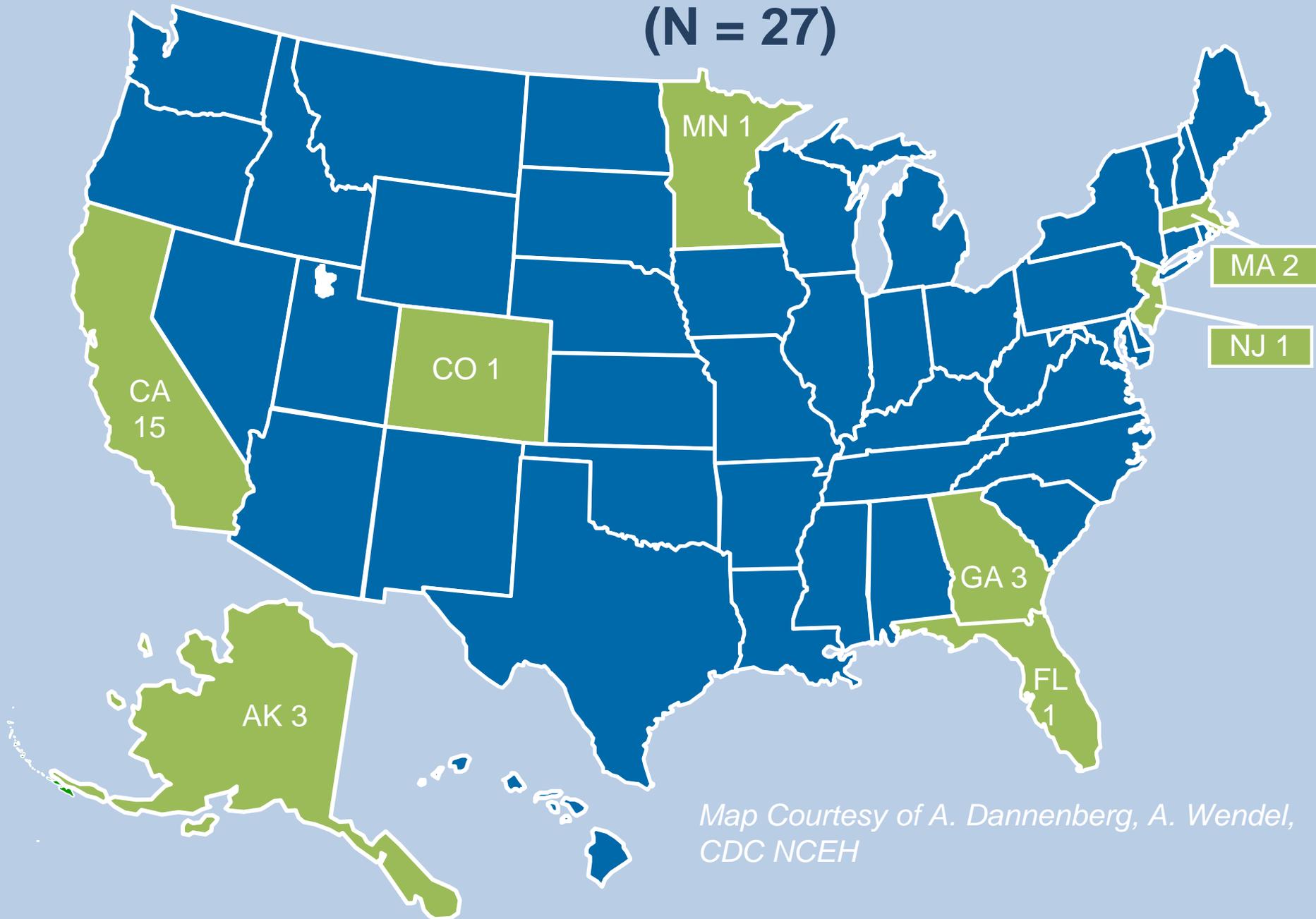
- Identifies **UN**anticipated health outcomes of a decision/project
- Translates that information into recommendations for balanced, well-informed policies
- Helps you weigh trade-offs and understand the direct and indirect health impacts of your work
- Is prospective



## What an HIA is not

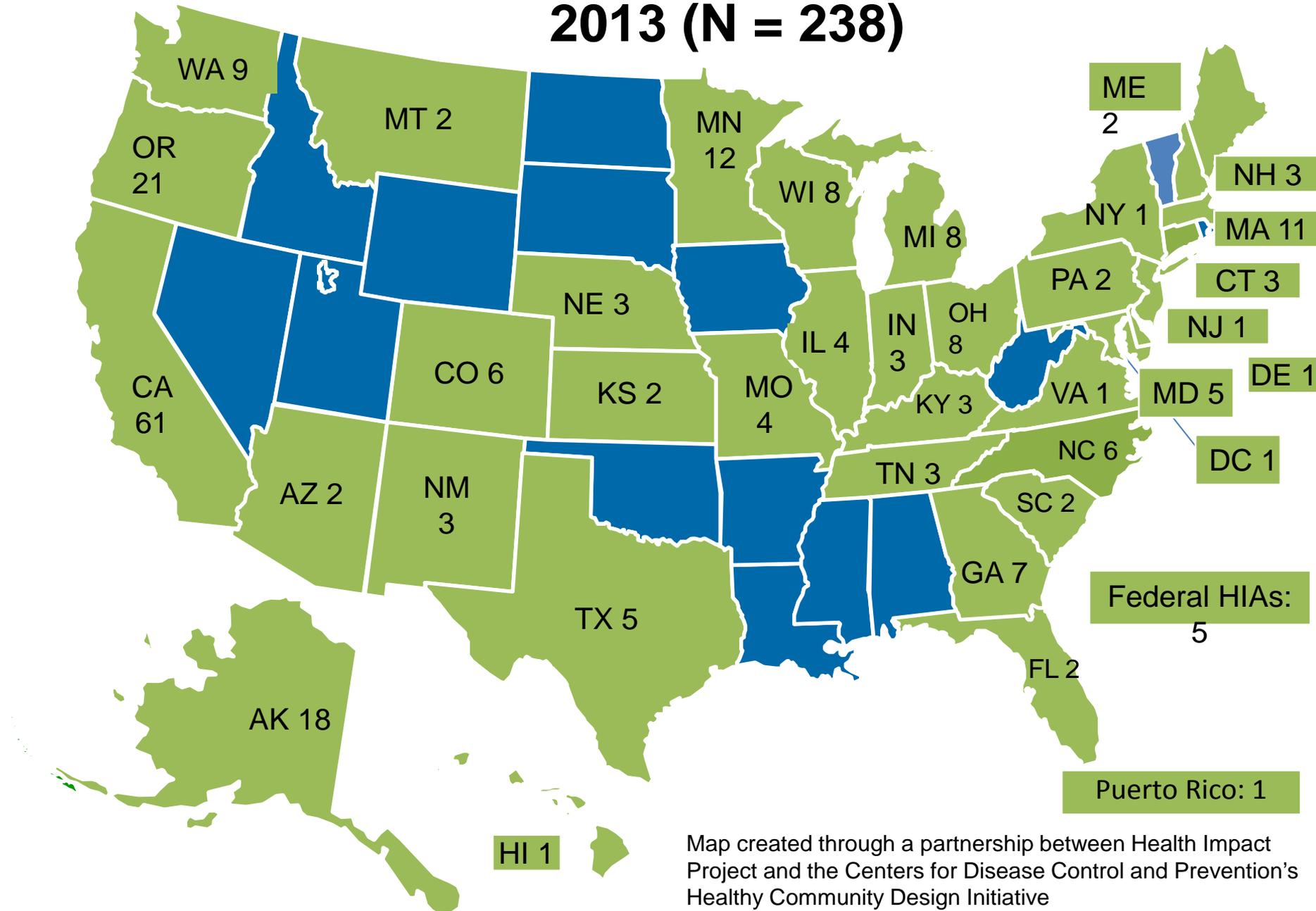
- Not used to make the case for why a policy, plan, program or project SHOULD be proposed
- Not used to STOP a policy, plan, program or project
- Not used to assess impacts AFTER implementation
- Not a community assessment tool

# Completed HIAs 2007 (N = 27)



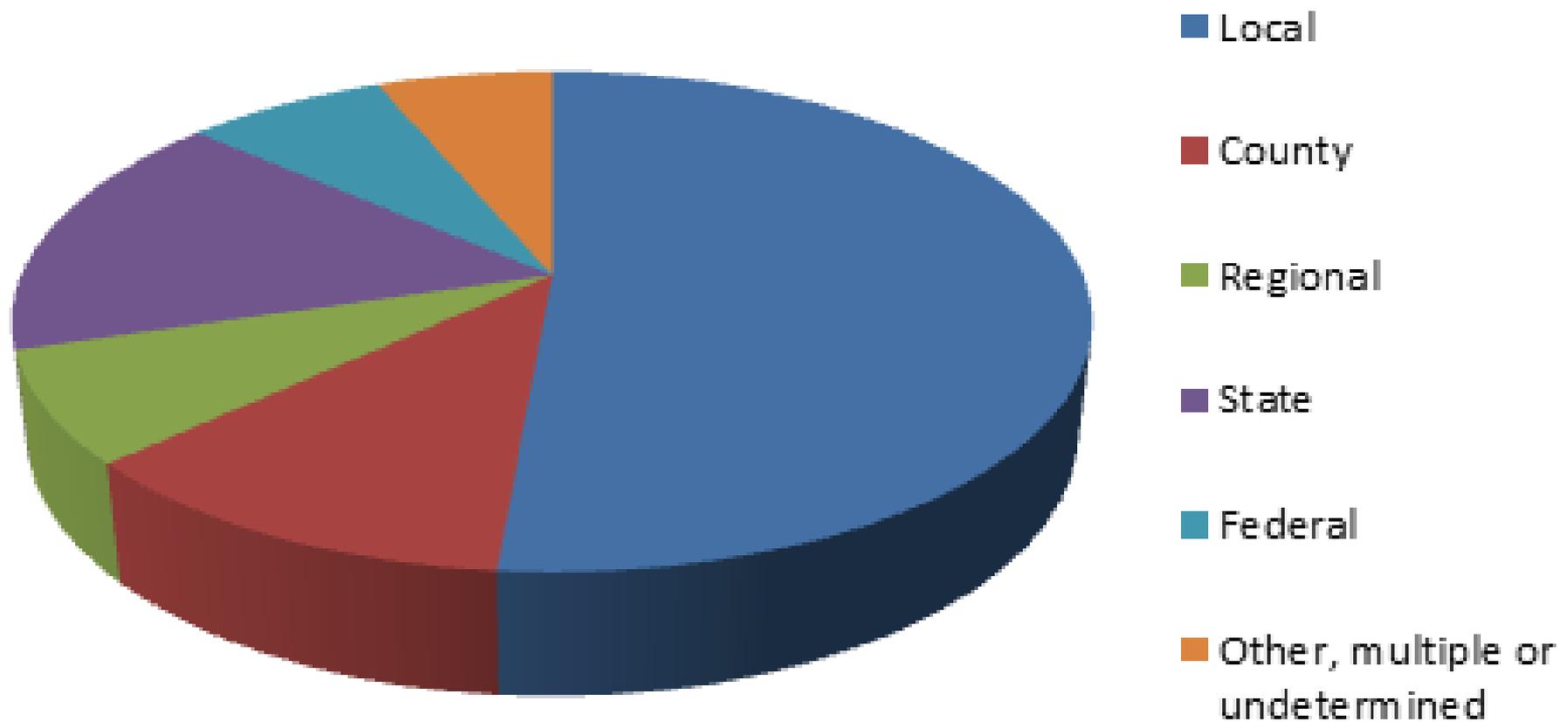
Map Courtesy of A. Dannenberg, A. Wendel,  
CDC NCEH

# Completed and In Progress HIAs 2013 (N = 238)

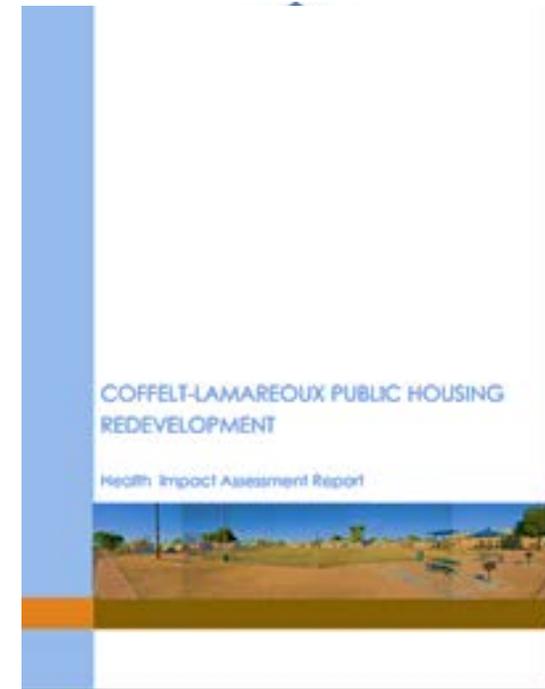
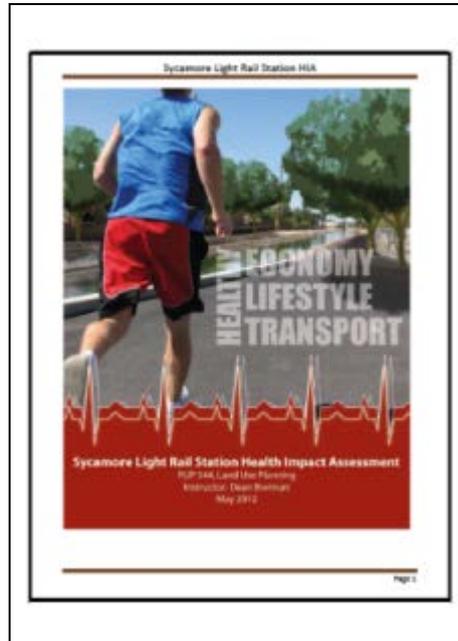
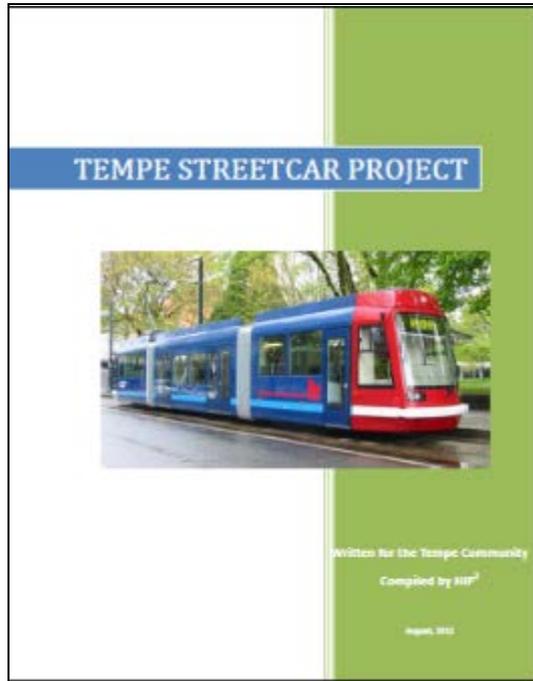


Map created through a partnership between Health Impact Project and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Healthy Community Design Initiative

# HIA's are used to inform decisions at what levels?



# Arizona and HIAs



***In-Process:  
Pima  
Yavapai  
Mohave  
Madison Heights HIA***



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# HIA Values

## *Silo-busting*

“Health Impact Assessments  
have taught people how to  
think and speak differently,  
clearly, objectively...”

--Cleveland Councilman Joe  
Cimperman





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# HIA Values

## *Health Equity*

### **Health Equity**

Health equity refers to disparities between population groups in the presence of disease, health outcomes. Health equity is impacted by a variety of changeable social factors such as income inequality, educational quality, natural and built environmental conditions, individual health behavior choices, and access to health care. Health equity is improved as these disparities are eliminated or minimized. Health inequity is exacerbated as these disparities grow.



# HIA Values



## *Community Involvement*

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Source: Human Impact Partners, HIA Toolkit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

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# HIA Values

## *Evidence-based*



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# Opportunities for Healthy Aging and HIA



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- Screening HIA projects that may increase aging inequities
- Engaging the aging population throughout the entire process
- Developing recommendations reflecting an aging population's needs

# Questions or comments?



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